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THE RABBITS' GUILD

THE number and enthusiasm of the members attending the sixth Annual General Meeting, held as usual on St. Francis' Day, were a far from mute tribute to the popularity of the Guild and the loyalty of those whom it exists to serve.

The Master's eagerly-awaited speech opened thus: 'When our beloved Guild was founded we hoped and believed that it would embrace as an Alma Mater the struggling hordes of patient failures who so persistently clog the belfries of the land. The venture has been successful even more abundantly than we hoped; for the first time in the history of ringing the Rabbit is no longer ashamed of his existence, and of course he thanks the Guild. [Prolonged cheers.]

'To illustrate my point I need only tell you that our Hints for Instructors are to be made available to the committee which is working on a new edition of the Central Council's Handbook for Beginners.' [Cheers more prolonged.]

Following the Master's speech, the secretary's report disclosed a thoroughly healthy state of the Guild's affairs.

Though the days when the Rabbits' Guild could only pursue its beneficent work underground are long past, certain of its transactions must still wear the veil of privacy, and among these is the reading of the Black List of Instructors and Ringing Masters—a sad duty. The account of crimes committed against Rabbits followed its usual dismal course, amid head-shakings and groans, especially from such as suffer the barbarous yoke of the criminals. Then the recital of the names and towers of Masters who have not disdained to mend their ways and who have therefore been expunged from the Black List was received with fervent applause.

Of general interest is the election of Honorary Patrons, the awards for the year being as follows:—

For assistance with the menu for the annual feast: Miss M. R. Cross.

For secret service: Mr. C. W. Pipe.

As is customary, the recipients of the award were saved probable embarrassment by not being consulted beforehand.

A message of encouragement and good wishes was sent to the ringers of Llanfyllin, whose determination and perseverance it delights the Guild to commend.

In the ringing after the meeting some professed to detect a higher standard than in previous years, but much remains to be done before the Rabbits' Guild enters for striking competitions.

The feast was greatly enjoyed, consisting of ugly duckling, followed by spotted (lame) dog and gooseberry fool. The new song of the Guild was sung for the first time, with tremendous enthusiasm. As so many of the singers are tone deaf, the tune is immaterial.

THE RABBITS' SONG

The parish resounds
To our angular rounds.
We cause all the troubles
With Grandsire Doubles.
We make all the ripples
In Grandsire Triples,
There's not an old stager
Can bear our Bob Major,
We madden the Master
By not ringing faster,
He's sure to lament
That we've ruined the Kent.
And oh! how they hate us
If we attempt Caters,
On Monday.

With the best of our band
The ringing is grand.
But when Alice and Tom
Are banning the bomb,
And Robert and Mike
Are off on the bike,
We've muscle and gristle
But *we* can't ring Bristol,
If we attempt London
We're utterly undone.
Alas! for the head man
He can't have his Stedman.
So the parish resounds
To our angular rounds
Come Sunday.

T. B., Master.
B. M. W. D., Secretary.

SUPERSTITIONS CONNECTED WITH BELLS

THE sound of church bells was once widely believed to drive away demons, both those who brought storms and pestilence and those who constantly flitted about the world seeking to harm the souls and bodies of men. They hated bell music because it was made by holy things, and also because it disturbed the atmosphere in which they had their incorporeal being. It is possible that the latter reason represents the older form of the belief. In pre-Christian times as well as later, ordinary bells, not connected with any sacred rite or building, were sometimes used, together with other noise-producing instruments, to defeat evil spirits. The idea that these entities dislike loud noises still survives in some crop-protecting customs of the Balkans and Central Europe, and also, perhaps, in the clamour raised during the making of 'rough music.'

Church bells were often pealed during thunderstorms to prevent damage by lightning and thunderbolts, and to protect those within hearing from material and spiritual peril. 'Wherever this bell sounds,' says an 18th century form of blessing, 'let the power of enemies retire, so also the shadow of phantoms, the assault of whirlwinds, the stroke of lightnings, the harm of thunders, the injuries of tempests, and every spirit of the storm-winds.' Aubrey remarks in his Miscellanies that 'at Paris when it begins to thunder and lighten, they do presently ring the great bell of the Abbey of St. Germain, which they believe to make it cease. The like was wont to be done heretofore in Wiltshire; when it thundered and lightened, they did ring St. Aldhelm's bell, at Malmesbury Abbey. The curious do say that the ringing of bells exceedingly disturbs spirits.' In the Pyrenees and some other parts of Europe the church bells are still rung during hail or thunderstorms to protect the crops.

Since diseases were anciently thought to be the work of demons, church bells were frequently rung when epidemics were raging. In the 16th and 17th centuries they were pealed or tolled during outbreaks of the plague. This was recommended by doctors of that period, not on religious or superstitious grounds but because the clamour was thought to dissipate those heavy and corrupt airs that were then supposed to be one of the causes of the disease. Probably, however, simple folk remembered the old beliefs of their ancestors when they heard the sound, and took comfort from it for reasons quite unconnected with the fashionable scientific notions of their own day.

A curious tradition concerning the tenor bell in the Abbey Church at Dorchester-on-Thames is that snakes cannot endure its note, and that consequently none is ever found in that place. Dorchester is now little more than a large village, but in the 7th century it was the cathedral city of St. Berin (or Birinus), the Apostle of Wessex, who died and was buried there in A.D. 650. Legend says he was killed by an adder bite, and that ever since then he has protected his people from a similar fate by the agency of his bell. The latter, which was cast about 1380, has a Latin inscription invoking his protection, though snakes are not mentioned in it. Whether this tradition runs back to Anglo-Saxon times, or if it is even as old as the bell, is uncertain; but evidently it was known in the early 18th century, for Cox mentions it in his Magna Britannia (1727). He quotes a rhyme, still remembered locally, which runs:—

Within the sound of the great bell,
No Snake nor Adder e'er shall dwell.

and adds: 'which to confirm the oldest men of the Place say they never saw any venomous Creature within that district, and have heard their Fathers say the same.'

SWEARING AND BELLS

Many traditional stories seem to ascribe life and conscious thought to church bells. They ring of themselves in the presence of a saint, or when a crime has been committed near them. They bring down misfortune upon those who steal or destroy them. Several are said to have been lost when being moved because of a curse uttered by some workman helping with the work, or because of an ill-timed boast: Rostherne Mere in Cheshire is supposed to contain such a bell, which broke its ropes while in transit and rolled to the water's edge. One of the men swore at it, and it sank immediately, never to be recovered. Its note is heard, however, according to local tradition, once a year, on Easter Sunday. A mermaid comes up a subterranean channel from the River Mersey and rings the bell at dawn, and then she sits on it and sings very sweetly for a short time. Many people formerly used to go to the mere on that day in the hopes of hearing her, but it is not recorded that any one ever did hear her. Combermere in the same county has a similar legend, but of a more terrifying nature. After the dissolution of the monasteries, the Abbey bells were moved to Wrenbury Church, and as they were being ferried across the lake one fell in. The man in charge, angered by the thought of the trouble involved in raising it, swore loudly, taking the Name of God in vain. At once a strange figure rose from the water and dragged him to his death, and neither he nor the bell has ever been seen since.

Another very common tradition is that bells can be heard pealing underwater in the church towers of towns that once existed and were overwhelmed by floods. Bomere in Shropshire has such a legend. A town, variously said to have been Roman or Saxon, stood on its site and was drowned for its wickedness. On certain nights the sound of bells pealing is heard there or, according to one version, the Sanctus bell's note is heard on Christmas Eve, ringing again as it rang during Midnight Mass when the waters overwhelmed the church and the town. The group of rocks known as Caer Wyddno, seven miles out to sea in Cardigan Bay, is locally supposed to mark the spot where the capital city of the lost Lowland Hundred once stood. Here, it is said, on quiet, calm days, the bells can be heard faintly pealing as the water moves them to and fro in the depths of the sea. So too, off the coast of Lancashire, near Blackpool, a ghostly peal is occasionally audible, coming from the drowned church of Kilgrimod.

SIGNS OF DEATH

The strange booming sound sometimes emitted by a bell when no one has touched it was formerly regarded as a sure omen of death in the parish before the week was out. This is not really very surprising, for it is a heart-chilling sound to hear. It was specially ominous if it was heard during a service, when most of the parishioners were gathered together, or during a wedding. In the latter case, the early death of either the bride or the bridegroom was foretold. The ordinary wedding peal, of course, brings good fortune, and was no doubt originally intended to avert the evil spirits that were believed to be specially active always at the great moments of life and death. Mrs. Leather records an instance of a peal used for the opposite purpose. At Peterchurch, about the end of last century, the ringers were not rewarded for ringing at a marriage, and in revenge they returned to the belfry and rang the bells backwards to bring bad luck to the defaulting bridegroom. Church bells were sometimes rung also to help women in labour (see Birth, Easing), and at harvest, to ensure the safety of the gathered crop. Grease taken from them was believed to have curative powers if applied as an ointment. Cases have been recorded within this century of its use for ringworm, shingles and other skin troubles.

Ordinary bells have their superstitious lore as well as those connected with churches. If one rings of itself anywhere, on land or on shipboard, the omen is bad. If two ring at the same time in a house, it is a sign of a parting. If a telephone bell rings intermittently, with no incoming call to account for it, it foretells bad news. This curious modern adaptation of an ancient belief is quite often found, even amongst people who know that the sound is due to a fault in the mechanism.

In the days of sail, the ship's bell was regarded as in some sense an embodiment of the vessel's soul. Sailors believed that it always rang when a wrecked ship went down, even if it had been securely lashed in place beforehand. Nor did the final disaster always silence it. M. A. Courtney speaks of a ghostly bell that was often heard to strike four and eight bells in a churchyard near Land's End. The sound came from the grave of a sea captain who had refused to leave his sinking ship when she was wrecked on the Cornish coast. He went down with her exactly at midnight, as he was striking the hour on the bell. To hear it in the churchyard was apparently ominous, for Miss Courtney further records how a sailor once went to the grave to find out whether the legend was true or not. He heard the ringing, and was lost at sea on his next voyage.

The seaman's belief that a bell ringing of itself is an omen of disaster is reflected in the common superstition about the ringing note sometimes emitted by a tumbler or a wine glass. This foretells a wreck at sea or the death of a sailor, and should be stopped at once by placing a finger on the rim of the glass. If this is done quickly the omen is averted.

BIRTH, EASING

The pealing of church bells during the critical time was thought to help delivery, but if this could not be arranged a piece of old bell rope might be begged from the ringers and tied round the mother's waist.

DEATH BELLS

Bells have always been closely associated with death and with funerals. As they were once thought to avert many perils during life, so at the supreme moment of death they were rung to drive away the demons that beset a deathbed, and afterwards to protect the soul as it set out on its long journey to the next world. In Christian tradition, of course, the Passing Bell is rung when someone is dying, to ask the living to pray for the departing spirit, as the Nine Tailors are rung to announce a death that has already occurred, and the great bell is tolled at a funeral in token of mourning. 'We call them soul-bells,' wrote Bishop Hall of the Passing Bell 300 years ago, 'for that they signify the departure of the soul, not for that they help the passage of the soul.' Nevertheless many, even among the devout, continued to believe that their music did protect the dying and the yet unburied dead, and traces of this idea lingered to a late date. To omit or delay any of the customary ringings was until quite recently considered not only disrespectful to the dead man and his kin, but also unkind, because it was likely to hamper the spirit in its passing.

In Notes and Queries (1852), Cuthbert Bede mentions the case of a Huntingdonshire child who died unbaptised and was buried shortly before he wrote. No bells were rung for him, and for this omission a neighbour expressed deep sympathy for the mother, 'because when

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Bell Superstitions—Cont.

any one died, the soul never left the body until the church bell was rung.' Henderson was told by a Buckinghamshire friend how, on the death of a farmer, the bells began toiling at 5 o'clock in the morning and were immediately stopped for two hours by the clergyman's orders. The dead man's widow bitterly resented this, saying that it was a cruel act 'to keep the poor soul those hours a-waiting.' At one time it was usual to ring for the dying or the dead at any hour, but this custom seems to have died out during the 19th century, and in most places the bells were tolled only between sunrise and sunset. In some parishes, if an inquest was necessary, they were not rung until after the inquest was over.

The Passing Bell and the Nine Tailors are sometimes confused in accounts of parish customs. They are, in fact, quite separate, the one rung, as the name denotes, for a dying man, and the other only after death has occurred. The word 'tailors' is a corruption of 'tellers,' the full title meaning the nine tellers or strokes which indicate the death of a man. Hence the saying 'Nine Tailors make a man.' The living are notified that someone has died, first by the tolling of the bell, then by nine strokes for a man, six for a woman and three for a child, and finally by a single note for every year of the dead person's age. In a few of the parishes where this custom is kept up the number of strokes indicating sex varies a little, but nine, six and three are the most usual. At Ayot St. Peter, in Hertfordshire, the Nine Tailors are rung for Our Lord on Good Friday. At Dewsbury it is, or was, the custom to ring the Devil's Passing Bell on Christmas Eve, followed by the age of the year, because the Devil died when Christ was born.

It was formerly usual in several counties, including Lancashire, Shropshire and Devonshire, to peal the bells, either when the coffin reached the lychgate and was received into the churchyard, or after the funeral, as the mourners were returning home. This custom, which has died out now, was far more Christian in its underlying idea than the melancholy tolling, for the bells were pealed as a sign of rejoicing that the dead man had gone home.

[From the Encyclopædia of Superstitions by E & M. A. Radford. Edited by Christina Hole. 1961, by permission of Messrs. Hutchinson. Ltd.]

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 27th, 1912.—

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Robins, a member of the Oxford Guild.... He was for some years licensee of the Horse and Groom, and for 25 years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Oxford. He was concerned in an extremely amusing incident. He brought to the tower a black bag with a set of handbells for Mr. Newell, and, whilst he went up in the belfry to ring, placed the bag in a cupboard near the church door, where it remained forgotten. The old sexton later on had occasion to go to the cupboard, and, seeing the bag, took it up and shook it. It made a rattle, so, scared almost out of his life, he called in the police, and said he thought it was an infernal machine. The police took a long broom handle, put it through the handle of the bag, and carried it at a distance to the police station, where they got a long-handled iron bar, and forced the bag open. Then out rolled the handbells, amid much laughter of the officers and the discomfiture of the sexton.

Call Change Peal

The Diptford band of ringers, of the Devon Association, rang a call change peal of 507 changes to the Glory of God on Thursday, December 13th. The peal was rung in 1 hour 35 minutes, including the rise and lower.

The peal was composed by Mr. L. Stone and conducted by the captain, Mr. W. Blake. Ringers were: L. Stone 1, W. Hines 2, M. Hallett 3, J. Walker 4, H. Clements 5, A. Seymour 6. Weight of tenor 14 cwt.

The team now hope to ring a call change peal of 1,000 changes in the near future.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 3



CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has for many years contributed steadily to the growth of the Exercise, and among the many youngsters who have joined the Association is Christopher George Sayer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sayer, of Norwich. He and his parents are members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild.

Christopher was born at Norwich on August 5th, 1946. At the City of Norwich Grammar School he has recently taken G.C.E. at 'O' level in nine subjects, and is to be congratulated on having passed all nine subjects with five distinctions among them. At present he is in sixth form, studying mathematics, physics and chemistry. He started his ringing lessons at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, Norwich, at the early age of 8, having as his tutor his father, who for many years has been a member of the St. Peter Mancroft band.

A regular Sunday service ringer at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Giles', Christopher rang his first peal at the first attempt on his 15th birthday, when he rang the 4th at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, to a peal of Little Bob Maximus, conducted by Nolan Golden and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Golden. He is very proud of the fact that he was privileged to take part in this, the first peal on the rehung twelve at St. Nicholas'. Due to his studies his present ringing activities are rather restricted, but in spite of this his total of eight peals includes Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Pudsey and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Plain Bob Royal and Minor in seven methods. He takes a keen interest in the running of the Association and is already a committee member of the Northern Branch.

Christopher's ambition as a ringer is to be able to ring the more advanced methods and to become a conductor. NORVING.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon District

The Devon District held a meeting at St. David's Exeter, on December 14th, when, despite the inclement weather, there was a fair attendance of ringers. Ringing was supervised by Miss C. Dodridge, of Dartmouth, the appointed Ringing Master for the afternoon. This consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major as well as call changes.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. Pritchard (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors, the theme of his address being from the text, 'I beseech you that you walk worthy.' Mrs. D. R. Bould accompanied the singing at the piano. After a splendid tea in the St. David's Institute, the vice-president (Mrs. D. R. Bould) voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the members of the choir for their assistance and to Mrs. H. Boobier for the tea arrangements.

At the subsequent business meeting, five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 20th, with Egg Buckland in the evening, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. Fifteen members were present. In the evening the visitors moved to the Cathedral to join the Cathedral ringers in their practice night. A. E. R.

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Ditcheat, on December 8th, where the magnificent eight were put to good use. Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge S. Major. The vice-president, Mrs. Rosemary Smith, proposed a vote of thanks to Preb. Armstrong, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the local ladies for providing a sumptuous tea. It was decided at the business meeting that the annual meeting be held at Winford on March 9th, and an evening practice at Chewton Mendip on February 11th. H. M. K.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Mrs. H. Alderton 2, A. G. Orbell 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann cond.) 5. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

OBITUARY

MR. W. STAPLETON

With great regret we heard of the death of Mr. William Stapleton, at the age of 78. Until he retired, he was leader at St. Peter's, Bedford, and was well known as a first class ringer. He had a fall at his home which resulted in a broken leg. He lingered on for several days in hospital, but passed away on December 8th.

The funeral was at Cardington on December 14th and was attended by several of his old ringing friends.

He was made a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association for his work in the belfry. His first peal was rung at St. Mary's, Bedford, in 1902, and he rang in the first seven methods Surprise peal in the county before the First World War. 'Old Bill' will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace. P. T.

MR. S. G. FAIRE

The ringers of St. Lawrence's, Bidford-on-Avon, Warwicks, have lost a good friend in Mr. S. G. Faire, who for 25 years had been churchwarden. In 1954, with the Vicar and a co-warden, he undertook the task of having the bells rehung and augmented. With his son, he bore the cost of the new treble in memory of his wife.

Born at Leicester and educated at Repton, he served with the Sherwood Foresters in World War I and was awarded the Military Cross.

After the committal service, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the tower bells as a tribute to his memory. May he rest in peace. A. T. S.

5,184 Plain Bob Major

By W. E. BASON

23456	W	5ths	4ths	M
63425	S			S
34625	S	S	S	S
46325	S	S	S	S
63245		S	S	S
32645	S	S	S	S

Eleven times repeated.

Omitting single at Wrong in 30th and 60th courses, contains no bobs.

Rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, December 8th, 1962.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your paper, congratulate both the Central Council and the B.B.C. on the choice of towers for the Christmas Day broadcast (Home 9.10 a.m.).

There was a healthy diversity in the ringing from call changes to Stedman Caters, all with a high standard of striking.

Undoubtedly the 'laymen' listening were given a more accurate picture of the art with the inclusion, this year, of three six-bell towers. Was this the recognition by the organisers that **good** ringing does not only come from towers fortunately endowed with eight or more bells?—Yours faithfully,

HILARY KNIGHT.

Geddington, Northants.

FADED OUT

Dear Sir,—Recently, and again this morning (December 23rd), I listened to Evercreech bells start into rounds and with almost perfect striking go off into Stedman Triples for what appears to be a musical little touch of 60 changes. On both occasions the performance has been ruined by the B.B.C. fading out the ringing at the end of the slow six, before rounds come up.

Cannot someone in touch with Broadcasting House call their attention to this. What an outcry there would be if a symphony was faded just before the end of the last movement!—Yours sincerely, H. S. HOBDEN.

Waldron, Sussex.

WHAT THEY DO AT BARNSLEY

Dear Sir,—If Mr. P. A. Brand had taken the trouble to dig into C.C. history of a mere few years ago he would have discovered that the business of publishing 'obscure Minor methods' in the 'R.W.' had been amicably settled at that time and the Barnsley and District Society do not appreciate the efforts of Mr. Brand to cause further trouble or, as we say in Yorkshire, 'to warm up the old broth'! As our Sunbury friend seems determined to clean up nefarious practices in this corner of Yorkshire, I will, to save him tiresome research, endeavour to put him in the picture.

Besides ringing methods with irregular lead ends, these barbarians ring in a continuous rhythm, known as close lead or cartwheeling, a centuries old custom, probably introduced by uninitiated yokels.

To continue, if one has the misfortune to visit a tower frequented by these infidels the ropes will be found to have a small sally at the end, which is referred to as a billie, and, although this tail end is the same diameter as a sally, fastidious visitors seem to have difficulty in grasping it, giving up the impression that their left hand is smaller than their right; these tail ends, which recently 'plagued' a very select team of dilettantes touring the West Country, are a very old custom and although expensive we still manage to afford the luxury.

Ah! Mr. Brand, here comes the worst blow, these Tykes have the effrontery to arrange and take part in prize ringing contests, battling fiercely for the awards which usually consist of ball point pens, ash trays and the like.

The old adage 'what was good enough for father is good enough for me,' is usually worth following, providing you are convinced that what father did was good and we see no reason to think otherwise. In conclusion may I report a meeting of Yes Men in Barnsley, who met down Regent Street in a telephone kiosk!—Yours faithfully,

M. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

KILIFI BELLS DEDICATED

Dear Sir,—The Kilifi light ring of six bells, by Taylors, was dedicated on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, our Patronal Festival, by the Most Rev. L. J. Beecher, Archbishop of East Africa.

There was a congregation of over 200, which filled our nave and the enclosed garden and part of the open space between the walls which funnel in the north-east wind during this our hot season. The air was cool from the first rain to fall for some weeks. The flamboyant trees (Poinciana or Delonix regia) were in brilliant flower.

The nine lessons were read by three English and six African children, four in Swahili and five in English. The singing was led by the school choir from Rabai, where the first C.M.S. missionaries, Krapf and Rebmann, started their work in 1846.

The ring is the same as that of Saxthorpe, incorporating the old Stanford bell ('John Brend made me, 1653') as tenor. To the local people the bells seem large. All speak well of the tone. The cost was £750 and has been paid, leaving our fund with an overdraft of £200, now reduced by the collection at the dedication to £150.

We wish to thank all subscribers—101 are listed in the belfry—especially the 29 Guilds and Associations who responded to the appeal. Among them, the Lancashire Association hold pride of place with nearly £70 and 14 individual towers so far. We record gratefully the offer of a loan of £200 from one kind member. Next come the Salisbury Diocese, then Norwich and Peterborough. And we hope that all those who have not been able to subscribe so far will now help us to wipe off the overdraft—and perhaps make a start towards the last two bells at £100 each, for which spaces are provided in the frame.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. P. KELLY.

Kilifi, Kenya.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY VERSUS ST. THOMAS A BECKET

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. York-Bramble is not suggesting that St. Thomas of Canterbury was a different person to St. Thomas à Becket? What does it matter anyway which title is used? Go to Skeffington, Leics, and the church there is dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket, one in South Warwicks is the same and 'Crockford' as well as other books list almost as many dedicated to one as the other.

It may (in Mr. York-Bramble's favour) be said that he wasn't canonised St. Thomas of Canterbury until after his martyrdom, by King Henry II on December 29th, 1170, but the Church recognises him under **both titles, otherwise why the two types of dedication?**

Past history shows that **Northampton** had a close association with Thomas à Becket: The old castle (built in 1084 and pulled down to make way for the railway in 1875-78) was where Becket faced his trial before Henry, and from where he escaped through old Roman passageways to the South.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

UNNECESSARY!

Dear Sir,—I have no desire to retraverse the well trodden arguments of Regular v. Irregular Minor methods with Mr. Brand.

I have but one observation on his letter.

No one reading it can remain unaware that the naïve protestations of immaturity in the penultimate paragraph are nothing if not unnecessary.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

A BARNSLEY ECHO

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Brand's letter (page 836), I should like to ask him the meaning of the word 'tradition'? Would he like to see the traditions of England swept aside by some council? One gentleman tried but in vain, and the Duke of York, in the company of Violet, with the support of Barnsley, Havercroft, South Kirby, Felkirk and many more, will be rung to peals many years hence.

Is there one rule for the Barnsley and District Society and another for the rest? I don't recollect seeing the Barnsley and District Society on the affiliated list of the Central Council; perhaps that's what makes the Barnsley and District ringers such a pleasant lot. Would Mr. Brand like to see the freedom of the press fettered?

One Saturday night I was in the local of 'some corner of Yorkshire,' a place full of the past, and I asked a gentleman of mature age why the bells were ringing? I received this answer, with a mischievous smile, 'It's yon Moxon an't lads having a bit o' practice. They think a 720 isn't long enough for a contest, so they're ringing one or two 5,000's ready for t'contest season.' After a pause for a drink my informant said, 'Just listen to that tenor run in; they are ringing Duke of York.'

That Saturday evening was quite a revelation, hearing about people teaching young bands to ring open leads in the land of Cartwheel Minor ringing, and contests of yesteryear lasting days on end, where it would be considered an insult to wager a mere fiver.—Yours sincerely,

THE ARTFUL DODGER.

The Past, Some Corner,
Yorkshire.

QUERY AND QUERY ANSWERED

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter from Mr. Smith, regarding Quadring and Wellington, the correct name for the method is Wellington, the first peal of which was rung at Aldershot on September 28th, 1957. A second peal in the method was rung at Epworth, Lincs, on January 7th, 1961, and printed as a peal of Quadring. The error was pointed out in correspondence to 'The Ringing World' of February 10th, 1961, page 99, and February 17th, 1961, page 115.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

'Unringable' Bells

For the third year in succession an 'unringable' tower in Suffolk has been proved otherwise. In 1960 Covehithe's 5 were rung for the first time after 20 years, little being wrong except neglect; in 1961, Old Newton's five were rung for the first time since before World War One, neglect here also, plus a cracked treble—these two visits being arranged by Mr. R. Clouston, diocesan adviser.

Ipswich enthusiasts were responsible for the 1962 tower—St. Nicholas', Ipswich (5), unrung for many years, it is said, mainly through an 'unringable' parson. There being no priest-in-charge at the present, permission was obtained for a check, and if possible a trial ring, and after some hard (and dirty) work members of the N.U.T.S. collected at the church on a recent Saturday prepared for trouble, but it was found (as usual) that there was little trouble, apart from a 'lazy' tenor. There was no difficulty with the other bells, but the main trouble was ropes, which had to be used outside the guides owing to knots in them: the bells proved to be of quite good tone, tenor about 7-8 cwt. (Incidentally, this made the writer's 186th Suffolk tower.)

U. W.

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WILLIAM CULVERDEN—MASTER BELLFOUNDER

By T. A. BEVIS

MUCH has been written about William Culverden, particularly so concerning the foundry shield attributed to him. More recently the controversy inspired by the works of the Master Founder and that interesting trade mark of yesteryear has hovered uncertainly at times above English towers which claim to have—or have had—bells by him.

Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Clouston have penned factual evidence and beliefs in this respect and there is hardly any need for the writer to dwell upon or add to those points.

Suffice to relate that according to the printed word the shield displays a 'peacock' rather than a pigeon, a feasible suggestion when taking into consideration the capital 'P' beneath the clapper. Another theory concludes that the bird is actually a sparrow. The former supposition lends support to the theory that the founder was one William Peacock, and the latter bearing out William Bird or William Sparrow as being the man-of-metal behind the mystery.

These allusions, according to Canon Raven, adhere closely to the 'in Domino Confido' inscription, being possibly a continuation of the verse of the Psalm (xi, 1), 'How say ye then to my soul that she should flee as a bird to her hill?'

Mr. A. D. Tyssen, however, attributes the shield to William Culverden ('culver' as we already know being the old English word for pigeon).

William Culverden was a London citizen plying his trade as bell founder in the early 16th century. His name occurs in the parish accounts of St. Mary-at-Hill, date 1510.

The founder's will, dated September 29th, 1522, portrays a fair reflection of the God-fearing character of this man who lived in the parish of St. Botolph-without-Aldgate.

In accordance with his faith, Culverden, in his will, bequeathed and recommended his soul to God, '. . . my maker, savyor and redeemer,' to St. Mary the Virgin and to all the holy company of heaven, and he instructed those concerned that his remains were to be interred in the church or churchyard of St. Botolph's Church.

Culverden was a loyal member of various brotherhoods and guilds, and these were naturally remembered in the founder's will. Leaving a sum to the high altar of the above mentioned church, William added this reason, '. . . for my tithes and oblacions necligently forgotten. . .' The Abbey of Westminster, where he was brought up in his youth, received 'xxxiijs. viijd., if it may be borne of my goods after my detts fully paide or ells not.'

Culverden was a brother of the Guild of Our Blessed Lady of Boston, membership of which necessitated an annual payment of 'xvjd.' The founder instructed his executors to pay that amount which he apparently owed to the Guild for 'this yere past.'

The interesting reference to the Boston Guild undoubtedly has a connection with that famous Lincolnshire seaport, every aspect dominated by that impressive church dedicated to St. Botolph, a fane largely of Culverden's day, then in the process of being enriched and



ornamentated beyond compare. Perhaps Culverden possessed a magnanimous respect and admiration for that saintly Saxon wanderer of Suffolk origin. Certainly the fact that Culverden's parish church bore the same dedication as that at Boston indicates that the man must have had intense interest in the most famous of all 'Botolph' churches and consequently played a part in the Boston Brotherhood.

This same reference leads one to believe that the will in question materialised while Culverden lay at death's door, for he was unusually anxious that his debt to the Guild be settled. Then again, he may have gotten himself into business difficulties, and of necessity felt obliged to 'neglect' his interests for a time.

The Brotherhood of Jesu kept within St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate was also earmarked for monetary aid, deceased also remembering diverse organisations, and providing for lights and altar commodities peculiar to the Roman doctrine.

Culverden's premises were situated in Houndsditch, and included a house, sheds and garden, these leased to the founder by the Prior and Convent of Christ Church. According to an indenture between the founder and the prior Culverden placed the business in the hands of Thomas Lawrence, 'Bellmaker,' for six marks a year, that amount being paid to Culverden or his executors.

It seems that Thomas Lawrence was highly favoured in Culverden's will, yet it may well be that Lawrence actually discovered that he was taking on something that was not entirely to his liking. He is supposed to have purchased 'the business, lock, stock and barrel; in the capacity of manager of the foundry he would be under an obligation to pay the Prior and Convent of Christ Church 19 marks a year in lieu of lease; also Lawrence was expected to remunerate Culverden's executors 'at the daies expressed in the said indenture as they shall come and growe oon after the other, and therwt to paye my (Culverden's) detts as ferre as the said money will extend.'

The residue of all and singular goods, debts, funeral costs and bequests fulfilled was entrusted to Culverden's 'very trusty goode friends,' Sir Roger Preston, Clerk, Sir John Osborne, Clerk, parish priest of St. Botolph's, with others. Alas, the executors were not able to carry out deceased's intentions.

Whether or not Thomas Lawrence was actively connected with Culverden's bell foundry cannot be accurately ascertained; information with regard to his works is very scanty indeed. Nevertheless an interesting theory is that the gridiron, thought to represent Lawrence on a bell at Kingston (Cambs), and also occurring—or having occurred—at Margaretting (Essex), was used by the founder as a 'trade-mark,' the design being the symbol of the saint whose name formed the founder's surname.

The inverted shield enclosing a fleur-de-lis is also worthy of note, and is supposed to have been used by Lawrence. The unusual inversion, it is suggested, denoted a desire to avoid collision with Heralds, Favine adhering to evidence that tradesmen who did take that liberty of inciting Heralds in such a way were liable to be heavily fined. Therefore it is not unusual to find bell stamps and designs set in squares and the like.

We hear of Thomas Lawrence in Norfolk; apparently he ended his days at Norwich, being interred on December 3rd, 1545, in St. Stephen's Church. He was obviously a much esteemed and respected person, for he was honoured with the Freedom of Norwich on March 23rd, 1541.

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By JOHN R. MAYNE

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 770)

FIXING THE MUFFLES

Squire Tregarthy had always taken a fatherly interest in all activities connected with the church, although he was not a regular attender himself. There was a family pew which remained empty unless members of the Tregarthy clan occupied it, an occurrence which took place at the church festivals of Easter, Whitsuntide and Christmas, or whenever the Squire brought along important visitors from the Grange. Once he had tried, unsuccessfully, spasmodically and without any degree of enthusiasm, to learn to handle a bell. He was respected and not a little feared, for he could be a Tartar when he wanted.

'The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them high or lowly,
And ordered their estate.'

might be a verse that had disappeared from an old hymn in modern editions, but the spirit that prompted its omission moved more slowly across the face of the countryside than it did in the more urban areas.

The old Squire died on Friday, 13th, and now the villagers would no longer touch their caps to him.

It was fitting that he should have a funeral suitable to his station. In the ringing chamber on the Sunday before the funeral Joe discussed ringing arrangements.

'The funeral will be on Tuesday at 3 p.m.,' he said. 'I shan't be available for the ringing, of course [he was the undertaker], but it is John's half-day and Phyllis and Henry will be coming.'

And so, with others who could spare them, a team was arranged to ring.

'I will come down on Monday night and fix the muffles,' said Joe.

The two boys, Tom and Harry, were in the ringing chamber.

'Can we come and help?' asked Tom.

'Yes. I shall be setting off from home at about 6.30,' replied Joe.

And so on the following Monday, at about a quarter after six o'clock, Tom and Harry presented themselves at Joe's back door.

'Good evening, Mr. Smith. We've come to help you fix the muffles.'

Joe wasn't quite ready.

'Here,' he said, 'take the belfry keys. You can be going along. You know where the light switches are?'

The boys nodded in unison.

'Yes,' answered Tom, who was as usual the spokesman for them both. 'The main switch is just inside the door, then there is the switch for the stairs at the bottom.'

'Good. Be getting the bells us, but don't play about, and don't go up into the bell chamber until I get there. You can be taking the muffles out of the cupboard: the key's on the bunch.'

Happy, the boys went off.

The night was dark. There was no moon and scarcely a breath of air.

There was a light in the church. The two boys pushed open the south door carefully in case there should be a service going on inside. But no, it was the sexton, Freddie Grimes, who was polishing and dusting at the east end of the church, obviously making preparations for the morrow. He did not see them and there was little chance of his hearing them as he was stone deaf.

The main switch was on so the boys unlocked the belfry door, switched on the light and went up the steps. After turning on the light in the ringing chamber they took off their coats and proceeded to raise the bells. While Harry raised the treble Tom performed a similar service to the second. Harry had just taken hold of the rope-end of the third, when the light went out.

There was darkness; complete and absolute.

'Is it the bulb?' asked Harry, who didn't care a great deal for the idea of being up the tower in such conditions.

'Mebbe so,' said Tom. 'It's more likely to be Freddie that's knocked off the main switch!'

'Shall we go down and see?'

'Might as well.'

Tom groped his way to the door. A bell rope brushed passed his head.

'Take care not to grab hold of a bell and pull it off,' he said.

He found the door and opened it.

'Come on,' he said.

'I'm here,' replied Harry, who was just behind him.

They went out on to the stairs and felt their way down. The blackness could almost be felt. Cautiously they descended. There was a sound from below.

'Hello,' shouted Tom. 'Is that you, Mr. Smith?'

There was no answer. The noise stopped for a second as though arrested by Tom's voice. Then it started again. Tom heard a sharp intake of breath from Harry, and a whisper. 'What is it?'

'Mr. Smith, is that you?' called Tom again.

Again there was no answer, but the sounds grew nearer. Whoever or whatever it was, was coming upwards.

'What shall we do?' hissed Harry. There was a shrill edge to his voice. He grabbed Tom's arm: Tom felt him trembling.

Tom felt his heart pounding against his ribs. He shrank back against the wall staring down into the darkness below. What he expected to see coming up the steps he hadn't the least idea; a ghost or a goblin. Whatever it was wasn't human; there were no **footsteps**; just a rushing, swishing noise that grew louder.

He murmured a prayer to himself. Behind him he heard Harry moan, 'O mother!'

They waited, frozen to immobility. Suddenly the thing was upon them. Something brushed passed them in the darkness. Harry screamed. They felt it go upwards. Suddenly volition returned; they slithered and tumbled down the steps. How they reached the bottom they never knew, but reach the bottom they did. They scrambled into the darkened church just as the lights came on again.

It was Joe who had turned them on. He had met Freddie Grimes outside and when he came into the church and found all in darkness he had realised that Freddie must have turned off the main switch as he was leaving. Freddie hadn't realised that there was anyone up in the belfry and was too deaf to hear the odd bells being rung.

Joe stared at the whitefaced boys as they poured out their story.

'It was a ghost, I'm sure!' gasped Harry.

'A ghost?' laughed Joe. 'More likely an owl or a bat!'

'An owl?' breathed Tom, almost as round-eyed as one himself.

'A bat?' echoed Harry.

'Come,' said Joe, 'Let us investigate.'

They followed Joe upstairs into the ringing chamber: there was nothing here: ghosts, owls or bats!

They finished raising the bells and took the muffles from the cupboard. Joe took out an electric handlamp with a long flex, which he plugged into a socket in the ringing chamber. The bulb sprang to life.

'Follow me. Bring the muffles.'

And up into the bell chamber they went.

The bell frame was flush against the two walls of the tower leaving a passage about a yard wide on the other two sides. Joe walked round bearing the lamp aloft like the pictures one sometimes sees of Florence Nightingale. The boys kept close to him.

Joe held the lamp still higher and pointed upwards: 'Look,' he said.

There, on a tie beam, twenty feet above them, its round eyes glowing like two green pools as it stared down at them, was indeed, the owl.

'There's your ghost!'

The two boys looked sheepish.

Tom shook his head.

'It seemed a lot bigger in the dark.'

Joe made the two lads stand safely on the side of the frame holding the light while he fastened on the muffles.

They left the bells up that night with a danger sign in the ringing chamber on a chair facing the door.

When he arrived home, Joe told Annie all about the boys' adventure.

'Mind you,' he said, 'I would be the last person to make fun of them. It must have been a frightening experience in the total darkness.'

He filled his pipe and struck a match. Suddenly he stopped, the match burning away in his fingers. He stared at Annie.

'What is it?' she asked.

'No,' he said, half to himself, 'It couldn't have been.'

'Couldn't have been what?'

He flung away the match as it burned his fingers.

'That door to the bell chamber: I've just remembered: it was locked when we went up. I unfastened it myself!'

[To be continued]

MARCH RINGERS' CHRISTMAS OUTING

Owing to play rehearsals, etc., several March ringers were not able to venture on the customary Christmastide half-day outing this year. Nevertheless a party of 11 ringers from St. Wendreda's Church boarded a minibus, and headed for the Norfolk and Lincolnshire Marshlands.

By the time Terrington St. John had been reached the rain had practically exhausted its efforts to throw a damper on the day. The unusual priest's lodge, wedged firmly between the church tower and an aisle, stimulated a great deal of interest and the six bells were rung until the arrival of several ringers from the area on the occasion of a Wisbech District meeting.

A few miles away—at Terrington St. Clement—the tourists were obliged to wait for a wedding ceremony to end. The church is a breathtaking spectacle, its 80 windows, numerous flying buttresses and airy pinnacles lending support to its title 'Cathedral of the Marshes.' The happy couple were finally sent on their way to the merry pealing of the octave, housed in a detached tower.

At Long Sutton a sumptuous seasonal spread awaited a ravenous group and full justice was done to an excellent meal in the homely atmosphere of a bit of Olde England. The 'brethren' departed from the hotel in warm spirits only to find that an exceptionally powerful gale had seemingly appeared from nowhere, and in St. Mary's churchyard a large and beautiful Christmas tree bedecked with coloured fairy lights crashed to the ground. Nor was this all: four of the ringers, battling against the elements in the churchyard, were stopped in their tracks by an unreasonable gust which severed a substantial bough from an ancient tree, this hitting the ground a mere 12 feet from the surprised visitors!

The ringers hurried to the tower. One of them was particularly glad to enter the 700-year-old sentinel, for only two weeks previously he had stumbled headlong over a concealed headstone in almost the same spot as the broken tree! St. Mary's Church possesses a fine ring of eight bells and with the help of local ringers an enjoyable time was had by all.

At Tydd St. Mary the bells were merrily rung and the March ringers were again joined by their helpful friends from Lincolnshire.

The day was certainly not without incident. At one time the bus stopped in the darkness very close to a dyke and at least two ringers toppled over aided and abetted by a fierce Fenland gale—but this merely raised more laughter from the 'ditched' as well as from onlookers!

Methods rung were Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and good attempts at Stedman—but those singles were awkward!

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burbidge 1, G. Linnell 2, J. Linford 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5. For carol service.

A DAY IN HERTS AND BUCKS

The first flush of dawn was struggling through the mist as the party of ringers from Putney, Wimbledon and Westminster, together with a Welshman, a Lancastrian and a Kingstonian, made their way along the A.5 early on December 1st.

The pleasant little six at St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans dispelled the early morning gloom and we felt ready for the Cathedral bells, where we rang a variety of methods, including Double Norwich.

On another delightful six at Fenny Stratford, we managed Spliced Minor and Double Oxford, amongst other things. Then to Bletchley, a fine eight, which we rang to Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich.

After lunch in the 'White Horse,' Stony Stratford, we ascended the tower of St. Giles', where we found the bells good enough, but difficult to strike, due to noisy ropes. We were later joined by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who held a meeting there afterwards. At Calverton (6) the ropes were long enough to enable the writer to ring Spliced Minor kneeling on the floor! Next was an unscheduled 'grab': Potterspury (a magnificent six), where we interrupted the Ringing Master's gardening to get permission to ring!

At Wolverton (6) we managed Cambridge and London, although the quality of the bells far surpassed our striking. Tea followed, again at Stony Stratford, before we moved on to Shenley, where a 14th century tenor makes the six memorable. Ringing consisted of Spliced and Double Court. Our last tower was the eight at Woburn, which made a perfect end to the day.

Sincere thanks are due to all incumbents and those who met us, and to John Price for driving us.

D. C. B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Dec. 15th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Holt 1, J. Barlow 2, R. Edwards 3, D. Ashton 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Bridges 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, F. Carter 3, E. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, J. A. Russell 6, A. Hinkley 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. The Quex Park Society's annual meeting.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 8th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,344 Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. R. M. Cooke 1, Miss J. Cooke 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, F. Hodgson (cond.) 4, M. N. Bland 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox 7, T. Cooke 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Webb (cond.) 1, J. H. Napper 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 5, W. Corderoy 7, A. Gee 8. For Confirmation service.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cleoni Gardner 1, W. Rouse 2, Frances Smith 3, Gillian Brown (cond.) 4, U. Wildney 5, G. Waterman 6. Rung of St. Nicholas' Day, for the Patronal Festival.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—At the Youth Hostel, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Browne 1—2, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 3—4, J. C. Baldwin 5—6. First 'in hand' for 1—2 and 5—6. By members of the Manchester University Guild.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. A. D. Woolford 1, Celia J. Bland (first in the method) 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, B. H. Thompson 4, M. F. Lock 5, A. T. Truman 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, F. Wills 8. For Evensong

HURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Allum 8. First quarter on the bells after complete restoration by Mears and Stainbank.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Gargrave 1, F. G. Richardson 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, C. E. Wright 4, D. Hewett 5, C. E. Willmington 6. For the 89th birthday of Mrs. E. M. Saunders, mother of the ringer of 2nd.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Chambers 1, A. F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, A. R. Knight 4, F. Hunt 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, W. Jarvis 8. First in the method 1, 4 and 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Jean Cheney 2, Valerie Colegrove (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. For Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Salter (first quarter) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Miss F. Pocock 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,368 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Miss F. Pocock 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way (first of Spliced Surprise) 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett 6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich 1, Miss M. Whitlock 2, G. Rich 3, F. Wigmore 4, T. Bevis 5, J. Wilson (cond.) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: H. Follen 1, F. Wigmore (cond.) 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, M. Reed 5, C. Cousins 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadest 1, W. C. Shute 2, A. A. Price 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, F. I. Pitman 5, F. Southwood 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, D. House 8. For the wedding of Ross G. W. Robertson and Judith A. Harding, members of the local band, which took place in Sussex this day.

WYGGESTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Blyth 1—2, S. Edwards (cond.) 3—4, R. Archer (first quarter) 5—6. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, same band. First quarters by the newly re-formed Wyggeston Boys' Campanological Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We hear that St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, is to be demolished to make way for the new inner ring road at Derby. The fate of the eight bells is at present unknown.

Blewbury, Berks, ringers rang two quarter peals on December 23rd, the first time two have been rung in a day for 15 years.

The centenary of the installation of the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe was commemorated by a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major.

The first 720 of Surprise Minor by a band drawn entirely from the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was rung on December 15th at Buriton.

One of the band who helped to put Southgate 'on the map' in the early part of this century, Walter J. Bowden, is now in Ward 5B, Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21, in a weak condition. A line or a card from old friends would cheer him up.

At East Sutton, Kent, a noteworthy Surprise Minor peal in 41 methods was rung on December 22nd, conducted by Mr. Ian H. Oram. This was of 8,640 changes, and was accomplished in 4 hours and 27 minutes. It was the most methods rung to a peal for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Colin A. Lewis writes asking us to correct the title of his Association to 'The University of Wales Society.' It has been erroneously styled in another publication 'The University of South Wales Society.' The Society, he states, is very much that of the University as a whole and not of just the southern section.

A year ago a society of change ringers was founded at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancashire. On December 20th, when the annual Speech Day service and procession from the school to the Cathedral took place, members of the Society were able to ring the bells of the Cathedral to rounds and call changes, before and after the service. The Society has 14 members and practises the art of change ringing on tower- and handbells.

GOSSIP

Manchester University Guild will miss Canon R. L. Hussey, who has retired as Rector of Salford. Not only has he been president of the Guild, but his church has been the 'home tower' of the Guild since 1947. Past and present officers rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Mary Poyner rang her 50th peal for the Shropshire Association on December 2nd. Husband Harry rang his 13 days later.

News from the Spalding area tells of a peal of Ullesthorpe Surprise Major rung at Fulney on December 17th, non-conducted.

Complaints regarding the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, appear in the Christmas Eve issue of 'The East Anglian Daily Times.' The Vicar (the Rev. D. Noel Thomas), while admitting the bells created 'a bit of a noise,' explains that several of the bellringers were still gaining experience.

A note in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago concerning Gislingham (6) was somewhat misleading. These bells are not being rung as stated, the same derelict conditions still prevail and nothing has been done except that the sticks and rubbish have been cleared out, ropes have been tied to the clappers, and the bells are 'clocked,' not rung.

For early ringing on Christmas morning at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, seven members of one family participated in a touch of Grandsire Cinques. There were Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock, his two daughters, the Misses Marian and Monica, and four sons, Edward, Michael, Brian and Norman. Is this the most of one family yet in 12-bell ringing?

Members of the staff of Bristol-Siddeley Engines, Ltd., engineering department, rang for Christmas during the lunch hour on December 20th a quarter peal of Doubles at St. Michael's Church, Winterbourne. The ringers represented six towers in Bath, Bristol, Somerset and Gloucestershire. This appears to be the first quarter by a Bristol-Siddeley band, and it is hoped that it will be the fore-runner of other similar ringing get-togethers.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	PHILIP N. TUBBS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	GWILYM SAMMON	8
ANN M. COX	3	JOHN HARTLESS	9
JAMES E. DANIELS	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	10
MICHAEL J. BEST	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	11
FRANK L. HARRIS	6	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In two methods, being 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge; with 112 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	†JOHN F. MURFIN	6
*DEREK P. JONES	2	*†GORDON A. HALLS	7
PETER MARRIOTT	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
DEREK ASTRIDGE	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	9
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	5	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 100th peal together. † 25th peal together.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5007 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	DEREK ASTRIDGE	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
DAVID W. PARKIN	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	8
MRS. PAT HALLS	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	9
JOHN F. MURFIN	5	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	JOHN MANLEY	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	JOHN N. DISERENS	8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
MRS. R. F. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
A wedding compliment to Frank W. Lewis and Eunice A. Hiley.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL MAUGHAN	*Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	EDMUND P. CROWDY	8
FREDERICK ROSS	4	GEORGE S. DEAS	9
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
Rung during the celebrations of St. Nicholas-tide.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*RICHARD LINDSAY	*Treble*	†NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
*JOHN BRUCE	2	GEORGE S. LEE	7
NEIL DONOVAN	3	PHILIP WALKER	8
DAVID NICHOLS	4	STUART ARMESON	9
*ALEC HOLROYD	5	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by STUART ARMESON.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal on the bells. First as conductor.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	*Treble*	*A. HARRY HAWCROFT	5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	COLIN W. REED	7
BERYL N. REED	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PISA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (2). Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

DONALD T. YOUNG	*Treble*	†JAMES R. A. MULLER	5
*DAVID P. HILLING	2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
†THOMAS H. TOCOCK	4	REGINALD A. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. G. C. Brigg.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

MARGARET JAMES (Secretary, 1958-9)	*Treble*
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT (Ringing Master)	2
JOHN H. SOANES (Ringing Master, 1961-2)	3
DAVID W. JAMES (Ringing Master, 1959-61)	4
JOHN F. BRYANT (Ringing Master, 1957-8)	5
GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH (Ringing Master, 1956-7)	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON (Ringing Master, 1954-6)	7
DEREK OGDEN (President)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
Rung by past and present officers of the Guild as a tribute to Canon R. L. Hussey on retirement as Rector of Salford.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 each Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir Arthur Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

VICTOR NEAL	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
HAROLD WORRALL	2	*ROY WORRALL	6
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	JOHN RYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* 50th peal.

PISA SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 1258 x 16 x 78
L.E.: A. F.C.E.'s: B.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe	*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert ..	5
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	2	John W. Coleman	6
*Frederick C. Hogan ..	3	Robert T. Lambert.. ..	7
†Thomas E. Sone	4	†Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 550th peal for the Association.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*Howard Oglesby	*Treble*	Edward R. Venn	5
†Jennifer Sceeny	2	*David P. Hilling	6
*Michael Hatchett	3	William Birmingham ..	7
*George B. Collins.. ..	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Ivor Goulter	*Treble*	Peter T. Hurcombe	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Victor Griffin	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	Philip Mehew	7
D. John Hunt	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D John Hunt.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vincent.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,728 Bristol, 1344 London, 960 Rutland and 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire: with 143 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Delia Smith	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson.. ..	5
*Beryl N. Reed..	2	*Colin W. Reed	6
A. Robin Heppenstall ..	3	John Walden	7
Claire Dillamore	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. Beard. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	V. David Jenner	5
Lester L. Gray..	2	Thomas R. Butler.. ..	6
John F. Grove	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	7
Hubert Richardson	4	*Frank W. Currie	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

James Linnell	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
*Margaret A. Wilson ..	2	‡Robin H. Rogers	6
†Raymond A. Vickers ..	3	George W. Holland ..	7
†David Burbidge	4	Charles E. Truman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal on eight. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Triples.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	Herbert W. Woolven ..	5
*Reginald E. Lambert ..	2	W. Arthur Riddington ..	6
Robert T. Lambert ..	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G sharp.

Reginald E. Lambert ..	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Robert T. Lambert.. ..	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
*Ernest J. Ladd	3	Martin L. Howe	7
*Thomas E. Sone	4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 125th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	*Terence M. Fitzgerald	5
V. David Jenner	2	†Frank W. Currie	6
Hubert Richardson	3	Thomas W. Hesketh ..	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	4	Jack N. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
Alternate courses Conducted by
Tudor P. Edwards and Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman 'inside.'

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

David Vincent..	*Treble*	*John O. Freeman	5
John Ashcroft	2	‡Sydney G. Osborne ..	6
*T. Michael Freeman ..	3	Geoffrey Fothergill ..	7
†Ian Munro	4	H. David Holland.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method. First in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker.. ..	5
Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
Delia E. Smith	3	W. Arthur Crowder ..	7
A. Robin Heppenstall ..	4	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band except the conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.),

Derek B. Williams ..	*Treble*	†David Glover..	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	*Michael R. Wycherley..	6
*Peter Morris	3	Harry Poyner	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	Frank Beech, jun.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First on eight bells.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 28 methods, comprising 480 of Cambridge, 320 of Bristol and London, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire: with 159 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Eric Edmondson	*Treble*	G. William Critchley ..	5
Joan Beresford	2	John R. Mayne	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Jack S. Dear	7
J. Richard Castledine ..	4	Thomas J. Lock..	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 28 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the induction of the present Vicar of Woburn.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Capel Treble Bob, (4) Sandal Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Kingston T.B., (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

GLADYS RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	RONALD DAWSON ..	4
ALEX. RICHARDSON	2	ALAN G. KIRK	5
HENRY KIRK	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (4) April Day, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID F. MOORE	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	4
*RUPERT A. CLARKE	2	†N. RODERICK ELLWAY ..	5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	3	MICHAEL W. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal. First in more than one Minor method as conductor. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) All Saints, (2) Rushall, (3) Marchington, (4) Morning Star, (5) Fortune, (6) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (7) Newborough, (8 to 10) Grandsire, (11 to 14) Plain Bob, (15 to 18) April Day, (19 to 22) Seighford, (23 and 24) Plain Bob, (25 to 28) Old, (29 and 30) Plain Bob, (31 to 34) Kennington, (35) April Day, (36) Seighford, (37) Old, (38) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Little Aston, (40) St Columb, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MICHAEL W. BROWN ..	*Treble*	†RICHARD A. COBLEY ..	3
MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	2	*BRIAN C. LAW	4
J. HEDLEY WALE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

* 25th peal together. † First in 18 variations 'inside.' J. Hedley Wale has now 'circled the tower.' Rung prior to the Christmas Fayre.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 44 methods/variations: (1) Besthorpe, (2) Costessy, (3) Shropham, (4) Mileham, (5) Walsingham, (6) Norwich, (7) St. Simon's, (8) St. Albans, (9) Cassington, (10) Eynsham, (11) Elford, (12) St. Martin's, (13) St. Paul, (14) St. Peter, (15) St. Leonard, (16) Austrey, (17) Winchendon Place, (18) St. Miles, (19) St. Luke, (20) St. John, (21) Ryton, (22) St. Nicholas, (23) St. Giles, (24) St. Thomas, (25) St. Andrew, (26) Shareshill, (27) Plain Bob, (28) April Day, (29) Kennington, (30) Old Boh, (31) Seighford, (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Southrepps Pleasure, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) St. Columb, (36) Little Aston, (37) All Saints and Rushall, (38) Marchington, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Morning Star, (40) Fortune, (41) Grandsire and Newborough, (42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*MICHAEL W. BROWN ..	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	4
RUPERT A. CLARKE	2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	5
DAVID F. MOORE	3	*N. RODERICK ELLWAY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

* 25th peal together. Quickest peal on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Most methods by all the band on the bells, and most Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. W. K. Bailey, Vicar of Barkby.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in G sharp.

RUPERT CAPON	*Treble*	A. DAVID LEACH	4
G. F. OAKSHOTT	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ..	5
DAVID WRIGHT	3	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

First peal on the recast bells.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOPE	*Treble*	ROBERT HATCHER	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
AUDREY GLADWELL	3	*GEORGE T. COUSINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

* 50th peal for Hereford Guild. First of Minor as conductor.

A 50th birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, Herefordshire.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Cambridge Surprise and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ..	*Treble*	FRANK D. MACK	4
*MARTIN F. LOCK	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the rededication of these bells on Saturday, December 8th, by the Archdeacon of Exeter.

STANDLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*SUSAN CANTWELL	*Treble*	ALEC CANTWELL	4
NORMAN LESLIE	2	DENNIS LESLIE	5
MICHAEL EDNEY	3	PETER TRINDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

* First peal attempt.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's, College Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

N. RODERICK ELLWAY. ..	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	4
GARRY WM. MASON	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	3	MICHAEL W. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID E. HOUSE	*Treble*	CAROLYN VIBERT	4
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	TOM CHAPMAN	5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	3	DAVID J. FORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringer of second. First of Surprise Minor in the tower.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	*Treble*	*GEORGE P. HAMMOND ..	4
*KEITH F. GARDNER	2	JOHN WATKINS	5
BRIAN L. BURROWS	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

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SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*J. Alan Ball (14) .. .. *Treble*	Richard J. Clifton 4
F. George Bailey 2	Derek P. Jones 5
Joseph W. Cotton 3	John K. Smith .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal attempt.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley .. *Treble*	*Bernard L. Marks 4
J. Richard Castledine .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 5
Eric Edmondson 3	Jack S. Dear .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. J. Davies as Rector of Benington with Aston.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being 240 Stedman, 480 each St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 960 Plain Bob and 2,880 Grandsire. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Margaret Witney .. .. *Treble*	*Victor J. C. Dale 3
*Ronald J. Brown 2	Harry Turner 4
*Barbara Fisher .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ronald J. Brown.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung as a welcome to Claire Edna, daughter of Dinah and William R. Chandler, the latter being verger and bellringer at this church.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1 and 2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Clive M. Smith .. .. *Treble*	†S. Clarke Walters .. 4
*D. Kay Moore 2	Jeffrey B. Webb 5
Lucy Allen 3	Michael W. Fairey .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal. † First in three methods on tower bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss D. Kay Moore.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Anne Edwards .. .. *Treble*	Joe E. G. Roast 4
*Michael J. Cowling .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 3	Ian R. Panton .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ian R. Panton.
* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Frederick Watson .. .. *Treble*	George Charlton 4
*Alan R. Mildred 2	A. James Poynor 5
Brian G. Warwick 3	Keith H. Mildred .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Minor.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Charlton.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Robert A. F. Clark .. *Treble*	†Stanley G. Scott 4
*Rosemary Clark 2	*Graham C. J. Murrell .. 5
Bernard C. Castle 3	William J. H. Parker .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William J. H. Parker.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 8 cwt., approx.

*Roger M. Pugh .. .. *Treble*	Derek B. Williams .. 4
Mary C. Poyner 2	†Harry Poyner 5
*David Glover 3	Michael R. Wycherley .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal. † 50th for the Association.

GREAT WILBRAHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Five each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Donald F. Murfet .. .. *Treble*	Ian Smith 3
Colin Johnson 2	George E. Thoday 4
Alan M. Barber .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
First peal on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ruth Blackshaw .. .. *Treble*	C. Richard Daft 4
*Elizabeth Smith 2	Raymond Benfield 5
†John Shonfeld 3	Maurice Harrison .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Karen) to Mr. and Mrs. Longley.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

Frederick Derry .. .. *Treble*	†Philip H. Reynolds .. 4
*William B. Dawson .. 2	James H. Musson 5
J. Edward Brown 3	John P. Morriss .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR IN SEVEN METHODS
Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Netherseale, Bourne, London, York, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Susan E. Williams .. *Treble*	Walter Ayre 4
Edwin J. Upton 2	‡Augustin V. Good 5
†Gerald Penney 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in seven methods of Surprise, and has now 'circled the tower.' ‡ 250th peal.
A birthday compliment to the daughter of ringer of the second.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Humphrey Perkins School.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES IN 27 METHODS
Being one extent each of Spliced St. Simon's and St. Osmund, St. Albans, Eynsham, Cassington, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Miles, Spliced Winchendon and St. Remigius, St. John, St. Luke; three each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, and two of Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2	B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
	Dan S. Pont .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, *in* 1 *Hour and* 37 *Minutes,*
At 22, Castleton Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each one called differently. Tenor size 15 in G.

*Deborah A. Yeates .. 1—2	Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 3—4
	Alan R. Patterson .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
* First peal on handbells. First 'in hand' as conductor. First on the bells.

DATE TOUCH

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,962 Stedman Triples (by J. Topp): E. C. Wadman 1, A. P. Beck 2, F. A. Targett 3, F. Savage 4, D. Mackay 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Toni M. Rogers 1, Margaret A. Wilson (first in seven methods) 2, D. Burbidge 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Cole 1, C. Hughes (first quarter) 2, M. Bantick 3, F. H. Erith 4, P. G. Erith 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Cullington 1, D. Phillips 2, Freda P. Wilgress 3, D. W. Pardon 4, W. J. Dumolo 5, N. J. A. Pumphrey 6, B. W. Willgress (cond.) 7, P. H. Sapwell 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Thetford.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: R. Talbot 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, J. Schofield 4, R. W. Hinde 5, C. E. Tester 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, P. Corderoy 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, C. Corderoy 4, P. Corderoy 5, Marion Eland 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. M. Hughes 4, K. A. Tipper 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Olivia A. Marshall 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, R. J. Lumley 3, R. A. Appleby 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For evening service, and as a welcome to the Bishop of Bradford on his first visit to this church.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker (first quarter) 1, Shelagh Guthie 2, Susan Devey 3, Lynda Roberts 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. A farewell to the Rev. P. R. Davies, sub-Vicar, who is leaving for Mombasa. Also to welcome the Rev. R. Robershaw, from New Zealand, who has just joined the parish staff.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. J. Biles 1, Mrs. L. Sherre'l 2, J. D. Nicholls 3, W. Higdon 4, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 5, A. Higdon 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mrs. M. Helps, a member of the tower.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Christmas Eve 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Crampton 1, R. Broadest 2, H. Harrison 3, A. A. Price 4, R. Kiddle 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, K. Derham 8, G. Scragg 9, R. Edwards 10. For the Christmas Festival, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stone, upon the birth of a daughter this day.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. P. Selway 1, K. E. Pinney 2, S. Turner 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, W. E. Turner 6, Rev. R. Q. Fry (cond.) 7, M. Bartlett 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. and Mrs. Marshall, on the birth of their second son, James Francis.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Taylor 1, K. R. Davey 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, R. D. Bailey 4, D. J. Jones (first of Surprise "inside") 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6.

DORE, YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Bell (first quarter) 1, Jean Bower 2, Angela Truelove 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Farnsworth (cond.) 5, I. Thompson 6.

DROGHEDA, CO. MEATH.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Bovenizer 1, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2, E. C. Dukes (16) 3, J. W. Nuzum 4, Sandra Dukes 5, G. Duncan (15) 6, J. D. Dolan 7, R. Henly 8. First quarter by all except conductor. For carol service.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Whitwood 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, A. M. Barber (cond.) 3, R. J. Palmer 4, J. E. Goodwin 5, R. Heffer 6. For the carol service.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Anderson 1, N. Errington 2, M. Elaine Murcott 3, M. Maughan 4, R. G. Turner 5, N. I. Wright (first in the method "inside") 6, G. S. Deas 7, A. R. Patterson (first in method as cond.) 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Robson, of Newcastle Cathedral.

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hayward (first quarter) 1, C. Abbott 2, D. Huddleston (first quarter) 3, J. A. Bennett 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, F. G. Bloomfield 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Huddleston (first quarter) 1, F. G. Bloomfield 2, J. Tyers (first quarter) 3, B. Huddleston 4, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. Abbott 6. On the occasion of the dedication of the newly rebuilt and enlarged organ.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Smith 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, Miss C. Andrews 3, G. Goldning 4, Miss G. Baresel 5, Miss F. Pocock 6, M. Hawkins 7, S. Porter 8. For Evensong.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): M. I. Davey 1, C. Godfrey 2, Diane Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

LEICESTER.—On Dec. 18th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. B. Townsend 1, M. E. Wade 2, I. Fraser 3, R. E. Hardy 4, M. G. Swift 5, P. W. Atkins 5, S. H. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. J. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. Abbot, churchwarden.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Dec 12th, at the Foundry Campanile, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Block 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss S. Muirhead 3, Miss C. Collett 4, D. McLeod 5, M. Glanfield 6. First quarter 4, 5, 6. Rung by the University of Leicester Society.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Dec. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Diana Pipe 1, Monica Collins 2, K. Minchinton 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. W. Pipe 5, G. Heyes 6, A. Fisher 7, J. Roper 8. Conductor: G. W. Pipe. First by 2, 3, 4 and 6, and in Australia by local band. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. G. Grant 1, W. C. Budd 2, Joan Cheney 3, R. W. Gibbons 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. G. Parker 6. For Evensong Thanksgiving service, following a Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,272 Minimus (Double Bob and Plain Bob): C. Mew 1, B. Coatsworth 2, A. Millidge 3, B. Bull 4.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1, L. Allen 2, A. Millidge 3, B. Bull 4, M. Bangham 5, D. Brooks (cond.) 6, B. Coatsworth (covering) 7. For Evensong.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Clark 1, Miss S. Burt (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, A. Smith (first in two) 4, D. Wilcox (cond.) 5, A. Burt 6. For the 70th birthday of the Rector, and 21st of ringer of second.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, K. A. Tipper 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: Pamela Hunter 1, Pamela Gough 2, Cherry White 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, A. Hunter 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

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RADCLIFFE, LANCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. V. Wall 1, R. Holt 2, B. Pickup 3, J. Thornley 4, J. Pilkington 5, R. J. Parker 6, R. Leigh 7, D. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the eight bells being installed in this tower.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Deverill 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, C. M. White 5, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Advent.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. R. Goodenough 1, M. M. Powell 2, E. D. Elderkin (cond.) 3, A. J. Tumber 4, H. N. Evans 5, J. Taylor 6. By S.U.G.C.R.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Forster 1, Ann Carden 2, P. Clarkson 3, H. V. Frost 4, K. J. Darvill 5, S. P. Darvill (first as cond.) 6, R. W. Darvill 7, G. W. Debenham 8. For Confirmation service.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Ridgway 1, Ann Carden 2, Nina Thomas (first in method) 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, F. Ellis 6.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, P. D. Baldock 2, Miss W. Hollowell 3, C. Matthews 4, J. H. Bluff 5, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 6. For morning service, and to mark the appointment of the Rev. E. F. Wright as Canon.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Tocock 1, Miss A. Freeman 2, Miss G. Howlett 3, M. Pilgrim 4, E. Ashcroft 5, F. Birkett 6, P. Tocock (cond.) 7, A. Dyson 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, D. Neal 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. W. Gray 6, J. M. Steele (first as cond.) 7, I. Steele (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Violet Gray, wife of the ringer of fourth.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone (first quarter Minor) 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom (50th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, K. G. Waller 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Miss E. Rye, an old parishioner.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Carpenter 1, Jennifer Tyack 2, A. Cope 3, Susan Smith 4, H. Allbery 5, D. Jones 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, M. Marshall 8. Rung for children's gift service.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sheldon 1, W. D. Peart 2, Frances M. Baraclough 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Pickering 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, C. G. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to a former Vicar, Rev. Preb. N. W. Watson, M.A., who was interred this day in the churchyard.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Fuller 1, J. M. Swift 2, Jill Lenham 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, T. Barlow 5, D. R. Fuller 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Toni M. Rogers (aged 11 years, first on eight) 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, R. H. Rogers 3, J. Linnell 4, K. Wootton (first in the method) 5, B. Eglesfield (first in the method) 6, W. A. Yates 7, G. Foddy 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Judith Geiringer (first touch of Surprise, aged 14) 2, A. Bishop 3, R. Mayes (first of Surprise) 4, K. Newman 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Cusley 1, S. Bristow 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, G. Sparks 4, W. J. Nurcombe (first of Treble Bob) 5, H. Purchase 6, W. Stevens 7, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major 1, 4, 6 and 7. A birthday compliment to St. Bristow and the conductor's daughter.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Wright 1, L. Brighton 2, H. Goakes 3, Pauline M. Larham (first quarter) 4, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 5, F. T. Boyall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Hoare, for 25 years tower captain and verger at this church.

LATE NOTICE

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — The ringers' annual supper will be held on Friday, February 22nd, at the Golden Lion, Western Avenue, Hillingdon, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Details from Fred Goodfellow or John Hill. 1705

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CANSDALE — FELGATE. FELGATE — FELGATE.—The engagements are announced between Allen Cansdale, of Bures, Suffolk, and Maureen Felgate, of Dovercourt, Essex, and between John Felgate, of Harwich, Essex, and Jill Felgate, of Dovercourt. 1680

DEATH

HILLIAR.—On Monday, December 24th, 1962, suddenly, at 48 Kennington Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, Alan Arthur (Jack) Hilliar, beloved husband of Florence and father of Arthur and Mary (Mrs. D. Mayell), and member of St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers. 1689

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The address of Eustace W. Bullman is now Girton Farm, Oakington Road, Girton, Cambridge. Tel.: Histon 436. 1652

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CANCELLATION

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 5th, Lindfield, **cancelled.**—Mrs. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 1606

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Midsomer Norton (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Saward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Kempston, January 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. 1639

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ringing and social at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with social following. Names to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 1647

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Halstead on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) **3.45 p.m.** Service **5 p.m.** Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1627

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick, January 5th. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 1655

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1642

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please book for tea with Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 1629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 5th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Please send names for tea to M. J. Halliwell, 11, Westminster Road, Darwen.—I. Pilkington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, January 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson. 1686

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Leicester, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vestry 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Morris, 38, Strensall Road, E.M.E., Leics, please.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Red Cross Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 1659

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Halling, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. No name no tea. 1611

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Newport Pagnell (8), Saturday, January 5th, 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1615

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Guilsborough Branch.—A.G.M. at Creaton, Saturday, January 5th. Names to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1663

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting on January 5th at 4.30 p.m. in St. Martin's Hall, St. Martin's bells (12) available 3-4 p.m. and after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Tel. SPR 1025. 1582

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 5th. St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager, Sec. 1644

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. in the belfry. Own tea arrangements. — S. Adams. 1658

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Brecon (8), January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—M. R. T. 1607

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, January 8th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in January: 8th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, all at 6.30 p.m.; 29th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. **Will all members please note that, owing to an unavoidable increase in the cost of peal writing, the Booking Fee referred to in Rule 7 is now 2s. per member.**—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 1684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 1675

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — General meeting at Barnsley, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms. For tea please notify, not later than January 8th, Rev. Canon A. P. Morley, Rectory, 8, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, January 12th at Biggleswade. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples. Please make a special effort to attend.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Kirk Ella, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 10th, to Mr. D. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull. 1687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 1621

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—For members attending the dinner on January 12th. St. Peter's bells will be available from 3-6 p.m.—Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 1688

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 12th. Bells: St. Bene't's (6), 3-4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.45-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 o'clock, Great St. Mary's (12), 6.45-8.15 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1651

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1702

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Sawbridgeworth, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1633

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Hornchurch on Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 10th, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1613

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Leonard's, Hythe (6), available 2 to 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, January 12th. Cathedral (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), tea and meeting 5 p.m. ringing afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 1696

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, January 12th, St. Mark's, Swindon. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chobham on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Woking. 1691

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Luppitt (phone 267), by January 9th.—W. Webb, Sec. 1608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 12th, at Hertford. All Saints' 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. St. Andrew's also available in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea at St. John's Hall (All Saints' churchyard) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Ditton, 37, North Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam. 1698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Rolvenden, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8. 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hemsley, 8, Sparkswood Close, Rolvenden, near Cranbrook, by previous Thursday. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1662

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, January 12th at West Malling. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, New Town, West Malling.—M. W. Gilbert Dis. Sec. 1682

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. In St. Chad's Fold, Water Street: tea 5. Business 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 to 11 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. S. Taylor, 4, Pioneers Street, Rochdale, by previous Wednesday. Dance tickets (price 4s.) from Mr. Taylor, or J. P. Partington, Branch Sec. 1665

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, January 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 1692

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's (Leyland Parish Church), Saturday, January 12th. Branch annual meeting. Buses from all parts to Leyland Cross. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 2nd, to Mr. S. Walmsley, 19, Grasmere Avenue, Farington, Leyland. 1685

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint with LADIES' GUILD. Annual meeting on Saturday, January 12th, at Loughborough All Saints'. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Ladies' meeting in the Fearon Hall at 3.45 p.m. Joint service in church at 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5 p.m., followed by Loughborough District meeting. Names for tea to Miss G. Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough, by Wednesday, January 9th. Bell Foundry and Parish Church bells available in evening.—R. Beniston. 1666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 12th, St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln (6). St. Botolph's bells also available. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: St. Clement's, College, London Scholars', College Exercise. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. Templeman, 74, Gaunt Street, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Sec. 1656

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Llanfrechfa, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by January 8th.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 1681

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, January 12th, Upper Clapton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea to follow. Business meeting and further ringing to 8 p.m. Bells of St. John at Hackney available 3 to 4.25 p.m. Please make every effort to support this meeting.—E. H. K. 1677

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 12th, Longton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, by Wednesday, January 9th.—J. G. Burton, Sec. 1671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome, but names for tea by Monday, 7th, please, to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, January 12th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 1679

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting, Kettering (10), January 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential to Miss S. R. Collins, 57, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome. 1650

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Hanmer, Flint (6), on Saturday, January 12th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annnual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) afternoon and evening. Ordsall (6) afternoon only, Babworth (6) in evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Meeting at 6 p.m. in East Retford belfry.—H. Denman.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouens,' Whatton, Notts.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1699

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Mildenhall (10), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 9th, **please**, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 1600

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Saithill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 1693

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Institute. Cathedral bells available 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Fuguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday.—Alan Sturgess, Dis. Sec. 1649

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—**Annual** meeting at Dulverton (8), January 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th.—A. R. Tudball. 1668

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. D. P. Elsmore, 8, Beavers Road, Farnham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wouldham on January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday **at the latest**, please, to Mrs. C. Siburn, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.—I. Mitchell, Hon. Des. Sec. 1704

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. H. Duke (Hon. Sec.), 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset (Tel. 158). 1694

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, January 19th. St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1.30-2.20 p.m. St. James, Clerkenwell, 2.30-3.30. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3.30-5. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the canteen. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th. Tickets are still available for the annual dinner on February 2nd at the Euston Tavern.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 1701

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual District meeting at Newark, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.). St. Mary's Rooms. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Winter meeting at Tattenhall (near Wolverhampton), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Annual reports will be available. Names for tea, please, to C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway,' Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel.: STR 7793. 1574

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Halesowen (8) on Saturday, January 19th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 1683

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Mary's, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1674

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By R. BENISTON

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RINGER AND SINGER

FEW present day ringers will remember old Henry Burstow, of Horsham, Sussex, who was born at Horsham in 1826. A noted ringer was Henry, and he was also remarkable for his singing. He was a cobbler and he was engaged in making women's boots at 1s. 6d. per pair, and his average earnings amounted to 15s. a week. Never did he take 20s. for one week's work at his trade, so with his wife they faced one long struggle against poverty.

Henry started bellringing in 1841 at the instigation of his master's father, old John Vaughan, who was sexton and head bellringer at the time; but his first snag was the payment of the entrance fee, viz., 3s., which was an utter impossibility at that time. An alternative was offered of ringing for the first six months without receiving any payment for it, but Henry did not like the idea, so old John Vaughan came to the rescue and paid the fee on condition that Henry would repay the money from the first payment he received. Later when Henry offered the repayment the old man refused, so Henry went straight away and bought himself a new hat with his earnings, an act that greatly enhanced his self-importance and much pleased his dear old mother.

In 1843, when many of the old songs and carols that had been handed down through the generations by word of mouth were already largely forgotten except by the older folk, the Rev. John Broadwood started to make a collection of traditional songs which was afterwards continued by his niece, Lucy Broadwood, and has since been augmented by Dr. Vaughan-Williams, W. H. Gill and George Butterworth.

Many of the songs which he recorded were given to him by Henry Burstow, for his father ran a clay pipe business in the town and used to travel round the countryside in a pony-cart selling his wares. In that way Henry picked up the words and music of 200 songs and by degrees augmented them to 420. Many of these have been preserved by the Folk Lore Society.

There are records of bells at Horsham Parish Church from the turn of the 16th century, and there may well have been bells before that period. However, the 18th century was the heyday of the Horsham ringers, for in 1766, 14 years after the Whitechapel Foundry produced a ring of eight, the Horsham ringers scored their first peal in 3 hours and 8 minutes. The peal board still exists, and last year it was refurbished, still the pride of the ringing chamber.

Henry Burstow possessed a cheerful, buoyant heart and was contented with his lot, even when times were hard. Wheat £45 per load in Horsham Market; butchers' meat rarely tasted; common rushes from ponds, dipped in grease, were the only means of light and tinder boxes the only means of ignition. Labourers were forced to steal turnips from fields at night in order to sustain life.

Henry Burstow, a singer all his life, and a noted Sussex ringer from age 15, was fond of singing his 420 songs right through, every song from start to finish. In April, 1906, he sang all the 420 on 41 consecutive evenings in celebration of his wife's 78th birthday.

Henry Burstow, his father and Mrs. Henry Burstow were instrumental in making Horsham one of the most musical towns in Sussex, and it is largely through them that so many of the traditional songs are still remembered.

Ever cheerful and happy, Henry Burstow died in February, 1916, at the age of 89; and he wrote the history of his life, also a list of the 420 songs he knew and loved to sing in his characteristic way.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

'SEVEN... Eight... Nine... Ten... Look to. Eleven... Twelve. Treble going; she's gone.' At this the treble sharply spoke, followed quickly by her seven compatriots going down the scale.

'A Happy New Year, everybody.' 'A Happy New Year.'

In churches all over Britain this must have been the general pattern, but in this church, set in the suburbs of a large city, this was an event which the local ringers hoped was to be the start of a new year of good ringing, and progressive ringing at that.

Outside the church, across the snow swept main road, the local pub was still open, the sound of merriment drifting across to the churchyard. How many people in that house realised or even cared what had been done in that belfry in order that the old year was rung out and the new welcomed. They must have thought 'Ring out the old, ring in the new,' and gone back to their pints.

To the ringers in the belfry this ringing, in fact the whole of the ringing for the Christmas and New Year fesitval, was an achievement. Twelve months ago the local newspaper had featured on its front page an article describing a cold, deserted belfry, and had pictured the eight ropes hanging unmanned. This year another local newspaper had come to the church and was amazed at the energy and enthusiasm that the young local band was showing. The average age had been worked out at just under 22; this was allowing for two ringers who had been ringing for more years than they would care to admit.

The ringers were pleased that the Press had come for they had rung a quarter peal for Christmas, at a nearby church, and had gone very near to scoring another at their own later in the evening. They had rung for the birth of the Saviour at midnight the same day, and then there was the morning ringing at their friends' churches starting at 6.30 a.m.

The ringing for New Year, they themselves would admit, could have been better, but although they now can ring Kent and are starting on Double Norwich, Grandsire it was agreed was the safest to end the old year and Stedman to start it. A course of Double Norwich was achieved two days later.

A Happy New Year, everybody. 'DRUMMER.'

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Central Council Meeting, Great Yarmouth, 1963

Because of accommodation difficulties there will be NO headquarters hotel for the Great Yarmouth meeting, but through the kindness of E. Lacon and Co., Ltd., a room will be available for members and friends at a non-residential hotel, the 'Garibaldi,' St. Nicholas Road, from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, 1963, inclusive.

It will therefore be necessary for ALL members to obtain their own accommodation. NO LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED, but an 'Alphabetical Summary of Accommodation' may be obtained free of charge from the Publicity Manager, 14, Regent Street, Great Yarmouth. (An illustrated guide to Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, together with street map, is available from the same source, price one shilling post free.)

Many hotels are already fully booked for the Whitsun period and members are therefore urged to attend to this without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

SPILSBY BELLS RESTORED

The six bells at St. James', Spilsby, Lincolnshire, have recently been restored by Messrs. John Taylors. The bells were all cast by Thomas Hedderly in 1744, and have been tuned, one eighth turned and rehung lower in the tower with new fittings in a steel frame.

Many ringers will know how difficult these bells were to handle and will be relieved to hear that this difficulty has been completely eliminated. The tenor weighs 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., and is in the key of G. J. R. K.

SURREY GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER



IN honour of the golden wedding anniversary of ex-Police Sergeant Francis Hagley and Mrs. Hagley, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, Witley, on December 28th, by a band of ringing colleagues from West Surrey towers. Mr. Hagley has been captain at Witley for the past 20 years and serves on the Parochial Church Council.

His enthusiasm for ringing is shared by his son, Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, who is captain of the Godalming Parish Church ringers. His two grandsons, Roy and John, also ring at Godalming.

Ex-Sgt. Hagley's father was in the Exeter City Police in the days when policemen wore top hats and long boots: his son, Supt. Hagley, is in charge of the Godalming Division of the Surrey Constabulary: his daughter, Miss Joan Hagley, is employed in a civilian capacity at Godalming Police Station, and his sister, Mrs. Bird, was one of the first policewomen at Hereford.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was organised by the vice-captain (Mr. Brian Vince). Participating were: S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford) 1, F. Bowden (Haslemere, conductor) 2, J. H. Payton (Chiddingfold) 3, J. W. Hagley (Godalming) 4, R. J. C. Hagley (Godalming) 5, J. P. McDermott (Haslemere) 6, A. C. A. Hunter (Shalford) 7, B. G. D. Vince (Witley) 8.

Our photograph shows the band who rang the quarter peal with Mr. F. Hagley in the centre. The Witley ringers presented the couple with a pair of casserole dishes and stands.

Half Century of East Harling Bells

The fiftieth anniversary of the rededication of the bells of East Harling Parish Church, Norfolk, after recasting and hanging in a new iron frame was not allowed to pass unnoticed. On the actual day a peal was rung and in it was Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Gorleston, who rang in the first peal on the bells in 1912. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Drs. Paul and Elizabeth Jonason.

On the Sunday the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, conducted a service of thanksgiving in connection with the anniversary. Before and after the service touches were rung on the bells by local and visiting ringers.

In place of the usual sermon a talk about the history of the bells and the events leading up to their rehanging in 1912 was given by Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, who revealed that the first peal on the bells was rung on December 21st, 1912, in two hours 46 minutes by William Duncan, Thomas Fitzjohn, Sidney Annison, Alfred Newson, Fred C. Burrows and Charles Carter.

Dr. Jonason said that the present church at East Harling was built on the site of an earlier one in 1449—47 years before Columbus discovered North America. Bells were first put in the tower in 1456, and up to 1616 there were only three of them. In 1677 the largest was melted down and cast into two smaller ones, and a similar recast in 1746, and an addition made the number up to six as at present.

Entries in the parish register were quoted such as an account in 1755 for 'Oyle for ye Bells—8d.' and in 1799 'beer for ye ringers—2s. 6d.' The accounts show how in 1910 the tower and the bells were declared unsafe, and a fund was opened to repair them—subscriptions came in and in a short time £120 was raised, and a fete in 1912 realised £113. A tender of £159 for rehanging the bells in a new frame was accepted in September, 1912, and the work, with the addition of recasting of some of the bells which was found necessary when they arrived at the foundry, was started in November and completed in time for a service of dedication on December 19th.

RINGING AGAIN IN ANOTHER SUFFOLK TOWER

The eight bells of the picturesque Church of St. Mary, Worlingworth, rang out for the first time for 4½ years on December 17th.

Extensive repair work has been carried out to the church since May and is still continuing. When it is completed it will mean about £8,000 has been spent on the church since the war.

The bells had been silent because it was felt their vibrations might increase the risk of further damage to the nave roof, with its fine double hammer beams. The roof has now been made safe, and workmen are at present engaged on repairing the floor and the Jacobean pews, believed to be one of the few complete sets in the country.

The font—formerly in Bury Abbey—is to be restored in the spring of next year and the stained glass windows the following year. The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. A. H. Morris, has agreed to preach at a rededication and thanksgiving service at the church in July.

NEW LONG LENGTH ON HANDBELLS

A new long length has been rung of Plain Bob and of Major on handbells by the successful peal of 15,904 Plain Bob Major, rung at Whingarth, 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, on December 22nd in 7 hours and 40 minutes.

The conductor, Mr. Robert B. Smith, writes that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the peal started 1¼ hours late, and the last two parts of the peal were replaced by two bobs at home.

The umpires (Messrs. Giles B. Thompson and John Robinson), in their report, state:

'A late start was made due to the cold weather and a fog lying over the Mersey Valley. However, by 10.45 the band got under way and settled down to a rather slow pace: although there were changes in the rate of ringing and a wide range of ringing speeds, which is apparent on the samples recorded on tape.

'The coldness of the weather was almost equal to that on December 23rd last year, when the same band were setting up the new record of Yorkshire Royal, though this time they had a fire to keep them warm (indeed one ringer complained of being too hot due to an umpire's over generosity with the coal!

'By 6 p.m. the band decided that with 15,000 odd changes behind them they had had enough for one day and thus the peal was brought round after the 10th part end, by calling two Homes giving 15,904 Plain Bob Major in 7 hours 40 minutes—the greatest length of Major rung "in hand."

'The umpires wish to express their thanks to Bob's parents for their generous hospitality.'

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CARDINAL WOLSEY AND BELLS

By the Late ERNEST MORRIS

THOMAS WOLSEY, Cardinal and Statesman (c. 1475-1530), is naturally mentioned in connection with several churches and consequently bells! Born of an Ipswich grazier, he distinguished himself at Magdalen College, Oxford, at an early age, and took orders. He became a member of the Council of Henry VIII and secured his position by diplomatic triumph. In 1514 he became Bishop of Lincoln and Archbishop of York.

He later fell into disgrace and the fatal moment arrived when Henry resolved to marry Anne Boleyn. When he failed to procure the king's desire, the king turned and vented his wrath upon him. In 1529 he was deprived of all his offices and honours, and charged with high treason. While journeying south to meet his accusers he died at Leicester Abbey.

The most noted connection he (Wolsey) had with bells is at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, which contains the heaviest ring of eight bells in England. Before recasting in 1933, the tenor weighed 45 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb., and was by Warner, but after recasting by Mears and Stainbank she now weighs 46 cwt. 5 lb. At that time the other bells were retuned and rehung in new bearings and fittings. Originally the gift of Cardinal Wolsey, it was brought from Tournai with other bells. It became cracked and was recast in 1865. The present bell is inscribed:

'By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all,
To mirth, to grieffe, to church, I serve to call.
Recast 1670 by Thomas Purdue, of Closworth, Somerset; Joseph Barker, Vicar; Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, churchwardens. Again recast 1865 by John Warner and Sons, of London. Edward Harston, Vicar; James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, churchwardens. Again recast, 1933 by Mears and Stainbank, of London. Wilfred Marcus Askwith, Vicar; Clement Horace Adams, James Florance, churchwardens.'

The cost of recasting the tenor was defrayed by contributions from Old Boys of Sherborne Grammar School, through an appeal made by the late Major J. H. B. Hesse. There is a 'fire bell' (32¾ ins. diameter) which says:

'Lord qvnch the fvriovs flame
Aris, rvn, help pvt ovt the same. I. W: I. G. 1654. R. A.'

The ancient sanctus (diameter 19 ins.) has an invocation to St. Mary.

The curious detached 'bell house' at East Bergholt, Suffolk, has a local tradition that Cardinal Wolsey, while engaged on the work of the building, fell into disgrace, and so the tower was never finished. Certainly the whole work was not dependent upon him only, if we may judge from the will of Roger Cole, of Stratfolk, Suffolk, clothmaker, 1527, who writes:



Sherborne Abbey tenor, recast in 1933 by Whitechapel Foundry, is inscribed:
'By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all,
To mirth, to grieffe, to church I serve to call.'

'I will that my Executors, after my departure, at times convenient, do deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the use and building of the Church of East Bergholt, as much free stone as shall make up the work there, that is to say, the body of the church, with north aisle, according to such promise as I have made.'

This bequest is not consistent with Wolsey's idea of building a tower. He was then well up in dignity and wealth, holding the See of Durham with the Archbishopric of York. The bell cage still has a bell by Henry Jordan, who died in 1468. But another legend says of the curious bell cage:

'As far back as the 15th cent. it was erected in another corner of the churchyard, but the squire was so annoyed by the sound of the chimes, that he had the curious building removed, so that the intervening church might deaden the sound.'

The bell house is only a brick foundation, about a foot above the ground, and the bells are rung from the stock without wheels or ropes.

They are a heavy ring of five, largest 25 cwt., and each ringer stands on a shelf, two feet above the ground, by the side, and swings his bell by hand by the stock on which it is hung, and so, like a pendulum and by centrifugal force, they are rung up. For chiming purposes, small lines are led from the bell clappers over pulleys above, which fall down and are handled by the ringers.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

The long draught to the beautifully toned bells at Langar proved rather difficult for some of the younger members at the Bingham District meeting on December 8th.

Tea was served in the Village Institute, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. Musson (Granby) was elected a member. Nine towers were represented, the attendance reaching 41. The ladies who had prepared the tea were thanked by Mr. Loach.

Forthcoming meetings: Annual District, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 12th; Oxton and East Bridgford, February 8th.

DISTRICT DINNER

The first dinner and social of the recently formed Bingham District took place at the Griffin, Whatton-in-the-Vale, on December 14th. Forty-seven ringers enjoyed a first class meal and several diners were so full (after second helpings) that they were unable to join in the games and dancing. This new venture was a great success and we hope to make it an annual event. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Exton, for the arrangements, and to all who attended and joined in the fun and games. R.B.

Standard of Ringing Higher, Says 'Church Times'

'Urbanus,' whose feature articles in 'The Church Times' are exceedingly popular, writes knowingly on ringing in the issue of December 21st.

We quote two interesting points he makes:

'It is not because of any shortage of ringers that bells are silent. There was never a time in living memory when ringers in plenty were more eager to exercise their skill. Some of them, particularly bands of young men and women, are keener, it is true, on "collecting" towers than on ringing regularly for church services in one place. Such teams will travel long distances to notch new towers in their log-books. None the less, most of the members of such parties, which may often number between fifty and a hundred ringers, have their places in their home towers Sunday by Sunday.'

'Having heard a good deal of ringing lately, I have come to the opinion that the standard of attainment is much higher than it was when I was initiated into the art of campanology (as it was then called long years ago). Moreover, records of accuracy and endurance in change ringing are constantly being broken, as may be seen in that excellent publication, "The Ringing World."'

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY STOKES

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, aged 85. He was the son of Mr. Harry Stokes, who was one of the best master bell hangers in the West Country. The second Harry for a number of years combined bell hanging with farming. The latter side of his business developed extensively and he dropped bell hanging. On the occasion of the Central Council meeting at Exeter, he entertained members to tea. His son—also a Harry—married the daughter of Mr. Albert A. Hughes.

Cremation took place on Tuesday, and the ashes were interred in Woodbury Church.

MR. STEPHEN W. STRATFORD

Mr. Stephen Stratford died two days before Christmas. He would have been at his happiest if he could have died in Whitley Bay ringing chamber to the sounds he loved so well all his life. At 84 he passes on, the last but one of a generation that made Whitley bells famous.

In 1911, when Whitley Bay had only six bells, he was one of the small band which included five Gofton brothers who, in 52 consecutive Sundays, rang 41 legitimate Surprise Minor methods, a 'performance,' said 'The Ringing World' of the day, 'which stamps them as the most talented six bell band in the kingdom.'

He was among the band which made the tower even more famous after the ring was augmented to eight. Under two such conductors as T. T. and J. A. Gofton, he was content to take a minor role, but he was that backbone of good bands—a steady, reliable and expert ringer.

Not a prolific peal ringer, he was, however, a regular Sunday service ringer, and rarely missed a practice night. Right up to his death, when he was a very sick man, he dragged himself along to the belfry, and wearily mounted the tower though he could no longer—to his angrily muttered chagrin—grip a rope.

It seemed unreal to be ringing in the New Year without him.

REV. C. F. WARD

The funeral of the Rev. C. F. Ward, Vicar of Billingborough and Sempringham with Pointon, took place at Sempringham Abbey, Lincs, on December 13th. Despite heavy rain the church was filled with sympathisers from the parishes, who made the pilgrimage to the isolated Abbey to pay a last mark of respect to a beloved Vicar.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hansan, Rector of Grimoldby, Louth, a fellow curate with deceased when at Louth. The lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Lincoln, the Ven. A. C. Smith, and the Bishop of Grantham, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Otter, conducted the committal. There was also a large number of clergy in attendance from various parishes in the district.

Mr. Ward was a ringing member of the Billingborough band, and an honorary member of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He had been in failing health in recent months and came to Billingborough from Louth in 1958. Although not a prolific ringer, he always made welcome ringers who visited his two churches at Billingborough at the ancient Abbey at Sempringham, which he loved so well, and worked so hard for its upkeep and welfare.

After the service the six bells at the Abbey Church were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung at Billingborough, half-muffled.

This is the Week . .

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Letters to the Editor

MOST METHODS FOR SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to your question in Belfry Gossip on page 856, as to the largest numbers of methods in a service quarter, in 1955 and 1956 at Itchingfield, Sussex, 30 methods were frequently rung to a quarter peal for service. On one occasion a quarter was rung in 40 methods. This I have always regarded as a record.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FRANCIS.

Warnham.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING OF EIGHT

Dear Sir,—Re the footnote to the peal at Bishop's Cannings on December 15th ('R.W.' page 875), I have always been given to understand, on fairly good authority, that the bells at Merton College, Oxford (28½ cwt. in E flat), constitute the oldest **complete** eight in the country. Perhaps some reader, more informed than myself, could verify this.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool.

P.S.—Could the conductor of the peal enlighten us as to the source of the information? —J. P.

WELL DONE, SAPCOTE

Dear Sir,—I would like very much to congratulate Mr. Michael E. Brown and his enthusiastic band of ringers at Sapcote, Leicestershire, who recently rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods.

This reflects great credit on Mr. Brown, who has trained this band from more or less nothing to its present standard, and is a great reward for the hard work he has done in training them.

This band has also rung seven, 10 and 11 Spliced Surprise Minor recently.

Many of them also have adapted themselves to ringing on eight bells, just as well as on six, some having rung peals of Surprise Major as well, and one or two also ring Bristol.

Finally, I would like to say to this young band, well done, and I look forward to seeing many more peals of Spliced in the 'R.W.' during 1963 and the coming years.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicestershire.

NOT AN EXTENSION OF DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—The following are the figures of two Plain Minor methods rung in recent peals:

Dorney Court.

—14—. 16. 34. 16. 34. 16—14—16.

St. Nicholas' College.

34. 16—36—36—36—16. 34. 12.

The method rung on handbells at Leicester is not an extension of Durham Surprise Minor. As such it should not be named Durham Surprise Royal. It is an extension of a Major method, and also goes to Maximus, viz:

—38—, 14, —12—, 38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 18.
—30—, 14, —12—, 30, 14—14, 30, 14—14, 30, 14—34, 10.
—3t—, 14, —12—, 3t, 14—14, 3t, 14—14,3t, 14—14, 3t, 14—34,1t.

all with lead end 12, 1352, etc.

As can be seen, this family of methods has three different subsections below the treble. —12—, 14—14 and 14—34. Durham Surprise Minor does **not** have the subsection 14—14, and does not extend to Major. I use the word extension in the sense of the Central Council Decision on Method Extension. — Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

CONDUCTED HER SECOND PEAL

Dear Sir.—Since there has recently been much interest shown in the columns of 'The Ringing World' about young lady conductors, I thought that perhaps your readers would be interested in a peal rung at Woolwich, S.E.18, on December 29th. Miss Sheila Copping, of Bromley Common, who faultlessly conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major, is only 16 years 3 months old. It was her second peal, and that her first 'inside.' Her achievement was all the greater as there were two 'first pealers' in the band.—Yours faithfully,

MARIA E. KIRBY.

Bromley, Kent.

'CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR'

Dear Sir,—May I respectfully point out, that the notation given for the above method, on page 874 of 'The Ringing World,' is not Ashton No. 12, but it is Mottram No. 231 (2nds place L.E.) in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's Collection. Dare I remind the conductor that two f.c.e.'s are givin for Mottram.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

BROADCAST OF CALL CHANGES PRAISED

Dear Sir.—I would like to refer to the B.B.C.'s Christmas Day broadcast of church bells.

In this busy world of change ringing, where crack bands seem to be continuously competing against each other in ringing peals of various complex and often obscure methods, and where long length peals are fast becoming the most fashionable of all, and where perhaps not quite enough attention is paid to good striking, it was refreshing to listen to the call changes from Lostwithiel.

The opportunities to ring well-struck call changes with an experienced band are infrequent in this part of the country, and since I had never heard a West Country 'stony' band in action before, I listened with great interest.

My reaction, on hearing these anonymous ringers, was one of immense respect, for the striking was nothing less than magnificent. Their cartwheeling rhythm, though unfamiliar, did not detract in any way from the pleasure of hearing such perfect ringing, and although one would hesitate to criticise the performance of the Beddington band, for example, it was undoubtedly the bells of Lostwithiel which left the deepest impression.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH'S TRAGIC FIRE

Dear Sir.—On Christmas Day the chancel of Branston Church was completely gutted by fire, and the nave roof badly damaged. At the present moment it is impossible to hold services in the church.

However, apart from grime and soot, the bells were not touched, and continue to ring.

We, however, feel that, owing to this tragic loss, the ringing be kept to an absolute minimum. Thus the next peal on the bells will be for the complete restoration of the church.

The organ, voiced by 'Father Willis' himself, has gone, and other priceless treasures have gone as well.

One day, we are sure, All Saints', Branston, will rise again to its former glory. Therefore we ask touring bands, for the present, to miss Branston out of their towers and to come again when we can present them with not only a grand ring but a church in keeping with it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, near Lincoln.

A NEW RING OF TEN IN LINCOLNSHIRE

A part of the £15,000 general restoration work being carried out at St. James' Church, Grimsby, involved the complete removal of the ring of eight bells and the reconstruction of the inside of the tower.

As a result of this ringing ceased at Evensong on May 13th, 1962, and this was the last time the bells were to be heard ringing out their message over the town as a ring of eight, for they have, by the addition of two trebles, been augmented to ten.

The two new trebles and the old No. 4 were cast and recast respectively at Mears' Foundry on July 18th, and the complete ring of ten arrived back in Grimsby on November 9th. The bells were ready for testing on November 29th, and were tried out by a local company.

The bells remained silent until the ceremony of dedication and rededication on Christmas Eve. This was performed in the tower by the Vicar of Grimsby (Canon G. W. Markham), who was accompanied by the assistant curate (Rev. A. Charters) and the churchwarden (Mr. E. J. Wilkinson). After the prayers the opening rounds were rung by a local company. Afterwards they were joined by ringers from Boston, Scunthorpe, Ulceby and Kirk Ella.

The new treble bell was given by the Hand family, in memory of their parents, who were worshippers at St. James'. The new second has been provided from a legacy left by Miss Hall, who was also a member of the congregation.

The old wooden supports of the bell frame have been taken out and replaced by a modern concrete support, standing on eight legs. The old bell frame has been renovated and now rests on this new concrete support, and is entirely independent of the tower.

During the period the bells were at the foundry the local company met regularly for ringing on handbells at Grimsby, and on tower bells at the nearby village of Waltham. For the privilege of being able to ring at Waltham, Grimsby ringers are greatly indebted to the Rector of Waltham (the Rev. Lance Carter), and the leader at Waltham (Mr. J. Willows).

Owners of Dove's should note that the tenor still weighs the same, but that there is now a ring of ten bells and not eight. Incidentally, the ring at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, no longer exists, as the church has been demolished.

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BELLS FOR PEACE—CANNONS FOR WAR

Reginald and Thomas Chyrch, of Bury St. Edmunds.

By T. A. BEVIS

THE 15th century bell foundry at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, was favourably recognised throughout East Anglia, and was a byword as far as Church authorities in that region were concerned. Nowadays we would not attach any special significance with Bury bells where they survive when considering their merits, but one point is worthy of our attention: and that is the remarkable foundry shield incorporating a crown, arrows, keys, a bell and of all things a cannon, the latter of which suggests that the foundry 'conveyer belt' carried not merely bells for the church but also destructive weapons for the mediæval army and navy.

It is not possible to name the originator of the Bury St. Edmunds bell foundry; his identity has receded into the mists of time. Nevertheless, a faint shadow remains of this elusive person in that one of the two slightly variable shields appertaining to the foundry in question is inscribed with the initials H.S. Now it would appear that 'H.S.' disposed of his business to Reginald Chyrch who later ran the concern jointly with his son, Thomas Chyrch.

Reginald was a burgess of that charming North Suffolk borough, perpetuating as it does the memory of Edmund, King and Martyr. The founder is said to have expired in the year 1498, his mortal remains being interred in the Church of St. Mary '...under the marble ston ther be me laid...' Deceased left 6s. 7d. to the 'parysshe preest' of that church, 'to p'y for my soule, and to rehearse my name in the bederoll ev'y Sunday.'

Reginald Chyrch was a kindly sympathetic man and in his will he remembered the sick and bedridden of the town, each sufferer receiving 4d., or more, according to the nature of his or her illness.

Many guilds benefited from the will, and received varying sums of money: 'To the gilde of Seynt Petyr, xijd. To the new werke wt'n the Monast'y of Seynt Edmund, x m'rc. To the gilde of the Purification of Our Lady callyd Candlemesse guild, xxs. To the gilde of the Decollac'on of Seynt John Baptist, xvd., and a cuppe of Silu' called a peace...'

The Bury founder held a good deal of property in the town. His three small tenemants in 'Reyngates strete' were to remain after his death 'almens housis' for ever: furthermore, one Avery Foppys was to reside in one of these dwellings while she lived, and another, Alis Power 'have hir dwellyng in the hous that I bought hir during her lyffe...' The bell founder's son, Thomas, was instructed in the will to 'make clene the grete lectorn that I gave to Seynt Mary chyrch quart'ly as longe as he levyth.'

Thomas Chyrch took over his father's business about the year 1498, and in his capacity of bell founder is recorded in the Munden Book at King's College, Cambridge, for the year 1500, when he was concerned with the recasting of a bell hung in the College clochard. This bell had a particularly interesting history well before Thomas laid his hands upon it.

Probably created in the early 15th century the instrument had occasion to be recast in 1460 by the celebrated 'Danyell fonder.' Apparently Danyell did not excel in that particular job for the bell was taken down and again broken up and melted by Henry Jurden in the year 1466. The old hymn, 'Tell me the old, old story,' sounds in the mind at this point, for in 1478 'de london Belfounder,' Thomas Harrys, was entrusted with the unlucky bell, but all to no avail. Finally, it sadly embarked on a journey to Bury St. Edmunds, where 'specialist' Thomas Chyrch prescribed the necessary and well tried 'cure.' Incidentally, this bell was exchanged in 1598 for a bell without inscription.

We also hear of Thomas Chyrch being engaged by the authorities of Cambridge Great St. Mary's, in 1514, when the founder cast a tenor, thus augmenting the bells in that tower to a ring of four. However, it became necessary to recast Chyrch's tenor in 1595.



A Bury Bell Stamp

The following is the will of Thomas Chyrch, dated July 12th, 1527:

'My body to be buried in Seynt Mary chirch in the Ele of Seynt Petyr,' vnd (under) the ston ther be me layd. A priest to synge for my soule at the Awter of Seynt Thom's, &c., for 5 years. To the seid chirch of o'r lady oon food of led. To ev'y of the iiij priests that shall bere my body to chirch, xijd. To Margaret my wife, my ten't ioynyng to the capital ten't late my ffadres in Southgate strete, su'tyme called Cobbolds. To Seynt Nicholas Gylde holdyn in the College w'thyn the seid Town of Bury, a litil stondyng maser.'

It has come to the writer's notice that the Bury St. Edmunds foundry passed into the hands of Roger Neve, and was not taken over by Stephen Tonni, who was also a bell founder at Bury. But one cannot help thinking that Tonni had a finger in the pie as far as the Chyrch family's premises were concerned. Or could it be that there were was a second mediæval bell foundry at Bury, competing against the Chyrch enterprise? Roger Neve cast a bell in 1533 for Debden, Essex, under an obligation in the sum of £40 for the bell remaining good for a year and a day.



An example of lettering from the Bury Foundry

Ah, well, the founders of yesteryear have thoughtfully if not generously bequeathed to us those interesting specimens of pre-Reformation handiwork, and all works of metal have a story to tell. Happily a few 'Chyrch' bells have survived the rigours and trials of the years... but how intriguing it would be should one discover an early bombard or cannon with a mediæval stamp, inscribed 'Fecit at Bury St. Edmunds.'

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. I. CHAPMAN

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HALF PEALS

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: A. C. Morris 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. J. Rothera 4, I. C. Maycock 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 25th, at 27, The Avenue, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor, 'in hand': P. N. Felton 1—2, A. G. Tyers 3—4, M. B. Tyers 5—6.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Turner (first quarter) 1, T. Turner 2, P. Jackson 3, K. Stainton 4, B. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 660 Bob Doubles, 600 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Gilbert 1, Diana Gough 2, Pamel Gough (cond.) 3, Margaret Fisher 4, Valerie Mepham 5, Susan Waterhose (first quarter on tenor) 6.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Heffernan (first quarter) 1, B. R. Manning (cond.) 2, A. F. Hall 3, R. I. Gosling 4, S. K. A. Huson 5, E. D. Gibson 6. First in three methods for 3, 5 and 6. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Munton 1, E. D. Gibson 2, R. I. Gosling 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. J. Lander 6. Rung half-muffled by Old Boys of the Henry Cavendish School, Derby, as a token of respect to Charles H. Hanson, B.Sc., who taught mathematics at the school for many years.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Piper 1, J. T. Symonds (first of Stedman) 2, Geraldine Piper 3, J. Hayns 4, M. Harbutt 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, D. Astridge 7, R. Mills (first quarter) 8. For the service of carols and lessons.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Merrett 1, G. Clark 2, P. Newland (cond.) 3, D. Pobjoy 4, D. Williams 5, K. Durrant 6. First in three methods by all except conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Fuller (first of Triples) 1, Christine Fuller (first of Triples) 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, Jill Lenham 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller (first of Triples) 6, T. M. Barlow 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. For treble ringer's birthday, also Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Chester 1, S. Barton 2, W. Brett 3, A. Jewitt (cond.) 4, F. Watkinson 5, F. Jackson 6. First quarter after the fourth was rehung.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Padbury (first of Minor) 1, T. Padbury 2, D. Wilson 3, L. Penfold 4, G. Charlton 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. For 8 a.m. Communion service.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Archibald (first quarter) 1, J. W. Priest 2, C. K. Hill 3, R. Collins 4, J. F. M. Maybrey 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6, D. G. Blows 7, Rev. G. S. Archibald (first quarter) 8. Rung as a sincere compliment to the Rev. G. S. Archibald, Vicar, to mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

CHEVERELL MAGNA, WILTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, G. Heath (cond.) 2, W. Cook 3, J. Cannings 4, W. Alexander 5, A. Sturgess (captain of tower, first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss V. Phillips (first in three methods) 1, A. J. Peters 2, H. Spencer 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Loxton (first quarter) 5, J. Phillips 6. For children's gift service.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Helen Bond 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, N. Crutchfield 6, W. E. Bond 7, Jillian Dunmall 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Bennett 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, A. Hicks 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. B. G. Green, churchwarden.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Miss B. Smith 2, R. Newton 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, B. Forest 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8. First in method 2, 3 and 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Davies 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elsie Hill, wife of Charles Hill, founder member and former captain of the local Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, Mrs. J. E. Maple 3, C. Whittington 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. For morning service.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. S. Rank 2, I. G. Campbell 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, R. D. Gibson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: A. O. Sheard (first of Treble Bob) 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, A. B. Cooper 6. Rung for Evensong, and also to welcome Mr. A. B. Cooper (Past Ringing Master of Bolsover, Derbys), who has recently taken up residence in the parish.

LISS, HANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton (first quarter) 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, Susan Ellenor 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, M. P. Rogers 6. For carol service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Midnight service.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Christmas Day, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Ted Patching 1, Graham Orme 2, Jim List 3, Geoffrey Holden 4, Peter Holden (cond.) 5, Stuart Patching 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth (first quarter) 1, H. DeCombe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Kercher 4, K. Tipper 5, N. Bassett 6. Rung for the first Communion of Christmas

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, A. W. Myers 3, J. W. Perkins 4, H. W. Milford 5, D. R. Bould 6, F. E. Day 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for the Lord Mayor's carol service, 2,000 candles providing the illumination. Also on Dec. 23rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. R. Bould 1, F. E. Day 2, R. D. Bell (first of Stedman) 3, R. G. Bell 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. R. Bould 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, R. G. Bell 2, H. F. Myers 3, H. W. Milford 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 9.45 a.m. Celebration.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. N. Beedham 1, D. Macdonald 2, F. D. Mitchell 3, T. Crowden 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tyler.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Streeter 1, A. Streeter 2, I. H. Euston (cond.) 3, W. Dunn 4, K. Game 5, M. Attfield (first of Caters) 6, E. G. Talbot 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. For the Festival.

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SHEBBEAR, NORTH DEVON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Vaughan (first quarter) 1, P. J. Daniel 2, J. L. Queen 3, D. J. Etchells 4, P. C. Plant (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Gay 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, M. G. Wood 2, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (5 Plain Bob, 5½ Grandsire): N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred (first in two methods) 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. W. Grassby 6. For Holy Communion on St. Thomas' Day. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,320 Minor (three methods): N. R. May (first in three methods) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): J. W. Perkins 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Sue Funnell 3, Ann Fellows 4, I. C. Maycock 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band. A birthday compliment to Roger E. Tallis.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, G. Maynard 3, W. Paul 4, J. Paul 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. H. Ivings cover. To welcome Rev. A. W. Hollands, who was ordained as deacon in Norwich Cathedral.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Branston 1, G. Cowlin 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. To mark the ordination in Oxford of David James Payne, as deacon. Also the 37th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Stanger).

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Brock 1, P. A. Brand 2, M. B. Tyers 3, P. N. Felton 4, D. W. Struckett 5, D. Boniface 6, A. Johnson 7, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 8. Rung by the Hampton School Society.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jill Lenham 1, T. M. Barlow 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6. Rung after unsuccessful attempt for peal of Cambridge Surprise.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Howes 1, Helen Butler 2, Barbara Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, Roser Howes 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, F. Absolem 7, A. Howes 8. First of Stedman 2 and 3. Rung before Evensong, for the engagement of Helen Butler and Andrew Howes.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary White 1, M. H. Solly 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled at year end.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, F. Brooks 2, Mrs. J. E. Maple 3, C. Whillington 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, D. Hugel 6. For Midnight service.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Linford 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, D. Burbidge 3, J. Linnell 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Truman, of Whittlebury.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Toni M. Rogers (aged 11) 1, B. R. Eglesfield 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, A. G. Osborne 4, G. E. Green 5. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Truman, of Whittlebury.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. Corke 1, Margie Ness (first 'inside') 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, R. Mayes 4, R. Hartley 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, R. A. Goodman (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Verver (first quarter) 1, B. Shackleton 2, K. Baker 3, R. Stubbs 4, J. Gilbert (cond.) 5, M. Jefferies 6. Rung for Christmas by the staff of Bristol-Siddeley Engines, Ltd., engineering department.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. V. Young 2, C. Bellew 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, W. Baker 8. Rung by the local band on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor and captain of the band.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Sumners (first quarter) 1, A. J. Collings 2, D. Baker 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6. Conducted by P. S. Bennett. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Windsor, on the birth of a son. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Arrowsmith 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, Penny Bastow (first quarter) 3, A. J. Collings 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Clayton (first quarter) 1, A. W. Williams 2, Margaret R. Williams (first 'inside') 3, R. L. Hughes 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. J. Lloyde 6. For Confirmation.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Amy Warnes 1, Ann Warnes 2, A. Holling 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. For Matins.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Busby 1, M. Selby 2, A. Shorey 3, J. Moore 4, R. Selby (cond.) 5, P. Parsons 6, T. Parsons 7, W. Busby 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute and thanksgiving for the life of S. G. Faire.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): Mrs. K. Collins 1, C. K. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, D. G. Blows 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 3.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, Miss B. Cooke 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Newton 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jennifer M. Tyack 1, Rence Sturgess 2, Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N., 3, G. F. Miles 4, Susan E. Smith 5, A. R. Cope 6, J. (A. G. Bell 7, W. F. J. Cope 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells. Rung for Midnight Mass.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Bradshawe 1, P. Crane 2, R. L. Marks 3, C. A. Critchley 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, A. W. Childs 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For carol service.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (in 12 methods): Miss F. Pocock 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett 6. For afternoon service. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Way 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Miss F. Pocock 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett 6. For afternoon service.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

A 'winter wonderland' was the setting on December 29th for the meeting of the Central District at Harrow-on-the-Hill. In spite of the snow, which made travelling difficult, a good number of members and friends braved the elements and managed to reach the church, which is situated right at the top of the hill.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening catered for all abilities, and ranged from rounds to Surprise. The Vicar conducted a short service, and an excellent tea was served in the Church Room by the local ringers.

Following tea a short business meeting was held, at which we were very pleased to welcome two new members. Our vice-president, Mrs. Lock, told the meeting that an invitation had been received from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to join them, and the Middlesex Association, at Beaconsfield on February 23rd for ringing and a social evening. Mrs. Lock also reported on arrangements for the Guild's annual meeting to be held at Ipswich in July, when the joint hosts would be the Eastern and Central Districts. Members asked that their services should be offered, for staffing the towers that would be open on that occasion, if required. Another item of news which the meeting was pleased to receive was that an associate member, Miss Hill, of Bishop's Stortford, had been awarded the R.S.P.C.A.'s silver medal. The vice-president had written a congratulatory letter to Miss Hill.

The next meeting, the annual, is on March 30th, and it is hoped that it will be held at St Ann's, Stamford Hill, London.

S. H. S.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Peers 1, W. Hall (cond.) 2, R. Peers 3, S. Anderson 4, J. McCullagh 5, J. Edwards 6.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

The main social function of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association is the annual dinner, which was held this year at Shardlow on December 7th. All tickets had been sold weeks before the event, and it was a surprise to the caterers to find this number exceeded. Our hosts, however, rallied round and the meal started with a full plate before everybody.

Mr. Fred Hinds, the chairman, announced an apology from the president, the Vicar of Tideswell. The Association's prize draw, on behalf of the Chellaston Church bell fund, followed. These bells are being augmented from three to six, and Mr. E. H. Willows, Ringing Master, of Chellaston, reported that a large portion of the frame had been assembled by himself, his ringers and friends. They hoped to receive the bells early in the New Year. Donations sent to him at 17, Sinfin Avenue, Allenton, near Derby, would be gratefully acknowledged.

Dancing and games followed the speeches. A ringing song from 'The Ringing World' was sung by a Diseworth ringer, and the chorus taken up by the company with enthusiasm. Handbell ringing included carols played by Aston-on-Trent ringers, a very pleasant surprise, which was the outcome of secret practices.

R. I. G.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Groves 1, A. MacFadyen 2, J. T. Mannering 3, F. C. Hogan 4, T. Cullingworth 5, L. Mannering (cond.) 6, T. A. Cross 7, H. Smith 8. For Midnight Mass.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Christmas.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The second century of peals at Gateshead, Co. Durham, was started within 3¼ hours of the finish of the first century when two peals, Pudsey and Cambridge S. Major, were rung there on December 29th.

Derek Ashton (14) has made an auspicious start in peal ringing. For his first he rang at Ashton-under-Lyne on a working bell in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus.

With Miss Pamela Gough home from Guildford for the Christmas holidays a ladies' quarter peal was rung at Aldrington, Sussex, on Christmas Eve, which Pamela conducted.

Mr. William H. Male has called Holt's Original from all eight bells for the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He 'completed the circle' at Bedworth on December 22nd.

Mr. Michael W. Fairey congratulates Miss Marilyn Smith on her first peal at Little Aston, Staffs, on December 29th. 'She rang an "inside" bell to Beverley Surprise Minor extremely well,' he writes.

We hope to publish a record of those who have rung 25 peals or more during 1962 at an early date. Will those who desire inclusion in this feature kindly supply numbers of peals rung on tower bells and 'in hand,' and also the number of peals conducted.

The quarter peal at Ewhurst, Sussex (5), on December 13th is believed to be the first on the bells, although at least three full peals have been rung there. Philippa Duncan and Judy Bowen certainly have the privilege of being the first local ringers to take part in any such length on the bells.

Exception has been taken by one of our pedants to our item in Belfry Gossip 'The Peterborough Guild has not a 12-bell tower' pointing out, as has been stated previously many times, that no towers belong to any Guild. What should have been stated is that there are no 12-bell towers in the Peterborough Diocese, and that is the interpretation, we think, most of our readers took of the Evesham peal paragraph.

During 1962, the local band at St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicester, have rung 52 quarter peals and inquire if this is a record number for one church in one year. Twelve of the band have taken part and the conducting has been shared between B. G. Warwick (31), B. M. Smith (14), K. H. Mildred (4) and M. G. Wood (3). The highlight was Remembrance Sunday when three quarters were rung by the local band, all of whom have been taught by the Ringing Master during the last three years. Only the Ringing Master and his wife are over 18 years of age. The bells have been rung regularly for at least one hours before Evensong every Sunday.

Mr. George Waterman, one of the Harwich ringers, kindly stood out of the quarter peal at Harwich on Christmas Eve to allow Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodman, of Peterborough, to take part.

Hampton Grammar School Society have been assiduous in their handbell ringing at school. At the end of term quarter peals were rung on three successive days, all conducted by A. G. Tyers.

The five 'inside' ringers in the peal of Kent T.B. Minor at St. Edmund's, Kessingland, Suffolk, have rung the bells weekly since their restoration in December, 1960. The conductor, Richard C. L. Brown, has now rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the second to a peal of Grandsire Caters on December 29th at Truro Cathedral the Rev. A. S. Roberts has 'circled the tower' and is the first to do so. In all he has rung in 13 of the 20 peals on the bells, his first being in November, 1927. It has taken 35 years to accomplish.

Before the peal attempt at Brewood, Staffs, on December 23rd, the Vicar visited the belfry and wished the ringers success. He said the villagers had been informed of the purpose of the afternoon's ringing (a 100th birthday). There was general acclamation and no complaints of spoilt 'after dinner' naps.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*F. John Nelson	Treble	†Peter J. Malloch	7
†John F. Barlow	2	†Jeffrey Brannan	8
Joan Harrison	3	*John Robinson	9
Neil Bennett	4	*Leonard Hill	10
‡Derek Ashton	5	†Ronald M. Edwards	11
*Derek J. Marshall	6	*Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First peal (aged 14). The ringers of the treble, 9th and 11th bells have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Robin G. Leale	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	7
*Gillian A. Neal Smith	2	*W. David Ward	8
*David J. Taylor	3	Alan E. Bagworth	9
*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	*J. Keith Ward	10
*Roger Baldwin	5	John Hill	11
Brian Bladon	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Messrs. Taylor and J. K. Ward have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	*Charles E. Truman	6
William J. Chester	2	William A. Yates	7
*Barry E. Saunders	3	*James Linnell	8
*Anthony G. Osborne	4	George W. Holland	9
*Robin H. Rogers	5	George E. Green	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by William A. Yates.
* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Peter D. Chapman	Treble	Aidan St. J. N. Boyack	6
Alan E. Bagworth	2	Edwin A. Barnett	7
*Jean F. Barnett	3	Norman S. Bagworth	8
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Norman V. Harding	9
Christopher W. Woolley	5	Walter H. Dobbie	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal on ten bells. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to P. D. Chapman.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Neil Bennett	Treble	*Cyril Crossthwaite	6
*Christine C. Macnair	2	F. John Nelson	7
*John Robinson	3	Frederick Shallcross	8
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	9
†Peter T. Dale	5	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of London Royal. † First of London. First of London Royal on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Jeffrey B. Webb	Treble	Clive M. Smith	6
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
*Marlene E. Jones	3	Henry H. Fearn	8
*Lucy Allen	4	Edmund Malin	9
Michael Elson	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Graham D. Carter	6
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Robert A. Southwood	7
Alan Carveth	3	James Phillips	8
Cyril E. Lanxon	4	Anthony J. Davidson	9
Ronald D. Short	5	Anthony Locke	Tenor

Composed by Edward Guise. Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Castlehall,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Barbara Boardman	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Frederick Shallcross	2	John Robinson	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Rung with the bells fully-muffled in memory of Dennis Cook, a ringer at this church, who died November 13th, 1962, aged 20 years.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Neil Belson	Treble	Giles R. Shedden	5
John Young	2	L. Joseph Young	6
Giles B. Tompson	3	Richard E. Dean	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Geoffrey Riglar	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey Riglar.
First attempt as conductor.

BIDFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Arthur T. Shorey	Treble	Pamela M. Turner	5
Ian C. Maycock	2	*Philip J. Rothera	6
Susan Funnell	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Windsor on the birth of a son.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ronald C. Noon	Treble	George W. Massey	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Keith R. Davey	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Non-conducted.
First peal in the method by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth	5
Giles B. Thompson	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Neil Bennett	3	John Robinson	7
John P. Partington	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by C. C. Middleton. Conducted by John Robinson.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells, and by the Association. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher C. Clarke	Treble	*Peter J. Heritage	5
Edward R. Venn	2	Charles Coles	6
Edgar J. Smith	3	*George B. Collins	7
John S. Walton	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Edwin Hims. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Walter W. Miller	*Treble*	Robert E. Lester	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Alan R. Bridges	6
Jack Pilgrim	3	Leonard E. Last	7
*Laurence Pizzey	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First touch of Surprise Major.
A coming-of-age compliment to Leslie N. Melton.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	James W. Raithby	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Peter N. White	3	John B. Bennett	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.
75th peal as conductor. First on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.
Rung to the glory of God; also in memoriam Florence Amy Johnson, to whose perpetual memory the treble bell, donated by her husband, Thomas Johnson, a life-long member of this church, is dedicated.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Jill M. Lenham	*Treble*	†Julian W. T. Smith	5
Frederick J. Lambert	2	Thos. M. Barlow	6
*Christine M. Fuller	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Alan R. Baldock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur F. Lewry.
* First peal. † First 'inside,' and on eight bells First on the bells since being rehung in June, 1962.
Rung for the ordination on the following day of Robin Izard as Deacon and Curate of the parish.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

William H. Male	*Treble*	David J. Allen	5
*Keith F. Gardner	2	James Draycott	6
*George P. Hammond	3	John A. Underwood	7
†Geoffrey W. Randall	4	†Ian P. Unsworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Eric Nixon	*Treble*	*Rev. Kenneth G. Hoar	5
*Wilfred E. Dunn	2	A. Patrick Cannon	6
Frank Oakshott	3	Keith G. Game	7
*Michael D. Atfield	4	George Olliver	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Mr. G. Olliver has now 'completed the circle.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Philip H. D. Jones	*Treble*	David J. Taylor	5
Alan E. Bagworth	2	J. Keith Ward	6
George E. Thoday	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Robin A. Hodgson	4	Frederick R. Scott	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in the method by all.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Malcolm T. Johns	*Treble*	Colin A. Lewis	5
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	2	John Hope	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	†Robert Hatcher	7
Reginald G. Powell	4	George T. Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George T. Cousins.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Dec. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
A var. of Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Michael J. Bird	*Treble*	Robert W. G. Broughton	5
Roger L. Hawksworth	2	Ian Friend	6
Barnabas G. Key	3	Roy K. Mowforth	7
E. Marion Key	4	Arthur Allsop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger L. Hawksworth.
* First peal.
A compliment to Miss Veal, a parishioner who attained her 100th birthday this day. Rung prior to Evensong.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Catherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Dennis Brock	*Treble*	David W. Struckett	5
Paul A. Brand	2	*Douglas Boniface	6
*Peter N. Felton	3	Andrew M. Johnson	7
†Michael B. Tyers	4	†Anthony G. Tyers	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Anthony G. Tyers.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Christopher P. Rice	*Treble*	John Vernon	5
R. Kingsley Mason	2	George E. Vernon	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Martin C. Faulkes	7
Brian L. Burrows	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Maxwell Lindsey.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Herbert, of Stoney Stanton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

W. T. Beeson	*Treble*	*James Nelson	5
Edward F. Fosberry	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Bernard E. Matthews	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Bryan C. Burrough	4	George Francis	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Manning, two local ringers who were married on December 22nd.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Edward F. Fosberry	*Treble*	Herbert F. Wood	5
Bernard E. Matthews	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
William T. Beeson	3	George Francis	7
Bryan C. Burrough	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Percy J. Spice	*Treble*	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
R. Thomas Newman	3	Ian H. Oram	7
John D. Faircloth	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Cuby.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Frances M. Rickard	*Treble*	Alan Carveth	5
Robert A. Southwood	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	Ronald D. Short	7
Anthony Locke	4	Anthony J. Davidson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*TERRY HATCHETT	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	PETER J. COLES	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*SUSAN ELLENOR	*Treble*	*DAVID M. HUGHES	5
FRANK OAKSHOTT	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
†BERNARD S. GAMBRELL	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
†BRIAN R. WALTON	4	*DEREK E. G. PORT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First of Triples. The conductor's 70th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*PAUL BAYES	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
MARGARET A. LADD	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT	3	EDWIN BROMLEY	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JANICE E. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. G. BUTLER	5
DAVID J. FORDER	2	DEREK C. JACKSON	6
*MARY E. WHITE	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
CAROLYN VIBERT	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DEREK J. JONES	*Treble*	RODGER BAILEY	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	FRANK TAYLOR	7
KEITH R. DAVEY	4	MAURICE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*J. DAVID UMPLEBY	*Treble*	HARRY BYROM	5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	2	*BRIAN STREET	6
JOHN A. HAILE	3	ROGER WETENHALL	7
†ALAN J. DUNN	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to John A. Haile and Eleanor Doloughan on their engagement.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	*ALICK CUTLER	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 50th peal of Bristol. 450th peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*ALAN TUBB	*Treble*	‡D. JOHN HUNT	5
ROGER S. ALGATE	2	DON C. EXELL	6
MICHAEL HART	3	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	7
JACQUELINE A. REASON	4	‡F. CECIL MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DON C. EXELL,
* First peal on eight. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 50th peal together. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

MURRAY A. COLEMAN	*Treble*	*PETER M. FLECKNEY	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	*MICHAEL J. STALEY	6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	ALAN J. FROST	7
GEORGE E. THODAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First of Double Norwich as conductor. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 700th tower for a peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER L. BILL	*Treble*	JOHN LLOYD	5
†YVONNE EDWARDS	2	JOHN C. EISEL	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD J. CHANCE	7
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4	*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First of Double Norwich 'inside.'

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 8 cwt.

PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
*CYRIL J. HIBBERT	2	*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	6
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT	3	A. ROY WOOD	7
JOHN H. NAPPER	4	KENNETH LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.
* 25th peal together.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
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On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

MICHAEL MAUGHAN	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
*DEBORAH A. YEATES	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
FREDERICK ROSS	4	ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.' 100th peal on bells hung in this tower.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 23 extents of Plain Bob and 19 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw	*Treble*	Raymond Benfield	3
Wilfred L. Ratcliffe	2	Maurice Harrison	4
Robert W. Winstanley	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

WROCKWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*George B. Hemming	*Treble*	Harry Poyner	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	Richard E. Morris	5
Peter Morris	3	†Fred Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First of Doubles on the bells.

A 57th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of two different 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

*Michael D. Penney	*Treble*	‡Michael J. Stanley	4
†Pauline A. Lansley	2	§Anthony R. Peake	5
†E. William Ford	3	§Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise Minor. § First in the method.

Rung to herald the Christmas Festival.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Hilary Muirhead	*Treble*	†George E. Thoday	4
*Ursula Stubbings	2	Brian D. Threlfall	5
Colin Johnson	3	Ian M. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.

* First peal. † 150th peal.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 4 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 8640 SURPRISE MINOR

In 41 methods: (1) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (2) Lincoln and Coldstream; (3) Bamborough and Bacup; (4 and 5) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (6) Kelso; (7) Westminster and Allendale; (8) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (9) Warkworth; (10) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (11) Norwich; (12) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Crawford T. Hillis	2	Andrew M. Macve	5
Ian H. Oram	3	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Longest length by all the band.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Ronnie Sadecki (13)	*Treble*	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	4
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Alan Capstick	5
James Blackburn	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal attempt. First as conductor. The conductor's 25th peal.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Stephen Turner	*Treble*	*Paul W. Huggett	4
Alan W. Best	2	William E. Turner	5
Rev. C. V. B. Marshall	3	Raymond P. Selway	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MELBOURNE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*Donald F. Murfet	*Treble*	Ian M. Smith	4
Colin Johnson	2	Dennis E. Pepper	5
Alan M. Barber	3	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 100th peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Herbert Adcock	*Treble*	David Cubitt	4
William Clover	2	Henry Tooke	5
Thomas Spight	3	Peter Adcock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

* First peal.

Rung on the day of the conductor's coming-of-age.

PONTESBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Peter Morris	*Treble*	Ian Friend	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	Richard E. Morris	5
Harry Poyner	3	Edward W. Colley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have been six since 1869.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 109 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Jennifer Stratford	*Treble*	Brian L. Burrows	4
Lawrence Watkins	2	John Watkins	5
Christine J. Stratford	3	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Jacqueline A. Downing	*Treble*	‡George F. Roome	4
*Alan A. Paul	2	*§Graham C. Paul	5
†Roger W. Smith	3	Allan R. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First of Minor. ‡ 100th peal. § 25th peal.

A birthday compliment to Graham C. Paul; also a compliment to Brian Hughes and Margaret Merry on their engagement.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harold S. Peacock	*Treble*	Donald F. Murfet	4
Ian M. Smith	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
George E. Crisp	3	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

SWAINSWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Alan F. Lee	*Treble*	†Harold L. Parfrey	4
*David J. Barnett	2	George J. Hawkins	5
Francis C. Mogford	3	Ronald G. Beck	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise.

TOWCESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being: (1) York Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Beverley Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ANTHONY G. OSBORNE	*Treble*	ROBIN H. ROGERS	4
*MARGARET A. WILSON	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	5
DAVID BURBIDGE	3	JAMES LINNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 42 extents, viz.: (1) Shropham, (2) Mileham, (3) Walsingham, (4 to 6) Plain Bob, (7 to 12) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (13 to 18) Southrepps Pleasure, (19 to 24) Clifford's Pleasure, (25 to 30) Little Aston, (31 to 36) St. Columb, (37 to 39) Plain Bob, (40 to 42) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*KEITH ROBINSON	*Treble*	MAURICE R. A. KIRK	4
MICHAEL W. BROWN	2	BRIAN C. LAW	5
RICHARD A. COBLEY	3	ALAN HOLLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. W. Bailey (Vicar); also the tenth anniversary of the first peal on the six bells (December 13th, 1952); also a wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kirk, parents of the conductor; also a belated birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

KESSINGLAND, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	*Treble*	THOMAS J. BROCK	4
JOHN W. SAMPSON	2	MICHAEL J. PARKER	5
PETER M. SHIPLEY	3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

First peal as conductor. First of Kent T.B. Minor by all, and on the bells.

Rung to mark the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, in the following: (1 to 3) April Day, (4 to 6) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (7 to 10) Rev. Canterbury, (11 to 15) Grandsire, (16 to 20) Plain Bob, (21 to 23) April Day, (24 to 26) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (27 to 30) Rev. Canterbury, (31 to 35) Grandsire, (36 to 40) Plain Bob, (41 and 42) Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. TOVEY	*Treble*	DAVID J. BARNETT	4
ALAN F. LEE	2	J. JAMES JEFFERIES	5
*DAVID A. BURT	3	*JOHN W. ISAACS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in five methods.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being two extents of Northrepps and four each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*RICHARD J. LLOYD	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	3
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	ROBERT A. HATCHER	4
JOHN W. HOPE			*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods, spliced into seven different extents, viz.: (1) Cunceastre, London and Wells; (2) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; (3) Annable's London, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norfolk, Cambridge and Primrose; (4) Bourne, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose and Cambridge, (5, 6 and 7) Ipswich and Cambridge; with 101 changes of method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FELICITY POCOCK	*Treble*	*LAURENCE C. WAY	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2	PAUL A. BRAND	5
	3	DAVID G. PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in 17-Spliced by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman and four each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*W. JOHN CLAYTON	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	3
MICHAEL V. POWELL	2	JOHN W. HOPE	4
COLIN A. LEWIS			*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

HALTON HOLGATE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LEIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) London and Wells, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A.

JOHN WATKINS	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods in seven extents: (1) Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Thelwall and Buxton, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	RONALD D. SHORT	4
AUDREY M. SHORT	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	3	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*D. KAY MOORE	*Treble*	S. CLARKE WALTERS	4
†MARILYN SMITH	2	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
P. GEORGE GOLDER	3	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society. First of Surprise on the bells by a local band. Ringer of tenor now 'completes the circle.'

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent each of Grandsire and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY E. STAMP	4
†R. FRASER MACK	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
ARNOLD COLE	3	*C. BARRIE DOVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 7 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT WHINGARTH, 17, RIDGE ROAD.
A PEAL OF 15904 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6
NEIL BENNETT	3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
Umpire: GILES B. THOMPSON.

Longest peal of Major, and of Plain Bob, ever to be rung on handbells; also the longest handbell peal for the Guild, and by all the band.

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HANDLEY—PERRINS.—The engagement is announced between Peter Handley, of Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland, and Diana Joan Perrins, of Brown Ghyll, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside, Westmorland.

DEATH

PARSLOW, J. W.—Very suddenly at his home, 8, Patrica Avenue, Goring-on-Sea, Worthing, on Friday, December 28th, 1962. Funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring, Worthing, on January 3rd, 1963. 1706

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

UNDERWOOD.—Will all ringing friends please note that as from January 7th, 1963, the address of John A. Underwood will be 1, Windsor Terrace, Haverhill, Suffolk. 1761

PERSONAL

'For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.' (Ecclesiastes xii, 14.)

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of eight handbells, tenor between 3 and 4 in. diameter. Not more than £17 10s. Must be in working condition. —Apply C. Rowson, 106, Oxford Road, Abingdon, Berkshire. 1721

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED.—A. J. Corrigan's publications, Part C, Second Edition, 370 Surprise Major Methods; and also Section 2, 160 Unnamed Major Surprise Methods. Will pay reasonable price for them.—T. E. Sone, Castle Hill, Brenchley, Kent. 1712

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—Ringing at the Parish Church is now being resumed following tower repairs. Practice night, Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Sunday ringing 9, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. C. Hughes, Captain. 1743

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G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham 28.
Phone: Springfield 1025. 1725

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, January 17th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, and Cambridge, London and Superlative Spliced. 1748

POSTPONED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—East Devon Branch.—January 12th meeting at Luppett **cancelled.** Meeting will now be held on February 9th. Same arrangements.—W. Webb, Sec. 1735

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 1675

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 1621

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—For members attending the dinner on January 12th, St. Peter's bells will be available from 3-6 p.m.—Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 1688

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 12th. Bells: St. Bene't's (6), 3-4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.45-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 o'clock. Great St. Mary's (12), 6.45-8.15 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1651

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1702

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Sawbridgeworth, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1633

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Hornchurch on Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1613

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Leonard's, Hythe (6), available 2 to 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1667

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chobham on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Woking. 1691

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 12th, at Hertford. All Saints' 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. St. Andrew's also available in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea at St. John's Hall (All Saints' churchyard) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Ditton, 37, North Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam. 1698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Rolvenden, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hemsley, 8, Sparkswood Close, Rolvenden, near Cranbrook. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1662

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, January 12th at West Malling. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, New Town, West Malling.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 1682

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Tea available for those who send numbers by Saturday morning.—Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 6d.) 5s. p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—J. H. Wilton. 1707

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 12th, St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln (6). St. Botolph's bells also available. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: St. Clement's, College, London Scholars'. College Exercise. Names for tea to Mrs. Templeman, 74, Gaunt Street, Lincoln. —S. A. Chambers, Sec. 1656

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Llanfrechfa, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 1681

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, January 12th, Upper Clapton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea to follow. Business meeting and further ringing to 8 p.m. Bells of St. John at Hackney available 3 to 4.25 p.m. Please make every effort to support this meeting. —E. H. K. 1677

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annnual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) afternoon and evening. Ordsall (6) afternoon only. Babworth (6) in evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Meeting at 6 p.m. in East Retford belfry.—H. Denman.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouens,' Whatton, Notts.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. D's. Sec. 1699

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 1693

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Institute. Cathedral bells available 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Fuguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth.—Alan Sturgess, Dis. Sec. 1649

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch.—G. Dodd, Sec. 1720

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by **Tuesday**, 15th, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 1710

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6) on January 19th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1741

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 19th. Bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls (8) available 2.30-4 p.m. Service, Cathedral Choir, 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 1756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe (Christ Church), January 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by January 16th, please.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, January 19th, 3 p.m. For teas please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road), followed by meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), then available from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1726

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, St. Werburgh's (6), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Notify Mr. T. Jefferies, 41, Dragon Road, Winterbourne. 1744

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6) (rehung last month), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton, by January 16th. 1734

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. D. P. Elsmore, 8, Beavers Road, Farnham, Surrey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North Devon Branch.—Practice meeting at Westleigh, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Stanley Sprague, 'Jambo,' 11, Belmont Road, Ilfracombe. 1729

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 19th, Hatfield (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea and business. Special method: Cambridge Royal. Names, please, to Mr. P. L. Baycock, 31, Homestead Road, Hatfield, Herts. Tel.: Hatfield 2897.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 1731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wouldham on January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday at the latest, please, to Mrs. C. Siburn, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Des. Sec. 1704

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 1722

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall (jointly with the LADIES' GUILD, North Western District) on January 19th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 1727

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m.—J. Porter. 1758

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Market Harborough on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. Binley, 32A, Coventry Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1746

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, January 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Blakeney Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 16th to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray. 1722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Saturday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 1719

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting on January 19th at St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Perkins, 274, Cowley Road, Uxbridge.—F. T. Blagrove, Dis. Sec. 1739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on January 19th, 6 to 9 p.m. Special method for practice: Superlative Surprise Major.—B. C. Castle. 1715

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8) on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1742

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth on Saturday, January 19th. Please notify by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1718

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. H. Duke (Hon. Sec.), 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset (Tel. 158). 1694

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett, January 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 1754

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's, Nottingham, 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's 6 p.m. Plenty cafes.—A. Henson, Sec. 1738

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, January 19th. St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1.30-2.20 p.m. St. James, Clerkenwell, 2.30-3.30. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3.30-5. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the canteen. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th. Tickets are still available for the annual dinner on February 2nd at the Euston Tavern.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 1701

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual District meeting at Newark, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.), St. Mary's Rooms. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Winter meeting at Tattenhall (near Wolverhampton), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Annual reports will be available. Names for tea, please, to C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway,' Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel.: STR 7793. 1574

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting, Debenham, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, January 16th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 1759

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Redhill (8), January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before January 17th to G. A. West (Hon. Sec.), 40, Woodside Way, Redhill. 1660

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1751

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield on January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 16th, please.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 1711

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in hall. Names for tea by January 15th, please, to J. R. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton. 1745

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Halesowen (8) on Saturday, January 19th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 1683

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting will be held at Ossett on January 19th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in Church Schools at 3.15 prompt, without further notification. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m. and general meeting. Names for tea by January 17th to Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett (most important).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 1709

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, January 26th at Allesley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 1749

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Mary's, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1674

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry after tea. Names for tea must be sent, not later than 23rd, to Mr. A. E. Rushton, 60, Willow Way, Luton. 1714

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M., January 26th. Ringing, Holy Trinity, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Nicolas' bells after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 1747

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, January 23rd, Mrs. E. S. Palin, 16, Kings Road, Faversham.

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting at Swansea, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon-Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 1732

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, 21st.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 1760

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 26th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Business, officers' nominations and handbells in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 1750

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on January 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1763

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 26th, St. Paul's, Salisbury. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. S. Paul's and St. Thomas' open after meeting. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Buxhall (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 24th to H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 1764

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Benhilton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by January 23rd to Mr. P. Richardson, 21, Vermont Road, Sutton, Surrey. Benhilton bells after meeting. 1740

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Moorside, Oldham, Saturday, February 9th, 1963, at 3.30 p.m. in St. Thomas' Schoolroom. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Armstead, 29, Alexandra Terrace, Oldham, by Wednesday, February 6th. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), from 2.30, and St. Mary's, Oldham (12), from 2 to 4 p.m.

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GREAT ADVENTURE II IS PLANNED FOR 1963

'It gives us great pleasure to announce that definite plans are now in hand to bring a party of British ringers to Australia and New Zealand in the latter part of 1964. *Great Adventure II, as we shall call it, is on.'*

THIS announcement is made in an editorial appearing in the November issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bell-ringers' journal.

The organiser is T. J. Lock, well known for his ringing tours in Britain, and those who have indicated that they are definitely interested are: Miss Ruth Foreman, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, J. L. Garner-Hayward, N. V. Harding, T. J. Lock, A. G. Mason, S. Burton, F. Perrins, C. W. Pipe, F. Sharpe, T. W. White, W. Williams, W. G. Wilson, J. Worth and E. H. Mastin. Others 'on the fence,' so to speak, are: Messrs. C. Edward Jefferies, E. C. Shepherd, W. F. Moreton, P. Mehew and F. C. Price.

Mr. W. B. Pitcher, of South Australia, comments: 'This is news of the first importance to ringing in Australia and New Zealand, and we know that all A.N.Z.A.B. ringers will react to it with keen delight. Having a party of such eminent ringers in our towers will be of tremendous interest and benefit to us all, and it will be a gala occasion, one in which we can show the traditional Australian and New Zealand hospitality. The tourists of 1934 found that these were hospitable shores. We are sure that a second party will find that there has been no change in that regard over the intervening 30 years.'

Giving details, Mr. Pitcher states: 'It is envisaged that the party embarking on Great Adventure II will fly out and spend one month in Australia and possibly two weeks in New Zealand. The likely time is September–October, 1964. Tom Lock says that they particularly want to assist local bands in every possible way, and generally to strengthen the bonds between Britain and Australia and New Zealand. Also they hope to ring one or more peals in every ringable tower, if this can be arranged.'

Addressing his own readers in the two Commonwealths, the 'Ringing Towers' editor writes: 'It is up to us to see that it is arranged, and we suggest that it is not too early to begin now, particularly in those towers where permission for peals is usually not easily obtained. We suggest that Societies make an approach to their church authorities at the first convenient moment, seeking permission for two peals. If any difficulty is encountered there are at least two very good points that can be made:—

1. that to have a number of eminent British ringers journey so far to ring on our bells is surely a special occasion, and

2. that a long-range programme of advanced publicity will be given to make the event one of public interest.'

We feel certain that Australia and New Zealand ringers will be most cordial in their welcome. It has been a great privilege in recent years to welcome to these shores a number of ringers from 'Down Under,' and their appreciation has been expressed in our columns. The list of names published is purely tentative at this stage, and Mr. Locke has not a closed shop as regards ringers interested, and he will be pleased to answer inquiries.

WRITERS WITH KNOWLEDGE

LATELY we have received a number of well-written articles explaining ringing to the public from the inside. One of the best was by Mrs. Ida Hawcock, in 'The Sign,' entitled 'Ringing Out the Christmas Bells.' She writes as a knowledgeable mother with two boys ringing.

'When we plan our holidays,' she writes, 'the boys' first thought is what towers may be near enough for them to visit, and out comes *Dove* or, more precisely, *The Church Bells of Britain*, by Ronald H. Dove. This book gives details of all the towers in the country, with the number of bells, their weight, and practice night. It reminds me of the train-spotting books, for the boys underline the towers where they have rung as they used to the trains they spotted. Ringing visitors always receive a friendly welcome and are invited to have a ring and to sign the visitors' book.'

We also get a mention. Mrs. Hawcock comments: 'Since 1911 the bellringers have had their own weekly journal, *The Ringing World*, and even to the uninitiated it makes fascinating reading. So does *The Ringers' Diary*, which must be included among the boys' Christmas presents.'

The article concludes: 'Thus their interest is stimulated, but church bells are first and foremost part of the Church's call to the people. Whether they peal forth in grand manner rung by experts, or clang unevenly as the learners strive to do their best, they are still "the artillery of the Church".'

Another article that gave us great pleasure was 'By Whom the Bells Toll,' written by Marjorie Craddock for *The Hereford Times*. Marjorie's article is largely concerned with Hereford Cathedral bells and the awesome climb to the ringing chamber.

'I shall never again hear the bells of Hereford Cathedral ringing out across river, meadows and city without thinking of the 168 steps of that spiral stone staircase up which every one of the ten ringers have had to climb and up which ringers have been climbing for 600 years. . . .

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WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR AT WINCHESTER



In the picture, those seated are the Bishop, with Mrs. Allison, and the Mayor (Councillor J. T. S. Hitchins) and Mayoress (Dr. Myrtle Hutchins). Behind them are the Dean of Winchester (the Very Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith), Mrs. Gibbs-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smithers, surrounded by ringers: Dennis Brown (captain), Raymond Adams, John Gunner, David Haskell, Outram Haythorne, George Noice, Hubert Stocks, Philip Tubbs, Myrtle and Charles Williams, William Young and one visitor from Truro.

[By courtesy 'Hampshire Chronicle.'

THE turn of the year is a matter of some consequence to the various dignitaries, both spiritual and secular, of the ancient city of Winchester. The annual ceremony of 1962-63 took place in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral, according to long established custom.

Having raised the bells and rung a few rounds to ensure that the muffles were correctly adjusted, the ringers adjourned to the Deanery, to be entertained to an excellent supper, during which they received the thanks of the Dean and Chapter for their work during the past 12 months. The captain, in his reply, assured the Dean (the Very Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith) of the continued goodwill of the band.

Sharp at 10.30, the band returned to the tower to speed the old year to its close with half-muffled rounds and changes, in which all ringers (and learners) present took part.

Towards the end of the last touch of Grandsire, the ringing chamber began to fill with a large and notable company, including the Lord Bshop (the Rt. Rev. S. F. Allison), the Dean and Vice-Dean, the Cannon Treasurer (who is also a ringer), the Member of Parliament for Winchester (Mr. P. H. B. O. Smithers), the Mayor (Mr. J. T. S. Hutchens), the Town Clerk and several councillors, the Cathedral architect and the head verger. Most of these were accompanied by their wives, and many had just descended from the bell chamber, or roof top.

A few minutes before midnight, the touch was brought round, and an agile squad of muffle removers went to work to 'open the bells' ready for the next ring. This done, the whole assembly was greeted by the Dean, who wished a Happy New Year to the city, the Parliamentary Division, and the diocese, as well as to the staff and community of the Cathedral. The Mayor and the Lord Bishop rose in turn to reply, each conveying the good wishes of his sphere to the mother church, and all who serve her.

The task of sounding midnight on the tenor fell to the District Ringing Master, who sent forth a dozen majestically spaced half pulls. The other ringers stood to, and rounds followed from open bells whilst, believe it or not, more of the visitors were conducted up aloft.

Finally, at about 12.20, the city was allowed to settle down, and the numerous participants made their way home: some over considerable distances on foot or by road, in some of the worst snow conditions southerners have seen.

Amongst those prevented from attending by the bad weather was the Lord Lieutenant: perhaps we shall be favoured with his company at the end of this year.

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RINGING OUT THE OLD YEAR AT A CHURCH IN A FARMYARD

1962 was rung out with 120 of Grandsire, the tenor was rung 12 times, and 1963 rung in with rounds and Queens. Nothing unusual in that, except that the last New Year to be rung in at St. Peter-de-Ditton, Droitwich Spa, was 1938!

This silence was broken by members of the St. Peter's Guild, with the help of John Whittall, of Claines. The Vicar and his wife were present, and remarked that they were surprised to see so many ringers present, having braced Arctic conditions to get to the church, which stands in the middle of a farmyard, 200 yards from a road, and deep in snow!

The keenness of the local band was in evidence on the previous Sunday, when seven ringers battled with the snow and rang for morning service, calling a congregation of three to church!

LOCKED IN THE BELFRY!

On descending the belfry stairs after ringing in the New Year, ringers at Cossington, Somerset, found that the tower door had been locked from the outside!

They eventually escaped when one of the band climbed down a bell rope hung out of the belfry window and went round and unlocked the door.

The culprit has since been traced, but the ringers threaten to ring all night until released, if this occurs next year. (Although it is doubtful if the tower captain will ever leave the key in the door again.)

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 3rd, 1913.—

There are early birds at Horley, and on Christmas morning they, so to speak, caught the early worm, for they scored a peal of Grandsire Triples before the 6.30 a.m. service.

'R.W.' January 10th, 1913.—

Southwark Cathedral must be among the 'lucky' towers. Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques and now Cambridge Maximus have been rung there within a month. The tenor, as is well known, is over 50 cwt., and it speaks volumes for the excellent work of the bell hangers (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) that the bells go so extremely well.

'R.W.' January 17th, 1913.—

Something out of the ordinary was rung at Chester last week, when the Chester Guild scored a peal of Double Grandsire Triples. This is the sort of thing which shows enterprise, and it would stimulate more interest if other novelties of this kind were more frequently introduced in other towers to add variety to performances.

Inter-town Rivalry Produced This Twelve

ST. MARY'S is situated at the highest point in Oldham. The earliest mention of bells is a ring of six, cast by Mellors, of Nottingham. These bells were later recast to a ring of eight by Rudhall, with a tenor of between 12 and 14 cwt. The bells were hung in the tower of the old Church of St. Paul, which stood on the site of the present parish church. A number of long lengths were rung on this Rudhall eight, notably:

September 30th, 1783—10.080 Bob Major, 5 hours 30 minutes.

January 4th, 1784—14.482 Bob Major, 8 hours 24 minutes.

October 24th, 1807—15.120 Bob Major, 8 hours 46 minutes.

February 7th, 1821—14.016 Treble Bob Major, 7 hours 26 minutes (Eversfield's composition).

Shortly after the last peal the church was pulled down and the present building erected. The tower is tall and very slender being but 11 feet square in the bell room.

GOING ONE BETTER

The story of the rivalry between the Oldham and Ashton ringers has been told many times and the details have appeared in 'The Ringing World.' Suffice it to say here that because the latter had increased their ring to ten in 1819 the Oldham people determined to go one better and ordered a ring of twelve from the Whitechapel Foundry, the tenor of which weighed 32 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. These were hung in a two-tier timber frame with two bells on top.

The first peal on the new 12 was Grandsire Cinques on September 2nd, 1830, and on March 6th, 1832, 7.392 Kent Maximus was rung in 5 hours 14 minutes. A peal board in the tower, dated about this time, gives the tenor as being 34 cwt., and it is on record that the bell was generally considered to be of this weight. In 1847 a peal of Kent Treble Bob Cinques was rung, being one of the few peals on this arrangement.

In 1896 the tower was restored and the bells were rehung in a cast iron frame, seated upon oak girders. The canons were removed at this time and it was estimated that the tenor's weight was reduced to about 31 cwt. From reports from ringers who took part in peals on the restored ring the bells must have gone extremely well, although they appear to have been difficult to maintain.

FINE ENGINEERING

In the early 20's it was decided to have a clean sweep and the bells were recast and rehung in a new frame by the Loughborough foundry. This frame is considered to be one of the bell hanging achievements of the century, the total weight of the frame being something approaching 18 tons and literally holds the tower together.

An indication of the quality of this piece of engineering can be gathered from the fact that the tenor of the recast ring weighs 35 cwt. The bells are not easy to ring, particularly in Surprise Maximus, when the tower has a tendency to twist with the heavy bells out of coursing order. The trebles which are on top of the frame, having a rope length of approximately 90 feet, are extremely tricky to handle under these conditions.

A visitor to the tower cannot help but marvel that such a fine and heavy ring of 12 can be installed and rung with reasonable comfort in such a tall and slender tower.



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BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. V. Chilcott 1, R. Talbot 2, Jean Lavender 3, H. N. Pitstow 4, F. E. Darby (cond.) 5, F. Jennings 6, J. Schofield 7, S. F. Kimber 8.

SEVEN BELLS CRACKED WHILE REMOVING CANONS

A stop press item in the Christmas issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, records that during the removal of the canons of the bells of St. Paul's Church, Bendigo, at the Bendigo Ordnance Factory, seven of the eight bells were seriously cracked.

It appears that the recommended method of removal of the canons was to use a flexible disc cut off wheel, but when this was found to be too slow the quicker but more drastic method of an 'air arc' electrode cutter, finishing off probably with a heavy hammer, was adopted. The crowns were then turned into a convex shape.

Mr. Warne Wilson says that the Ordnance Factory seems to be able to prove, with the aid of X-ray photographs, that the cracking was largely due to inherent stresses in the metal, let loose when the casting skin was removed on the lathe, but they do acknowledge part responsibility for the way in which the job was done. All work has been stopped until Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's advice has been obtained on whether welding the cracks is practicable. The alternative is a complete recasting.

This is indeed a tragedy, and a great setback to the high hopes of Bendigo ringers. For nine years Mr. Warne Wilson, the captain, has been campaigning to have the bells restored, and when success seemed in sight, and funds were forthcoming from public appeal, this misfortune has occurred.

The bells of St. Paul's, Bendigo, were cast in the Whitechapel Foundry in 1872, the cost being met by public subscription, and the bells carried to Australia in the famous 'Cutty Sark.'

Bendigo bells have always had a difficult 'go,' the reason being that the bells are hung high in a brick tower. The structure, states 'Ringing Towers,' is so subject to movement that the spire which it was intended should surmount the tower was never built.

To meet this difficulty a new frame has been sent out from the Whitechapel Foundry, and the girders for a new frame have been set in a concrete ring, 18 feet lower in the tower. The bells had been sent to the Ordnance Factory to have the canons removed and everything was planned for the bells to ring out again in early December.

To Warne Wilson and his band, ringers from all over the world extend their sympathy.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

On December 17th Lichfield Cathedral bell ringers held their annual meeting, when the following officers for the year 1963 were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. Bernard J. Townsend, 'Station House,' Armitage, near Rugeley, Staffordshire; Assistant Ringing Master, C. M. Smith; tower keeper, M. Elson.

To avoid delays all ringers are advised to correspond with the Ringing Master in connection with Lichfield Cathedral bells. Peal ringing is strictly limited to four a year, but any intending outing organisers are advised that the Cathedral bells on a Saturday afternoon are more likely to be available between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m., before Evensong. Visiting ringers will always be welcome on Sundays to ring between 9.45 and 10.35 a.m. and 2.45 and 3.25 p.m. (St. Mary's Church, 10.30 to 10.55 a.m.). Practice every Monday (except Bank Holidays), 7.15 to 9 p.m.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Doubles: R. Marsh 1, R. Blackshaw 2, S. Meredith 3, M. W. Harrison 4, T. Dutton 5. For Evensong.

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BROADCAST APPRECIATED

Dear Sir, — I want to say how much I enjoyed the handbell ringing on A.T.V. (Sunday, January 6th, 12.15 p.m.), by Mr. Frederick Sharpe and his band.

It was absolutely wonderful. What a filiip this sort of thing could be to ringing in general if we could have a few repeat performances. Our own little efforts, here in church at Christmastide with only 12 handbells, are enormously appreciated. But how much more pleasure we could give the congregation if we could adopt Mr. Sharpe's system.

Could we know something about it, please? —Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE SMITHS

Dear Sir,—It was very naughty of Joe showing Tom and Harry how to put the muffles on after pulling up the bells.

He really must learn which side of the clapper to muffle when the bells are down! —Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney,
Swindon, Wilts.

RESPECT TRADITION

Dear Sir,—Although I am a comparative new-comer to the Exercise, I have already had experience of the battles which rage over Minor methods and open leads versus close leads—indeed the local society to which I belong is 'notorious' (in the best sense of the word) for its close lead ringing—and I can only come to the conclusion that these battles are ridiculous and futile.

Might I respectfully suggest that if eight-, ten- and twelve-bell ringers are going to encroach upon six-bell territory they stop burying their heads in the sand and invest 4s. 6d. in the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods—there are, surprising as it may seem, other Minor methods besides Plain Bob and Cambridge!

Admittedly ten- and twelve-bell ringers are not going to spend time in their own towers ringing Minor on the 'back six'—that would be taking it too far—but it would be a gesture very much appreciated when, say, the Yorkshire Association holds a meeting which incorporates a six-bell tower, if the visiting ringers would come prepared to ring close leads and methods other than the two previously mentioned.

When we leave home ground we are expected to, and we do, adapt ourselves immediately to the conditions under which we are ringing, to the best of our ability. But you can understand why we become exasperated when illustrious ringers, who are known to ring regularly at towers such as York Minster, demand Plain Bob Minor—with open leads! Surely they are not going to be defeated by a few simple Minor methods!

And as for Mr. Brand's remarks about living in the obscure past in some corner in Yorkshire,' surely the whole purpose of ringing today is to preserve an age-old tradition and it is hardly fair to malign one particular ringer who is greatly respected among his own fraternity because he chooses to help preserve one aspect of ringing which includes close leads and some methods, which to you appear odd.

Just think how tedious ringing would become if we all rang the same methods, all the time. Variety is the spice of life, Mr. Brand, and certainly the spice of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

AN EXASPERATED RINGER.

Barnsley, Yorks.

PEAL WRITING FEE DISPUTE

Dear Sir,—In the past 12 months or so, in an Association of which I am a non-resident member, a considerable number of peals have been rung in their territory which have been rung for other Societies or Guilds. On inquiring about the reason for this, I am told that of the 6d. per rope peal fee charged by this Association, 3d. goes into the pocket of the peal recorder. Hence, some ringers would prefer to pay the peal fee to an organisation in which all the money goes to some useful fund. Also, most of these peals were rung for a new Society (formed because of the Association's peal fee policy), which has no peal fee, and in this case I am told that the 6d. per rope is still paid, but into the offertory box of the church concerned, instead.

I have my own views, but since I might be wrong, I would be interested in the views of others, and in the meantime stay 'on the fence.'—Yours sincerely,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Note.—An honorariam or a small fee is paid for writing up the peal books of many of our leading Societies. Most of these books are beautifully written—a worthy record for posterity. Threepence a rope to the recorder sounds very modest.—Ed.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING OF EIGHT

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Pladdys' inquiry, H. B. Walters in 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire' has this to say about the ring at Bishop's Cannings:

'Apparently a very early ring of bells, perhaps the earliest of which there is record since the Reformation. They were originally cast by John Wallis during the incumbency of the Rev. George Ferebe (see 5th bell), who was vicar 1593-1616. Aubrey (Nat. Hist. of Wilts. p. 109) says "Mr. Ferraby, the minister of Bishop's Cannings, was an ingenious man and an excellent musician. When King James was in these parts Mr. Ferraby entertained his Majesty with bucoliques of his own making.... Whilst his Majesty was thus diverted, the eight bells (of which he was the cause) did ring, and the organ was played on for state. This parish in those dayes would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing."'

Possibly some other ringer will be able to supply data as to the Merton College octave. —Yours faithfully. E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

RECORDING THAT GAVE SPECIAL JOY

Dear Sir.—An unexpected pleasure was given to me recently. It is seven long months since I last heard the words 'Treble's gone.' and had the satisfaction of hearing and controlling a bell.

As a member of a military band, stationed in Germany, we have 'jobs' to do all over Lower Saxony. On Saturday, January 5th, we played at a wedding in Hildesheim, at St. Albans Church, attached to the English camp. After the service we walked out of church, and what a thrill: a recording had been made, of only rounds and call changes—but what a joy to me. I would have given much to have been transplanted to my home tower in Dore, Sheffield, for an hour or two.

I have asked numerous people for information of the tower that provided the recording and sent it out to this land, barren of bell ringing. I am looking forward more than ever now to my leave, demob and Tuesday evenings in the belfry.—Yours sincerely.

B.F.P.O. 33. JEFF SINGLETON.

P.S.—Friday is the best day of the week for me: my 'R.W.' arrives.—J. S.

A SIMILARITY

Dear Sir,—I was interested to note that 'The Ringing World' of January 4th carried a composition of Bristol S. Major by Mr. Stephen Ivin, which used double bobs only at W and H positions.

Mr. Ivin has had a previous peal of Bristol with this quality appear in your columns, i.e. one of 5,024 changes, which was first rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on July 16th, 1962, and it is this composition to which I should like to draw attention. It is, in fact, a variation of a peal of 5,056 changes by the late John L. Morris, which was introduced as recently as July 5th, 1958.

I submit the figures of this peal as they appeared in 'The Ringing World' at that time and leave it to those interested to draw their own conclusions as to the similarity of the two compositions.—Yours faithfully,

IAN M. HOLLAND.

Dronfield, near Sheffield.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
By JOHN L. MORRIS

23456	M	B	W	H
62534		—	2	2
35264			2	2
24653	2	—	2	2
52436		—		2
54326	1	—	2	2
36245	2	—	2	2
32465			1	2
53624		—	2	2
26354			2	2
54263	2		1	
63425	1		2	2
64235	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456			1	2

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

On January 5th members of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch held their annual meeting at St. John Baptist, Midsomer Norton.

Despite wintry conditions, 23 members were present. One enthusiast, Mr. D. Withers, attended from Leigh-on-Mendip (8 miles approx.), on his push bicycle, carrying it where it was impossible to ride.

Ringing commenced on the eight bells and continued till 4.30 p.m., when the service was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Fookes (Vicar). In a short address, he welcomed the ringers, commenting on the lively witness loyal ringers gave to the church.

Owing to the freezing-up of the necessary facilities at the Women's Institute Hall, the ladies, much to their regret, were unable to prepare tea for the ringers as arranged.

With the permission of the Vicar, the business of the Branch was transacted in the church, with the Vicar presiding in the absence of the Branch chairman (the Rev. A. G. Durstan). Six new members were elected.

It was also decided to hold the ringers' Corporate Communion at Midsomer Norton the nearest Sunday to the Patronal Festival.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, honorary secretary, presented the balance sheet for 1962, which revealed the Branch in a very healthy condition financially, and it would be able to forward nearly £40 to the general secretary. The honorary secretary also remarked how pleased he was with the much improved attendance at the meetings during 1962.

Officers elected were: Rev. A. G. Durstan, chairman; Rev. R. M. Fookes, deputy chairman; Mr. E. J. Chivers, honorary secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master; Mr. F. Savage, Deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. W. Massey was nominated as a representative to the Central Council in the place of Miss N. G. Williams, who declined office.

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Stanwell's Youngsters Ring 17 Spliced Surprise Peal

This is the band of youngsters of Stanwell Parish Church who on Boxing Day rang a peal of 17 spliced Surprise methods (see last week's 'R.W.'). Christopher Fynes the Ringing Master, who conducted the peal, rang two bells, the second and third. He is 21 but three of the band are just 16.

In the picture, from left to right, are Felicity Pocock, Christopher Fynes, Laurence Way, Paul Brand and David Pickett.

[Illustration by courtesy of 'Middlesex Chronicle.'



Writers with Knowledge

(Continued from front page)

'What a strange fascination campanology—to give bell-ringing its Sunday-go-to-meeting name—does exert on its followers, to make them struggle their hazardous way up to a frequently draughty tower, for the pleasure of pulling a rope. But how greatly they would be missed if they did not do so.'

Marjorie was guided in her visit by George Cousins, Hereford District Ringing Master, and she writes: 'Carrying on the family tradition in Hereford are Canon Moreton's two grandsons, David (12) and Kenneth (14), two of a dozen or so cathedral schoolboys who ring, among them 13-year-old Marcus Sherwood, son of the city librarian, and Michael Mountney who is 15. Four high school girls, Sheila Digger, Heather Jones, Janet Moyes and Ann Roberts, are also ringers.' She also met Miss A. E. Butler, who rings at Lugwardine, and told her: 'Ringers are all such nice people.' Thank you, Miss Butler, and thank you, Marjorie, for mentioning it. The Editor now feels very much better!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held on January 5th at Upton, Torquay, an eight-bell tower. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples and was enjoyed by the 20 who braved the weather. A short service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. Sands), preceded tea, served in the Church Hall. The ladies who provided it were warmly thanked.

At the business meeting Mrs. Hood was re-elected chairman. Mr. Roberts honorary secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Simmonds Ringing Master. The committee was also re-elected.

K. C. F.

HANDBELL CAROLS AT ROTHERHAM

On Saturday, December 21st, Rotherham handbell ringers played Christmas carols almost continuously for three hours in the parish churchyard.

The beautifully-kept churchyard is a main pedestrian thoroughfare in the centre of the town and was brightly illuminated by Christmas trees, festooned with hundreds of coloured lights.

Thousands of passers-by gathered throughout the afternoon and collections for church funds exceeded £26.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Please don't delay in sending in your peal record for 1962. Twenty-five and over will be published, as in previous years.

Miss N. G. Williams, who has represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on the Central Council since 1939, is not seeking re-election. She will be missed by her many friends.

By scrambling in a handbell peal at Shrewsbury on New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner and Mr. F. Hector Bennett rang the 50th peal for the Shropshire Association in 1962. This is an Association record for one year.

The Rev. L. J. Birch (Rector) and Mrs. Birch, who are leaving Hanbury for Bredon, will be much missed in the Droitwich district. It was through the Rector's initiative that Hanbury tower was restored and the bells made safe, and Mrs. Birch became captain of Hanbury ringers. Unfortunately, the fine heavy five at Bredon have been unringable for years. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. Birch was rung on December 27th on Hanbury bells.

The band at Newton-Nottage (Porthcawl), Glamorgan, were prevented by bad colds from starting for a peal of Triples, so a peal of Doubles was rung instead on January 7th. All except the conductor are local service ringers, and Mr. Lewis had to be in the peal because it was arranged for him and Mr. Stitch to ring their 100th together. It is thought that the tenor man, as a curate in the parish, is the first resident priest to ring in a peal in the Diocese of Llandaff. Also taking part were a churchwarden, an altar server and a chorister, as well as a new parishioner.

'CABBIE'S LIGHT RING'

One of our favourite anecdotes here might just as well have happened in England. An unusually attractive young lady (hand) bell ringer from the 'Deep South' could not arrange to drive up to New England with her team, but followed them by train. She had to change stations in New York City, and rode in a cab across the town. The cabbie, fascinated with her Southern drawl, drew her into conversation asking questions about bell ringing. When she arrived at the station, the cabbie had been so entertained he would accept only half fare. She protested, but he tipped his cap and said, 'In New York, Miss, we only ring "Southern Belles" lightly'—and drove off with a salute.

NANCY POORE TUFTS, Washington.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held in St. Martin's Hall on January 5th, and was well attended in spite of the severe weather. The chair was occupied by the Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram), who commenced the proceedings by tendering the sympathy of the members to John Anderson, who suffered the loss of his mother in the Christmas railway disaster.

Miss Dawn Trimm, of Coleshill, and Mr. Graham Marsh, of Harborne, were elected full ringing members. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Miss Jane K. A. Cook (Loughton, Essex), Miss Susan Jackson (Worcester) and Messrs. John C. Slater (Malvern), Derek M. Sawyer (Birstall, Leics) and Royston Blackler (Marlow).

The charges for writing peals in the Guild's peal book had risen during the year, and the meeting decided to increase the peal booking fee to 1s. per ringer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. David Ingram was elected to the office of librarian in place of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who now lives at Warminster. The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. G. E. Fearn; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

With regard to the proposed memorial to the late Albert Walker, the secretary reported that the officers of the Guild were awaiting a quotation for a peal tablet, to match those already fixed in St. Martin's ringing room.

For the place of next meeting, Handsworth, King's Norton and Boldmere were towers submitted by different proposers. Upon being put to the meeting, the majority of votes were cast in favour of Boldmere, a tower not visited by the Guild for a meeting for about 15 years.

A-PEAL COURT?

One witness at Stockport Court today was called Bell, from Ring Avenue.

['Manchester Evening News,' January 4th.

John Tonne and Stephen Tonni, Bell Founders

By T. A. BEVIS

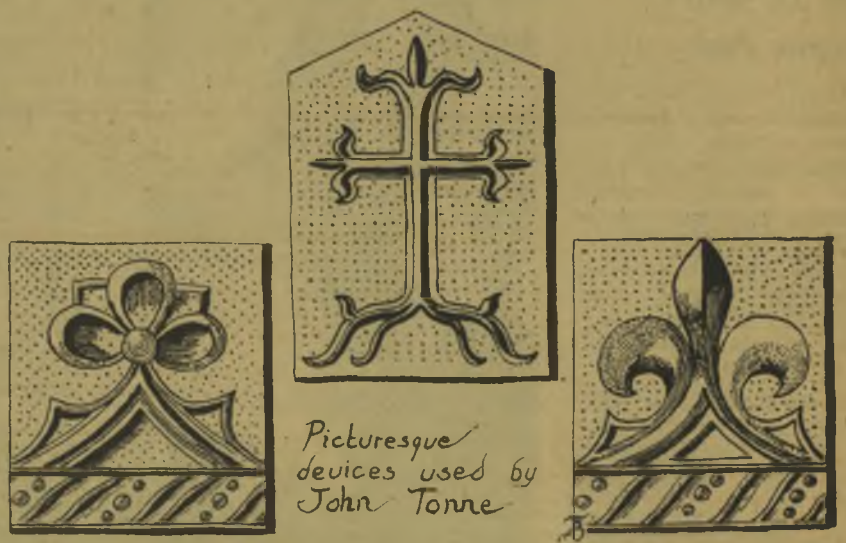
A BELL FOUNDRY of some importance existed at Bury St. Edmunds in the latter half of the 15th century and that establishment of long ago has inspired generous degrees of interest and speculation in that it more than likely produced cannons-of-destruction as well as peaceful bells. Shields placed by a Bury founder upon his bells, circa 1500, often display, among other devices, a cannon.

It is thought that this foundry was carried on successively by two men named Chyrch, Chirche or Church—father and son—Reginald Chyrch and Thomas Chyrch—both of whom cast several bells for East Anglia, particularly Suffolk and Cambs.

The Chyrch family business is mentioned here in view of the possibility of its **indirect** connection with William Culverden, of London, for it would appear that the Bury foundry passed into the hands of Stephen Tonni in the mid-16th century, the father (?) of whom is mentioned is the celebrated Culverden's will:

'...In Witness whereof to this present testament and last will I have subscribed my name with myn own hande...These being witnesse unto the same, Thomas Holland, **John Tynne,** Thomas Lawrence, John Leyland, William Anys, Robert Pemberton, Thomas Hayward, with diverse other parsones...' Thomas Lawrence greatly benefited by Culverden's will. There is good reason to assume that John Tynne and John Tonne are one and the same person, and that Stephen Tonni was the son of John Tonne.

The names Tonne and Tonni to all effects and purposes have an undeniable foreign flavour, and this is substantially confirmed when studying the habits of John Tonne in his capacity as a bell founder: of **occasionally** dating bells and of putting his name on them; by placing a floriated cross on the waist of the bell with his name beneath, definitely a regular practice abroad; and the French character of Tonne's lettering, all of which bear evidence to the contrary of his being English by birth. Then again, the founder's name gives rise to speculation, being derived from the French Antoine. These points were wholly agreeable to the late Mr. A. P. Tyssen, who had examined several ancient bells in Picardy.



PROTECTIVE RIGHTS

How was it than, that Tonne practised bell founding in England? As in other crafts, the principles of protection had extended themselves to bells by the year 1483. The statute, one might suppose, can be compared in a way with the statements and declarations opinioned over Common Market negotiations! It was designed to protect British craftsmen and encourage industry, yet despite rigid rules and regulations, a few specimens of bells from Louvain and Venlo found their way to this country. The protective statute was considered to be very efficient, and if a craftsman (including, of course, the bell founder) experienced any great difficulty, he was allowed to set up for himself or seek employment at the hands of a master founder.

Should the founder have a sideline as some evidently did ('Danyell Fonder' was also a vinter) then a foreigner with an astute knowledge of bells would be a definite asset. The statute provided protection for the man as well as the master; thus in 1523 it was decreed that no alien should take an alien apprentice nor keep more than two alien journeymen. Accordingly, bell founders in London particularly, in common with other crafts, had their interests well looked after by 'union-minded' officials, the statute proceeding in these terms:

'...And that the Wardens of the said Citie of ev'ry such handycrafte, with one straunger or householder as is aforesaid of the same crafte, have full power and auctorite by this p'sent acte to lymytte and appoynte to ev'y straunger of the mystery and handy crafte that they be inhabityng withyn the said Citie Suburbes places or peyncte above remembered a pper mark without takyng anythyng therfor, by the which their wares, vesselles and workmanshippe that they make may be knowen.'

There is, of course, no firm evidence of John Tonne ever having been employed by Culverden. All in all, taking into account his foreign mannerisms when about his business, and touching upon that particular reference to someone called '**Tynne,**' concerning Culverden's will, it may well be that the 'alien' Tonne, possibly understanding the future destiny of the foundry in which he was employed, and having no desire to work under the highly favoured Thomas Lawrence, while confidently possessing new-found knowledge in the craft, plus his experience (we assume) of Continental bell founding, 'took the bull by the horns,' so to speak, leaving Culverden's premises a year or two before the master's death and set up for himself in Suffolk, or at any rate in E. Anglia. This was an area strongly favoured by a wealthy Flemish population and an experimental and fertile garden made ready for the final and most colourful development of the Gothic bloom.

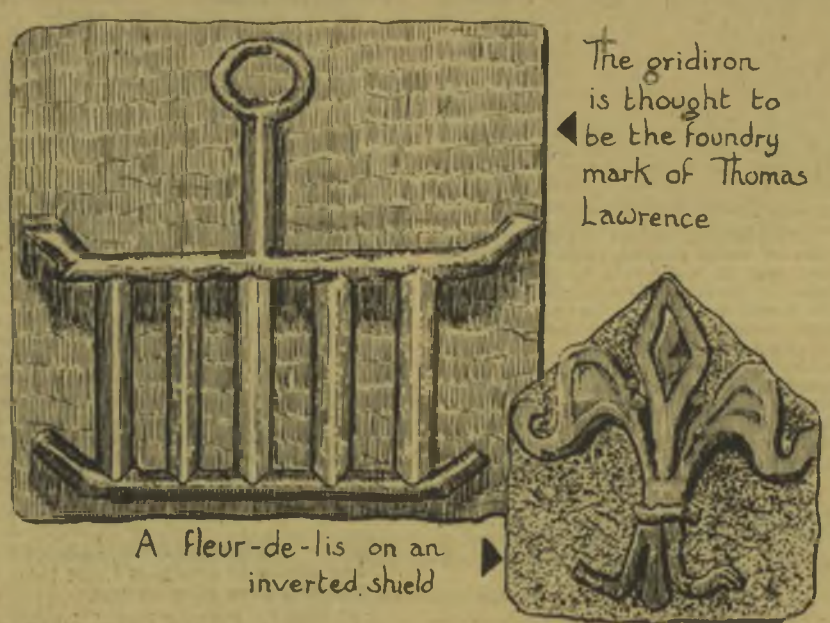
Tonne cast a bell for Sullington, Sussex, in 1522—his earliest—and in 1536 three bells were provided by him for Botolph in the same county. In 1540 a product of his foundry was installed in the church tower at Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.

It seems that Cambridgeshire has but one Tonne specimen—at Balsham—a beautifully created bell, aborned by Continental ornamentation of which the three combined illustrations are examples. Tonne was equally fond of adorning his bells with busts of Henry VIII, the Royal Arms, medallions and other devices. His inscriptions are also interesting, the bell at Balsham being inscribed:

INTONAT . CELIS . VOX . CAMPANA . MICHAELIS.

Now to pass on to John Tonne's son (again we must assume): 'Stephanus' Tonni, of Bury St. Edmunds, is discovered as early as 1559. As previously suggested, Stephen may have taken over the old-established foundry of the Chyrch family. He provided several bells for churches in Cambridgeshire: Landbeach (1577), Wicken (1582), Stetchworth (1564), two bells for Little Wilbraham, and one for Cambridge St. Edward's (1576), two at Wood Ditton which can be regarded as historical monuments (1588), and two for the Round Church at Cambridge. Tonni's earliest inscription occurs at Reepham, Norfolk, dated 1559: BEATTI QUI HABITAT (sic) IN DOMO TUA DOMINE.

Tonni's 'trade mark' is well known, and consists of a crown and arrows, the emblem of St. Edmund, King and Martyr. Stephen also used a fleur-de-lis, and at Wicken and



TONNE & TONNI BELLFOUNDERS

Cambridge the initials 'W. L.' appear on his bells, these possibly of William Land, who may have been Tonni's foreman.

Tonni has been described as 'behind the times' in his inscriptions. In that respect it is only fair to state that the man rejoiced in the Roman Catholic doctrine and this inbred faith was naturally displayed on his bells. We should also bear in mind that Stephen plied his craft in times of emotional stress when great changes were taking place in an England which was rapidly detaching itself from Rome.

Before the final act of the Reformation, Tonni used quite inoffensive inscriptions, although these were actually in harmony with the Roman doctrine. He came out with portions of the Te Deum at Oxborough, Norfolk, and elsewhere. Generally speaking his manner at that time gives the impression of being subdued—increasingly so as Reformation activities gained strength. Thus he continued using only his cross-and-arrow emblem until the notable year 1588.

A change then came over him. His tenor at Wood Ditton, cast in that year, is a strange yet hopeful cry reversed through the difficult years to the 1520's. The familiar crown and arrows are discarded, and (here may be the clue betwixt father and son) Stephen re-employs those grand devices used by John Tonne: the Great Cross and the smaller ornaments (illustrated)—Continental in their origin and a quiet but unmistakabile tribute to Papal faith. Two mediæval inscriptions are resurrected in support of the founder's sympathetic inclinations to the Roman Church:

+ SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDI MARIA VOCATA.
+ VIRGINUS ASSUMPTE NOMEN GERO DME MARIA.

the first of which is regarded as being unique, and the second thought to have been originally used by John Tonne.

The late Canon Raven fascinatingly suggested that Stephen Tonni had been, throughout, a concealed opponent of the Reformation.

It is not difficult to understand that, with the dawning of the eventful year, 1588, the Reformation was unhappily confronted with destructive ideologies from far-away Spain. As Philip and his mighty Armada purposely approached English shores, it seemed to our Papist bell founder that retribution was at hand, and that with the fall of Elizabeth the old faith would be restored throughout the land. Who of those loyal founders should welcome it but he himself, through the medium of his handiwork: his last bells at Wood Ditton.

But it was not to be. The visual expressions of his hopes depicted on those bells were destined to laud and magnify God, through the new and abiding Faith: also to perpetuate the memory of John Tonne and Stephen Tonni—bell founders extraordinary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

In spite of appalling weather and bad road conditions, 40 members attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Halstead on January 5th. The most outstanding event was a change of Mastership: Mr. H. Pratt wished to resign after 16 years of office (12 years as secretary and four years as Master), and Mr. R. Suckling was elected the new Master. Ten new members were elected, including five probationers from the new tower at Hempstead.

The District competition for striking was well supported with seven towers entering teams for this event.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing was resumed on the eight bells until 9 p.m.

M. W.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Gunstone 1, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 2, D. Nibbs 3, P. Gaisford 4, F. Box 5, G. Carter 6. Most Doubles methods to a quarter for all the band except the conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Poulson (first on eight bells) 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. BOWDEN

Mr. Walter Bowden, who died on December 31st, at the age of 85, was a native of Minehead, but had lived in North London for many years. He was a ringer first at All Saints', Edmonton, and later at Christ Church, Southgate. He joined the Middlesex County Association in 1912 and rang his first peal for the Association, Stedman Triples, on January 13th, 1912, at Edmonton, where altogether he rang fifty peals.

In 1934 he joined Christ Church, Southgate, and was a member until his death, although unable to ring in recent years because of ill-health. As captain he was instrumental in teaching a number of new ringers, and by his regular attendance and behaviour in the belfry set an excellent example to the younger members. He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and also attended the annual Veterans' Reunions.

Cremation took place at Enfield on January 7th, and the Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. T. J. Lock. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was rung at Southgate to his memory, and also to that of Alfred Glasscock, another old Southgate ringer, who died in September whilst the bells were out of action owing to overhaul. The ringers were: L. G. Gates 1, Pam Miller 2, Monica Moore 3, S. G. Peck 4, D. E. Belcham 5, F. Gilbert 6, J. G. Nash (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8.

MR. J. W. PARSLOW

As previously reported in 'The Ringing World' Mr. John William Parslow passed away very suddenly at his home, 8, Patrica Avenue, Worthing, on December 28th, aged 71.

Mr. Parslow, 'Jack' to many who knew him, was born in Kingston-on-Thames on March 19th, 1891. When a young boy his parents moved to Mitcham, Surrey, where Jack joined the choir at Christ Church, and later was introduced to the belfry by the late W. H. Joiner. He was a member of this band and the Surrey Association until he moved to Finchley in 1935, where he continued his ringing, also at Barnet and Northaw, Herts. His brothers (Percy and Arthur) were also members of the Christ Church, Mitcham, band for many years.

Soon after his retirement, nine years ago, Jack moved to Goring-by-Sea and went along to St. Mary's Church to give assistance, where it was badly needed, and up to the time of his death was trying hard to get a band going so that they would be ready to handle the bells when they are rehung in the near future. He also became a regular member of St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring. He and his wife were seldom absent from the 11 a.m. service, and Jack was ringing there twice on Sundays and every Monday evening for practice, where his help and advice was much appreciated. Jack and I were both members of Christ Church, Mitcham, until he moved to Finchley, and rang together many times afterwards.

He had not rung many peals, but as a Sunday service ringer he was 100 per cent. Being musical, he loved a well-struck touch or quarter peal. Our last peal together was at Christ Church, Mitcham, on December 10th, 1949. Since I moved to West Tarring 5½ years ago, Jack and I had been great pals (inside and outside the church). He never lost an opportunity of doing a kindness and had helped my wife and me in numerous ways, and also many neighbours.

The funeral service, attended by his widow, relatives and many friends, took place at St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring, on January 3rd, followed by cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Rees, assisted by the Rev. N. J. Smith. In the evening a well struck quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by some of the St. Andrew's band, conducted by the curate, the Rev. N. J. Smith.

S. H.

MR. W. E. FARMER

The death occurred at his home at Chisledon, Wilts, on December 21st, of Mr. W. E. Farmer, who had been a ringer there for nearly 50 years. He was 84 years of age, and learnt to ring on the original four bells at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts.

He had rung peals of Doubles and Minor, and had also been secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, but his chief interest was at his own tower, where he was most regular on Sundays and practice nights. He helped in securing a treble, put in in 1938, and rang in the first peals on the old five bells, and also on the six

His services to the church included many years in the choir, and as a Sunday school teacher, and he had been organist at several villages in which he lived prior to moving to Chisledon in 1915. He was much in demand as a vocalist, in the days when concerts were a feature of village life.

Shortly after moving to Chisledon he became an employee of the Burderop Estate, and worked in the building department until his retirement.

Amongst the many he taught to ring were his three children, but at the present time only his eldest son, now in Cheltenham, follows the art.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on January 5th. Many villages were still cut off, and the shocking state of the roads, the aftermath of the recent blizzards, prevented many people, including the Master of the Guild, from attending. Forty-five members braved the conditions and took part in ringing at the three towers. The service was held at St. John's and was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. D. C. William, the Rev. M. E. Currah, Vicar of Southbroom, acting as organist.

Tea was afterwards served by Mrs. Hide and her helpers in the Parish Room. The Rector welcomed the members and expressed the thanks of the church to all ringers. It always gave him great pleasure, he said, to hear the bells pealing for early service and for all the great festivals of the Church. He congratulated the chairman, Mr. N. Knee, on his work during the past year.

Mr. Knee presided over the business meeting and thanked the members for their support, especially the ringing for the 80th anniversary of the Guild. He said that the quality of ringing in some parts of the Branch had greatly improved but in others it was still lagging behind. He stressed the need for more to try their hand at conducting, and pledged full support for anyone who would 'have a go.'

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. Knight) presenting the report for 1962, said the Branch could look back on its achievements with a good deal of satisfaction. Membership had slightly increased and stood at 250. Fifteen peals had been rung during the year—an increase of five; there were nine conductors—Mr. F. Slatford leading with five, followed by Mr. R. Purnell with three. There was also a new conductor in the Branch—Mr. R. Humphries, of Holt. Seven of these peals were rung for the 80th anniversary, and 13 quarter peals, some being good achievements by local bands. There was still room for improvement in the attendances at monthly meetings as only about 35 members out of 250 attended regularly. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 4s. 10d.

All the retiring officers were re-elected. A long discussion then took place over the need for training the many young ringers who were coming forward. It was pointed out that the monthly practices were held with this need in mind, and tower captains were asked to see that their ringers attended as often as possible. Ringers were also welcome at other towers on practice night, and anyone keen enough could find a practice on every night of the week. Towers were also urged to make more use of the Guild instructors; there were four residing in the Branch area who are seldom called upon.

A suggestion that P.C.C.'s should pay a voluntary affiliation fee was unanimously rejected. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

A. K.

QUARTER PEALS

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. G. Semken 1, Sylvia Pearmain 2, F. H. Erith 3, Gillian Brown 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. W. Wildney 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, P. G. Erith (cond.) 8.

ASHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. H. Rogers 1, H. E. Curtis 2, B. R. Eglesfield (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, A. G. Osborne 4, D. Burbidge (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Truman, Whittlebury.

BARHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob: J. W. T. Smith 1, Jill Lenham 2, T. M. Barlow 3, I. V. J. Smith 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5. For second ringer's birthday, also Feast of St. Stephen.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Jane Cooper 1, Patricia Rogers 2, H. W. Rogers 3, C. H. Rogers 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, T. G. Page 6, R. W. Bickers 7, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 8. For carol service.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael (City), on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Leigh (first quarter) 1, M. J. Harris 2, S. D. Nicoll (first as cond.) 3, A. Tubb 4, P. E. Parry 5, R. S. Algate 6.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. A. Crow 1, Susan Crow (first quarter) 2, J. Warwick 3, G. A. Atkins 4, S. Newman (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss Julie Saunders, on her 21st birthday and her engagement to Mr. Kenneth Perkins.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Leigh 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox (first of Triples) 3, S. Jenner 4, Ann George 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6, E. J. Lenner 7, L. J. Fox 8. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Hollyman 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, E. J. Jenner 6, J. E. Warner 7, N. V. Greenaway 8.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan (first quarter) 1, Judy Bowen (first quarter) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, J. W. T. Smith (first of Plain Bob) 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 2, J. Nichols 3, J. Papworth 4, H. Nichols 5, Miss W. Elliott 6, C. W. Burton 7, W. Arnold 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. C. Newman, tower captain and ringer at Feering for 60 years.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. G. Brett (cond.) 1, L. E. Last 2, G. E. Symonds 3, W. Ruffles 4, A. R. Bridges 5, F. Ruffles 6, W. W. Miller 7, W. J. Button 8. Rung after a peal failure, to mark the golden jubilee as a priest of the Rev. B. T. Pitts, of Fressingfield

HACKNEY, LONDON.—At St. Jon-the-Baptist, on Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Stimson 1, A. Millidge 2, R. K. Russ 3, R. Overington 4, M. Stimson 5, A. Bishop 6, N. R. Waite (first of Major as cond.) 7, P. T. Hurcombe 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. N. R. Waite to Miss D. Corden.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Barker 1, Miss G. Graney 2, P. Harper 3, R. Wallis 4, K. Waples 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. First in method by all except treble ringer. For carol service, also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of fifth.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (21 methods): R. Gunstone 1, D. Nibbs 2, I. W. Box 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Lovelock 6. Most Doubles methods to quarter peal on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

An 11-year-old with a Lion Heart



RICHARD BOOBEIR strapping Exeter Cathedral tenor with Mr. G. Skinner. This 11-year-old youngster, who is only 4 ft. 3½ in. in height, is probably the smallest ringer to be seen with Exeter tenor.

In September, 1961, Mr. Skinner started a new band at St. David's, Exeter, and one of the learners was Mrs. Boobeir. She later approached Mr. Skinner and asked him if he would teach her son Richard, who was then ten. When Mr. Skinner saw him he wondered if she was not asking too much in view of his age and height.

Mr. Skinner soon found that Richard was going to ring at all costs. Since coming to the belfry he has not missed a lesson or a Sunday service. A year ago he rang for midnight service on Christmas Eve, and at St. David's this year on Christmas Eve for the midnight service and on Christmas Day. He rings the treble to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles.

'He seems to be a Richard with a lion heart,' writes Mr. Skinner. 'Despite his size he is determined to make the grade.'

QUARTER PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 St. Clement's C.B. Minor: Vivien Worrall (first quarter) 1, Marilyn C. Smith 2, Kay Moore 3, P. G. Golder 4, M. W. Fairey 5, A. J. Strathdee (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Ann Unwin 1, R. Lee 2, A. Turnbull 3, A. Palmer 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For Morning Prayer.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. C. E. Meredith (first quarter) 1, G. W. Rendell 2, S. A. Turner 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, A. C. Best 6. For the Christmas Festival, and to enable the Rector to ring his first quarter in his own church.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Saw (first treble) 1, Cherry Withell 2, Muriel Clarke 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. J. Kingerlee, former churchwarden.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 20th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss E. J. Woodman 1, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 2, M. W. Coleman 3, B. J. Davies 4, N. J. Martin 5, A. R. Pink 6. Rung half-muffled at the funeral of Sister Lilian, S.T.M., who lived and worked in this parish for 48 years.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. C. Hughes 1, Sue Funnell 2, J. K. Foot 3, I. C. Maycock 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. G. Morriss 6, R. E. Tallis sen. 7, D. Cornick 8. A birthday compliment to Robert F. Tallis.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,380 Doubles (four methods): J. J. Evans (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, Miss D. J. Pollard 3, R. N. Grange 4, D. R. B. Collins (first in four methods) 5, D. M. A. Stokes (first quarter) 6. Jointly conducted by 2, 3 and 4.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Butler 1, C. Cowley 2, J. Exon 3, D. Sift 4, F. Chamber 5, T. Harris 6, J. Tickle 7, C. W. Hall (cond.) 8. For the school carol service.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jones (first on working bell) 1, Pauline A. Lansley 2, Christine Lansley 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peak 5, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (33 methods): Miss T. Johnson 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Lansley 6. First in 33 methods by all except 4 and 5. Rung for Family Communion, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Josephine Peake. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Johnson 1, Mrs. R. Drewitt 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, Miss C. Lansley 4, V. Griffin 5, R. Drewitt 6, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 7, G. W. Land 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. N. Felton (cond.) 1, P. Cranham (first quarter 'inside') 2, P. A. Brand 3, M. B. Tyers 4, A. G. Tyers 5.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Bailey 1, K. Leach (cond.) 2, H. V. Booker 3, I. Stoter 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, J. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Powell 1, H. V. Booker 2, K. Leach 3, I. Stoter 4, J. White 5, D. Stoter 6, H. White (cond.) 7, A. R. Wood 8. First quarter as conductor in the method. First of Major in method 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. For Evensong. Believed to be the first quarter of Major rung for Sunday service by Sunday service band.

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'OVERTONES'

The issue of November, 1962, has much of its attention on Christmas and the New Year, with an intriguing calendar of dates of interest to ringers. The biography in this issue is of John E. Ransom, with an arrangement of his 'Come all ye shepherds,' for 21 bells. 'Looking backward' has a reproduction of the print showing the Lancastrian ringers who visited America in 1847. This print is now owned by Mr. Ray Myrer, and, with his permission, is also reproduced in the English edition of Nancy Poore Tufts' book, 'The Art of Handbell Ringing.' A band of handbell ringers of Empingham, Rutland, played some hymn tunes to an American recording team about nine years ago, and the recording has just been issued.

We may be seeing some A.G.E.H.R. members in July this year as they hope to have a tou of Europe after the Festival at Detroit. The National Geographic Magazine for September, 1962, has a picture on page 425 of the Boise, Idaho, ringers performing at the Seattle World Fair. This issue is full of illustrations, among them being a picture of Mr. Sharpe and the Launton ringers, and another of the Standon ringers.

The handbell equipment series continues, and detailed instructions are given for making carrying cases which can be easily converted to ringing tables. The Schulmerich Carillon Co. is entering the market for handbells, with a novel type of clapper. It is a metal disc with a band of neoprene round the rim. A two octave set is expected to cost a little under £180, with the addition of shipping costs.

Occasional Papers have been started, the first being 'General information about handbells.' The next one will probably be suggestions for those organising festivals. Inserted in 'Overtones' is a catalogue of bell music issued by the Societas Capanariorum for carillons and handbells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Now in his 82nd year, Mr. F. J. Crapnell returned to St. Andrew's Church, Hasketon, on December 31st, to ring a peal in the same tower as he rang his first peal 60 years ago (December 31st, 1902). It was successful. To Mr. James Bennett's regret, ill-health prevented him ringing with his old friend on this momentous occasion.

Mr. Harry Poyner has started in his new post as head of the physics department at King Edward VI Grammar School, Retford.

With the quarter peal on Christmas Day at Filton, all 12 regular members of the Sunday service band have now rung a quarter peal.

Mr. G. E Thoday points out that the peal at Bunwell, Cambs (page 873), was composed by C. Middleton and was not Johnson's Variation thereof.

Welcomed back to our peal columns is Mr. John R. Ketteringham, of Alford, Lincs, who has just rung his first peal since an operation last July.

Mr. Amburn, for over 40 years a ringer at Dronfield, Derbyshire, rang his first peal on the bells on December 26th, and also his first peal for over 20 years.

All the ten methods rung in a peal of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, Barnsley, on December 29th, were named after towers in the Barnsley District.

This Christmastide Mr. Norman Chaddock rang his 50th peal on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church. He is the first to gain the distinction.

We are asked to state that it was Miss Rosemary Rich, and not Miss Rosemary Clark, who rang the second bell in the peal at Easthampstead on December 15th (see page 12).

Many thanks to the party who rang the peal at St. Woolos' Cathedral on December 29th for money left for paraffin. As the paraffin is provided by the Cathedral authorities the gift has been deposited in the extension fund. Thanks again, and congratulations on the successful peal attempt!

We are again indebted to Mr. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, Banbury, for compiling such a comprehensive index of 'The Ringing World' for 1962. As in previous years, copies of the index will be available for binding upon application with a stamped addressed envelope. The indexes of other years since 1958 are also available.

During a peal week in Kent, Mr. John C. Baldwin received the following telegram: 'Please bring another wringer to Little Chart. Regret inconvenient.'

Mr. F. B. Lufkin is very happy over his son, B. J. Lufkin, ringing his first quarter peal on Boxing Day at Great Holland. His daughter, Mrs. A. Brown, was also ringing.

Ringing at Kenilworth has much improved since Mr. Colin Sweeney came to reside there from Halifax. His encouragement of the younger ringers is reflected in the quarter peal section this week.

The Rev. Steven Pearce, who learned to ring at Theberton after the bells were rehung, has been ordained deacon and is serving his title at St. George's Church, Chorley, Lancs. Suffolk ringing friends hope he has been able to visit the two churches with ringable bells at Chorley.

Prior to the wedding of Miss Robina Anne Marrs, daughter of the Vicar of Binsted, Hants, on December 29th to Mr. Anthony Willis, the bride and bridegroom, together with the bride's mother and the three bridesmaids, rang the bells to rounds, but found that their dresses were not suitable for good ringing. A half peal was rung afterwards on the bells.

Through no fault of our publishers, 'Ringing Worlds' on sale through newsagents were late last week. Copies put on the train at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday at Guildford were not found at Waterloo until 4.15 p.m. on a distant platform away from Guildford arrival platforms. This disorganised distribution, although our publishers were persistent in their inquiries from the station officials.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	7
Susan Jackson	2	Brian J. Woodruff	8
R. George Morris	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
George E. Fearn	4	John A. Anderson	10
Arthur V. Pearson	5	John McDonald	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Richard Grant	*Treble*	Brian S. Chapman	7
Avril Ivin	2	Robert B. Smith	8
Peter J. Staniforth	3	*Herrick B. Bowley	9
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Stephen Ivin	10
Jack P. Kesterton	5	John M. Jelley	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 40¼ cwt.

Richard E. Price	*Treble*	†Stuart Armeson	7
*Herbert O. Chaddock	2	Norman Chaddock	8
John J. L. Gilbert	3	John F. Murfin	9
Barry Holland	4	*John N. D. Chaddock	10
*David Armstrong	5	*Gordon K. Chaddock	11
†Neil Donovan	6	David Eames	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Joyce Gurnhill	*Treble*	Peter A. Sharp	7
John Freeman	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
*Delia E. Smith	3	H. Leslie Park	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John Walden	10
A. Robin Heppenstall	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Claire Dillamore	6	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal on 12 bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Cliff	*Treble*	*Roger G. Havard	7
Barbara Stephens	2	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Reginald G. Hooper	3	*David J. Llewellyn	9
Patrick J. Bird	4	Brynley A. Shackleton	10
Brian J. Wylde	5	Albert M. Tyler	11
Jacqueline S. King	6	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Cinques.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5011 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
*Judith Cox	2	Shirley Burton	8
William A. Lacey	3	†Russell S. Morris	9
John M. Jelley	4	William J. Root	10
Jack P. Kesterton	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
Brian S. Chapman	6	Alan E. Hartley	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	*Frederick Ross	6
*Susan Jackson	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
R. George Morris	3	George E. Fearn	8
Charles A. S. Webb	4	John A. Anderson	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Thomas Yeomans	*Treble*	David S. Bishop	6
*William J. Goodfellow	2	Bryn A. Taylor	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Donald G. Cliff	8
Roger G. Havard	4	David J. Llewellyn	9
Barbara Stephens	5	Nicholas W. H. Simon	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar Shepherd. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. Arnold Moore	*Treble*	Barry Corbishley	6
†William G. Talbot	2	Roy Worrall	7
*†Eric Young	3	†Phillip S. Walley	8
Barnabas G. Key	4	§Ian Friend	9
‡E. Marion Key	5	†William Watkin	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* 25th peal together. † First on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal (all rung with B. G. Key). § 25th peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Ruth M. Border	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Christine Macnair	3	Peter Laflin	8
Harold Lonyon	4	Basil Jones	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

Peter A. Kirkby	*Treble*	*S. Barry Schofield	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
Vernon Bottomley	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
Mary H. Schofield	4	Frederick A. Munday	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	Roy Betiley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* 75th peal. First in the method by all except the ringer of fifth. First of Royal in the method in the county, and by the Association.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Succentor, the Rev. D. W. Gatenby, M.A., on his appointment as Vicar of Bootle, Lancs.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*John Bruce	*Treble*	Herbert O. Chaddock	6
Richard E. Price	2	Norman Chaddock	7
Elsie Chaddock	3	George S. Lee	8
Susan Chaddock	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Neil Donovan	5	Stuart Armeson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Caters.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Robin G. Leale	7
*Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	3	David J. Taylor	8
A. Patrick Cannon	4	J Keith Ward	9
Gillian A. Neal Smith	5	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal, and on the bells. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor, and rung as a compliment to him on the eve of his 50th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Tom Harris	*Treble*	Edward Weaver	5
Celia Harris	2	Robert B. Smith	6
*Ian G. Smith	3	Melvyn Stevens	7
†Richard M. Forder	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Celia and Tom Harris.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative; with 106 changes of method, and all the work for each bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

D. J. Mundy (Peterhouse)	*Treble*	A. S. Hudson (Clare)	5
*J. R. Hough (Jesus)	2	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	6
H. E. Bishop (Selwyn)	3	Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	7
*I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	4	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Selwyn)	*Treble*	†I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	5
Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	2	L. R. H. Smith (Queens')	6
H. E. Bishop (Selwyn)	3	J. R. Hough (Jesus)	7
*J. W. McClenahan (Christ's)	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First in the method.
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St. Nicholas.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

David W. Friend	*Treble*	*David J. Orledge	5
Edmund Shuttleworth	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
W. David Ward	3	Richard A. Shekelton	7
*Richard C. L. Brown	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of London.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

C. W. Pipe	*Treble*	E. G. Pearce	5
R. W. Steward	2	Howerd Egglestone	6
Mrs. R. B. Downing	3	R. B. Downing	7
Neville Whittel	4	*C. R. Lovett	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by C. R. Lovett.
* 50th peal, and first as conductor.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*F. A. Keith Prime	*Treble*	David Hoare	5
Peter C. Wright	2	Victor G. Roberts	6
John S. Walton	3	Gwilym Salmon	7
Victor Savage	4	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal of Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Andrew T. Beckwith	*Treble*	B. Gillian Schofield	5
Neville F. Whittell	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Clifford R. Lovett	4	Ernest G. Pearce	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Eileen J. Osborne	*Treble*	John S. Chettleburgh	5
Angela M. Truelove	2	Amburn Wilson	6
Richard Farnsworth	3	Geoffrey N. Goodall	7
Richard Shekelton	4	Leonard Goodall	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey N. Goodall.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. G. Snelgrove, Vicar of Dronfield for the past five years, who has accepted the living of Hessle, near Hull.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

*David R. Saunderson	*Treble*	†Antony R. Kench	5
Rev. Giles C. Galley	2	George E. Thoday	6
†Mikaela Erik	3	Derek P. Jones	7
†Christine M. Rimmer	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood.
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

TON PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Thomas Yeomans	*Treble*	*Donald G. Clift	5
David J. Llewellyn	2	Roger G. Havard	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Trevor T. Lewis	7
Magnus M. Peterson	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 150th tower for a peal. First in the method on the bells.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

*Richard J. Parker	*Treble*	J. Barry Pickup	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
*Eric J. F. Wall	3	†Norman Smith	7
†John P. Partington	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal together. First on Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

B. Stedman Payne	*Treble*	*A. James Poynor	5
Mrs. H. Poyner	2	Harry Poyner	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Derek M. Sawyer	4	Frederick T. Bindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 250th peal.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

*Philip J. Crossthwaite	*Treble*	Richard J. Parker	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	John H. Fielden	6
John P. Partington	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
†Eric J. F. Wall	4	‡F. John Nelson	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal.

BENGEO, HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 4 lb. in A.

David Saunderson	*Treble*	Antony R. Kench	5
Michael D. Staniforth	2	Martin Press	6
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	George E. Thoday	7
Christine M. Rimmer	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5184 GOLDHANGER BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

John P. Partington	*Treble*	Eric J. F. Wall	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	J Barry Pickup	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
First peal in the method by all the band on the bells, and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Anthony J. Helliwell	*Treble*	John P. Partington	5
*Michael W. H. Birtwistle	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Eric J. F. Wall	3	Roger Leigh	7
John T. Parsons	4	J Barry Pickup	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal on eight bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jean L. Lavender	*Treble*	Robert W. Hinde	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Colin A. Tester	6
*Raymond J. Talbot	3	Stewart F. Kimber	6
Raymond E. Finch	4	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.
* First peal.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Adrian F. R. Hartley	*Treble*	M. Jack Pryor	5
*Penelope J. Welch	2	David S. Bishop	6
†Mary E. Pryor	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Roger King	4	Magnus M. Peterson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Magnus M. Peterson.
* First peal. † First in the metbod. First of Major as conductor.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*Nigel A. Crowther	*Treble*	James Draycott	5
†George P. Hammond	2	Leonard Trevor	6
John A Underwood	3	Geoffrey Pratt	7
†David J. Allen	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood.
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*Stephen J. Barker	*Treble*	William J. V. Conduct	5
Paul McEvilly	2	David Ingram	6
Philip A. Walters	3	John McDonald	7
John Insley	4	†Alec Bragington	*Tenor*

Conducted by John McDonald.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	*Treble*	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Howard Scott	2	Norman Chaddock	6
Geoffrey F. Bryant	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley
First peal in the method by the Association, and for all the band except the treble ringer.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*George S. Deas	*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Rodney A. Yeates	2	Robin G. Turner	6
M. Elaine Murcott	3	Frederick Ross	7
Alan R. Patterson	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* 100th peal of Surprise.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*Peter J. Heritage	*Treble*	‡William Birmingham	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	*Edward R. Venn	6
†Anthony G. Tyers	3	*Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*John E. Camp	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert G. Driver. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. ‡ 300th peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr; also as a compliment to Robin J. Trebilcock and Pamela Phillips on the occasion of their marriage this day at Cwmaman, South Wales.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each of Cambridge and Pudsey and 896 Bristol; with 105 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	†Vernon Green	5
*Eric Edmondson	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	†Edwin G. Buck	7
†Peter J. Coles	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

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HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

MARY C. POYNER	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	RICHARD E. MORRIS	6
*PETER MORRIS	3	HARRY POYNER	7
†MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal of Triples in the method. † First in the method.. First in the method on the bells, and the first of Stedman Triples for the Association for nine years.

LONDON, E.C.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
E. JANE SIBSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	VICTOR SAVAGE	6
ERIC C. WADMAN	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 25th peal for the Association.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PAMELA M. TURNER	*Treble*	LINDA M. HUGHES	5
*MAURICE C. HUGHES	2	ANTONY R. KENCH	6
†SUSAN FUNNELL	3	§JOHN K. FOOT	7
‡PHILIP J. ROTHERA	4	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Surprise Major. § First of Surprise.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

BRIAN H. COATSWORTH	*Treble*	*ALAN R. MILLIDGE	5
CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	2	†DAVID C. BROOKES	6
LEONARD W. ALLEN	3	BRIAN J. BULL	7
MICHAEL J. UPHILL	4	ANTHONY S. BISHOP	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal on eight. † First peal attempt. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in A flat.

*HAROLD DOWLER	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	K. PETER JONES	6
†DENNIS LATHAM	3	WALTER SHERRATT	7
PAUL J. ATKINS	4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
*GILLIAN E. GRANEY	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	6
WALTER AYRE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
BRIAN M. BARKER	4	EDWIN J. UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Triples, and of Grandsire.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary Elizabeth Hooton and Anthony Roy Pugh, which took place earlier in the day.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in D.

EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	6
ALAN J. FROST	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	7
DIANA M. LAWLESS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcester Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*JAMES LINNELL	*Treble*	‡ROBIN H. ROGERS	5
†MARGARET A. WILSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	7
DAVID BURBIDGE	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* 52nd peal. † First of Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except 3 and 6.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*TONY LEWIS	*Treble*	MARIA E. KIRBY	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	PAUL SMITH	6
*ROSEMARY M. JENKINS	3	MICHAEL FORSTER	7
†SHEILA COPPING	4	JOHN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SHEILA COPPING.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*LYNNE V. SHERWOOD	*Treble*	J. DAVID ADAMS	5
ERIC ELLISON	2	JOHN R. KENNETT	6
GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
ALAN G. KIRK	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Samuel Boundy, sexton, verger and ringer at this church, who died on December 25th, 1962.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. (7th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

KEITH H. MILDRED	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
BRIAN M. SMITH	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
CAROL I. V. CORTON	4	*NICHOLAS W. GRASSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
Composition: 29 course block (reduced).

PETER T. DALE	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
CHRISTINE MACNAIR	2	JOHN R. GILDEN	6
FRANCES FAIRBANK	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
ANDREW S. HUDSON	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
LOUIS WILLDERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	*Treble*	*Roger E. Tallis	5
*Susan Funnell	2	†Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Pamela M. Turner	3	David J. Purnell	7
*Philip J. Rothera	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 250th peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 30 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol and London, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; with 159 changes of method.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Eric Edmondson	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	5
Joan Beresford	2	John R. Mayne	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
J. Richard Castledine	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 30 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5120 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Louis Willders	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Claire Dillamore	3	Peter A. Sharp	7
Andrew S. Hudson	4	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Harold J. Shuck	*Treble*	Michael J. Fellows	5
†Peter L. Bill	2	Paul Cattermole	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	John C. Eisel	7
‡Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside,' and of Major 'inside.' ‡ 400th peal for the Association. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung on the eve of Epiphany.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Allen Twyman	*Treble*	†Ranald W. M. Clouston	5
R. James Cook	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Philip M. J. Gray	3	F. John Nelson	7
†Hilary Muirhead	4	John E. Camp	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.
* 25th peal. † First in the method.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Philip R. Tocock	*Treble*	†Donald B. Lyon	5
*Neil A. Rowe	2	John H. Wilton	6
Hubert Richardson	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
V. David Jenner	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal. † First of Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Rodney A. Yeates	*Treble*	Michael Maughan	5
Michael Armstrong	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
Deborah A. Yeates	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Andrew C. Bolton	4	Frederick Ross	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Stephen Thompson	*Treble*	Michael Maughan	5
Deborah A. Yeates	2	Andrew C. Bolton	6
Rodney A. Yeates	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Michael Armstrong	4	Frederick Ross	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLEDEAN PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Geoffrey M. Cleary	*Treble*	N. Kenneth Winspear	4
John Hoult	2	William F. Scudamore	5
Michael Hoult	3	Peter D. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal. First in the method (Blagrove's Collection, No. 8 A).

BALSCOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At Home Farm.
A PEAL OE 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of Stedman, 12 of Grandsire and 13 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Joseph M. Stretton	*Treble*	William Ivings	4
Edmund E. Pearson	2	Robert A. Reeves	5
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Charles O. S. Jarvis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edmund E. Pearson.
Lightest ring of six in the world on which a peal has been rung.
Rung as a compliment to Beryl R. Jarvis and Alfred W. C. Gillett on their recent engagement.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being 42 extents called differently, comprising 15 Stedman, ten Grandsire, one Stedman and Grandsire Spliced, and four each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place.
Tenor 15 cwt.

James E. Godman	*Treble*	Reginald P. Tuckwell	4
P. Gerald McIlhone	2	Frank Absolem	5
Frank E. Godden	3	William E. Fulker	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
Rung for the silver wedding of the ringer of the sixth bell.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Burnley and District Schools Society.)
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	John T. Parsons	4
Anthony Halliwell	2	Michael Birtwistle	5
Eric J. F. Wall	3	Richard J. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
At the Church of the Holy Rood.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	David Eames	4
†Vaughan A. Wilson	2	George L. Roobottom	5
John K. Smith	3	John F. Murfin	*Tenor*

Conducted by John F. Murfin.
* 200th peal. † First 'inside.'

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

L James King	*Treble*	William B. Duncan	4
Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason	2	Leonard W. King	5
Harry B. Fuller	3	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells on December 19th, 1912, after rehanging, and to commemorate the first peal on them (December 21st, 1912), this being Mr. W. B. Duncan's first peal. Also the 19th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle (Rector).

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Lorna E. Simpson	*Treble*	Bryan C. Burrough	4
*Clive W. Simpson	2	Bernard E. Matthews	5
Patricia J. Laycock	3	John S. Rank	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal on six bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth; also to congratulate Michael E. Townsend and Susan M. Bunkhall on their engagement.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21. 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35½ *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Jeremy A. Tandy	*Treble*	Paul Cattermole	4
John Vallender	2	Michael J. Fellows	5
Peter J. Bill	3	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Birch, on leaving Hanbury for Bredon.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22. 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Gerald Penney	*Treble*	†Nicola Pearse	4
*Angela Rimmer	2	John G. Cull	5
*Keith J. Walpole	3	Stanley Huckle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

A birthday compliment to Miss Marion Penney.

LEWANNICK, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Arthur J. H. Sandy	*Treble*	Wilfred C. Boucher	4
Margaret A. Bould	2	D. Roy Bould	5
†Horace Hicks	3	Leslie Cundy	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bould, married at Tavistock on December 3rd.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Treble*	Norman P. J. Cossey	3
*Winston S. Girling	2	Ralph W. Bickers	4
H. William Barrett	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

* First 5-bell peal.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	*Treble*	Richard J. Parker	4
Eric J. E. Wall	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
John P. Partington	3	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Frrederick J. Lambert	*Treble*	Edwin Bromley	4
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Herbert W. Woolven	5
*Michael R. T. Lambert	3	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent. Tenor 18 cwt.

E. Marion Key	*Treble*	Ian Friend	4
*Cynthia F. Pendlebury	2	David W. Friend	5
Barnabas G. Key	3	Roy K. Mowforth	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ian H. Oram	*Treble*	Richard G. Crosland	4
*Maria E. Kirby	2	†Drummond M. Randall	5
John D. Faircloth	3	Andrew M. Macve	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of London. † First 'inside.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Linda Nicholson	*Treble*	John T. Parsons	4
†Peter Nicholson	2	Michael Birtwistle	5
Anthony Helliwell	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Newborough, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints and Marchington.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Christopher C. Stokes	*Treble*	*Anthony G. Osborne	3
*Harry E. Curtis	2	*Robin H. Rogers	4
Alan C. Cozens	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alan C. Cozens.

* First peal in 21 methods.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

James L. Towler	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Alan R. Syder	5
Ian R. Panton	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Patrick W. Saltmarsh.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, in the following extents: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Roy Foster	*Treble*	Harold Worrall	4
*Christopher Jones	2	*John Ryder	5
*David Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the treble.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, being the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Hitcham Delight, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas', (6) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Gordon W. Limmer .. *Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke .. 4
Geoffrey Riglar 2	Noel R. Waite 5
Ronald K. Russ 3	Howard Oglesby .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

HOYLANDSWAINE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Hoylandswaine, (2) Royston and Penistone, (3) Wath, (4) Barnsley, South Kirkby and Felkirk, (5) High Hoyland, (6) Wragby, (7) Sandal. Tenor 9 cwt.

Elizabeth Peace .. .. *Treble*	Herman Rusby 4
Susan Peace 2	Trevor Tarbatt 5
Fred Cowling 3	*Noel F. Moxon .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* 50th peal. Fifty years since the first peal on the bells for the Yorkshire Association.

Rung fully-muffled in memory of John R. Brearley, past president of the Society.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Greater,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb.

*A. H. Castle .. .. .. *Treble*	J. Anthony Bennett .. 4
Terence Jefferies 2	William Naylor 5
*Jane King 3	William J. Cook .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William Naylor.

* First peal.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Lady St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (five different callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

*Reginald W. Young .. *Treble*	†C. Alan Bull 4
*Colin J. Fooks 2	Graham W. Elmes 5
*Michael J. Young 3	‡Colin M. Heawood .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Graham W. Elmes.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal behind. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal by a local band for 27 years.

Rung as a compliment to the tower captain (Ross G. W. Robertson) and Miss Judith A. Harding, also a ringer of this tower, for their wedding on December 22nd; also to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Day, for their diamond wedding anniversary on December 24th; Mrs. Day is a former ringer of this tower.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Kathleen S. Fuller .. *Treble*	†Alan R. Baldock 4
†Christine M. Fuller .. 2	†Ian V. J. Smith 5
*D. Roy Fuller 3	*Godfrey M. FitzHugh *Tenor*

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* First peal. † First of Doubles, and in two methods. First as conductor. First peal on the bells in which any local ringer has participated since 1921.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
(The Burnley and District Schools Society.)
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh .. .. .. *Treble*	Eric J. F. Wall 4
Anthony J. Helliwell .. 2	Richard J. Parker 5
John T. Parsons 3	Michael W. H. Birtwistle *Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

Rung by members of the Burnley and District Schools Society.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb

Sheila Staley .. .. .. *Treble*	Diana M. Lawless 4
Margaret James 2	David W. James 5
Antony D. Sansom 3	Frank E. Crosier .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by David W. James.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled' this his native tower.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. George and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods and variations: Ten Grandsire, eight Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, five April Day, five Kennington, five Southrepps and five Clifford's Pleasure.
Tenor 8 cw.t 3 lb. in G.

*Graham Freeman .. .. *Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton 3
David Eames 2	Derek P. Jones 4
John K. Smith .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal attempt.

Rung half-muffled for the close of the old year.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 12 extents of St. Simon's, 12 of St. Martin's and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles V. Cade .. .. *Treble*	Paul Coddington 4
Angus G. Dixon 2	Walter S. Smith 5
Trevor R. Smith 3	Peter Burton .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Walter S. Smith.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1962.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Double Oxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*Ian P. Unsworth .. .. *Treble*	†Keith F. Gardner 4
John A. Underwood .. 2	†David J. Allen 5
†George P. Hammond .. 3	Geoffrey Pratt .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in four methods.

Rung as a farewell compliment to John A. Underwood, who is leaving to live in Suffolk.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and one each of Oxford T.B., Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Sidney Carnall .. .. *Treble*	John Coates 4
Katherine Burchnall .. 2	A. Harry Hawcroft 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung half-muffled to ring out 1962.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Mrs. C. R. Lovett .. .. *Treble*	F. J. Crapnell 4
C. R. Lovett 2	R. B. Downing 5
Mrs. R. B. Downing .. 3	R. W. Steward .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. Steward.

Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the fourth ringer's first peal at this tower on December 31st, 1902. Mr. Crapnell is now in his 82nd year.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Brian D. Holt .. .. *Treble*	†D. Ashton 4
John Barlow 2	Ronald M. Edwards .. 5
*Geoffrey Nield 3	Jeffery Brannan .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald M. Edwards.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to welcome the New Year.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Plain, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (7) Plain. Tenor 8 cwt.

WENDY BIRD	*Treble*	*JOHN HOMFRAY	4
SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	PETER T. HURCOMBE	5
WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Waite, married at Wood Green, London, on December 22nd: also to Christina and Tony Griffin, married at Prestbury on December 29th.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich: with 83 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

JOHN WATKINS	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND	4
*MARIA E. KIRBY	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
†D. PAUL SMITH	3	ANDREW M. MACVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	KEITH R. DAVEY	4
HAROLD BARSLEY	2	DEREK J. JONES	5
ROGER D. BAILEY	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob: with seven variations of calling, and no 6-5's at backstroke.

*CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	F. JOHN VALLENDER	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
†JEREMY A. TANDY	3	PETER L. BILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

* First peal in two methods. † First in two Minor methods 'inside.' First in two Minor methods as conductor. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Miss Sally Bill, the conductor's sister.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 extents (24 variations), being 1,200 Stedman, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DAVID R. EVERETT	*Treble*	MICHAEL LARCHER	4
†ERNEST STITCH	2	†GWYN I. LEWIS	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	*REV. DEREK E. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † 100th peal together.

A welcome to Mr. Stitch on becoming a parishioner.

HANDBELL PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1962, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*KATHLEEN M. EXELL	1—2	DON C. EXELL	5—6
MARGARET CHAPMAN	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First handbell peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1962, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*DAVID J. FORDER	1—2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5—6
MARGARET CHAPMAN	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Kent.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
*JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4	*ROBERT B. SMITH	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth. Alfred Ballard and Miss May Foster; also for the engagement of Miss May Foster and Robert B. Smith.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT 18, CHESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN F. BRYANT	1—2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5—6
ROBERT E. MOULDS	3—4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	7—8
J. NEVILLE PARKIN	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

A compliment to Neville Parkin and Anne Reynolds on their engagement.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 17, ST. BEVAN'S ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

ROBERT E. MOULDS	1—2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5—6
JOHN F. BRYANT	3—4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7—8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 140, BROOMFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in two methods: (1) St. Clement's Bob, (2 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	1—2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3—4
ANDREW S. HUDSON	5—6		

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
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On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 9, FIRST AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT FERNHILL, BUNGAY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Grandsire and ten each of St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

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* 150th peal. First in five Doubles methods on handbells by all, in the county, and for the Association.

HALF PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Holt 1, J. Barlow 2, G. Nield 3, D. Ashton 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, J. Brannan 6.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 2,520 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Stedman): Mary White 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, D. Hughes 3, B. Gambrill 4, B. Walton 5, D. Port 6. Rung for the wedding of the Vicar's daughter (Miss Robina Anne Marrs) to Mr. Anthony Willis.

SANDON, HERTS.—On Dec. 28th, 3,720 Doubles (11 methods): Miss M. Roden 1, J. R. Castledine 2, J. S. Dear 3, M. Press 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Rosemary A. Woodward 1, W. G. Trevett 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For the Christmas Festival, and the 80th anniversary of the S.D.G.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joy Bagg (12, first quarter) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Mrs. Crocker 4, J. White 5, K. Cavill 6. To celebrate the birth of a brother to Angela French, a local ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Wright 1, J. Barlow 2, P. Bentham (first quarter) 3, P. J. Malloch 4, J. Clegg 5, N. Bennett 6, R. M. Edwards 7, F. Shallcross (cond.) 8. For carol service.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Hallett (first quarter) 1, P. J. Bird (cond.) 2, R. S. Algate 3, S. D. Nicoll 4, P. E. Parry 5, M. J. Harris 6. Rung by Bristol Cathedral School Guild for carol service.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Sweet (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Lawrence (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss D. Fuller 3, A. R. Mann (cond.) 4, J. Y. Parker 5, C. F. Sargent 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Judith Broad (first of Major) 1, Angela I. Butler 2, B. J. Luck 3, D. C. Chatfield 4, A. Butler 5, P. Newing 6, J. W. Unwin 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung on the front eight, to welcome the New Year.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jillian Outhwaite 1, Hilary Martin 2, N. Martin 3, D. Parker 4, J. Parker 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung prior to family service.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Black 1, P. Burton 2, T. R. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Coddington 6. Rung for Midnight Eucharist.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. FitzHugh (first on eight) 1, Jill Lenham 2, Christine Fuller 3, H. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, R. Pankhurst 6, T. Barlow 7, T. Gray (first on eight) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christine Bowen 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Bowen 3, D. Langdon 4, J. Towers 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. H. Kingcott 1, J. Brain 2, M. J. Horseman 3, G. Prescott 4, G. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Baker.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Sheldon (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Fivash (first 'inside') 2, J. T. McIntyre 3, G. C. C. Cook 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, D. C. Haslum 6. For morning service.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Worley 1, E. Chapman 2, C. Richardson 3, D. Pearson 4, R. Cowley 5, M. King (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Massey 1, B. A. Payne 2, A. Payne 3, R. Baker 4, A. Abbott 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6, D. H. Flower 7, H. Vennell 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 6, 7, 8. Half-muffled to ring out the old year.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, Mrs. J. E. Cook 2, Miss B. Stannage 3, J. E. Cook 4, C. Nokes 5, C. Macartney 6, J. Holmes 7, L. Squires 8, H. R. Woods 9, W. R. Read (cond.) 10. A compliment to Beryl Stannage and Peter Hill, on their engagement.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Lufkin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Brown 2, Miss G. Brown 3, U. W. Wildney 4, W. Rouse 5, J. W. Brown 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, S. Leach 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Cleoni Gardner 1, Miss F. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Woodman 3, Miss J. Brown (first as cond. in two methods) 4, U. Wildney 5, J. Woodman 6.

QUARTER PEALS

(See also page 40)

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. Hutchings 1, P. Inskip 2, H. Gilbert 3, C. Gilbert 4, W. Izzard 5, L. Turner 6, M. Stephens (cond.) 7, C. Izzard 8. Rung to mark the retirement of the tower captain, Pearl Inskip, for 43 years leader of the Kempston ringers.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): C. Butler 1, B. Murduck 2, E. Cox (first quarter) 3, J. Pares 4, P. Myers 5, G. Weston 6, P. Murduck (cond.) 7, D. Murduck 8 Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): D. Murduck 1, B. Murduck 2, E. Cox 3, J. Pares 4, P. Myers 5, G. Weston 6, P. Murduck (cond.) 7, C. Butler 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Shipley (first quarter) 1, M. Lawrence 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, Christine McLaren 4, G. J. Lightfoot (first as cond.) 5, A. Skinner (first quarter) 6. For Midnight service.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. K. Mason 1, T. H. Bent 2, G. Mason (first quarter of Stedman) 3, J. E. Adams 4, T. Still 5, G. H. Bray 6, G. A. Olliffe (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. Peene (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kett 1, P. Laycock 2, C. Simpson 3, L. Simpson 4, L. North 5, R. Waters 6, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 7, B. C. Burrough 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Coates 1, D. Putnam 2, J. Crayford 3, E. Jenner 4, B. Groves 5, M. Howe (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor 1 and 3. Rung in honour of the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

MANCHESTER.—At Brookfield Unitarian Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barlow 1, G. Rumney 2, S. Coutts 3, D. Ashton 4, B. Rumney 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung for the 295th anniversary of the church.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jackson 1, F. Lane 2, L. Brown (first as cond.) 3, W. Cropley 4, M. A. Coleman 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Sim 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, R. M. Gray 3, J. Scott jun. 4, E. White 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. Scott (cond.) 7, M. Scott (first quarter) 8. For the New Year.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): P. Belcher (first quarter attempt) 1, E. G. Buck 2, A. Mayes (first of Minor) 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, D. Saunderson 5, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 6, J. S. Dear 7.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Lindsay 1, J. Bruce 2, N. Donavon 3, D. Nichols 4, A. Holroyd 5, N. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, P. Walker 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. For the Christmas carol service.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Somers (first quarter) 1, P. B. Francis 2, Valerie J. Perkin 3, W. E. Chapman (first quarter) 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, T. L. Hodge 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Muggridge (first away from cover) 1, E. Avery 2, A. Hoad 3, A. Smith 4, T. Edwards (cond.) 5, Gwen Fellows (first quarter attempt) 6. For morning service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Alexander 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, M. Bolt (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Salisbury, who is retiring at the end of the year, and for Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, H.fl Trewin (first as cond.) 2, E. Nunn 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, E. Worth (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Bateman-Champion, a great worker in the church.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Hall (first quarter) 1, D. J. Danby 2, R. J. Ballard 3, D. F. Gray 4, M. K. Swingewood 5, P. J. Atkins 6, M. Wilshaw (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. W. Cliffe 8. For Confirmation service.

UPPER CAM, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Minors 1, Jean A. Alan 2, C. Legg 3, R. Hedges 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, P. Mills 6. A compliment to the Branch secretary, Mr. B. Cooper, for his service in the last three years.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Simpson 1, J. V. Clark 2, C. D. Emery 3, L. Smith 4, I. Hughes (first of Minor on tower bells as cond.) 5, M. P. Moreton 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. Horn 1, Miss B. C. Neal 2, D. A. Smith 3, S. Howard 4, Rev. N. J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. G. Harmer 6. In memory of Mr. J. W. Parslow.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Newman 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, R. Hartley (first on eight) 6, A. Bagworth 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, J. K. Foot 4, R. G. Morris 5, Christine J. Rothera (first quarter) 6. On the Packwood bell ringers' tour.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Varley 1, D. Whitaker 2, Miss J. Spreadbury 3, W. Wainwright 4, W. Vince 5, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. S. Aldis), on his appointment as Rural Dean of Tottenham.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 15th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Diane Williams (first quarter) 1, E. T. Lee 2, G. Pullin 3, H. Bird 4, Mrs. H. M. Kingcott 5, H. W. Knight 6, M. M. Collins 7, S. G. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, J. K. Baker 10. Rung for the engagement of two local ringers, Judith Kelly and John Gallop.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gloria Lias 1, R. Clist 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, Gwendolen Marshall 4, M. Church 5, H. Starte 6, F. Farr 7, E. Hunt 8. For Midnight Eucharist.

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GRIFFIN—WEBSTER.—The engagement is announced between B. Clare Webster, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Alan J. Griffin, of Seaford, Sussex. 1789

WILSON—TOWN.—The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Stepney, London, and Enid Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Town, of 23, Longfield Avenue, Northowram, Halifax. 1798

PERSONAL

'Who can tell how oft he offendeth: O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.' (Psalm xix, 12.)

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held in the 'Wheatsheaf' Inn, High Street, on Saturday, February 2nd. Tickets, price 18s., and details from J. E. Camp, Jesus College. 1778

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—All peal booking fees in future should be sent to the peal secretary, Eric Sutton, 15, Springfield Road, Swindon, Wilts, together with composition, as soon as possible after the peal, fee 1s. per rope. Cheques, money orders or postal orders to be crossed and payable to the Association. Advance notice, the A.G.M. date is Saturday, April 20th. Place, Henbury. Nominations for Master to be received by me before Friday, March 22nd, with names of proposer and seconder.—Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 1794

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The following ringing arrangements have been made for the annual dinner, January 26th: St. Werburgh's (6), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; St. Ambrose's (8), 10-11; St. James' (10), 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (8), 2-3; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), 2.30-3.30; St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 3-4.30 Christ Church (10), 4-5; St Michael's (6), 5-6. Service at St. Michael's 6 p.m. All tickets for the dinner have been sold.—D. M. S. 1787

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting. Street, Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 1710

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, January 19th, 3 p.m. For teas please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road), followed by meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), then available from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1726

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. P. Elsmore, 8, Beavers Road, Farnham, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 19th, Hatfield (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea and business. Special method: Cambridge Royal. Names, **please**, to Mr. P. L. Baycock, 31, Homestead Road, Hatfield, Herts. Tel.: Hatfield 2897.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 1731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wouldham on January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Siburn, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. 1704

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 1722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 1719

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting on January 19th at St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Perkins, 274, Cowley Road, Uxbridge.—F. T. Blagrove, Dis Sec. 1739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8) on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1742

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's, Nottingham. 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's 6 p.m. Plenty cafes.—A. Henson, Sec. 1738

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, January 19th. St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1.30-2.20 p.m. St. James, Clerkenwell, 2.30-3.30. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3.30-5. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the canteen. Meeting to follow. Names for tea. Tickets are still available for the annual dinner on February 2nd at the Euston Tavern.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 1701

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual District meeting at Newark, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.). St. Mary's Rooms. Names to Mr. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting, Debenham, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to me.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 1759

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1751

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Halesowen (8) on Saturday, January 19th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs, Phone Stourbridge 3470. 1683

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Next general meeting will be held at Ossett on January 19th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in Church Schools at 3.15 prompt, without further notification. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m. and general meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett (most important).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 1709

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, January 26th at Mark. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 1766

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 1771

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry after tea. Names for tea must be sent, not later than 23rd, to Mr. A. E. Rushton, 60, Willow Way, Luton. 1714

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 1781

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. 1801

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, January 26th, at Spondon (6). Bells 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 1783

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Mary's, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1674

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Doncaster, Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Sec. 1793

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—An evening practice of Surprise methods to be held at Bocking. Bells (8) on Saturday, January 26th, at 7.30 p.m. 1770

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Saturday, January 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 24th.—H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1791

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M., January 26th. Ringing, Holy Trinity, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Nicolas' bells after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 1747

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, January 26th at Hemel Hempstead (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rees, 23, Highridge Road, Hemel Hempstead. 1786

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, January 23rd, Mrs. E. S. Palin, 16, Kings Road, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Erith, January 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 23rd, to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting at Swansea, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon-Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at the Parish Church, Bolton, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Names, please, to Alan Jackson, 1, Kingsbridge Avenue, Ainsworth, near Bolton, by previous Wednesday. A good attendance is requested. —Thornley, Sec. 1792

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting to be held at Bradford Cathedral on January 26th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Please forward names for tea to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford 4.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Hinckley, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Ballard, 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley.—M. Vernon, D's. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, 21st.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, January 26th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Business, officers' nominations and handbells in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 1750

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, January 26th. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by **Tuesday**, 22nd, please. Ringing 6-9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Haseley, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to T. Bowles, Chillworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1802

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on January 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1763

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Annual meeting, Northampton (St. Giles') on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to G. F. Roome, 36, Fairway, Northampton. All Saints' bells available in evening. Film show on ringing after meeting. 1753

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—Mr. Deighton, 64, Northampton Road, Higham Ferrers. 1775

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 26th, St. Paul's, Salisbury. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. S. Paul's and St. Thomas' open after meeting. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1713

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Wimborne, January 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Names for tea by January 23rd to I. Davis, 22, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Poole. 1780

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Chad's Parish Hall at 6.15. Own tea arrangements. Bells available: Uppington (6), 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary's (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Chad's (12), 7.30 to 9 p.m.—M. C. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 1795

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. to be held at Prittlewell, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Southend-on-Sea.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 1767

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual District meeting at Mansfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, Notts, by Thursday, January 24th.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1776

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Practice meeting at Pelsall, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 6.30-8.30 p.m. 1774

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Buxhall (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 24th to H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 1764

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Clare, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 9 p.m. 1755

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Benhilton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by January 23rd to Mr. P. Richardson, 21, Vermont Road, Sutton, Surrey. Benhilton bells after meeting. 1740

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Jan. 26th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle.—F. Beeney, Sec. 1797

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday January 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 22nd.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 1788

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Methodist Hall. Numbers for tea by January 30th to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 1782

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Memorial Hall, 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Monday, January 28th. —W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1790

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, February 2nd. Ringing on newly augmented 10 from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names essential by Wednesday previous to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby.—C. A. H. 1784

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Dickleburgh. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 30th, to Mr. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1772

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Castor, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. J. Sismey, 'Prince of Wales,' Castor. 1779

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley (6), Saturday, February 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley.—S. Adams. 1796

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, February 2nd. Meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4. Service in the Cathedral 5.15. Bells (12) 6 p.m. Names for tea by January 28th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 1703

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Western District

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QUARTER PEALS

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas morning, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Reeve 1, Jan Midditch 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. G. Semken 1, Susan Wenden (first 'inside') 2, Janet Semken 3, P. G. Erith (cond.) 4, F. H. Erith 5, M. Hughes 6.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Kupicha (first quarter) 1, Marion J. Phillips 2, Janet Lawrence 3, A. C. Rye (first of Minor) 4, F. Lawrence 5, M. D. Atfield (cond.) 6.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Cranham 1, M. Tyres 2, Miss F. Pocock 3, Miss C. Andrew 4, R. Wiggins 5, D. M. Boniface (cond.) 6.

HAUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Anne's Church, Denton, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (288 Thelwall, 972 Double Oxford): N. Bennett (cond.) 1, J. Barlow 2, D. Ashton 3, J. Brannan 4, R. M. Edwards 5, F. Shalcross 6. First quarter in the methods for all. For Confirmation service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,308 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): R. J. Munnings 1, A. R. Bridges 2, L. Pizzey 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, N. Whittle 5, R. Whittle 6, L. N. Melton (cond.) 7, H. Archer (first quarter) 8. Being 74 singles only. A welcome to the Raving Ringers, who visited Ipswich this day from the N.U.T.S.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine J. Rothera 1, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 2, Mary S. Thorling 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis 6, P. J. Rothera 7, D. Cormick 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine J. Rothera 1, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 2, P. J. Rothera 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. C. Hughes 5, Mary S. Thorling 6, R. G. Morris 7, R. E. Tallis 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the year.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Kindred 1, D. Heighton (cond.) 2, H. Easy 3, T. Brock 4, G. A. Kindred 5, P. Shipley 6, D. Mitchell 7, H. W. Barrett 8. Rung following the second failure of a peal attempt for the birth of Fiona M. Heighton, daughter of the conductor.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Sidney Keighley, of Calverley, Pudsey, on January 7th. He had been a member of the local company for 60 years.

QUARTER PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jim Attwood (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Perks 2, James Attwood 3, E. Cooke 4, F. Wood 5, G. Stallwood 6. For Evensong.

DURRINGTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Skelton (first quarter) 1, Angela J. Williams (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 3, W. A. Theobald 4, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, A. J. Lucas 6.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,330 Grandsire Triples: Christine Abbott (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, Pamela Hunter 3, D. Debenham 4, J. W. Hagley 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 7, P. G. Stroud 8. For the Epiphany.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Moore (first quarter) 1, T. Emery 2, M. Jamieson 3, J. Hall 4, F. G. Edmans (cond.) 5, K. Moore 6. For the 21st birthday of R. F. Edmans, a regular service ringer.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. J. Parish 1, W. R. Papworth 2, D. G. Papworth 3, R. H. Brooker 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Foster 1, D. P. Hilling 2, D. G. Rowlands (cond.) 3, W. D. Ward 4, W. Birmingham 5, H. Chadwell 6. With thanks for the ministry of Rev. D. Welander, who is moving to Christ Church, Cheltenham. Also a 3rd birthday compliment to Derek Foster.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,308 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bourne (first of Minor) 1, S. Royal (first as cond., aged 14) 2, Miss C. Morris 3, J. Webb 4, C. Royal 5, C. Sweeney 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sweeney 1, S. Royal 2, Miss C. Morris 3, J. Webb 4, P. Bourne (first of Minor 'inside') 5, C. Royal (first as cond. of Minor) 6. For Evensong.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: B. Murduck (13, first on hunt bell) 1, D. G. Papworth 2, D. Murduck (15, first 'inside') 3, G. D. Weston (16) 4, P. Murduck (first in method as cond.) 5, P. Myers (16) 6. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Murduck 1, B. Murduck 2, C. Butler 3, J. Pares (first in method as cond.) 4, P. Myers 5, P. Murduck 6, G. Weston 7, E. Cox 8. Ringing in the New Year.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. Uden 6. For Evensong.

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JANUARY

ONCE again we are at the start of a New Year. Once again we reach the period of year when many Guilds and Associations hold their annual meetings and District annual meetings. The time when last year's work should be carefully examined; when plans should be laid for the future; to see what caused failures and find a way of avoiding them in the current year. Or—in a very few cases—to accept congratulations on a job well done.

Meetings—some lively, some boring, some full of interest, some completely dead and just a matter of form to comply with rules. Members of Guilds and Associations—you decide what kind of meeting it is! How often does one hear it said: 'I shall not go to the meeting, it's only the same as last year; same officers—similar reports—nothing for me.' Or, again: 'There's no point in going. A will nominate B for master, and B will nominate A for some other office, and the result will be the same committee as before.' If only they would stop to think, they are responsible for this situation. If they go to the meeting they can speak up and nominate one, two, three or more people for a particular office; the members present then have to vote and thus exercise some thought and therefore find some interest in what is taking place.

Occasionally a member has held office for several years, and the complaint heard then is: 'X has been master for a long time now—he would not like it if he was not re-elected.' What an absurd statement! If the holder of an office is in fact that sort of person the sooner he loses the job the better for the Guild or Association. But if he really has the interest of the Association at heart he will not mind in the least another member (especially if of the younger generation) being nominated and elected: he will readily help the new holder with his experience.

Lastly there is the individual who works hard in the office he holds and carries on year after year. May it not be to the advantage of the Guild or Association for him to say: 'I will not stand this year'? It will give a younger member an opportunity. After all, if the younger members see all offices being held by the same persons year after year they feel there is no incentive and drift away.

Maybe Guilds and Associations would be wise to have in their rules one which limits to a maximum of two or three consecutive years the holding of any office, other than secretary and treasurer, and for these two officers to give careful consideration to the period they hold on to their offices before saying: 'I will not accept renomination.'

EX-OFFICE HOLDER.

A STORY OF PERSEVERANCE

BEHIND a quarter peal paragraph that a quarter had been rung at Feckenham, Worcestershire, with four local ringers taking part is a story of perseverance.

When, in 1960, an inquiry was made of the Vicar of Feckenham as to the condition of the eight bells in the tower, a reply was received that they could not be rung.

That year, however, the Rev. H. S. Bill was appointed vicar, and with his permission the writer and Mrs. Birch, tower captain of Hanbury, made an inspection of the bells. The frame was found to be in a very good condition, and with the exception of the wheel of the tenor the fittings were fairly good. The bells could not be raised as the chiming hammers were in the way. After several visits these were remounted so that the bells swung clear and the tenor wheel mended with pieces of a discarded tea tray.

Thus in September, 1960, Feckenham bells were rung for the first time for 23 years. The eight bells were a very mixed ring, and the sound which issued from the louvres could hardly be called inspiring. Proceedings on the first evening were watched by several local residents, and volunteers came forward to learn to ring. It was not long before the new local band was ringing every Sunday and practising regularly.

Unfortunately, after a short while the sixth bell was broken, followed a little later by the treble's headstock cracking. Thus for a time 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 of the octave were rung on Sundays and practice nights.

Early in 1961 it was decided to have the bells repaired, and a fund was started to raise the necessary £1,000. By the time the bells were ready the money had been subscribed, mainly by the efforts of the local band. Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, recast the fourth and sixth and retuned and rehung the bells in the old frame, making a very fine octave with a tenor just a few pounds under 12 cwt.

Thus, in a short time, a completely silent and 'unringable' tower has been revitalised and now contains a first-class ring of bells, rung regularly. P. C.

100 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, GATESHEAD

THE historic Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, erected during the 13th century, stands about 30 feet above the southern bank of the River Tyne and about 30 yards east of the New Tyne Bridge which carried the A.1 road over the river.

Records show that there have been bells in the church since early times. An extract from the churchwarden's Accounts in 1490 reads. 'Item. For Stryng for the litill bell. 4d.' In 1730 a ring of six bells was hung in the tower, the principal contributors being Newcastle Trinity House and the Corporation of Newcastle. These bells were replaced in 1788 by a ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), cast by Mears and Stainbank.

The first four peals on the bells, all of Grandsire Triples, were rung by the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead in 1790, 1791, 1829 and 1950. The succeeding peals have all been rung under the auspices of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The first of these was in 1892, again Grandsire Triples, when the tenor was only 'clocked' behind for the peal owing to the weakness of the tower. Next came Kent Treble Bob Major in 1901, and the following account of the peal appeared in 'The Bell News' of May 4th:

'This is the first peal of Major rung on these bells, the tenor never having been rung for about thirty years owing to a huge crack in the tower, supposed to have been caused from a large portion of the tower having been cut away in which to place a stained glass window, and the terrific explosion which occurred on the quay in 1854. It was thought until just recently that it was detrimental to the tower to ring the tenor, but one of our members discovered that the local band was ringing it behind, and apparently had no effect of opening the old sore out which had been plastered up.

'We are once got a band made up to ring this peal of Major, and fully prepared to be carried away on stretchers, as a well known ringer in our district wrote and told me; in fact, he volunteered to bring an ambulance corps, but such was fortunately not required, he evidently thinking the two halves of the tower wouldn't agree and part. At 6.20 on Monday every man was at his rope, determined to score the first peal of Major, and simple as the method is, it was actually a more laborious task than ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight of our Cathedral bells, tenor 37½ cwt. The two ringers on the 5th does not however indicate that the bell could not be rung single-handed, as Mr. Ferry had illness at home, and another ringer not being available at the time, he came and rang until Mr. Hillier kindly came as soon as he could get away, and took the rope from him to finish the peal.'

CALLED PEAL BLINDFOLDED

In 1902 the bells were rehung and quarter turned by Mears and Stainbank, and in the period from then until 1924, 31 peals were rung, including some notable performances. The most remarkable of these was the great W. H. Barber's feat in 1908 of calling Carter's Odd Bob One Part peal of Stedman Triples from a working bell whilst blindfolded. During this performance he turned in a complete circle. Barber also called the most difficult seven-part by H. Law James, Joseph W. Parker's seven-part, and other tricky odd bob peals of Stedman Triples. In 1909 came the first ever peal of Erin Triples. This was also one of Jos. W. Parker's master-strokes as it was the first composition of Triples in the method by anyone at that time, although other men could produce peals of Erin Caters and Cinques. The period also saw the first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major in Co. Durham, both in 1905, C. L. Routledge and T. T. Gofton being the respective conductors.

In 1927 the bells were again rehung, this time on ball bearings, by Gillett and Johnston. From the time of this restoration until the beginning of the Second World War, 17 peals were rung. These included in 1932 the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in two exactly equal parts, with ordinary bobs and singles. Jos. W. Parker had brilliantly re-arranged the peal by Henry Cooper (page 120 of 'Stedman,' C. D. P. Davies) retaining the same course ends, but with 580 bobs and singles, and Bill Barber conducted it.

There were no peals at St. Mary's during the war, but since 1946 and up to the present time 46 peals have been rung, 29 of them since 1959. These have been in a good variety of methods, including London, Bristol, four spliced, Ullesthorpe and the first peal of Gateshead Surprise Major. In 1959 plans were made to ring a peal of Erin Triples to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first one and a practice was arranged a few months previous to the anniversary. A peal was scored on that occasion, but the commemorative attempt failed. A further attempt was arranged and this time it was successful. The tradition of Stedman Triples is still maintained and four odd bob compositions have been called during this period by J. A. Ainsworth. These include Carter's Odd Bob in 1957, and in 1959 an excellently struck performance of J. O. Lancashire's peal, with calls in consecutive sixes on only 22 occasions. As as matter of interest, for the 42 peals of Stedman Triples on the bells, 14 different twin bob and nine different odd bob compositions have been used.

CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

To natives of Gateshead the name of Canon H. S. Stephenson is forever connected with St. Mary's, and peals have been rung there for his 25, 40, 50 and 60 years in the Ministry. The footnote to the last-named peal, in 1955, also recorded farewell to the Canon on his retirement after 43 years as Rector at Gateshead. Less than two years later another peal was rung half muffled to his memory. Canon Stephenson, although never a practical ringer, had been a staunch friend of all ringers and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had shown their esteem by electing him president from 1950-1953. He had been a member of the Association since 1907.

Of the total of 100 peals, only one has been rung by a band from the regular Sunday service ringers, and another two with Bill Barber, the only non-local, so it will be realised that St. Mary's has been a tower for Tyneside peal ringers for over 60 years. The bells cause no annoyance as there are now no houses in the vicinity, and traffic noise from the Tyne bridge often drowns the sound of the bells.

Altogether there have been 24 different conductors, the leaders being J. A. Ainsworth (21 peals), W. H. Barber (18) and T. T. Gofton (8).

The speed range of the peals is quite large, the quickest peal being Stedman Triples in 2 hours 29 minutes; the slowest peal of Triples was again Stedman in 3 hours 5 minutes, a difference of 36 minutes. Yorkshire Surprise and Plain Bob Major have been rung in 2 hours 38 minutes, E. N. Harrison ringing the tenor on both occasions, whilst the slowest peal of Major was London Surprise in 3 hours 11 minutes. Although fast peals have been the rule in recent years some slower peals are still being rung; the 4 spliced, early in 1962, took 3 hours 3 minutes, and a peal of Stedman Triples, later in the year, took 2 hours 58 minutes.

An analysis of the 100 peals shows that 63 are of Triples and 37 of Major, the figures being:

Triples.—Stedman 42, Grandsire 15, Erin 3, and one each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Major.—Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 5, London 4, Double Norwich 4, Plain Bob 4, Bristol 3, Superlative 3, Kent 2, and one each of Gateshead, Ullesthorpe, Rutland, Pudsey, Shipway and 4 Spliced Surprise.

J. E. A & J. A. A.

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph John Batchelor, of Little Chart, Kent, a member of the Executive of the K.C.A. He collapsed and died suddenly in Ashford on January 15th.

If you have rung 25 or more peals during 1962 please send details to the Editor—tower- and handbells recorded separately. We hope to publish the list next week.

HOW HE TOLD THE GOOD NEWS, Etc.

(with apologies to Robert Browning)

I

I sprang to the sally, and Joris, and he;
I pulled off, Dirck pulled off, we pulled off all three;
'Go next,' cried the tenor man, round at the back;
'Next,' murmured the walls to us echoing back:
The faces grew tauter, a slight pause at hand,
And into the method then plunged all the band.

II

Not a word to each other, we kept the great pace;
Note by note, blow by blow, always changing our place;
I edged my foot round, a slight turn to the right,
Then took in the backstroke, and held the rope tight;
Now!—check her at handstroke—pull harder a bit,
Not a bell out of place, not by even a bit.

III

'Twas moonset at starting, but when we drew near
The half-way, the cocks crew, and daybreak dawned clear;
One more course, and out peeped the sun for all to see;
At two-thirds 'twas morning as plain as could be:
As the clock up above our heads wheezed the half-chime:
So Joris broke silence with, 'Yet there is time!'

IV

'Single!'—then up leaped of a sudden the sun,
And against him the ringers stood black every one;
With arms working smoothly, brains working apace,
Each bell in her course, and each blow in its place;
With resolute shoulders, each swinging away
The changes, the hours, the time of the day.

V

Each ringer standing there; one ear bent back
For the voice of his bell, as she chimed in her track;
And each eye's intelligence—ever that glance
At the red, white and blue ropes, all flashing askance!
And the grunt or the murmur which aye and anon
Marked the thoughts of a man as he rang on and on.

VI

Three-quarters:—Dirck groaned, and cried Joris: 'Strike true!
Near places, now down, double dodge in one two,'
Then crash! and again, as the bells lost their way;
So many changes, to end in this way!
Then, tired as the athlete bent hard on the race,
The voice from the back, putting each in his place.

VII

Then I cast off my tie, and both shirt sleeves flopped loose;
And was weary each face as we finished the course.
'Six leads to the end now,' the tenor man cried;
With a sigh of relief all the ringers replied:
'Make this all,' was what we were all longing to hear,
And it came as a welcome respite to the ear.

VIII

And all I remember is—friends flocking round,
A broad smile on each face as we slowly sat down;
And no voice but was praising this band of eight men
(For a record length's pleasant—just now and again);
Which (the listeners all voted by common consent),
Was as good as last week's fifteen thousand of Kent!

DAVID C. BROOKES.

N.B.—Names are taken from Browning; all events are entirely fictitious.—D. C. B.

MISS HOOTON MARRIED

In the dress her great-great-grandmother wore for her wedding, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hooton, only daughter of Mrs. Hooton, of Osmington School, Tring, and the late Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, former librarian to the Central Council, was married at Tring Parish Church on December 29th, to Dr. Anthony Roy Pugh, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pugh, of 172, Brodie Avenue, Liverpool. The bride is the eldest granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. O. Muspratt and Canon T. K. Lowdell were the officiating clergy, and Mr. John Hooton, brother, gave the bride away. She was attired in a crinoline dress of Limerick lace over ivory satin, which was about 120 years old. Her grandmother, Mrs. E. H. Lewis, loaned the bride her headdress, trimmed with pearls, which secured her veil.

The four bridesmaids, who were dressed in cherry red velvet, were the bride's cousins, the Misses Susan Alder, Barbara Lewis and Ann Lewis, and a college friend, Miss Jane Harrison. Mr. Peter Percival was best man.

After the reception at Osmington School, Dr. and Mrs. Pugh left for their honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. They are making their home at Belfast, where Dr. Pugh is a lecturer at Queen's University.

Apart from ringing immediately after the wedding by Tring ringers, with whom the bride was a member, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the afternoon (see page 48)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

A comfortably warm church and ringing room greeted the 55 members who had journeyed between hedges piled high with snow to attend the annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch at Llanfrechfa on January 12th. The eight bells were energetically used before service time by the many bands of young people. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Child), the lesson read by the Rev. I. J. Richards, and Mr. C. Banham was organist.

A bountiful high tea was served in the Church Hall, provided by Mrs. Child, Mrs. Bob Smith, and their helpers. These kind people were sincerely thanked by both the Rev. Roy Hallett, of Caldicot, and the Rev. R. E. L. Jones, of Marshfield.

At the business meeting Mr. Jack James, of Newport, was elected Master. Mrs. J. S. King was re-elected secretary, and ten new members were elected from Llanfrechfa, nine from Marshfield and one from Chepstow.

Meetings this year were fixed for the second Saturdays of May, July and October at Penrhos, Machen and Tredunnock. Abergavenny was chosen for the next annual Branch meeting. J. S. K.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twenty-one towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 12th. The Rector (Canon A. P. Morley) conducted the service, and took the chair at the business meeting. Ten new members were elected.

Thre was little change in the officers elected who are: President, Mr. Noel F. Moxon; treasurer, Mr. Harold Chant; secretary, Mr. J. Buxton; auditors, Messrs. H. Rusby and C. Moxon; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Rusby and A. Dunn-Birch. The officers were thanked for their work in the past year by Mr. John W. Moxon, who also proposed the usual vote of thanks, to which the Canon replied on behalf of the local company.

An excellent tea was given, free of charge, by the people of St. Mary's. Next meeting: Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, February 9th.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Loughborough District

The annual general meeting of the Loughborough District was held on January 12th, at Loughborough, and despite adverse weather conditions a large number of visitors, of whom the majority were juniors, were attracted to this mecca of beliringing. This was also a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild, and good use, satisfying all tastes, was made of the Parish Church bells during the afternoon; in the evening the Foundry bells were also available.

The service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. A. James, and tea followed in the Fearon Hall, admirably served by the local lady ringers.

At the subsequent meeting, which was graced by the presence of the president, a vice-president, the honorary general secretary, the treasurer and a trustee of the Guild, the officers for the District for 1963 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. O. Over (Hugglescote); secretary, Miss Valerie Lacey (Hathern); committee, Mr. R. Beniston (Whitwick) and Mr. C. W. Hall (Shepshed).

The list of proposed meetings for the year was approved, the next one being at Hathern on February 16th, when it is hoped for increased interest and support.

The thanks of all concerned were expressed by Mr. C. W. Hall to those who had contributed towards the successful arrangements. H. O. O.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

Adverse weather conditions affected the attendance (we hope it was that) at the annual meeting of the Northern Branch, at St. Miles', Norwich, on January 5th. Owing to the indisposition of the chairman, Mr. A. G. Beson, the president, Mr. F. N. Golden, presided.

It was with regret the resignation of Mr. Beson, as chairman, was received; the president paid tribute to the way he had carried out the job for a number of years. Mr. W. Loye was elected chairman. Mr. P. Adcock and Mr. C. Bird were re-elected Ringing Master and secretary respectively. Mr. W. Clover and Mr. G. Sayers were re-elected for the Standing Committee. Mr. R. Duesbury was elected with the re-election of Messrs. D. Pardon, C. Sayer, B. Willgress and R. Wiles to the Branch Committee.

Dates for meetings were fixed as follows: April 27th, July 6th, October 12th, January 18th, 1964, Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day, June 22nd.

Mr. C. Goodman thanked members of the Branch Committee and all who had helped with the striking competition.

The president expressed thanks to the Rev. A. W. Hay, for the use of the bells and his address; Mr. C. R. Carlton, for playing the organ, and Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Sayer for tea arrangements.

The belfry election, prior to a peal at Mulbarton, of Mr. H. Adcock was ratified, and Derek Gray, of Southrepps, was elected a ringing member.

The president congratulated Christopher Sayer on the way he had advanced in the art of ringing. C. B.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 24th, 1913.—

HANDBELL RINGING.—Young man with 40 bells would like opportunity to ring with good amateur tune-playing band in London; or get in touch with party wishing to start. Abstainers preferred.—Reply No. 1, 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT E. COLEMAN

St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, has lost a most regular worshipper and ringer by the death of Mr. Albert Coleman on January 7th, at the age of 61.

He was one of the band of beginners taught by the late R. T. Woodley, after the installation of the ring of eight at St. Margaret's in 1921, and had rung 32 peals, mostly at this church, where he had been Ringing Master for many years until he had to give up, just 12 months ago, owing to ill-health.

Owing to business commitments, his ringing activities were largely confined to his own tower, but there he was most regular in attendance and worship, and it was due to his untiring efforts, especially in teaching many young ringers, that these bells have been regularly rung for Sunday service.

His prompt and efficient action as a fire-watcher during the war saved St. Margaret's from destruction during an air raid.

Of a very quiet, unassuming and genial disposition, he will be much missed by all who visit Lowestoft. The funeral was attended by ringers from neighbouring towers, who took part in muffled ringing afterwards. E. R. G.

MR. SIDNEY KEIGHLEY

By the death on January 7th of Mr. Sidney Keighley, St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks, loses a ringer who had been a member of the local company for 60 years and a family link with the Yorkshire Association has been severed which was first made by his father, Ezra, in 1876, and carried on by Sidney in 1905.

He rang 22 peals, mostly at Calverley, and he was particularly proud of a peal of London Treble Bob Major, rung by the local company in 1926, and recorded on a peal board in the tower.

It was due to his efforts that the bells at Calverley are now rung regularly, for it was he who in 1950 rallied the local ringers together. There had been intermittent ringing since 1945, but it seemed that it would not be long before Calverley joined the ranks of 'silent' towers.

For five years he rang the treble to countless plain courses of Bob Minor, often saying as he left the tower, 'If we don't improve we shall stop as we are.' It was not until 1956 that his favourite methods, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, began to be rung regularly for service. On his last visit to the tower, three months ago, we rang for him a course of Double Norwich, of which he remarked, 'Very good.'

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. G. Lane, on January 11th. In his address, he said that we had lost a willing servant and a good friend. The bells were rung half-mullled, prior to and following the service, to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor by local ringers. P. M. D.

MR. NORMAN SARGEANT

Through the sad death of Mr. Norman Sargeant, North Staffordshire and particularly Hanley Parish Church have lost a loyal and devoted ringer and churchman.

Norman Sargeant had been connected with Hanley Parish Church all his life and as soon as he was old enough he was taken to the belfry by his father, who was tower master for many years. In 1955 he was appointed tower master following the death of his friend, George Jones, and he held that post until his own passing.

He served his church devotedly, and was also a chorister, member of the Parochial Church Council and for the last three years a churchwarden.

His pupils rang for the service at the church prior to cremation, and the sympathy of all North Staffordshire ringers is extended to Mrs. Sargeant, who often accompanied Norman to meetings. R. S. A.

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Letters to the Editor

Some Four-bell Towers

Dear Sir,—The following is a little more information on four-bell towers:

BEDFORDSHIRE

Hockliffe, St. Nicholas'—7¼ cwt in B flat. Unringable due to the whole S. wall of the W. tower cracking away. The S.E. buttress has moved 5/16th inch in the last 20 years. The bells, ropes and fittings are still in reasonably good order, the timber frame being probably Taylors, 1883. The bells were rung until the last war, but have since been clocked. Only the tenor is used at present and this was set for safe clocking. The 2nd and 3rd are ancient, probably Saunders, 1539-59, treble by Taylors, 1883, and the tenor recast by Taylors, 1914—Inspected 26–5–62.

Hulcote or Holcote, St. Nicholas'.—This is a tiny church set in the middle of a field, half a mile E. of the M.1. The only other buildings in sight are a manor house and a farm, and the 'parish' is combined with Salford and Cranfield. The church is a perfect, unspoilt gem of 1593, with lovely original woodwork and a low pinnacled W. tower, containing two Dier bells of 1593 and a couple of Chandler's. The church is almost disused as there is not even a cross on the altar . Mears were called in to fit a 'clocking' chime apparatus in 1952 on three of the bells (why not all four?), but even these ropes are now rotted off.—Visited 27–10–62.

Studham, St. Mary's—10-0-22 in A flat. Taylors recast the 3rd and rehung them on plain bearings in an iron H-frame on steel girders in 1909. The bells were not rung from 1916-1961, when I rediscovered them and, with many willing helpers from St. Albans area, restored them and formed a local team, led by the Vicar. The bells are now rung for Sundays and Wednesday practices—visitors welcome. (It is close to Whipsnade Zoo.) In June, 1962, the Bedfordshire Association held a well supported meeting there with tea and business on the vicarage lawn—perhaps the first time a four-bell tower has been so honoured. Many visitors found the wide variety of ringing Minimus extents surprisingly difficult. The tenor is by J. Keene, of Bedford, 1627, treble and 2nd by Chandler, 1666, and the 3rd a recast by Taylors, 1909.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Bow Brickhill, All Saints'—8 cwt. approx. Most unringable. A lovely church, set high above the village, with a fine view westwards from the churchyard The church has been most beautifully restored and decorated—except for the belfry. The tower is perfectly sound, but the 1628 frame is decayed and the supporting beams very weak and patched. All the bells swing E.-W. The front three are now swing chimed on loose headstocks, but have been clocked—perhaps the state of the tenor explains the reason for the change. This was a lovely casting by Bagley, but is now very badly cracked and a piece of the sound bow is broken off! There is a gramophone system (St. Margaret's, Westminster), but even the loudspeakers require rehanging! The present Rector considers that bells are not really wanted by his parishioners. The 3rd is a 16th century alphabet bell, treble by J. Keene, 1634, tenor is by Bagley, 1649, and 2nd by Chandler, 1670.—Inspected 30–6–62.

Broughton.—These bells are now hung dead 'on girders,' according to the Rector, who is a ringer at Moulsoe.

Halton, St. Michael's—7 cwt. approx. (?). Briant. 1814 rehung Warner's, 1883. These are rung regularly by R.A.F. ringers from Halton camp.

Moulsoe, Assumption of B.V. Mary—7 cwt. approx. in A. Ringable, but decidedly lumpy with frame movement. Rung from the ground floor, with a rather odd rope circle. There is a local band. The bells would probably repay attention as the back three are by Taylors, 1839 (and little done since?).—Visited 24–4–62.

SURREY

Outwood, St. John the Baptist—5 cwt. approx. Rehung by Mears, 1959, and are now rung from a new gallery. There is a local band.—Visited 9–12–61.

There are still many counties where more information on the state of the four-bell towers would be welcome, notably in Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire and Monmouthshire.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

Oldest Complete Ring of Eight

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter on the above subject from Mr. J. Pladdys, he is quite correct in saying that the bells at Merton College, Oxford, are the oldest **complete** ring of eight in the country. My footnote about Bishop's Cannings should have read the **first** ring of eight in the country. The front six were cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury, between 1602 and 1607, and the tenor by Purdue in 1626, but Nos. 1, 4, 7 and 8 have since been recast.

Merton College, Oxford, bells were all cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680, from the metal of the original eight, cast in 1656, by Michael Darbie.

The information regarding Bishop's Cannings can be seen in 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire' by H. B. Walters.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—It appears that Mr. Pladdys is correct, for all the bells in Merton College, Oxford, were cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680. The bells at Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, were originally cast as an octave in 1602 by John Wallis, of Salisbury. There have been various recastings: the treble by Taylors in 1912; the tenor by Purdue in 1626; the 4th and 7th by Thomas Mears II in 1840; and the tenor by Mears and Stainbank in 1897. Perhaps Bishop's Cannings was the first tower to contain a ringing octave?

Aubrey, in the Natural History of Wilts, says: 'Mr. Ferraby, the minister of Bishop's Cannings, was an ingenious man and an excellent musician. When King James was in these parts Mr. Ferraby entertained his Majesty with bucoliques of his own making.... Whilst his Majesty was thus diverted, the eight bells (of which he was the cause) did ring, and the organ was played on for state. This parish in those dayes would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing.'—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney, S.W.

A Question to Diptford

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate my friends at Diptford on their achievement, 507 call changes on December 13th last, but was surprised to note that the conductor took no part in actual ringing. Am I right to assume that these changes were called from a book or card? If this is correct, it rather spoils the effort. Now, Diptford, I know you can do it, and when you go for the 1,000 I wish you every success, and hope that one of the band participating will do the calling without any artificial aids.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton St. Maurice

Stanwell's Record

Dear Sir,—In reply to your question in Belfry Gossip on page 24, concerning the most quarter peals rung in any one tower during the same year, I have to inform you that 66 were rung in 1961, at Stanwell in Middlesex.

Standard varied from Bob Doubles to 12 Spliced Surprise Minor, and on at least one occasion three of Spliced Surprise had been rung on the same day.

This total, I have been led to believe, stands as the highest record. If, however, anybody is aware of a more numerous accomplishment I would be very pleased to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES

Stanwell, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—Further to the inquiry in Belfry Gossip: If the 52 quarter peals rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, in 1962 constituted a record, it may be noted that 66 quarter peals were rung at Stanwell, Middlesex, in 1961. The Association report quotes that 'this excellent total seems unapproachable,' but did not in any sense claim to be a record.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms.

Clerkenwell Surprise

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. Sone is mistaken regarding Ashton and Mottram. Unless his copy is different from mine, he cannot have looked with sufficient care. My copy of Corrigan gives method No. 12 as Ashton, h, which has a 2nds place lead end, and it gives method 231 as Mottram, g, which is the 8ths place variation. The key to these code letters is given in Corrigan. Therefore the method we rang and renamed Clerkenwell, which had a 2nd place lead end, was method No. 12, previously Ashton.

Regarding the false course ends of these methods, if I understand what Mr. Sone means, he betrays an ignorance of a certain fact; namely, that the 2nds and 8ths place variations of any method have the same false course ends. In Corrigan, the notation of Mottram is given in full together with the code letters representing the false course ends. Ashton (now Clerkenwell) is shown as h, where Mottram is g, but there is no notation and therefore no false course end code letters either. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the fact stated above.

The method we rang as Clerkenwell has two false course ends, and the composition was selected accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

£2,700 from Handbell Ringing

Dear Sir,—The Dulwich handbell ringers have again been out carolling for the 'Greater London Fund for the Blind' during the Christmas season. They have collected £277, the highest figure ever reached, and £20 more than the previous year. They have now handed in over £2,700 to this fund during the last 15 years.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS,
Leader of the ringers.

210, Barry Road,
East Dulwich, S.E.

Grandsire Minor

Dear Sir,—There have been letters in 'The Ringing World' lately stating that one must ring a plain lead of a method to claim to have rung it! We have just rung 5,040 'something,' there was no plain lead of Grandsire, so can we call it this? If not what do we call it? I called it Grandsire Minor and put calls in at every lead.—Yours, etc.,

Cheltenham. GEOFFREY R. DREW.

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QUO VADIS?

Dear Sir,—Isn't it about time the Methods Committee came down to earth and re-established contact with reality?

The recent peal of Durham Surprise Royal would appear to have caused consternation in some enlightened circles of the Exercise, the trouble appearing to be that it is not considered to be an extension of the Minor. I give below my reasons for considering it to be the **logical** extension of Durham Minor.

When one attempts to teach a learner Durham Minor the obvious starting point is: 'Well it's like York except that you do....' Similarly with the Major, Royal and Maximus, it's like York except that you do.... The exceptions are exactly the same in all cases. Now, bearing in mind that York has been accepted by the Methods Committee on all numbers of bells, compare the following table giving York from Minor to Maximus, with the difference between York and Durham Minor applied to higher numbers.

Maximus —3T—14—12—3T, 14—14, 3T,
14—14, 3T, 14—14, 3T, 14—14, 3T. York
14—34, 1T. Durham.

Royal —30—14—12—30, 14—14, 30, 14—14, 30,
14—14, 30. York.
14—34, 10. Durham.

Major —38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38,
14—14, 38. York.
14—34, 18. Durham.

Minor —36—14—12 36,
14—14, 36. York
14—34, 16. Durham.

Well, I ask you! A babe in arms could see the obvious connection between these methods. Why is it that the Methods Committee can't?

Mr. Blagrove, in correspondence with the conductor, quoted the Royal method given above, saying, 'If this is the method you rang, then it doesn't qualify as Durham.' Now, I put it to the Exercise at large, how did Mr. Blagrove arrive at Durham if not by a logical process of extending the Minor to Royal. The very fact that he arrived at the same method as us, surely, is its greatest qualification.

I suppose most people will have noticed that Beverley Surprise Minor is merely Durham with 56 in lieu of 16 at the half lead. I will assume readers know the difference between Beverley and Surfleet. Therefore, by putting the penultimate place in lieu of the extreme place at the half lead of the extensions of Durham, Beverley is the result. By substituting 12 for the last 34 in Beverley we then have Surfleet. All this, mind you, works equally as well for Maximus as it does for Minor. In order to make my reasoning clear I give the Major of both. Sad to relate the Major of Beverley has been rung and named. This raises the point of whether the Royal and Maximus should be Beverley or Feering.

—38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 78
l.h. 12 Feering (Beverley).
12, 78 l.h. 12 Surfleet.

Unfortunately, on mentioning Beverley and Surfleet, a most peculiar series of anomalies makes itself felt. Alas, we have unwittingly strayed into the Lyme-Morecombelake quagmire. In correspondence with a certain learned member of the Methods Committee, a well known Leicester ringer was informed that Morecombelake Surprise Royal was an extension of Lyme Surprise Major: what did he intend to do about it? Somewhat wisely he did nothing about it. Did it, I wonder, occur to that member of the Methods Committee that by applying the same process, both methods, together with the corresponding Maximus, are extensions of Beverley Surprise Minor. Ditto, Coalville Surprise Royal, Whitwick Surprise Major and Surfleet Surprise Minor. I give below the Methods Committee's line of reasoning.

Maximus —3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—
12—3T, 14—34, ET l.h. 12.
12, ET l.h. 12.

Royal —30—14—50—16—70—18
—12—30, 14—34, 90 l.h. 12. Morecambelake.
12, 90 l.h. 12. Coalville.

Major —38—14—58—16 —12—38, 14—34, 78
l.h. 12. Lyme.
12, 78 l.h. 12. Whitwick.

Minor —36—14 —12—36, 14—34, 56
l.h. 12. Beverley.
12, 56. l.h. 12. Surfleet.

This line of reasoning completely ignores one important consideration that my extension does not ignore. Beverley Surprise Minor has a Plain Bob half lead.

The following suggestion I put forward with my tongue very much in my cheek. I would suggest, however, that the Methods Committee does not dismiss it as ridiculous until it has seriously reconsidered its present policy. My suggestion is that they rename Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Albanian Surprise Royal and Maximus and Southwark Surprise Maximus. Fantastic, you say. Not if you apply the same rules to Cambridge Minor as the Methods Committee did to Lyme Surprise Major, as will be seen below.

—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—12—3T—
14—ET l.h. 12. Southwark.
—30—14—50—16—70—18 —12—30—14—90
l.h. 12. Albanian.
—38—14—58—16 —12—38—14—78
l.h. 12. Yorkshire.
—36—14 —12—36—14—56 l.h. 12.
Cambridge.

As will be obvious, things are in danger of becoming somewhat confused. If one attempts to remove the confusion by resorting to the Methods Committee's Report on Extensions then the position becomes completely hopeless.

I now give two further methods that were considered as candidates for conquest by our handbell band. Perhaps the Methods Committee would care to pronounce on them now, rather than after they have been rung, giving their reasons, in an intelligible form, for rejecting them, if they do so. Should no reply be forthcoming we shall, of course assume that they are quite legitimate extensions.

BOURNE

—3T—14—12—3T—34—3T—34—3T—34—3T—
34—3T l.h. 12.
—30—14—12—30—34—30—34—30—34— 30
l.h. 12.
—38—14—12—38—34—38—34— 38 l.h. 12.
—36—14—12—36—34— 36 l.h. 12.

NORWICH

—34—14—12—3T—34—3T—34—3T—34—3T
34—1T l.h. 1T.
—34—14—12—30—34—30—34—30—34— 10
l.h. 10.
—34—14—12—38—34—38—34— 18 l.h. 18.
—34—14—12—36—34— 16 l.h. 16.

Once more a babe in arms could see the logic. Let's hope the Methods Committee do not allow themselves to become blinded by the science they have created.

Would it be asking too much of the Methods Committee to suggest that they produce (a) some sort of continuity in their policy on extensions, and (b) a report on extensions that would be intelligible to mere mortals such as I.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

LUNDY ISLAND BELLS

An article expressing concern at the condition of the church on Lundy Island appeared in 'The Guardian.' The mortar is of such poor quality that pieces of it are breaking away, making repair work imperative.

The present Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Dixon, of Appledore, who conducts about two dozen services on Lundy Island during the year, says that although the church is not in a dangerous condition certain renovation work is absolutely necessary.

A meeting is to be held in the spring between Mr. Albion Harman, Lundy's present owner, the Vicar and Miss Eileen Heaven, a descendant of the former owner, to discuss the question of repairs.

A Loughborough firm has made an offer of £900 for the eight bells, but Mr. Dixon states that a faculty must be obtained to remove them. 'In much greater importance is the need to make an attempt to preserve the church before it is too late.'

Only one peal has been rung on the bells of Lundy Island, Stedman Triples, which was called by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

'The Ravers' held their winter reunion at Exning, Suffolk, the home of their 'Tenor King,' assembling at the Cemetery Lodge. Proceedings started with an abortive attempt for a quarter on the heavy five at Exning, and a visit to Soham for evening practice, frustrated by nobody to meet 'The Ravers' and no key to the belfry door.

An early start was made on Saturday; there was a shortage of cars, and getting six into a Mini Minor was quite an operation. After ringing on the eight at Stowmarket, the bells of six towers in Ipswich were tested. A fairly good course of Bristol was rung at St. Margaret's, where we were met by Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, who led us to St. Mary-le-Tower. Ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, and half a course of Cambridge Royal. The marvellous eight at Lavenham was the last tower of the day visited, and here Bristol, Yorkshire and Double Norwich were rung. The evening was spent at Cemetery Lodge, where old and new Ravers' songs were sung to the early hours.

Ringing for morning services on the Sunday took place at Swaffham Priory, Newmarket and Exning. It was while the 'Tenor King' was ringing the second at Exning to Reverse Canterbury Pleasure that he broke the stay. This he will never live down amongst us or at Exning. Among other fine towers visited was Elveden, where Bristol was rung.

Finally came farewells and thanks, and these we especially extend to the 'Tenor King' and his two helpers, and the Cross family for allowing us the use of their house.

B. J. D.

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By ERIC PURSEHOUSE

BERTIE HARRISON needs no introduction in Diss, for he is well known in several capacities. Solemn and trim in his verger's robes, dignified and serious in his frock coat and topper as a funeral director, stern as the complete 'master ringer,' when conducting Treble Bob, or as the cheerful decorator perched high on his ladder.

But above all he is one of the sixth generation of a family that has provided St. Mary's, the parish church of Diss, with sextons, clerks, vergers, choirmen, ringers and pitch-pipers, and even the town with its town criers, over more than 200 years.

It began when Robert Parr (born 1743) attended the Diss Charity School at the age of 10. There he learned the three R's, to repeat the Catechism, and the become familiar with church services. Charity boys were compelled to attend regularly under supervision. Later, Robert joined the choir in the gallery, and, when only 18, became town crier.

His deep bass voice boomed through the Market Place to announce the accession of George III in 1760. Later Robert announced his coronation and other national events of importance at the time, such as 'The great victory gained by the capture of Pondicherry in 1761.'

Church duties in those days were interesting, varied and at times exciting. Of powerful build, Robert was one of four burly men paid 1s. each in 1783 'to keep the church quiet at the Bishop's Visitation.'

Alone he performed a similar task in 1786. It may seem strange that it was necessary 'to maintain order' in the church, but those were times of bitter friction between the religious sects, and services were frequently interrupted.

NINE CHILDREN

Years before Robert had wandered through the leafy lanes of Palgrave with Susanna Grey, succumbed to her charms and married her early in 1769. Before Christmas in that year a new young Robert had arrived—the first of nine children Susanna presented him with at regular intervals before she died in 1785.

Robert sought consolation in a second marriage, but dropped out of public life, and after all his service to the town he ended his days in poverty. The Book of Requests at the House shows that he was on poor relief from 1816 until he died in 1824, at the age of 81.

Young Robert helped his father in many ways. He had the family ear for music, and soon learned to churn the handle of the barrel organ, placed in the gallery in 1786. Each of its barrels could play ten tunes—psalms or hymns—but it had to be 'set' at the correct 'snotch,' then turned with great dexterity, especially for those sustained passages in the psalms. Robert was dubbed 'The Dumb Organist'—but he received two guineas a year nevertheless.

He married Hannah Howlett in 1794, and four years later became sexton, as well as 'organist.' It was then that the pitch-pipe came into use. This wooden instrument, like a miniature organ pipe, was fitted with a whistle mouthpiece and an adjustable 'slider' so that any note in the scale could be pitched to start a hymn.

As sexton, Robert tolled the bell and then had to descend from the belfry to 'grind the organ.' To avoid delay in starting the service Hannah began the first hymn with a note on the pipe. Later her daughter Hannah (born 1796) relieved her mother on pipe duties, even at an early age.

In the church on August 11th, 1816, Robert (as town crier) pronounced the completion of the enclosure of the greens and commons of Diss. He was in charge of the volunteer firemen at a conflagration at Blackthorn Farm on a bitterly cold day of January, 1823, when ponds were frozen and had to be sledge hammered to obtain water for the bucket line to feed the 'ingeon.'

Robert continued his wheelwright's business and sexton duties until old age forced him to retire in 1859, shortly before his death. His son-n-law, Terah Nicholson, noted in his diary: 'June 1st, 1860, died my much-respected father-in-law in the 90th' year of his age.' Terah, also a wheelwright, had married Hannah Parr in 1823. He became parish clerk and remained so till 1879, when his daughter, Emma, wrote: 'My dear father departed this life, August 20th, in his 82nd year of his age. His end was peace.' Dignified and imposing, and a clever cellist, his photograph still adorns the vestry wall.

Emma Nicholson (1832) was one of Terah's seven daughters and helped with the pitch-pipe until in 1844 a pedal organ replaced the hurdy-gurdy. She married James Harrison in 1856 and their son, William, was fostered in the church's tradition. At ten he was in the church choir, when the new three manual organ was erected in 1877 and was in the first procession of the surpliced choir, proudly singing 'Who are these like stars appearing?'

William, a skilled cabinet maker and a faithful churchman, became sexton and verger at the age of 29 in 1896, devotedly filling those offices with dignity and regularity until his retirement in 1943. He died in 1955, aged 88.

William and Bertie, his sons, had been a great help in his latter years, both in church affairs and in business: William, a chorister, boy and man, for over 50 years, now lives at Northampton.

Bertie has the family flair for cabinet making and is known wherever bells are rung. His long suffering wife helps him most assiduously in his duties, and patiently waits Sunday by Sunday as he completes them, while his daughter, Kathleen, is also an accomplished ringer, when freedom from domestic duties allows her to indulge.

What a family record of service this is! Little did Robert Parr and Susanna Grey realise what they were setting in motion, when they first met nearly 200 years ago.

(With acknowledgments to 'The Diss Express.')

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

N.W. District

Due to weather conditions the Mildenhall ringers were supported on January 12th by only a small party of the N.W. Suffolk ringers, but several methods were rung, including Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Ringers came from Euston, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham and West Stow.

At the meeting it was arranged that the next quarterly meeting should be on April 6th at Rougham, and that evening practice meetings should be at Fornham St. Martin on February 9th, and at Freckenham on March 9th. G. R.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society met in Sheffield on January 5th and, in spite of the weather, there was ringing at St. Marie's in the afternoon and at the Cathedral after tea. Visitors came from Leeds, Shelley, Worksop, Chesterfield, Matlock and most of the local towers.

Methods rung at St. Marie's included Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Spliced Plain and Little Bob, Yorkshire and London Surprise. Methods rung at the Cathedral included Stedman Cinques, Kent Royal, Cambridge Royal and four Spliced Surprise Major methods. J. S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT

The Northern District held its annual meeting at Hitchin on January 5th, the service being conducted by the lay reader (Mr. Newman), with Mr. P. Wells at the organ. After an ample tea, prepared and served by Mrs. A. R. Agg and her helpers, the business meeting began.

In his report, the District secretary said that the past year had not been one of the best: meetings had been poorly attended, with the result that the ringing had not been up to standard. However, membership had increased to 111, though that included five or six subscriptions from towers outside the Northern District. With deep regret the death was recorded of Mr. W. H. Day, who was a member of the pre-war band, when Bristol was practised at Hitchin.

Cottered bells were rededicated on September 22nd by the Bishop of Bedford, and teaching had begun, through the lack of public transport made it difficult to maintain regular tuition. Twenty-two peals had been rung, four of them being for other Associations. Congratulations to Miss Margaret Roden and Mr. Terry Hatchett, on their first peals. Mr. G. W. Critchley had conducted nine peals in 1962, and Mr. J. R. Castledine and Mr. J. S. Dear had each rung 16 peals. Only 15 quarter peals were rung, but it was encouraging that quarters were being attempted at Knebworth, Sandon and Norton.

Thanks were due to all who had helped to keep the District alive, to Mr. L. B. Scoot, for his duties as Ringing Master, to all clergy and tower secretaries. 'May I appeal to all members for greater efforts during the next twelve months. Is it wrong to ask for support when your District officers are expected to be present on all occasions? Remember, this is your Association: it is in your hands whether it lives or dies.'

In 'The Ringing World' and Press report Miss J. Sanderson said, one thing was pleasing, that others were contributing news of their local ringing which might pass unrecorded otherwise.

The District balance sheet was good, with a balance of £24 18s. 6d. The Bell Fund had added £15 19s. 2d., and £10 had been given to Cottered, leaving a balance of £25 12s. 5d.

The District has the privilege of nominating the president of the Association this year. It is hoped that Mr. H. S. Bonnett, of Baldock, will be elected at the A.G.M. on April 20th at Watford.

The District officers are: Honorary District secretary, Mr. F. G. Buck: Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. S. Harwood: 'Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson: General Committee, Mrs. A. R. Agg, Mr. W. G. Critchley: District Committee, Miss Sanderson, Messrs. A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, B. L. Marks, L. B. Scoot, D. Taplin. New members elected were Messrs. Peter J. Webb (Norton), Robert Sheldrick and Christopher Worboys (both of Ashwell), and the following elections of non-resident life members were confirmed: R. A. Hodgson (Rye), D. Saunderson (Stotfold), Ruth M. Foreman (London), V. and J. Bottomley (Halifax) and S. B. Scollfield (Bradford).

The resolution, that the District holds quarterly meetings, with practice meetings during the summer as members think fit, was passed, so the next District meeting will be a quarterly one at Baldock on April.

In view of the ever-increasing difficulties of arranging meetings on a Saturday, a suggestion had been made that individual towers might like to issue an invitation for practice night ringing to all those who might like to come. This might entail a neighbouring tower practising on the same night cancelling its practice and going to the host tower. It would, however, only be an occasional happening, and be at the discretion of the host tower. Mr. H. S. Bonnett recalled that when this had been done many years ago some learners had been discouraged, but it was expected that this should help them instead.

The business meeting ended, members and frinds returned to the church for some ringing.

J. S.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 12th at St. Michael with St. Paul (Broad Street). Ringing, which included a good course of Cambridge Major, was followed by the service, which was fully choral: the Vicar of Twerton, the Rev. L. A. B. White, took the service, and the Rector preached. The lesson was read by the Branch secretary. Tea was an excellent meal, and the meeting commenced under the chairmanship of Rev. L. A. B. White.

From the balance sheet it was noted that membership was down, but a few of the missing towers could not be reached because of snow and ice and would no doubt join soon: Batheaston has rejoined the Association after seven years. The secretary was pleased to announce that peals had increased by seven to 17.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. L. A. B. White; vice-chairmen, Revs. F. J. Rowe (Weston), F. Pollard (Freshford), E. Sargent (St. Michael's); secretary, Mr. A. Lee (Twerton); treasurer, Mr. T. Milsom (Twerton); Ringing Masters, Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston) and Mr. J. Owen (Keynsham). Eight new members were elected—two from Freshford, one from Bathwick and five from St. Saviour's.

Among the several visitors present were Mr. G Salmon (general secretary) and others from Farnborough, Stoke Bishop, Filton, Box, Chippenham, Bradford-on-Avon, Warmley, Long Ashton, Bristol Cathedral and St. Ambrose's, Bristol.

All the meetings held during 1962 had been very successful and it was hoped to enjoy meetings at Swainswick, Weston, Corston and Newton-St. Loe during 1963. Further ringing was enjoyed at the Abbey after tea in methods up to Cambridge Royal. A. F. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.E. Branch Annual

Although snow and ice made travelling conditions bad so that some towers could not be represented, 15 members of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers attended the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on January 5th.

At the business meeting the Rev. C. S. Nye (chairman) presided. Mr. G. W. Hollis (secretary and treasurer) was thanked for his year's work. He reported a balance in hand of £60.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. C. S. Nye; honorary treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. W. Hollis; Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Ware.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Mr. A. G. Selley, the Ringing Master for the past 30 years, said that he wished for a younger man to take over and he thanked all members for their co-operation and good fellowship during his term of office. He also thanked members of the Bath and Wells Association in the Dunster and Taunton areas for their company.

Thanking Mr. Selley, Mr. Ware proposed that he should be nominated for life membership of the Guild and recalled that Mr. Selley had been secretary and treasurer as well as Ringing Master of the Branch. This was agreed to.

Next meeting: Bickleigh, subject to permission. W. H. W.

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The fourth annual dinner of the Minster ringers was held on January 12th at the Old Bell Hotel, Warminster. This fine old hostelry provides one of the reminders of the great corn markets that brought prosperity to Warminster in past times; and the fine Assembly Room, part of the outbuildings of the hotel, may well have seen the storage of hundreds of sacks of grain two hundred years ago.

Despite the unpleasant weather, 36 sat down to the excellent meal provided, and among the guests were Mr. and Miss Perrett, from Heytesbury, the churchwardens, Mr. H. H. Barber and Mr. F. J. Byrne, and (a most pleasant surprise) Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and their daughter Catherine, who had motored nearly eighty miles from Haslemere.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar the gathering was presided over by the tower captain, Mr. N. G. Knee, and after the meal the proceedings were pleasantly informal. Mr. Knee referred to two matters: the valuable help given by the ladies both in the tower and in social matters, and the work of the tune ringing handbell band which had played carols at several functions before Christmas. The company then had the pleasure of hearing a recording of the handbell ringing made by Mr. Gifford, the proprietor of the Old Bell, and produced by him through his own sound system.

To music provided by Mr. L. Hawkins the younger folk were able to dance, while the elder ones were permitted to sit and 'dream dreams,' or chat, or avail themselves of whatever sweet refreshment appealed to them.

The arrangements for the dinner had been in the capable hands of Mr. P. Roynon, and sincere thanks were voiced to him for organising such a satisfying meal and so pleasant a social occasion. E. C. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An unusual combination took place at Nuthall, Notts, on January 12th, when a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. It was the first peal by any member of the band and the first peal on the bells. We doubt if ever before has each member of a band rung a peal of Surprise for their first peal and together. Congratulations to all concerned.

Leicester Diocesan Guild with 205 peals in 1962 (possibly more not reported) has the highest total for the Guild for over 10 years.

Bolton Surprise has now been rung for the Lancashire Association at Farnworth-with-Kearsley.

A diamond wedding quarter was rung at Loughton, Essex, on January 13th in honour of 60 years' married life by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White. Mr. White has been a ringer at this tower for nearly 40 years. Congratulations.

St. Thomas' Society of Change Ringers, Eddington, has blossomed out as a peal ringing body, with a peal of Bob Minor at Shirley. Fifteen-year-old James Insley conducts. The eldest member of the band was 16.

The footnote to the peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Reading on December 29th (see page 25), is incorrect. It should have read 'First of Cambridge Maximus' for J. K. Ward, and not first of Surprise Maximus.

Mr. Ron Chapman, of Blaby, Leics, scored three peals—at Countesthorpe, Whetstone and Blaby—in his first week of peal ringing. If he keeps it up at this rate some of our mathematical experts will be forecasting the year of his 1,000th peal. He is congratulated by Mr. M. R. A. Kirk, with Miss Rosemary Tailby, of Evington, Leicester, who scored her first peal at Whetstone.

Congratulations to Stuart Armeson and Neil Donovan, both aged 16, of Rotherham. Neil celebrated his return to full ringing after an hospital operation by joining Stuart in their first peal on 12 bells at Sheffield Cathedral on Boxing Day. Stuart rang his first peal as conductor at Rotherham on Christmas Eve, and on New Year's Eve rang the 23¾ cwt. tenor immaculately to 5,075 Grandsire Caters.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Westminster on January 12th in honour of Reuben Sanders' 89th birthday was appropriately representative for the importance of the occasion. It included the secretary of the Central Council and other members, a member of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' and past or present officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the London County Association and, of course, the Middlesex County Association.

'Grandsize Triples' is the new title given to a peal rung for the Hertfordshire County Association, by 'The Birkhamsted Gazette and Tring and District News," on December 29th.

Mr. Peter M. Wilkinson, conductor of a peal of Minor at Sandon, thanks Messrs. John West and Herman J. Oliver for standing in at very short notice.

Work is proceeding on the tower at Nayland, near Colchester. The tower is being lowered as the top is not safe. The bells, a pleasant old six, have been taken out and will eventually be rehung in a lower chamber.

Mr. Pat Cannon will not forget his recent visit to a certain Hampshire five-bell tower in a hurry. His 'nether' regions came to earth with a resounding 'wallop' when negotiating a slippery slope in the churchyard.

At the conclusion of the peal of Tamworth Surprise Royal at St. Editha's Church, Tamworth, the visiting ringers were entertained by the Tamworth company to a sumptuous buffet tea and a social evening. The gesture was much appreciated.

Before the peal attempt at Pakefield, Suffolk, on January 7th, the ringers heard with regret of the death on January 6th of Mr. Albert Coleman, the Ringing Master of St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft. It was the wish of all those present that if successful this peal should be a tribute to him who taught many young people to ring, including the ringers of the 5th and 6th bells in this ring. He also helped the conductor a great deal when he was learning, before the last war.

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CLARENCE R. STEED	*Treble*	*ROBERT W. COLE	6
*ALBERT J. PRINT	2	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	*PETER WARREN	8
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	9
ALLAN G. FOSTER	5	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
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K. PETER JONES	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	8
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
*MICHAEL WILSHAW	5	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal of Royal.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

ALAN A. ELSMORE	*Treble*	GORDON H. LANE	6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS	2	*WILLIAM A. BLAKE	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	HENRY GRIFFITHS	8
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	4	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	9
*COLIN SMITH	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Royal.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	W. ERNEST RAWSON	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	8
MARTIN C. FAULKES	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 500th peal. First of Surprise in the tower, and rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

PETER S. BENNETT	*Treble*	†PHILIP J. ROTHERA	6
JUDITH M. ATKINSON	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	7
*PAMELA M. TURNER	3	*JOHN K. FOOT	8
*SUSAN FUNNELL	4	*ROGER E. TALLIS	9
LINDA M. HUGHES	5	*MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First on ten bells, and in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JAMES INSLEY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
ALMA M. GREAVES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on ten bells.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	8
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	9
EDWIN A. BARNETT	5	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung by his friends to celebrate the 89th birthday of Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

ALAN D. STEEL	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
*PAUL J. ATKINS	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
BERYL E. CAWSER	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	7
K. PETER JONES	4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First touch of Surprise.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*PAUL J. ATKINS	*Treble*	*MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
K. PETER JONES	2	WALTER SHERRATT	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	7
†DENNIS LATHAM	4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).
Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in three methods, i.e., 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	*Treble*	*ANTONY R. KENCH	5
D. JOHN HUNT	2	*PETER BRIDLE	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4	PATRICK J. BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Spliced.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

HAROLD DOWLER	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	WALTER SHERRATT	7
DAVID W. FRIEND	4	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Society, and by all the band.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOLTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Treble*	PETER T. DALE	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR F. WARREN	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	†MARTIN F. LOCK	6
RUTH M. FOREMAN	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
*ROGER W. POWELL	4	*MICHAEL J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Michael J. Rowe and Miss Ann M. Aldridge, both members of the local band.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	5
A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	MICHAEL J. PARKER	6
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*THOMAS J. BROCK	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	2	JOHN CAMP	6
JOHN C. BALDWIN	3	F. JOHN NELSON	7
JOHN ROBINSON	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*RODERICK W. PIPE	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
*EDWARD W. COLLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	*JOSEPH WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal. Ringer of 2nd has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAVID A. HOGG	*Treble*	JOHN L. HAYNS	5
JANET M. BESANT	2	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS	6
GERALDINE M. PIPER	3	JOHN C. DAVIDGE	7
†JOHN E. CHAPMAN	4	*ROY D. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARILYN A. GIBBS.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung to mark the engagement of J. Marilyn A. Gibbs and Derek G. Astridge.

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
*DAVID J. ALLEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat. Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's variation (No. 2). Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN SHERRATT	*Treble*	DENNIS LATHAM	5
*HAROLD DOWLER	2	WALTER SHERRATT	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	7
MICHAEL WILSHAW	4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DAVID G. ROWLANDS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	6
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	3	DAVID P. HILLING	7
ROGER G. HAZELL	4	DAVID A. CORNWALL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
* 300th tower-bell peal.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*ANTHONY HOWELL	*Treble*	*PETER BARKER	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD	6
E. MARION KEY	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
†DAVID J. WILKES	4	*GEORGE BRADBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*NORMAN MATTINGLEY	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.
* First peal. First in the method by all except the ringer of fourth.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
JUDITH A. M. COX	2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	7
*JOHN VERNON	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.
* 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Georgina Haylock, of Humberstone, Leicester.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

*ROBERT FLETCHER	*Treble*	†A. HEDLEY WOOD	4
DENNIS ELLISDON	2	JAMES E. BURLES	5
JOHN BAGNALL	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Spencer, inducted the same afternoon.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-arranged extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	4
*E. JAMES MILES	2	PHILLIP GAY	5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal 'inside.'

SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Rev. Canterbury and 16 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

DAVID W. CAMM	*Treble*	K. JOHN FAULKNER	4
KENNETH S. FAULKNER	2	DAVID W. PARKIN	5
J. ASHMORE DODD	3	*DOUGLAS DERBYSHIRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. PARKIN.
* First peal.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Double Oxford Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

E. James Miles	*Treble*	M. Keith Swingewood	4
Michael Wilshaw	2	Geoffrey Davies	5
K. Peter Jones	3	Charles A. S. Webb	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS (ERDINGTON).
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Anne Sexton (14)	*Treble*	Paul McEvilly (16)	4
John Insley (14)	2	*Richard Wilkins (14)	5
Philip Walters (15)	3	James Insley (15)	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Insley.

* First peal.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Jane Foster	*Treble*	Hermon J. Oliver	4
Michael J. Cowling	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
*John West	3	Ian R. Panton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* 25th peal.
A compliment to Eunice Hiley and Frank Lewis on their marriage: also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

John H. Fielden	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	4
F. John Nelson	2	Frederick Shallcross	5
Derek J. Marshall	3	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A. flat.

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Neville F. Whittell	4
Hubert A. Mitson	2	Raymond F. Taylor	5
Lawrence H. Pizzey	3	Alan R. Bridges	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

MIDGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents each of the following: St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*Ann Raby	*Treble*	Roger B. Pike	3
David L. Wilcox	2	Mary E. Marshall	4
		Tony G. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal attempt.
Rung after meeting short for three Minor methods.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Childwall, St. Clement's, Spliced Plain and Double Bob, and Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Michael W. H. Birtwistle	*Treble*	Richard J. Parker	4
Eric J. F. Wall	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
John P. Partington	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Burnley and District Schools Society.)
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Peter L. Nicholson	*Treble*	Richard J. Parker	4
Michael W. H. Birtwistle	2	Roger Leigh	5
*Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Eric J. F. Wall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal of Minor.

SPEEN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Diana E. Boyce	*Treble*	†Tony G. Price	4
H. Mary Williams	2	Roger B. Pike	5
Mary E. Marshall	3	David L. Wilcox	*Tenor*

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

John F. Hoodless	*Treble*	J. Edward Brown	4
Mrs. Millicent Short	2	Charles R. Muxlow	5
Walter Weston	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Hoodless, of Barton-on-Humber, parents of the treble ringer (Christmas Day, 1962); also to celebrate the christening, on December 23rd, of Isobel Mary R. Watson, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Muxlow.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	*Colin D. Emery	4
Gillian A. Neal-Smith	2	†Hadley Hunter	5
*Ian Hughes	3	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor on tower bells, and of Surprise Minor. Gillian Neal-Smith has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Marcus P. Barton	*Treble*	E. Jane Sibson	4
Mikaela Erik	2	Nicholas J. Davies	5
Derek E. Sibson	3	Alan J. Frost	*Tenor*

Conduced by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
Rung to mark the weddings of Ross Robertson and Judith Harding on December 22nd, Martyn Hawkes and Christine Halling on December 29th, Robin J. Trebilcock and Pamela Phillips on December 29th.

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COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 26 methods, consisting of (1 to 4) Plain Bob, (5 to 8) Seighford, (9 to 12) Old Bob, (13 to 18) April Day, (19 to 21) Kennington, (22) St. Albans, (23) St. Simon, (24) Elford, (25) Eynsham, (26) Cassington, (27) St. Leonard, (28) St. Peter, (29) Austrey, (30) St. Paul, (31) St. Martin, (32) St. Miles, (33) St. John, (34) Winchendon Place, (35) St. Luke, (36) Ryton, (37) Shareshill, (38) St. Columb, (39) Little Ashton, (40) Southrepps Pleasure, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD A. COBLEY ..	4
MICHAEL W. BROWN	2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	5
BRIAN C. LAW	3	*RON CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal. First in as many methods by the band.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lord, Hastings, New Zealand. The ringer of the third is a brother of Mrs. Lord.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 64 individual plain course methods, in the following 42 extents, viz.: (1) Rev. New Bob, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Simon, St. Alphege; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Rev. Huntspill, Rev. Winchendon, Rev. St. Martin, St. Andrew; (4) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (5) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Osmund, St. Gregory; (6) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (7) Rev. Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian; (8) Plain Bob; (9) Westminster II; (10) Plain Bob; (11) Westminster II, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood; (12) Plain Bob; (13) Westminster II, Ockham, Broughton, Chesham, Blackburn, St. Hilary; (14) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook; (15) Plain Bob; (16) Shipway's Place, Tandridge; (17) Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; (18) Plain Bob, Boxford; (19) Rev. Canterbury, Raveningham; (20) Plain Bob; (21) New Bob, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham; (22) New Bob, Chipstead, Oakley, Itchingfield; (23) New Bob; (24) New Bob, Chipstead, Oakley, Itchingfield; (25) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast; (26) Plain Bob; (27) Grandsire; (28) Plain Bob; (29) Grandsire; (30) Plain Bob; (31) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall; (32) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley; (33 and 34) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Thornborough, Longford; (35) Plain Bob; (36) Stedman; (37) Plain Bob; (38) St. Simon's, Braywood, Welford, Longworth; (39) St. Simon, Merton, Slapton, Rugby; (40) St. Martin, St. Osmund; (41) Grandsire; (42) Plain Bob; with 197 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD ..	*Treble*	*BRIAN BLADON	4
GORDON W. LAND	2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
BRUCE WAKEFIELD	3	E. WILLIAM FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 100th peal together. First of Doubles in 64 methods by all the band except the conductor.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, (7) Durham. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

*M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIES	4
DENNIS LATHAM	2	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) April Day, (2) Seighford, (3) Old Bob, (4) Kennington, (5 and 6) Plain Bob, (7 to 9) Grandsire, (10) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (11) Morning Star, (12) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (13) Plain Bob, (14) Old Bob, (15) Kennington, (16) April Day, (17) Seighford, (18) Plain Bob, (19 to 21) Grandsire, (22) Seighford, (23) April Day, (24) Kennington, (25) Old Bob, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Seighford, (28) Fortune, (29) All Saints, (30) Fortune, (31 and 32) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Little Aston, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Southrepps Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Little Aston, (38) Newborough, (39) St. Columb, (40) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*RON CHAPMAN	*Treble*	DAVID F. MOORE	4
BRIAN C. LAW	2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	5
RUPERT A. CLARKE	3	†ROSEMARY A. TAILBY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Law.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*AUDREY R. ALEXANDER ..	*Treble*	ALAN JACKSON	4
RAYMOND J. FULLER ..	2	MARTIN PRESS	5
ANTHONY H. SMITH	3	MARTIN MAJOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN PRESS.

* First peal

HALE (NEAR LIVERPOOL), LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

THOMAS W. HESKETH ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK PEARSON	4
V. DAVID JENNER	2	*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	5
KENNETH J. HESKETH ..	3	JAMES DUNBAVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

* 25th peal. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*W. WILLIAM BRADBURY ..	*Treble*	*JOHN A. HERVEY	4
COLIN MCCARTNEY	2	JOHN M. GOW	5
FRANCES FAIRBANK	3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Gee.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER P. RICE ..	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	MARTIN C. FAULKES	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1962, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, viz.: Two extents St. Simon's Bob, four Plain Bob, six April Day, two Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four Clifford's Pleasure, two Kennington and 22 Grandsire.
Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN C. EISEL	1—2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	3—4
		MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5—6

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
AT 5, WOODFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 11 in G.

MARY C. POYNER	1—2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	3—4
		HARRY POYNER	5—6

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

50th peal for the Association in 1962—a record number in any one year.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH, LEICESTER.
A PEAL OF 5280 DURHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	*ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	ROBERT B. SMITH	11—12

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* 850th peal. First of Surprise Maximus in the method.

DURHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

x 3.T x 1.4 x 1.2 x 3.T; 1.4 x 1.4; 3.T; 1.4; x 1.4; 3.T; 14; x 1.4; 3.T; 14; x 3.4; 1T

HALF PEAL

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Boxing Day, 1,440 each of Plain Bob and Cambridge: D. Smedley 1, H. Wagstaff 2, R. Sheckleton 3, C. Longden 4, D. Cooper 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Ken Rutland and Carolyn Collier, both members of the local band. They are making their new home in Sheffield.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Warby (first quarter) 1, D. Lewsey (first 'inside') 2, R. Rayfield 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, C. H. Maeve 5, A. M. Maeve (cond.) 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kaye Lynas (first of Triples) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, J. O. Goulter (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, Enid Roberts (cond.) 5, B. R. Cox 6, W. B. Pitcher 7, D. J. Bleby 8. Rung for the liturgical welcome to the Primate. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. R. Cox 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, D. J. Bleby (first of Stedman) 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, W. L. Robinson 5, J. O. Goulter 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Cormack (first quarter) 1, Kaye Lynas (first quarter 'inside') 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, B. R. Cox 5, B. J. Lawes 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Harrop (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wright 2, P. Bentham 3, D. Ashton 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. M. Edwards 6.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tyler 1, W. E. Spiers 2, Joy Smith (first as cond.) 3, J. Turney 4, L. Smith 5, T. Stevens 6. A compliment to Joy Smith and Kenneth Tyler, on their engagement.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Fuller (first of Triples) 1, Kathleen Fuller (first of Triples 'inside') 2, I. Smith 3, Christine Fuller 4, Jill Lenham 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, J. Barlow 7, D. R. Fuller 8. An 18th wedding anniversary compliment to the tenor ringer.

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brand 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, Miss C. Andrew 3, R. Wiggins 4, B. Bartlett 5, D. M. Bonitace (cond.) 6.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. T. Rolt 1, T. F. Carford 2, L. P. Wilson 3, S. R. Wilson 4, B. H. Dalton 5, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 6, D. Garrill cover. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. F. Ward, whose remains were interred this day.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bishop 1, S. Powell 2, D. White (cond.) 3, J. Cawood 4, B. Rich 5, E. Hunt 6. For service of nine lessons and carols.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Taylor (first quarter) 1, Anne Willard 2, E. Sitch 3, B. Hines 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For morning service, and as a compliment to the conductor and his wife upon the birth of a son, Mark.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lewis 1, Miss M. R. Page 2, E. C. Read 3, Miss Y. L. Elgie 4, L. A. Page 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. A farewell to J. Lewis, captain of the tower, who is leaving the district.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Christine Hiscock 1, C. Bishop 2, E. Mould 3, W. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Albiges 6. A sincere compliment to the Rev. P. A. and Mrs. Unwin on their 25th wedding anniversary. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Hodson 1, C. Bishop 2, E. Mould 3, M. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. Rung half-muffeld in memoriam Joseph Edwards Pooley, treasurer of P.C.C., former churchwarden and a great friend of the belfry.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Eggins (captain) 1, A. Locke 2, W. Allson (vice-captain) 3, Mrs. R. O. Messop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. To celebrate the birth of Jane Eggins (daughter of captain), and Rebecca Morgans (granddaughter of vice-captain).

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, R. Davies 2, K. Taber (first of Stedman) 3, N. D. Brown 4, N. G. Steere 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Abbott 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mavis P. White 1, Ronda M. Purkes 2, Gladys P. Northway 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, P. R. Parsons 6. A compliment to Mr. R. Buchanan and Miss A. Akroyd, on their engagement.

QUARTER PEALS

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss F. Prole 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, R. Huckle 3, R. French 4, M. Marriot 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. For the Festival of the Nine Lessons. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Prole 1, Miss S. Law (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, R. Huckle 4, M. Marriot 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss F. Prole 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. Huckle 4, R. French 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Rev. P. Markby and Mr. R. Low.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss A. Barber 1, Miss J. Hough 2, Miss E. Hough 3, J. R. Heugh (cond.) 4, A. Berry 5, J. Wellard 6. For the New Year.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1, Miss J. Morley 2, A. M. Barber 3, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 4, J. E. Goodwin 5, R. Heffer 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Rung by the Sunday servcie band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Joan Gainey 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes 5, W. Parker (first quarter) 6.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Fortune Bob Doubles: J. Bennett 1, C. Haylings 2, Joan Gainey 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Clarke (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all the band. M. Hawkes' 150th quarter.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Foreman 1, K. Abbott 2, A. Warren (cond.) 3, J. Rank 4, S. Maltby (first quarter) 5, R. Powell 6, J. Maltby 7, H. Barnard 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the eight bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Smith 1, Wendy Hussey 2, Joyce Barton 3, R. Biggs 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Beck 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, C. H. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, Miss J. Creak 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, C. T. Richards 7, N. F. Felton 8. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss J. Creak 1, C. T. Richards 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. F. Low 4, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, C. H. Rogers 8, C. Low 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal for 3, 4 and 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): R. Preston (first quarter, age 14) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, W. Avery 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Jan. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, A. D. Leach 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, M. J. Uphill 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. S. Bishop 8, A. Clayton (covering) 9.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Ottaway 1, K. S. Gardner 2, Miss J. A. Cook 3, H. Corney 4, F. W. Towlin 5, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 6, H. D. L. Riley 7, R. E. Burbery 8. Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White. Mr. White has been a ringer at St. John's, Loughton, for nearly 40 years.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss A. Raby (first quarter) 1, D. Wilcox 2, Miss M. Marshall 3, R. B. Pike (cond.) 4, Miss C. Spray 5, T. Price 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: R. Boultbee 1, J. Yeates 2, C. Boultbee 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Knight (first of Doubles) 1, R. Knight (first 'inside') 2, A. Knight 3, R. Mitchell (first of Doubles) 4, F. Slatford (cond.) 5, P. Harding 6.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Borley 1, P. J. Barker (cond.) 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, G. Bradbury 5, P. Shaw 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. L. C. Brenthnall, Rector, whose funeral took place on January 4th.

ORMESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Warrior 2, Mrs. M. Fitt (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Woodall 4, P. Wishart 5, T. Cox (cond.) 6.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Leigh 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, P. Nicholson 3, M. Birtwistle 4, E. J. F. Wall 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Bull 1, A. R. Millidge 2, L. W. Allen 3, M. J. Uphill 4, B. H. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, D. C. Brookes 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. Belcham (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Belcham (first in method) 2, G. Sandwell 3, M. Sinden 4, M. Hallett 5, A. House (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. Homans 1, J. Perkins 2, S. Funnell 3, M. C. Hughes 4, I. C. Maycock 5, A. T. Shorey 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, E. E. Ludlow 8. To commemorate the 17th anniversary of the rededication of the bells after recasting (January 18th, 1946).

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Stevinson 1, Pamela Hunter 2, J. W. Hagley 3, D. Debenham (first as cond.) 4, A. C. A. Hunter 5, B. G. D. Vince 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is moving from Godalming to Stoke.

SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (seven methods): R. E. Tallis jun. 1, Susan Funnell 2, P. J. Rothera 3, P. S. Bennett 4, A. R. Kench 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, N. W. Grassby 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, A. R. Mildred 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Holy Communion. The 50th quarter on the bells during 1962. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Mildred 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, D. W. Stenson 3, B. M. Smith (cond.) 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. R. May 6. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. This was completed at 11.56 p.m. and rung to mark the passing of 1962.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, Barbara Stephens 3, G. Westwood 4, P. L. Bill (first of Surprise) 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson (first of Cambridge) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. By the local band for Evensong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, P. W. Mills 4, F. A. Harvey 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For carol service.

UPTON, TORQUAY, DEVON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. Blackler 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, G. J. Roberts 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8. By the All Saints', Babbacombe, band.

WALLINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Talbot 1—2, J. Schofield 3—4, Jean L. Lavender 5—6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7—8.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. E. Rushton, 60, Willow Way, Luton. 1714

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. 1801

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Spondon. Bells (6) 3-7 p.m. Cups of tea available.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 1838

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M., January 26th. Ringing, Holy Trinity, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Nicolas' bells after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 1747

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, January 26th at Hemel Hempstead (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rees, 23, Highridge Road, Hemel Hempstead. 1786

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. E. S. Palin, 16, Kings Road, Faversham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 26th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Business, officers' nominations and handbells in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 1750

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, January 26th. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names, please. Ringing 6-9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.

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SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. to be held at Prittlewell, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Southend-on-Sea.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 1767

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Clare, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 9 p.m. 1755

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday January 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstone, Hants. 1788

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 5. 1841

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, at Chippenham. Bells (6) 3 until 5 p.m. Tea and service at Fordham (6). Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Methodist Hall. Numbers for tea by January 30th to Mr. G. Mariner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 1782

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing at St. Mary's from 3-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Leonard's after tea and meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 1813

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting at Watford, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1840

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided.—John Pilkington. 1817

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1757

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 1843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting on February 2nd at Anstey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Hare and Hounds at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 74, Andrew Road, Anstey, not later than January 30th. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 1822

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Memorial Hall, 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Monday, January 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1790

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, February 2nd. Ringing on newly augmented 10 from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names essential by Wednesday previous to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby.—C. A. H. 1784

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, Tunstall. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mr. A. Cliffe, 122, St. Michael's Road, Chell, Stoke-on-Trent. 1806

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Dickleburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 30th, to M. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, February 2nd at Wavendon. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1834

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Castor, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. J. Sismey, 'Prince of Wales,' Castor. 1779

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Clipston, February 2nd. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1847

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, February 2nd, Hilperton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1824

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Selby Abbey, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before January 30th.—M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1820

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killamarsh, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 till 5 p.m. and after tea. Eckington bells 2.30 till 3, and Harthill bells 7 till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 1814

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 2nd, at East Grinstead. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at St. Luke's, to all who notify Mrs. E. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue, East Grinstead, by Friday, February 1st.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 1815

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, February 2nd. Meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4. Service in the Cathedral 5.15. Bells (12) 6 p.m. Names for tea by January 28th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 1703

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, February 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps (Sec.), 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. el. No. Chest. 7171 (office hours only). Names essential as catering is difficult. 1800

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo, 3.45 to 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 'The George,' Fleet Street, followed by business, election of officers for 1963, handbell contest and social evening. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 1827

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FROM THE INSIDE

MORE than one correspondent has asked what does the editorship of 'The Ringing World' involve and how do you set about it? Normally on a Monday or Tuesday there are between 50 and 100 letters waiting to be opened, and on other days not quite so many. As letters are opened they are date stamped, and if any money is included this is marked on the first sheet. The contents are divided into piles: notices, circulation matters, peals, quarter peals and reports and correspondence. The next procedure is to deal with all money. Notices are entered in a book and given a serial number (most useful in after checking). Similarly other money is entered in another book. By the end of the week about 60 or 70 postal orders and cheques would have been received, amounting to between £10 and £20 in small money. These accounts have to be balanced, money banked and counterfoils sent to Mr. Jeater who keeps all subscribers' and deposit accounts —a matter of about 2,600 separate accounts.

The piles on the Editor's desk are transferred to their respective files to be tackled at the appropriate time. Take, for example, the peal file. The contents are first divided into their appropriate sections, 12, 10, 8 and 5-6 bells and handbells, and then arranged in date order. Where quarter peals or other matters are included on the same sheet as a peal these are copied out and placed in their respective files. The peals are then read through to ascertain whether every essential item is included—date, church, method and tenor weight. Some of these deficiencies can be tackled with the aid of 'Dove's,' but where information is missing letters are written to the sender if name and address is on the copy, or if absent to the conductor or a member of the band whose address is available in either our list of subscribers or Guild annual report. Special attention is given to the footnotes. The first in the peal is always an asterisk *. Then follow † ‡ §. Although this information appears at regular intervals in 'The Ringing World' it is too complicated for most of our contributors to grasp.

Quarter peals are also methodically treated. Those in the file are divided into two sections, 'priority' and 'ready.' 'Priority' is the recognition given to those who send a contribution. The sections are arranged alphabetically. Those with a second one written on the back are copied out, and a number of others that do not conform to style are rewritten. Anyone who glances at a quarter peal page will note how they are written: town or village, county, date, church's title if more than one with a ring of bells in the town, changes rung, method, name of ringer, in brackets anything special (conductor, first quarter or first in method), and then the number of the bell. Finally footnotes. We try not to refuse publication of any quarter peal, but when a tower saves up a number spread over two or three months we are not too happy, and if the band is the same greatly tempted to give just the method and one list of names.

Copy is prepared daily for setting by the linotype operators. The treatment depends upon the inflow during the week. If heavy then reports are reduced. Sometimes perfectly good copy is altered to prevent introductions all being uniform. We are not perturbed if the copy received is not 'copperplate' providing it is legible. Much is rewritten. Similar treatment at times is given to letters—often they are curtailed when irrelevant subjects are introduced. Some letters are not published. Often we get duplication. For example, two readers sent in front page articles dealing with lady ringers. Only one could be used. At times we get duplicate reports. We always like to have articles in reserve. Some that appeared recently had been in files six months (these are undated features). What upsets the Editor is to receive a summer tour in midwinter, although it is a reminder of 'If winter comes . . . .'

After the copy is set and the proof read, galley pulls come to the Editor for make-up. With the aid of scissors and paste a dummy copy is prepared. The size of headings is marked, and lines are cut out to make each column fit. A column might be six or more lines long or short. Often pages are prepared in advance. Invariably some reports are held over.

Apart from the technicalities of the journal and its production, the office of 'The Ringing World' acts as a kind of clearing house to the Exercise. Most days there is an inquiry as to the address of a prominent ringer, and from our files of postal subscribers we are able to give the answer. On an average, eight to ten letters a day are written. There is also a considerable amount of time occupied in searching for back numbers and also with notices and advertisements.

During the year the Editor undertakes a number of reporting engagements for the journal. The largest of these is the Central Council meeting, which extends from 12 to 14 pages. Before leaving for the meeting the next issue has to be prepared, as it is printed on the day the Council meet. Last year the report was completed in two issues—ten pages being in the first as well as a front page article. This has to be done in addition to normal work. Although we get letters referring to the Central Council meeting as a 'beano' and 'jolly old pals' reunion,' out of the last 18 meetings only on two occasions has the Editor had time to attend any of the excursions provided. The journal must be put before personal pleasure.

(Continued overleaf)

1,000th Peal at Bell Foundry Campanile

A peal that will go down in the history of change ringing was that of Plain Bob Major rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on January 21st. It was the 1,000th peal on the bells.

No other tower can record its peals having reached four figures, and a pleasing feature about the peal was that the band who rang it was drawn entirely from ringers employed at the Bell Foundry.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor, through whose generosity these bells have been available to ringers from all over the country, was a member of the band.

We congratulate all concerned.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

To All Secretaries Of Affiliated Associations

Affiliation fees for 1963 are now due and should be forwarded without delay. Cheques and postal orders made payable to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' and no. to me personally, please.

Will secretaries who have not already done so please forward names and addresses of representatives for the 1963-65 session, together with certified membership in accordance with Rule 5 (i) (a), as renumbered.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE PEAL BEFORE THE FLIGHT

Squadron Leader G. W. Massey, vice-captain of the ringers of St. John's, Frome, had a very unpleasant experience on January 19th after participating in an unsuccessful peal attempt at Frome to commemorate the tercentenary of the casting of the tenor.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was being attempted, but a shift course occurred and the bells were halted, after 2¼ hours' ringing. Immediately Sqdn.-Ldr. Massey set out for Whitterington, Northants, as he was due on the Sunday to fly to Singapore for a month's tour of duty.

He was driving a Traveller and at Melksham had a breakdown. He phoned Mrs. Massey who came over in their Mini-Minor and in this car the Squadron Leader set out for Whitterington, the journey taking 18 hours to complete! Such are the wintry conditions of England today.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-Eastern District

The annual meeting of the N.E. District was held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on January 12th, and was attended by 60 ringers and friends from Essex and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Parsons, after which tea was served in the Church Hall.

After the secretary's report had been adopted at the business meeting, officers elected were: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, District Master: Mr. F. H. Erith, District secretary: Mr. B. W. Fairhead and Mr. A. G. Semken, committee representatives. The retiring Master, Mr. H. J. Millatt, and secretary, Mr. J. H. Gould, were thanked for their services during the past 10 years, and they promised their assistance to the new Master and secretary. Eight new ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. Erith reported that there was a possibility that the unringable five at Layer-de-la-Haye might be completely restored. The dedication of the new six at All Saints', Shrub End, Colchester, on November 24th, 1962, by Rev. H. R. Darby, Vicar of Waltham Abbey, was also mentioned.

Next meeting: Great Bromley, March 9th.

A. G. S.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 4



DAVID P. HILLING,
The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Among the many youngsters taught to ring at the Church of St. Mary, Slough, by one of 'The Ringing World's' most enthusiastic correspondents, William Birmingham, is David P. Hilling.

David, the eldest of a family of four brothers, was born at Slough on March 25th, 1946. His education started at a local primary school. On reaching the age of eleven he gained an entry to the Slough Grammar School, where he soon discovered that his maths master was that well known ringer and conductor, Frank Blagrove. At the age of 16, he left the Grammar School and commenced work as a junior clerk at a local firm of solicitors.

David has been a keen church worker for a number of years, serving as a choirboy from the age of eight to 14, holding the position of senior boy for some 18 months. In his spare time he enjoys listening to classical music.

At the beginning of 1960 he became interested in bellringing and joined the happy throng of youngsters at St. Mary's, Slough, under the leadership of William Birmingham, whom David describes as a very good and patient tutor. Incidentally it was through his perseverance and patience that Bill succeeded in getting St. Mary's bells augmented from eight to ten a few years ago.

David, who is now a regular Sunday service ringer at Slough, made rapid progress with his ringing, and 11 months after being taught to handle, rang his first peal, which was the treble to Stedman Triples at Stoke Poges on November 30th, 1960, conducted by Arthur Barker. Eight months later, at the same tower, this brilliant young ringer succeeded in ringing his first peal as conductor, when he rang the seventh to Stedman Triples on July 26th, 1961. His total of 42 peals includes six as conductor, being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and seven Minor methods.

An amusing incident was witnessed by David and others attending a meeting at Worcester when an unknown visitor took the 10th to ring rounds. At the word 'Go' the stranger gave a terrific heave on the sally and was amazed to see it disappear through the ceiling. He released his hold of the tail end and jumped off the box. A nearby ringer grabbed the flying rope and pulled up the bell. The comment made by the would-be ringer was, 'Well, it went up.'

It is not surprising to learn that through his keenness for ringing David has an ambition. It is to take part in the non-conducted extent of Major. It is hoped that the success of this youngster will inspire others to do well in the Exercise.

NORVING.

HANDBELLS WITH A HISTORY

From 'Ringing Towers,' and this issue is 20 pages crammed full of news, we learn that at Armidale there is a group of 12 handbell ringers who meet under the direction of Mr. Peter Richards and ring call changes and tunes. (There are no tower bells at Armidale.)

The handbells once belonged to Samuel E. Joyce, who was Master of the College Youths in 1887. On his death they passed to his daughter, a Mrs, King, who is a house mother at Armidale School. She advertised them in 'The Anglican,' and upon Christchurch St. Laurence's responding she gave them to that church, and Mr. Richards has them on permanent loan.

FROM THE INSIDE—Continued.

In a journal of this type the Editor is dependent on a host of correspondents, who regularly send news items, letters and feature articles. These exist all over the world where bells are rung in the English style. On the editorial side, with this array of correspondents the family spirit is very real. The same personal friendliness exists on the production side, and when there is a slip up they feel it as keenly as the Editor. And what an assortment of crafts there is! Linotype operators, compositors, reader, rotary press operator and his assistant, folders, cutter, girls wrapping, warehouseman and men to convey the printed copies to post office or railway station. Week in and week out it goes on, thus uniting ringers in one big family of servants of His Church.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

More than 50 ringers braved arctic conditions to attend the annual meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Chobham on January 12th. Ringing up to Cambridge before service time was directed by the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Acworth), who gave a challenging address. He informed the ringers they would be warmer in the hall at tea than in church, as a new heating system had just been installed by one of his ringers, Mr. Ron Collins. Tea was served by the local ringers and wives.

In his final report as Ringing Master, Mr. Collins pointed out that the District was in good shape: membership running at around 130 members, compared with 55 when he took over 8 years ago. He stressed that this was entirely due to team work, and named some of the loyal supporters of the District. These would never be named in the 'personality column,' but they were all solid reliable workers for the church. In particular he thanked his assistant, Mr. John King, and secretary, Miss Elizabeth Loveland.

The new officers, who were unopposed, are: Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne: Assistant Master, Mr. D. Leach: secretary, Mr. Rupert Caporn. Messrs. J. F. M. Maybrey and C. D. J. Webb were nominated for the Central Council.

Ringing up to Double Norwich was under the direction of the new Ringing Master till 8.45 p.m.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1962



MR. BERNARD F. L. GROVES, of Maidstone, heads the list of peal ringers for 1962 with 108 to his credit. This is the second time he has passed the century mark, as last year he was placed third with 104 peals. In 1960 he scored 68.

Although only 19 years of age (nearly 20) he has already rung 474 peals, of which he conducted 104. He started ringing a week before he was eleven, at Marple, Cheshire (where Mr. R. B. Smith comes from), and was taught by Mr. Jack Pryor, now of Cardiff. He graduated into peal ringing through Brian Woodruffe and John Worth's band. He acknowledges his great indebtedness in amassing this total to the friends who have helped him in Kent during the last two years.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, who, in 1961 rung 137, has limited his activities to 66 peals. The second place this year is occupied by Mr. Charles A. S. Webb, of St. John's, Hanley, with 77. Another member from this tower, Mr. Geoffrey Davies, rang 71 peals.

Mr. John R. Mayne, of Harrow, retains his position as leading conductor with 56 out of his total of 64 peals rung. Last year he conducted 61 and the year before 58. But Mr. Groves was only two behind him this year.

In the field of handbell ringing Mr. R. B. Smith leads with 22 peals. The Halifax band are prominent with Messrs. J. H. Fielden 18, John F. Bryant and Geoffrey F. Bryant 17 each.

Ladies do not figure very high in our list. Mrs. Mary C. Poyner, with 37 peals according to our records, has the pride of place. Second is Mrs. E. Marion Key with 36. We have a feeling that one or more of our bashful ladies have rung more.

Mr. David J. Llewellyn, of Barry, heads the Welsh ringers with a total of 31.

Peals conducted are shown in parentheses.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Bernard F. L. Groves	100 (50)	8 (4)	108
Charles A. S. Webb	74	3	77
Trevor A. Cross	68	5	73
Geoffrey Davies	69 (38)	3 (3)	71
R. B. Smith	44 (10)	22 (11)	66
Martin L. Howe	62 (1)	2	64
John R. Mayne	56 (48)	8 (8)	64
J. L. Millhouse	54 (38)	6	60
A. James Poynor	60 (24)		60
T. J. Lock	50 (1)	8	58
John Robinson	55 (8)	3	58
A. P. Cannon	57 (33)		57
Peter Border	54 (39)	2 (1)	56
Andrew S. Hudson	44 (19)	10	54
David W. Friend	49 (11)	2	51
J. W. Cotton	50		50
J. Henry Fielden	32 (12)	18 (12)	50
D. John Hunt	50 (20)		50
Cyril S. Jarrett	46 (2)	4	50
Andrew M. Macve	50 (2)		50
Ian H. Oram	49 (23)		49
Derek P. Jones	48 (31)		48
R. Kingsley Mason	48 (1)		48
Robert T. Lambert	46 (2)		46
Reginald E. Lambert	44		44
A. M. Lindsey	41 (2)	3	44
Dennis A. S. Symonds	40	3	43
B. G. Warwick	41 (38)	2 (1)	43
John C. Eisel	31 (1)	11	42
B. G. Key	42 (32)		42
David J. Taylor	42 (3)		42
J. Martin Thorley	42 (15)		42
John F. Bryant	24	17	41
Philip Mehew	41 (3)		41
Roderick W. Pipe	40 (25)		40
Michael Wilshaw (age 15)	40 (5)		40
S. G. Ponting	39		39
Harry Poyner	35 (20)	4 (4)	39
Thomas E. Sone	39 (6)		39
Geoffrey F. Bryant	21	17	38
Christopher C. Clarke	38 (7)		38
G. K. Dodd	38 (26)		38
J. Keith Ward	38 (4)		38
Norman J. Goodman	37		37
Robert C. Kippin	35 (11)	2	37
Mary C. Poyner	34	3	37
R. W. Rex	36		36
Mrs. E. M. Key	36		36
Nicholas J. Davies	33 (3)	2	35
John H. Fielden	35 (2)		35
Richard E. Price	35 (10)		35
S. Barry Schofield	35		35
Thomas Cullingworth	34		34
John A. Acres	18	15	33
Geoffrey R. Drew	33 (16)		33
John Hill	32 (3)	1	33
L. Stilwell	33 (2)		33
Michael J. Thomas	33 (2)		33
W. David Ward	33 (1)		33
F. Hector Bennett	31 (3)	1	32
Shirley M. Drew	32		32
Don C. Exell	30 (6)	2	32
Ernest J. Ladd	32 (4)		32
Richard J. Warrilow	32		32
Robert J. Warrilow	31 (4)	1	32
Anthony R. Peake	29 (13)	3 (3)	32
Gillian Neal Smith	32		32
Alan E. Bagworth	31		31
Monty W. Gilbert	31 (1)		31
David E. House	31 (2)		31
K. Peter Jones	30	1	31
Brian C. Law	31 (1)		31
David J. Llewellyn	31 (6)		31
J. Neville Parkin	16	15	31
B. Gillian Schofield	31 (3)		31
Frederick E. Wilshaw	31		31
Cyril A. Wratten	31 (8)		31
F. E. Darby	30 (5)		30
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	30 (3)		30
Michael J. Fellows (15)	17 (3)	12 (4)	29
Michael J. Hobbs	29		29
A. R. Pink	29 (25)		29
Ronald J. Sharp	29		29
Robin G. Turner	25 (3)	4 (3)	29
Tom Chapman	22 (2)	6 (3)	28
John P. Partington	28 (1)		28
Giles B. Thompson	26	2	28
Keith R. Davey	27 (1)		27
Murray A. Coleman	26 (6)		26
David J. Forder	21 (8)	5 (2)	26
Mrs. Cynthia Warrilow	25	1	26
Beryl E. Cawser	25		25
Martin D. Fellows	15 (2)	10 (5)	25
Antony R. Kench	25 (2)		25
Diana M. Lawless	25 (1)		25
James L. Towler	25		25

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S 20th ANNUAL MEETING

Although nine-tenths of the roads in Oxfordshire were blocked by snow the previous Thursday, a slight thaw enabled 52 members of the Universities Association to assemble in Oxford for the 20th annual dinner and meeting on January 5th.

Those arriving early were given a choice of bells at Wolvercote (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Aldate's (6) and St. Ebbe's (8) in the morning. During the afternoon a peal of Superlative was rung at All Saints', conducted by Hilary Muirhead, and the non-pealers were able to ring at Christ Church (12), St. Mary Virgin (6), Magdalen College (10) and St. Mary Magdalen (6).

Oxford towers are probably noteworthy in as much as most of them require an experienced guide if the entrance is to be found without a considerable amount of trial and error. The bells in general possess a remarkable degree of individuality both in tone and hanging, and this may account for the fact that the standard of striking was not of a very high standard. However, all tastes were catered for, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques.

The Rev. P. M. Martin conducted the service in the University Church of St. Mary, and Canon Kemp, the chaplain of Exeter College, spoke, in his address, of the challenge of a New Year and of the determination and perseverance required of Christians.

A NEW SECRETARY

The service was followed by the A.G.M., held at Exeter College, with the president of the Universities Association, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, in the chair. The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. P. L. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. W. F. Moreton; Central Council representative, Miss M. R. Cross; auditor, Mr. R. B. Speed. Mr. Dermot Roaf had expressed a desire to vacate the office of secretary, and Mr. D. C. Exell was elected in his place. A vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring secretary for all his work for U.A. during his four-year term of office. The meeting confirmed the outline of the 1963 tour at Portsmouth, and a 1964 tour in Lancashire was discussed. A proposition to hold the next A.G.M. in London at the Houses of Parliament was seriously considered! but was finally left to the discretion of the new secretary.

Mr. P. Walker, the secretary of the Oxford Society, and Canon Kemp were the guests at the very substantial dinner, served in Exeter College after the meeting. The president thanked them for their part in meeting ringers and helping with the arrangements during the day.

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was proposed by Mr. Ranald Clouston, whose detailed records reminded him of the time when the annual dinner cost 3/9d., and, when in the days before 'Dove's Guide,' the early U.A. tours only determined in advance a series of routes to be followed. Any church discovered en route was then considered fair prey for visiting students even though requests to ring had not usually been made before arrival.

In his reply, Mr. D. J. Roaf recalled that early University ringing activities went back at least as far as 1880 in Oxford, and he hoped that anyone with interesting records of the early days would preserve them and let other ringers know of them.

Following the dinner members departed in their many different directions with an anxious eye still on the weather. The meeting had been very enjoyable, and for its success our thanks go to the many local ringers, clergy and college authorities who made it possible.

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Letters to the Editor

Fulfilled after 25 Years

Dear Sir,—I started peal ringing and visiting other towers in 1938, and in October of that year I first visited Horsmonden. I immediately took a particular liking to these lovely bells and expressed a desire to ring a peal there.

Little did I think that I should have to wait nearly 25 years to accomplish this, which I did on Sunday, January 20th.

It always seems odd to me how one travels far and wide over the country, ringing, yet it takes years to accomplish some minor feat in one's own immediate area. —Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst.

Christmas Bells in N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—Whilst spending Christmas this year with Peter Richards (K.C.A.), up in the north of New South Wales, we happened to be listening one evening to one of the country radio stations. The whole programme had been accompanied by the usual generous amount of 'static,' when quite suddenly the crackling stopped and lo and behold we heard.... 'This is "so and so" speaking to you from St. Paul's Cathedral, London.'

Imagine the rush to turn the wireless up to full volume! Following some fine, uninterrupted Stedman Cinques, we were treated to interviews with some of the St. Paul's ringers. Our guess was that the voices were either John or Michael Chilcott and what sounded like Bill Cook and Jack Waugh!

At the time we were nearly four hundred miles from the nearest octave tower so one can imagine the tonic it was! All most enjoyable and thank you, London.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE & DIANA PIPE.

Melbourne, Australia.

Bells and Cricket

Dear Sir,—I am a ringer at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and I just wish to pass on something that may be of interest to readers of 'The Ringing World.' I realise that it is now too late to give advance notice of the following, but if you see fit you may like to give a report of it.

Next Saturday (January 26th) we have been asked to ring for a wedding at the Cathedral which starts at 10.30 a.m. (S.A. time). The wedding includes a Nuptial Mass, and we should therefore start ringing at about 11.15-11.30 a.m.

During this time the fourth test between England and Australia will be in progress at the Adelaide Oval, just across the road and in full view of the Cathedral. The bells therefore will be (and indeed in the past have been) clearly heard over the radio during the cricket commentary. If, therefore, the cricket is broadcast at that hour in England (1.45-2 a.m. G.M.T.) and there are any ringers energetic enough to stay up till that hour, they will hear the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, intermingled with the cricket.

With reference to recent correspondence in 'R.W.' the B.B.C. may indeed be forced to broadcast bells that they don't even know about!

We take great pride in our bells—the second heaviest eight (tenor 41 cwt.)—as they are a beautifully sounding octave and 'go' perfectly. It would certainly give us a great thrill if ringers on 'the other side' were to hear them.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. BLEBY.

Burnside, South Australia.

Second Ladies' Guild President

Dear Sir,—I have just had passed on to me a copy of 'The Ringing World,' November 9th, 1962, containing a very interesting report of the jubilee of the Ladies' Guild, in which I read I passed away during my term as president about 1920.

I can assure you this is not correct as I am very much alive and well, in fact I was in London during the previous week to the meeting and had I known about it I should certainly have attended. Perhaps you will be good enough to correct this error. Thanking you.—Yours sincerely,

S. PIGOTT (Miss).

Hedd-Fan, Rhydyfelin,
Aberystwyth.

Note.—We are very pleased to receive Miss Piggot's letter. She was the second president of the Guild. The error is regretted.—Ed.

Perishin' Ringers

Dear Sir,—The present cold weather spell has not deterred the handbell ringers of St. John's College, York, from ringing on a borrowed set of eight handbells prior to college morning assemblies. The handbells are rung **four** times a week, from 8.30 a.m., for about five to ten minutes in the open. The ringers are wondering if ringing in a temperature of 17° F. (Wednesday, January 23rd) is a record for the **coldest** temperature in which handbells have been rung. Has anybody rung for at **five** minutes at a colder temperature? —Yours, etc.,

MICHAEL KING.

York.

Proposed David Peal

Dear Sir,—In the early thirties, an effort was made to raise a band of Davids for a peal on St. David's Day, but the name was not so popular as now, and we could only muster a dozen or so, including non-pealers.

The Archdeacon of Bangor has kindly given permission for a peal attempt at St. David's on Friday, March 1st, to be concluded any time before 7 p.m. It is also possible that other towers could be arranged over the week-end.

As St. David's Day will not fall on a Saturday until 1969, the above appears to be the next best thing. Anyone interested please get in touch with

—Yours faithfully,

DAVID (no 'C') VINCENT.

Mere Heyes House,
High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire.

Spliced Minor

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for November 16th, 1962 (page 767) an arrangement of Mr. Harold Chant's 25 method 720, introducing 'single change' Alliance methods, was published. It has been pointed out to me that the place notations given there for the four Special Alliance methods are incorrect, and should read:

Newington Special Alliance:
—14—12—1236—12—5 l.h. 6

Saltwood Special Alliance:
—14—12—1236—12—5 l.h. 2

Burmarsh Special Alliance:
—14—12—1236 34—5 l.h. 2

Witcombe Special Alliance:
—16—12—1236—12—3 l.h. 6

I'd be grateful if you would publish this correction, together with my apologies to anyone who has tried to ring the 720, only to find it had a singular reluctance to run round at the end.—Yours sincerely,

Cheltenham. CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

A Peal of Value

Dear Sir,—Peals are very precious on some bells. Here is the story how Arnesby, Leics. ring defied our Friday night band until the fourth attempt.

Our first attempt was last August Tuesday. We decided to meet at Leicester and catch a bus to Arnesby. To our dismay there was only one bus that day. Our next attempt was on November 9th, but this attempt was lost after 18 extents. Still set on scoring our peal, we went again on December 21st. After about an hour's ringing someone came knocking at the belfry door shouting, 'There's a car on fire.' We took no notice, but then we could smell it. We stood our bells and ran outside and found my car on fire!

The fourth attempt with my car back on the road again took place on January 18th. We reached Arnesby about 6.30 and found that there was some heat on in the church, but when we looked at the thermometer it was 30° F. So off we started at 6.45 p.m. and the peal was successfully brought round at 9 p.m., which was in 42 Doubles methods. The band consisted of Rupert A. Clarke 1, Michael W. Brown 2, David F. Moore (cond., 50th peal) 3, Brian C. Law 4, Maurice R. A. Kirk 5.—Yours sincerely,

Barkby, Leics. MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

Durham Minor

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Blagrove's letter, as printed in 'The Ringing World' of Friday, January 11th, I would like to point out that as far as I can see Durham Minor is just the same method as York Minor with a variation at the half-lead—just a matter of two changes. Having extended York Minor to Major the same was done to Durham with the necessary alteration at the half lead, and so 'ad infinitum.' I am sure that the whole Exercise, if they compare these figures, will agree that the extensions we have rung are true. It would probably be better to say that commonsense has prevailed, as opposed to the rules and regulations of the Methods Committee, which but a very few of the Exercise can understand.

It would be interesting to note that Mr. Blagrove wrote to me after the peal of Durham Surprise Royal was published in 'The Ringing World' giving me exactly the figures of the method that we had rung. Surely Mr. Blagrove must have at the back of his own mind the feeling that there is something in what we say. But still it may be a way of 'pulling the wool over the eyes' of the ordinary ringer like myself, and further dictation by the minority to the majority.

Perhaps we could hear the comments of other ringers on this question, and I hope they will not be frightened off by the word 'extension.' Let us hear your views which may not be involved, but just commonsense! —Yours faithfully, P. J. STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

Handbell Recordings

Dear Sir,—I noted with interest the article about the publication of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' by Nancy Poore Tufts. Perhaps our own English teams of handbell ringers will be stimulated by reading this book, and make themselves heard.

Maybe that **our** handbell ringers will move with the times, and make tape recordings of their ringing, so that these could be loaned out (for a reasonable fee!) and used to help each other. These recordings could be a valuable asset for ringers, and church social functions.

There does not seem to be enough cohesion between the various bands up and down the country, and we have very little knowledge of what is being done and what **can** be done.

Perhaps 1963 **will** bring a revival in this pleasant art.—Yours, etc., 'E. JATCH.'

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

THE appalling Arctic conditions of January 19th did not damp the enthusiasm of the Cumberlands who attended the annual meeting. A blizzard was raging as the members made their way from St. James', Clerkenwell, to St. Martin-in-the-Fields during the afternoon. After tea, in the warmth of St. Martin's Crypt, 40 members heard the Master (Mr. Denis Beresford) welcome them to the meeting, thanking them for their support and hoping their homeward journey would not be too difficult.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. F. J. Matthews) said that the Society had lost three members through death during the past year: Mr. Jack W. Cornford, who was made a member in 1919 and was a member of the St Martin's band for many years, a past secretary of the Society and a regular peal ringer; he had, however, moved to Essex soon after the war and had done little ringing since; Mr. Alfred R. Glasscock (82), was a member of the Southgate band for 50 years and a member of the Society for over 60 years; Mr. W. Bowden, of Southgate and Edmonton, who joined the Society in 1913.

During the year 25 new members had been elected, an increase of 14 on the previous year, but the secretary had to record that two members had sought to resign from the Society.

A very high standard of striking and method ringing had been maintained at the practices at Holloway, Holborn, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Cripplegate during the year. In November, the structural repairs being carried out at St. Martin's were completed and the band returned to ring there. Starting last November, the first Wednesday in the month is devoted to a practice at St. Martin's.

On two Sundays in the month, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Martin's bells are manned, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are rung on the fourth Sunday in the month.

During the year eight peals were rung against seven for the previous 12 months. They were: New Gloucester Surprise Major at Putney on March 3rd; Wembley Surprise Major at Bishopsgate on April 30th; Stedman Caters by our friends from Lincoln and Newark at Newark on April 23rd; Yorkshire Surprise Major at Westerham on May 26th; Stedman Cinques at Yarmouth on November 10th: Rutland Surprise Major at Edenbridge on November 3rd; London Surprise Major at Hackney on November 24th; six Spliced Surprise Major at Great Dunmow on December 8th. The peal of New Gloucester Surprise Major was the first for the Society.

Financially, the Society was in a sounder position. The increase in steepleage, fixed at the last annual meeting, was responsible for halting the continual drain on the Society's income and the Society could look forward to the hope of a crisis-free future.

The secretary reported that he had been in touch with various authorities regarding the history of the Society. It was hoped that many more facts would come to light regarding the origins of the Society and its life since with a view to rewriting the history.

Enthusiasm for the quarterly meetings had been very gratifying. Meetings had been held at Poplar and Hackney; a particularly fine day at Sevenoaks; and at St. George's, in the Borough, and St. Giles', Camberwell. The joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association in December was the usual success.

The election of the officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. D. Beresford; honorary secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews senior steward, Mr. P. Beresford; junior steward, Dr. D. E. Sibson; treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and P. Beresford.

Quarterly meetings for the coming year would be held on April 20th, July 13th, September 14th, and the Middlesex Association joint meeting would be held on December 7th. Venues to be decided.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett to the incumbents of St. Saviour's, Southwark, St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields for permission to ring on the bells, and also to the Vicar of St. Martin's for use of the Fellowship Hall for the meeting. F. J. M.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Branch

Despite the bitterly cold day a good number of ringers and friends arrived for the annual meeting of the Central Branch meeting at Lincoln on January 12th, to ring at the two six-bell towers—St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's.

The service was held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, the Vicar extending a welcome and thanking ringers for their services to the church. Tea was provided by local ladies of St. Peter's, all being very thankful for the warmth and a good tea.

Mr. J. Freeman, the chairman, welcomed visitors from Guildford, Reading, the North Lindsey Branch and the Southwell Guild.

Officers for 1963 elected included: Canon M. H. R. Synge, president; Mr. J. L. Millhouse, Ringing Master; Mr. S. A. Chambers, secretary.

Meetings for 1963 were agreed upon, the highlight being that in July, when the Branch hope to stage a ringing festival around the Sleaford area, to include both ringing and social activities. Other Branches will be invited.

Thanks were expressed to all concerned for the meeting, and members returned to St. Botolph's for further ringing. S. A. C.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Mr. David Tubbs has been elected conductor of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Society, Guildford, following the resignation of Mr. H. A. May, who found regular attendance difficult owing to his duties with the Surrey Constabulary. Mr. May, however, agreed to act as sub-conductor. Mr. S. G. Ponting continues as honorary secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. A. Hopper and A. B. Lee are the steeple-keepers.

The elections and annual meeting followed the Society's supper, held at the Corona Cafe, Guildford, on January 21st. Guests included the Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) and Mrs. Hocking, Supt. Ronald J. A. Hagley (captain of Godalming) and Mrs. Hagley, Mr. A. White (verger of Guildford Cathedral) and Mrs. White, and Mr. Peter Sherwood (Ash).

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Despite the wintry conditions over 60 ringers and friends attended the Society's winter meeting held at Tettenhall, on January 19th. St. Michael's Church gave us literally a very warm welcome, as both the ringing room and the nearby schoolroom were noticably well heated.

The excellent Gillett and Johnston ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, from the easier methods up to Bristol Surprise. In his address at the service, the Vicar welcomed the Society and gave an interesting description of the development of bell uses through the ages. He warned ringers as church workers not to over-emphasise their own vocation, but to remember that they should all be working as a unit.

Mr. A. G. Newman and his willing band of lady ringers did us proud with an excellent tea. Afterwards the honorary secretary asked members to watch 'The Ringing World' for details of the next meeting, which would be held on March 23rd next. The Society has decided to organise a tower striking competition which will take place on May 4th at a six-bell tower in the Archdeaconry, to be announced. Each tower interested is asked to submit six regular members of their own band only; they may ring any method they wish (Doubles or Minor), of approximately 120 changes, or call changes of at least ten different rows. Unattached members may form a band of their own. All bands are asked to contact the secretary if they wish to enter. Please state whether 'open' hand-stroke leads are to be used or not.

The honorary secretary went on to announce that the annual dinner will take place at Cannock on November 9th. He also appealed to all members to forward all money payable to the Society only to the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen, 8, Oriel Drive, Fordhouses, near Wolverhampton. (Peal conductors and 'Ringers' Diary' holders please note.) The Society is proposing to advertise in its next annual report and clients are asked to contact the secretary.

The following new members were elected: Miss B. G. Schofield (Bradford Cathedral), R Worrall (Macclesfield) life members; J. Moore and Mrs. E. Moore (Wilenhall), P. R. Johnson (Codsall), Miss G. Webb (Lichfield Cathedral), Rev. G. Hodgson (Tettenhall), J. Wilkinson and Miss E. Halldron (Bilston).

This very successful meeting concluded with the Society's thanks being tendered to the Vicar of Tettenhall, to their Ringing Master and to Mr. Newman and all who had made us so welcome. C. M. S.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

A reasonable attendance, that defied the snow, was present at the annual meeting of the Andover District at Whitchurch on January 13th, and the eight bells were rung throughout the afternoon.

The meeting was presided over by the District chairman (Mr. A. W. Alliston). With the exception of the treasurer (Miss Cherry White), all the District officers were re-elected. She did not stand for re-election and Mrs. Tarrant succeeds her.

Next quarterly meeting: March 23rd, Abbot's Ann, Goodworth Clatford and Andover.

Further ringing, under the direction of Mr. R Crook, followed

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TERCENTENARY OF THE GREAT BELL OF FROME

By EUNICE D. OVEREND

In the churchwardens' accounts of St. John's, Frome, is an entry for January 20th, 1662, for 8s. 8d. spent at Warminster at the casting of the great bell.

The same bell, weighing some 30 cwt., can still be heard ringing for service and on practice nights, and sounding the hours.

Although the date on the bell is 1662, until 1752 the New Year began on March 25th, so an anniversary in January, 1963, is not, as seems at first sight, a year late.

10d. FOR NAMING THE BELL

Running round the tenor is the inscription: 'William Whitchurch Andrew Rogers, C.W.D., 1662, I (bell) L.' and a shield with the Royal Arms is on the waist.

William Whitchurch kept the Anchor Inn, which disappeared when Bath Street was built. A Mr. Chapman was paid 1s., 'for the hiar of a hors to see the bell maide' and 10d. was spent at the Naming of the great bell the day after it was cast. Farmer Coles had £1 5s. for carrying it and 1s. was spent on bread on February 3rd, the day the bell was hung; the next day John Cabell had 2s. 6d. for ringing it.

At that time there were five bells in Frome, all by John Lott, of Warminster, whose mark was a bell between his initials. Two of these have since been recast, a sixth was added in 1684 and a pair of trebles given by William Cockey, churchwarden and bell-founder, of Frome, in 1724. The treble of 1684, given by John A'Court, of Rodden, was recast later by Wm. Bilbie. If it had survived it might have solved the mystery of the founder, whose initials were LC, only eight of whose bells remain.

By this time John Lott was dead though his son kept the Warminster foundry going for another six years.

THE COCKEYS

William Cockey did not begin his bell-founding till 1706, but his father, Lewis Cockey, living in Frome, was probably the founder of the six LC bells with the mark of a bell between the initials.

Richard Cockey, brazier, lived in Warminster in John Lott's day, and it was, perhaps, his son who arrived in Frome to set up in opposition on John Lott's death, copying his style of lettering and founder's mark, just as John Lott had copied the Perdues and William Cockey copied his father. If Frome had a foundry by 1634 the new bell would surely have been made there.

The LC bell at Farleigh Hungerford is of a completely different method of construction and style of lettering. This may be by the Lewis Cockey, bellfounder, of Bristol, who appears in the Yatton churchwardens' accounts and who has hitherto been credited with all the LC bells.

Future historians will not be able to deduce from present churchwardens' accounts that the bells were rung in celebration since ringers are no longer paid, but all successful peals are recorded and this, if luck is with the ringers, will be the 15th to go in the belfry peal book.

PEAL LOST

In honour of the tercentenary a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on January 19th. Unfortunately after 2¼ hours' ringing a trip caused two bells to shift and the peal was lost. Another attempt will be made after Easter.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

The second annual dinner of the S.U.G.C.R. was held at St. Michael's Church Hall, Bassett, on December 1st. A big programme of ringing preceded the meal: bells being available at Owslebury, Twyford, Bishopstoke, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, Bitterne Park and North Stoneham. A variety of methods was attempted with varying degrees of success. A ringers' Evensong was arranged at North Stoneham, with some of the hosts acting as choir. The address was given by the Rev. John Pibworth, priest-in-charge.

After the most important business of the dinner (the eating thereof) had been successfully concluded, the toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Pat Wooster, a life member of the Guild, now studying for ordination. He spoke of the need for co-operation between ringers and the rest of the congregation, as well as between ringers and clergy.

The Rev. John Pibworth, a good friend of the Guild, replied, with the requisite wit and good humour.

Alan Harrison, in proposing 'The Visitors,' gave a special welcome to many friends from Reading. John Bartlett, of Reading, replied, and also proposed 'The Guild.' His speech included the traditional parrot joke!

By way of replying, the Master, Hugh Evans, gave a report of the Guild's progress (?) during the past year, making mention of a 'performance' which many would rather forget.

The evening concluded with music and dancing, and also performances upon handbells, the pedal cycle and the well-tuned motor-bike.

P. C. F. W.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By FRANK E. DARBY

23456	M	In/5ths	W	H
23564		X		—
24365		X	—	—
34625	—	X		—
42356		X		
42563		X		—
32465		X	—	
32654		X		—
53246		X		2
34256	—	X		
52436	—	X		2
23456	—	X		

5,129 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By ROGER SAVORY

23456789				
32457968	1	5		
43297568	1s	2	3	
243	1	2	3	
324	1	2	3	
72493568		5s		
42397568		5		
342	1	2	3	
23497568	1	2	3	
42357968	1s	2	3	
65243978		2	3s	
34562		2	3	
23465	1	2	3s	
52364	1	2	3s	A
352	1	2	3	A
235	1	2	3	A
42365	1	2	3s	A
34265		A		
53462	1	2	3s	
25364	1	2	3s	
352	1	2	3	
43265	1	2	3s	
32465		2A		
53264	1	2	3s	
45362879	1		3	
24563	1	2	3s	
32465	1	2	3s	
24365		2A		
52463	1	2	3s	
452	1	2	3	
34562	1	2	3s	
23465	1	2	3s	
34265		2A		

First rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, on December 15th, 1962, conducted by the composer.

OBITUARY

MR. J. J. BATCHELOR

A sad loss to the Kent County Association occurred on January 15th, when Mr. Joseph John Batchelor, of Little Chart, one of the representatives of the Ashford District, collapsed and died suddenly in Ashford, at the age of 47.

Mr. Batchelor, known to his many friends as 'Joe,' learned to ring as a boy under the tuition of Mr. Bill Oldfield at the old church which was destroyed by a flying bomb in 1944. He played a leading part in the building of the village's new church, dedicated in 1956, where he was churchwarden and captain of the ringers. The present delightful little ring of six is almost entirely due to his efforts in salvaging the old bells, and insisting on them being recast and rehung.

In addition to training his own ringers he found time to help learners at the neighbouring towers of Smarden and Charing. As a District representative, one of his last services to the Association was to give the benefit of his wisdom and financial knowledge, as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee on Rules and Finance.

Mr. Batchelor was born and lived all his life in the Mill House. He took an active part in all the activities of the village. Batchelor's Paper Mill, which was bought by Joe's grandfather in 1875, now employs 75 men, but has been the centre of the working life of Little Chart for over two centuries.

Over 200 people attended the funeral service on the Friday, conducted by the Rev. D. P. Lury. Apart from representatives of the Newspaper Manufacturers, British Railways, the South Kent Lodge of Freemasons and many other organisations, ringers were represented by Mr. J. R. Cooper (District Ringing Master), Mr. Alan Berry (District representative), Mr. D. A. Chapman (Canterbury District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Waddington (Maidstone District representative).

Mr. Batchelor is survived by his wife and two sons, all of whom he taught to ring, and imbued with his own love of the art. He rang only a small number of peals, but was most proud of the one he rang three years ago, when his elder son, Paul, then aged 13, rang his first peal.

His bluff, genial personality, his generous help and kindly wisdom will be sadly missed in Little Chart, in the Ashford District and in the councils of the Kent County Association.

C. T. H.

MR. R. H. CAVE

Mr. Reginald Harold Cave, of Banbury, passed away on New Year's Eve, aged 77 years. He came to Banbury in 1914 and served throughout his working life with the Great Western Railway Company, and subsequently with British Railways (Western Region), retiring in 1948.

He was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Banbury, until about two years ago when ill-health prevented further ringing. For some years prior to his death he was honorary tower secretary and treasurer, and his conscientiousness and enthusiasm in these offices will long be remembered by his fellow ringers and the numerous visiting bands he welcomed to St. Mary's.

He had also been a keen chorister in many church choirs, the last being St. Leonard's, Grimsbury, Banbury.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's, Banbury on January 4th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. R. Carpenter. The congregation included many of his ringing friends. Immediately after the service and again that evening the bells were rung half-muffled.

Final tributes were paid by the Banbury and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at their meeting at Bloxham on January 12th, and on January 18th when representatives from various towers rang a quarter peal of 1,259 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Banbury: J. Bishop 1, J. M. Stretton 2, Mrs. O. Gillett 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davies 5, M. W. Coleman 6, C. T. Wightman 7, C. Herbert 8, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 9, H. Bishop 10.

C. T. W.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD DINNER

The eighth annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at 'The Culverden Arms,' Tunbridge Wells, on January 12th. The snowy weather caused the organisers concern and they had thought of cancelling the event; luckily they did not as a record company of 59 sat down to an excellent meal.

After the loyal toast, 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Bassett, who spoke of how much ringers were indebted to the Church. With all other people they realised that it was the influence of the Church that kept some law and order in this crazy world of ours, and that it would be a grim place without that influence. All ringers hoped that the message of the bells would do much to keep the Church alive. Secondly, it was the Church that provided the means of enjoying their art, and if the authorities suddenly decided to ban bells in churches, there would only be ten towers to grab.

The president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, who replied, was in great form and nearly 'stopped the show' when he likened a meeting of parsons to a heap of manure, an obnoxious lot when all together, but when spread all over the land they did quite a lot of good.

Mr. Missen was, however, very sincere when he thanked the ringers for their service to the Church, and hoped that the good relations between the clergy and ringers would long continue. 'Keep their bells ringing and they will bless you for ever,' he said.

A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. Ladd, after which Mr. B. V. Collison proposed 'The Guild,' giving a résumé of the Guild's history since its formation in 1927, with special mention of the two founder members present, Messrs. E. J. Ladd and R. D. Divall, of the services rendered by several members, and the young up and coming conductor, Stanley Jenner. Mr. Collison had a special message to the youngsters, urging them to work hard to keep up the reputation of the Guild, and to try and match the services of past members, and the young members already holding office and putting up an excellent show.

In reply, the Guild chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey, endorsed Mr. Collison's remarks as to the young members, and thanked all those who had travelled long distances to attend. He closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the organisers, congratulating them on the excellent arrangements.

In the social that followed the company were entertained by Ann Boon and Rosemary Heighes (sopranos), Raymond Large (baritone), George Fry (comedian), M. A. Ladd, E. J. Ladd and C. Tester (handbells), with Mrs. Ladd at the piano.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL DEFIED THE WEATHER

Instead of the normal congregation of about 100, there were little more than two dozen people present at St. Peter's, Weston Favell, Northants, on January 20th, when a ringers' festival was held on the Sunday following the Festival of St. Anthony, whose name has been associated with bells through the ages.

Despite deep snowfall the previous night, the drifts and treacherous roads, the programme as arranged was carried out, consisting of 8 a.m. Corporate Communion, Matins and Evensong. Four hymns, written by Mr. P. Amos, were sung during the service. These hymns and one other have been specially printed in a leaflet.

Weston Favell ringers hope that better weather conditions will prevail for the next Ringers' Sunday, which is to follow St. Dunstan's Day—May 19th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Some 25 ringers and friends were present for the service and tea at the meeting of the Ashford District at Rolvenden on January 12th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Helyer, whose interesting address was worthy of a larger congregation. Mr. P. Wells was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Hemsley, captain of the Holvenden ringers.

Tea was enjoyed at 'The Bull,' after which the Vicar acted as chairman for the business meeting. The main item on the agenda was the honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet for 1962. This showed that the previous year's satisfactory trend was maintained, especially in the recruitment of honorary members. Eight new members joined the Association.

Mr. Alan Berry thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and the Rolvenden ringers and friends for catering for the visitors under rather difficult circumstances. In reply Mr. Helyer said plainly that he was disappointed at the poor attendance, but would be glad to welcome the Association again in less wintry conditions.

In this connection it should be said that most of the 15 visitors came from the other end of the District, i.e. Folkestone and Burmarsh. All credit to them and to their hosts, but not, it must be admitted, to anybody else. In spite of a request for a good attendance only Mr. J. Willis sent even a letter of apology, and consequently the keen young band at Rolvenden received little moral support. If this is a sample of future attendances, the timetable will have to be drastically reduced.

Ringing on the fine eight was under the direction of the honorary District secretary, and eventually rose to Oxford Treble Bob.

C. T. H.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

'The peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Michael's Ashton-under-Lyne on January 17th was a great achievement for us, writes Mr. Ronald M. Edwards. There was a footnote re each ringer, conspicuous being the first peal of 15-year-old Margaret Wright. For her it was a welcome to her niece, whose mother (her sister) was a former ringer at this church.

The annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will be held at Rochester on Saturday, May 11th.

Frome ringers will remember New Year's Eve and the advent of 1963. They had to whip off the muffles of the bells in a frame covered in icy snow.

Miss Anita Henson, of West Bridgford, has resigned her secretaryship of the Society of Sherwood Youths. Her successor is Mr. Peter Nix, of Hucknall.

By ringing 12 methods of Spliced Surprise Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on January 12th, an advance is recorded. It is the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

As the result of playing carols around the village during the week before Christmas, the Wadhurst, Sussex, bellringers handed the sum of £18 to the Mentally Handicapped Children's Society.

During the eight years he has been Ringing Master, Mr. Roy Collins has seen the members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild rise from 55 to 130. Gratifying progress.

A half-muffled peal attempt at Little Chart, Kent, on January 19th, in memory of the late Mr. J. J. Batchelor, came to a sudden end in the sixth extent after two hours' excellent ringing when a power cut plunged the ringers into complete darkness.

Mr. Frank J. Matthews informs us that the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths propose to rewrite the history of the Society. Any unpublished manuscripts and notes relating to the Society would be most welcome. Write Mr. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18.

There are four married couples in this year's peal list and it is unusual that two of these should come from Gnosall, Staffs. Taking aggregate totals, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key lead with 78, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner, 76, the Drews, of Cheltenham, with 65, and the Warrilows with 58. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border had a combined total of 185. The late Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole, however, in 1954 had a total of 244!

This coming year should see Mr. A. Patrick Cannon join the list of the 1,000 pealers. He is in his last 50.

Five Slough Parish Church ringers 'hit the target' in 1962. Fred Scott, Keith Ward, David Ward and W. Birmingham exceeded 30 peals and David Hilling rang 26.

Ringers, whether or not they are Scottish or Welsh rugby enthusiasts, in Edinburgh for the international at Murrayfield, will be welcome at the practice at St. Cuthbert's, Prince's Street, on Saturday, February 2nd, from 6 p.m.

One of the surprises of this year's peal list is the leading peal ringers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, except R. B. Smith, who really belongs to Marple, Cheshire, are below 50. Despite this the Guild had to its credit the highest total for over 10 years.

Editor F. E. Dukes has some interesting posers for his readers in 'The Irish Bell News,' January number. One is, 'What does legend say about the bell of Ugley in Essex?' Answer: 'Ugley Church, ugly steeple, ugly parson, ugly people.'

The Irish Association aim at raising capital for a bell restoration of at least £200. The sum of £85 is still required to bring the fund up to the target figure and to redeem the loans. The sum of £150 of the new 5½ per cent Irish National Loan was applied for and accepted. Of this amount, the Trustees have personally advanced between them £60. Those who have enjoyed Irish ringing and would like to be associated with the appeal should communicate with Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

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STOWTING, KENT.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

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

*Peter Richardson	*Treble*	John Richards	4
C. Gay Williams	2	Nicholas J. Davies	5
J. Richard Hough	3	Crawford T. Hillis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Marion J. Phillips ..	*Treble*	John C. Baldwin	4
J. Richard Hough	2	Dennis A. Chapman ..	5
Crawford T. Hillis ..	3	Nicholas J. Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.
* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

J. Richard Hough	*Treble*	John C. Baldwin	5
*W. Kenneth Hamilton ..	2	Crawford T. Hillis ..	5
Nicholas J. Davies ..	3	Ian H. Oram	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal 'inside,' and first in the method. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Violet I. E. Relf	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Robert Swift	2	*John C. Baldwin	6
Nicholas J. Davies	3	Crawford T. Hillis ..	7
J. Richard Hough	4	Dennis A. Chapman ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Geoffrey Fisher	*Treble*	†John C. Baldwin	4
†Peter Richardson	2	Crawford T. Hillis ..	5
Nicholas J. Davies ..	3	David Staples	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal. † First 'inside,' and in three methods. ‡ 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHOVER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

James Draycott	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Graham T. Ball	7
John M. Jelley	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	8
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Russell S. Morris	9
J. Edward Cawser	5	Martin C. Faulkes	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Jennifer M. Tyack	*Treble*	Harold A. Nobes	6
†Renee Sturgess	2	S. Alan Scott	7
*Anthony R. Cope	3	William F. J. Cope ..	8
John A. G. Ball	4	Alan H. Sturgess	9
‡Susan E. Smith	5	*John W. C. Stevenson ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess.
* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First 'inside.' First of Caters on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 12 methods, comprising 600 each of London and Redcliffe, 480 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge, Albanian, Rutland and Wembley, 360 each of Lindsey, Langley and Lincolnshire, and 240 each of Pudsey and Prittlewell; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

John Robinson	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	6
Derek Ogden	2	Norman Smith	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Frederick Shallcross ..	8
Neil Bennett	4	John H. Fielden	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Derek Ogden.
Greatest number of Royal methods ever rung to a peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Margaret Wright (15) ..	*Treble*	‡Derek J. Marshall	6
†John F. Barlow	2	†C. John Clegg	7
‡Joan Harrison	3	‡Leonard Hill	8
†William Harrison	4	Ronald M. Edwards ..	9
†Peter J. Malloch	5	‡Frederick Shallcross ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Ronald M. Edwards.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First on ten as conductor. Ringers of 2, 6, 8 and treble have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.
Rung by the Sunday service band in memoriam J. Carter (past Ringing Master), who died January 12th, 1956.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Howard Oglesby	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	William Birmingham ..	7
Michael Hatchett	3	J Keith Ward	8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Roger Baldwin	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.
Rung to open in this parish the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRANCEPETH, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Brandon.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Norman Errington	*Treble*	George S. Deas	5
M. Elaine Murcott	2	*Frederick Ross	6
John E. Anderson	3	J. Alan Ainsworth ..	7
Alan R. Patterson	4	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* 100th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Peter D. Taylor	*Treble*	Dennis Gregory	5
J. Frank Smallwood ..	2	*George H. Paulson ..	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Michael H. Paulson ..	4	Ernest Paulson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* 100th peal.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*David J. Llewellyn ..	*Treble*	Adrian F. R. Hartley ..	5
†Ruth Havard	2	Edmund J. R. Hartley ..	6
*Thomas Yeomans	3	Roger G. Havard	7
Bryn A. Taylor	4	†Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First of Major in the method by all except the ringer of the third.
Rung to mark the success of the initial stages of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

RICKMANSWORTH BOB ROYAL
x 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.4.5.0; 3.6; 9.0

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KESSINGLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DEREK J. JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Arranged by GEORGE W. MASSEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal. First in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOHN K. SMITH	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	GORDON H. LANE	7
DAVID R. INGRAM	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Lincolnshire; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Treble*	*JOHN CAMP	5
JOHN H. FIELDEN	2	F. JOHN NELSON	6
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ESHER, SURREY.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

DENNIS BROCK	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS	5
PAUL A. BRAND	2	DOUGLAS M. BONIFACE	6
MICHAEL B. TYERS	3	ANDREW M. JOHNSON	7
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	4	ANTHONY G. TYERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ANTHONY G. TYERS.
A compliment to J. Marilyn Gibbs and Derek G. Astridge on their engagement.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's var. of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

DENIS WOODS	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all except ringer of the sixth.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,592 of Cambridge and 2,496 of Superlative; with 72 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of both methods.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	*H. GEORGE HART	5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING	2	DAVID J. TAYLOR	6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
ELSIE K. HART	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

KESSINGLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
56 x 56.14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 58.16 x 16.58 L.E.: B. C.P.S.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 HACKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS N. LAYTON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 12).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

DAVID J. BAKER	*Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES	5
*MARGARET JAMES	2	*KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW	6
*EDNA M. POULTER	3	*JOHN C. BALDWIN	7
*JANET WARWICK	4	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Edward Bryant, Master of the Guild.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
GRAHAM T. BALL	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	4	*R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 100th peal.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROOT	5
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
A coming-of-age compliment to the ringer of the second.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	ANTHONY LOCKE	6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	3	HARRY STACEY	7
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	2	GRAHAM T. BALL	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells, and by the band, except the ringer of the seventh.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	FREDERICK ROSS	7
DAVID J. PURNELL	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Minor.

HACKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
38—58.4—12—36.14—14.3.14—14.5
2nds place L.E. 16482735. 4ths place bob.
Composition: see 'R.W.', 10/3/1950, page 160; as for first peal of Banstead.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

PATRICIA LAYCOCK	*Treble*	*BRYAN C. BURROUGH	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	2	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	*W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	EDWARD C. WEAVER	5
PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JOHN P. FIDLER	3	DENNIS N. BURNETT	7
JOHN OLDHAM	4	COLIN HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
1,000th peal on the bells. Contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 with the 3rd never in 6ths and the 2nd never in 5-6.
All the above ringers are employed at the Bell Foundry.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 19 methods: (1) Killamarsh; (2) Barnsley, South Kirby, Felkirk, Havercroft; (3) Oxford; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley; (5) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood; (6) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel; (7) Woodbine. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDERICK R. BROOK	*Treble*	ROGER CLARK	4
ELIZABETH PEACE	2	PETER CARBUTT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	TREVOR TARBATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	C FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods: (1 to 6) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (7 to 11) Grandsire, (12) Grandsire and Newborough, (13 to 18) Plain Bob, (19 to 21) April Day, (21 to 30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31 and 32) All Saints, (33) Rushall, (34) All Saints and Rushall, (35 and 36) Marchington, (37 to 39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40 to 42) Seighford. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD CHAPMAN	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	3
J. HEDLEY WALE	2	RICHARD A. COBLEY	4
MICHAEL W. BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. Horace Vann, for many years a bellringer, chorister and sidesman at this church.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Newark Parish Church Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (ten callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
MARGARET E. CHILTON	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
HAROLD STEVENSON	3	DENNIS SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Pugh (a former Ringing Master at this church), Mrs. Hooper (mother of the conductor) and Mrs. L. Midwinter (mother of the ringer of the fifth), all of whom died recently.

HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) York and Durham, (3) London and Wells, (4) Annable's London, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ANDREW M. MACVE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
*JOHN S. BARNES	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in 12 methods. † 500th peal.

NUTHALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

W. PAGE	*Treble*	MISS H. YOUNG	4
MISS M. BALL	2	MISS J. HARRISON	5
T. HARRISON	3	E. JENKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENKINSON.
First peal by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss J. Harrison; also the 15th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. L. R. Barker.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 20 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Carlisle and Northumberland, (3) London, Cunecastre and Wells, (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Rossendale and Stamford, (7) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; with 122 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

JOHN S. BARNES	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	2	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
IAN H. ORAM	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in 20 methods.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings); 254 bobs, 166 singles; no plain leads. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHIRLEY M. DREW	*Treble*	ALLAN PATON	4
WENDY BIRD	2	BOB DOWDESWELL	5
MICHAEL CLIFFORD	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First attempt in the method by all.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*SHEILA COPPING	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND	4
D. PAUL SMITH	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	ANDREW M. MACVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael, son of the ringer of the fourth.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL	*Treble*	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	JOHN COATES	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Dan A. Piercy, an Ordsall ringer, who passed away on January 10th, aged 74. He stood in the conductor's first peal on March 23rd, 1929, in this tower and in the same methods.

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ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 42 methods/variations: (1) Besthorpe, (2) Costessy, (3) Mileham, (4) Shropham, (5) Walsingham, (6) Norwich, (7) Plain Bob, (8) April Day, (9) Kennington, (10) Old, (11) Seighford, (12) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (13) Southrepps Pleasure, (14) Clifford's Pleasure, (15) St. Columb, (16) Little Aston, (17) St. Martin, (18) St. Paul, (19) St. Peter, (20) St. Leonard, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Simon, (23) St. Albans, (24) Cassington, (25) Eynsham, (26) Elford, (27) Winchendon Place, (28) St. Miles, (29) St. Luke, (30) St. John, (31) Ryton, (32) St. Nicholas, (33) St. Giles, (34) St. Thomas, (35) St. Andrew, (36) Shareshill, (37) Grandsire, (38) Newborough, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Morning Star, (41) All Saints, (42) Rushall.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. *Treble* | *DAVID F. MOORE 3
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 2 | BRIAN C. LAW 4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

* 50th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, MEAN WOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire, April Day, and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E.

STUART J. CORSON .. .. *Treble* | ANTHONY E. STAMP 3
JOHN WEAVER .. .. .. 2 | RONALD H. DOVE 4
C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

First peal in eight methods of Doubles by all the band. First on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. .. *Treble* | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 2 | LOUIS WILLDERS 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 3 | GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, *in* 1 *Hour and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 34, SWITHLAND LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Six extents of April Day, seven each of Kennington, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 3—4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7—8

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

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 15 in C.

DAN S. PONT .. .. .. 1—2 | RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 18, TABORS AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 1—2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 5—6
DAVID HODGSON .. .. 3—4 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First handbell peal of Major as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: A. Helliwell 1, E. J. F. Wall 2, R. Leigh 3, R. J. Parker 4, N. Pickup (cond.) 5, M. Birtwistle 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Helliwell 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, R. Leigh 4, E. J. F. Wall 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Cornwall Surprise Major: Edna M. Poulter 1, D. W. James 2, Margaret James 3, Janet Warwick 4, J. Soanes 5, J. Baldwin 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Ogden 8. By Manchester University Band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Kendrick 1, M. Barnby 2, M. Godwin 3, K. Thompson 4, B. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Young (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Taylor (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Evans (first of Major) 2, A. W. Bond 3, Angela Wright (first of Major) 4, Angela Grainger 5, D. P. Treble 6, B. J. Stone 7, B. G. North (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, R. A. Vickers (first of Cambridge) 4, D. Burbidge 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. W. Holland (cover) 8. Rung in anticipation of a happy 1963.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: F. E. Roberts 1, Olive D. Tester 2, R. J. Lee 3, R. W. Hinde 4, R. J. Talbot 5, R. E. Finch 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): V. Hurt 1, Mrs. F. M. Davis 2, W. Seekings 3, W. E. Young 4, D. Nicholls 5, D. A. Davis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. E. Winter 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 4, J. E. Warner 5, L. J. Fox 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. M. Hollyman 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, E. J. Jenner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, J. E. Warner 6, L. J. Fox 7, G. S. E. Winter 8. For Evensong.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smithills (age 12, first quarter) 1, J. Mossop 2, H. Smethills 3, A. Lomas 4, N. Tompkins (cond.) 5, J. Thornley 6, P. Crook sen. 7, R. Holt 8. Rung on St. John the Evangelist's day (Patron Saint).

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire). T. J. Field 1, J. T. P. Thorpe 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Mrs. C. E. Cooper 4, C. E. Cooper 5. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Slater, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of his ordination.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,385 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Pipe 1, E. G. Pearce 2, B. Gillian Schofield 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. H. Buxton 5, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, L. N. Melton 8, R. F. Downing 9, S. Pipe 10. For the Festival of Christmas.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. Woollven 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davy 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 30th, 720 Ipswich Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davy 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Powell 1, C. T. Richards 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. Fulwell 4, M. A. Stacey 5, C. Rogers 6, M. Sprackling 7, G. Harvey 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, W. G. Wilson 10. For Matins.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (44 individual plain course methods. 92 changes of method): Miss T. Johnson 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Lansley 6. First of Spliced Doubles and in 44 methods by all except 4 and 5. For morning service.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Fox 1, R. Howes 2, F. Absolom 3, Susan Howes 4, A. Howes 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, M. Welsh (cover) 8. First of Cambridge for all the band. A compliment to A. Howes, on his 21st birthday and his engagement to Helen Butler; also a birthday compliment to G. McIlhone.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Turner 1, E. Fosberry 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, Miss I. Gocher 4, W. L. Weller 5, I. Nelson (first of Triples) 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, M. I. Davey 8. First on eight bells by 1, 3, 4. For Evensong.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse St Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Archer (first quarter) 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For the carol service.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Edwards 1, D. Peers 2, W. Hall (cond.) 3, S. Anderson 4, R. Peers 5, J. McCullagh 6. Rung on the eve of the Epiphany.

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HALF PEALS

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. John Ev., Miles Platting, on Dec. 8th, 2,560 Plain Bob Major: Marcia Nutt 1, Jean A. Allen 2, Janet Warwick 3, Mary Browne 4, D. J. Baker 5, K. H. Scrimshaw 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.—On Jan. 20th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: A. Pickles 1, R. Price 2, L. Walmsley 3, P. Dunderdale 4, F. Stead 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of W. Loxham, a ringer at this church for 53 years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,2860 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Margaret C. Godfrey (first of Minor) 1, Ruth Perrin 2, R. Rayfield (first in two methods) 3, C. H. Macve 4, P. J. Milton 5, An M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dorothy M. Stafford 1, Janet D. Phillips (first of Major) 2, Maria E. Kirby 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, C. M. Foster 5, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, D. M. Sawyer 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. Rung by the University of Bristol Society after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Jane Sibson 1, Margaret M. Jones 2, Josephine D. Hardy 3, Joan Beresford 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8. Half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Fright (first quarter) 1, Josephine D. Hardy 2, Rita E. Gould 3, Margaret M. Jones 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, R. White 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band except the conductor. For Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. I. Dear 1, M. Hopkins 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck 5, C. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, P. Flack 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Bishop 1, J. M. Stretton 2, Mrs. O. Gillett 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davies 5, M. W. Coleman 6, C. T. Wightman 7, C. Herbert 8, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 9, H. Bishop 10. A last tribute to Mr. Reginald Harold Cave, for many years honorary secretary and treasurer of the tower, who died on December 31st.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, M. Damerell 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, B. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, 30 changes of method): J. Schofield 1, Olive Tester 2, R. Lee 3, Jean Lavender 4, S. Kimber 5, R. Talbot 6, R. Hinde 7, E. Darby (cond.) 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: J. Schofield 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, R. W. Hinde 5, F. E. Darby 6, R. J. Lee 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BICKER, LINCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Fovargue (first quarter) 1, N. B. Fovargue 2, Miss S. Fovargue 3, J. P. Morriss 4, J. E. Brown 5, J. H. Taylor 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Daft, a church worker.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janice Brown (first quarter) 1, Louise Gallini 2, H. F. Wood 3, B. G. Elliot 4, E. F. Fosberry 5, G. C. Rix 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bland 1, J. T. Parsons 2, F. Longworth 3, G. Wignall 4, T. Wilkinson 5, G. Haworth 6, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, K. A. Earnshaw 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Joseph A. Tomlinson, for many years a ringer at the Cathedral, who died on January 13th, 1963.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, Peter and Cedd, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Groves 1, P. Anne Edwards 2, L. J. Clarke (cond.) 3, G. Andrews 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, P. J. Eves 6, I. R. Panton 7, J. Crawley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. Thrift.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Linnell 1, J. Linnell 2, J. Linford 3, Miss M. A. Wilson 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, D. Burbidge 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Wall (first quarter Stedman Triples) 1, R. H. Bullen 2, M. H. Paulson 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. Gregory 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Astbury 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Franklin 1, D. Pimm (first 'inside') 2, C. Adam 3, G. Tinson 4, R. Partridge (cond.) 5, G. McIlhone 6.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. D. Harrison 1, G. P. Hammond 2, I. P. Unsworth 3, K. F. Gardner 4, G. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. J. Allen 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Perry 1, R. Smith 2, K. Baker 3, M. Heymann 4, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. Rung to welcome the birth of Christopher Paul to Monica and Michael Horseman on January 19th.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Jan. 13th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Whelan (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, J. E. Reed (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. W. Ottley 4, J. L. Bell 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Jordan 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, Miss G. Baresel 3, Miss F. Pocock 4, P. Ruch (cond.) 5, R. Sumner 6, G. Golding 7, S. Porter 8. A 21st birthday compliment to three of the band; the Misses P. Rayner, G. Herbour and P. Smith.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ballard (cond.) 1, R. Hayward 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, C. P. Rice 4, E. Sowman 5, M. Lindsey 6, J. Vernon 7, P. Hollick 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Edgar Vallance, a member of the local band, who died on January 12th.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jean M. Hunt 1, D. Derbyshire 2, J. A. Dobb 3, M. A. Willis 4, D. W. Parkin (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. V. Coghill (first quarter) 1, J. F. Murfin 2, D. J. Murfin 3, D. Derbyshire 4, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 5, M. Cann 6.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Chapman 1, Jennifer Young 2, N. J. Davies 3, Josephine Hardy 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. White (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jones 1, Josephine Hardy 2, Jennifer Young 3, D. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6. Wedding bells for the eldest daughter of the Vicar, Rev. L. S. Dashwood.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps): Miss C. Stringer (first quarter) 1, C. Godfrey 2, Mrs. C. Godfrey 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. For Sung Eucharist.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Rosamund Rawlings (first on ten) 1, Judith Geiringer (first on ten) 2, Susan Rawlings 3, Margaret Lewis 4, Joan Beresford 5, D. Leach (first of Royal) 6, D. Wilkins (first of Royal) 7, K. Newman 8, A. Bagworth 9, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 10.

LONDON.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): M. Rose 1, Jennifer Young 2, M. P. Barton 3, D. Miles 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For morning service.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Roberts 1, R. H. Tyler 2, H. Bennett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Silvey 1, Miss J. Cook 2, P. R. Dean 3, J. Young 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David Oliver (first attempt, age 14) 1, N. D. Deam (cond.) 2, L. Porter (first attempt, age 12) 3, R. H. Jones 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for Epiphany.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hale 1, D. Neville 2, D. Elliott 3, Valerie Taylor (first quarter) 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Dec. 30th, at 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. A. Yeates 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. C. Bolton (cond. and first 'in hand') 5—6. Also on Dec. 30th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Pardoe (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, Miss S. Scott 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cnd.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Morris 1, R. E. Tallis 2, Jennifer Cook (first of Surprise) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, P. J. Rothera 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — At the Cathedral, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): H. Nankivell 1, B. J. Lawes 2, C. Carter (first quarter) 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. For induction of the Very Rev. J. R. Payne as Dean of Perth. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Merrylyn Chambers 1, L. Reynolds 2, B. J. Lawes 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, H. Nankivell 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Merrylyn Chambers 1, L. Reynolds 2, B. J. Lawes 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, B. Potts (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. R. Warren 6. Rung for service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a farewell to Archbishop Moline, who is retiring.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, Sheila A. Chinnery 3, H. Chant (cond.) 4, J. J. Fox 5, F. Mitchell 6. First quarter and first 720 by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, to welcome their daughter, Sheila Mary, and for the birthday of Susan Anne Chant.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Veall 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, Margaret Weston (first quarter) 6. Rung for the birthday of the tenor ringer.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. Nicholls 1, W. Noble 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, L. G. Cowley 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6, S. Clements (cover) 8. Rung to commemorate Langley's charity.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Alban 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, K. Cowan 5. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Wheeler 1, B. Russell 2, G. T. Acott 3, S. King (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, R. Taylor 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. S. Harryman, Vicar and Rural Dean, who was this day inducted Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 3rd at St. Mark's, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Collins 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, R. J. Sweet 3, T. S. Collins 4, B. Bladon 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to B. Bladon.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Brown 1, N. R. Ellway 2, R. E. Lloyd 3, J. A. Clarke (first of Minor) 4, M. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. J. Copson 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging, and first of Minor on the bells by the Sunday service band.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, D. R. Fuller 2, Christine Fuller (cond.) 3, A. Field (first quarter) 4, A. Baldock 5, L. Tapp 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Margaret Rose Binstead, 12-year-old daughter of Wally Binstead, a member of the local company.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: J. Linford 1, D. Burbidge 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, B. Eglesfield (first of Minor) 4, C. E. Truman 5, J. Linnell (first of Minor as cond.) 6, G. E. Green 7. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Linford 1, J. Linnell 2, G. E. Green 3, C. E. Truman 4, D. Burbidge 5, W. F. Eyden 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, F. C. Case 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Judith Geiringer (first as cond.) 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, F. R. Hartley 4, R. C. W. Mayes 5, G. Reynolds (first of Minor) 6. For Evensong.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. K. Hamilton (cond.) 1, L. Sweatman 2, Ruth Hamilton 3, P. Denne (first 'inside') 4, J. Richards 5, J. Clarke 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For carol service.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Abbott (first quarter) 1, L. Oliffe 2, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 3, P. Pearce 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Hester 6. Rung for Confirmation, by the Bishop of Dorchester.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. R. Ashmore (first quarter) 1, Miss M. S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris 3, D. R. Sayers 4, D. R. Morris 5, J. J. Stanier 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, J. Slater 8, D. Beecham 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Rev. D. R. Pocock, precentor of the Cathedral and warden of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

LATE NOTICE

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Goldington (6), Saturday, February 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1889

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STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—From Wednesday, February 6th, there will be Spliced Surprise Minor practices. Time of ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Pickett. 1849

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—The 1963 (Cornwall and Devon) tour lists are now available. S.A.E. please, large enough to take a folded foolscap sheet. Lists for the first week will not be sent unless specifically requested. Subscriptions (5s.) are also due.—W. A. Lacey (Hon. Sec.), 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester. 1888

CANCELLATION

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The meeting at Hilperton, February 2nd, has been **cancelled.** The weather has caused heating problems in the church and its buildings. 1880

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Supper and social, Sat., March 16th, 6.45 p.m.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Dulverton on February 2nd. Numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. R. Tudball. 1870

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, February 2nd at Claverdon **postponed.** Instead read evening meeting on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Wootton Wawen from 6-9 p.m.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Workington, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Boumphrey, 35, Brigbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington. 1839

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, at Chippenham. Bells (6) 3 until 5 p.m. Tea and service at Fordham (6). Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Methodist Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 1782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting at Watford, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1840

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, February 2nd at Wavendon. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1834

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killamarsh, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 till 5 p.m. and after tea. Eckington bells 2.30 till 3, and Harthill bells 7 till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 1814

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, February 2nd at the Euston Tavern, opposite St. Pancras Station, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12.45-2; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.15-3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.45-5.15 p.m. Tickets still available.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 1816

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 2nd, at East Grinstead. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at St. Luke's, to all who notify Mrs. E. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue, East Grinstead.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 1815

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 4th, at 7 p.m. 1851

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, February 5th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in February, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 12th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 1874

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided. 1875

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—February 9th, meeting at Clifton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Oxford B.T. and Lincolnshire.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1868

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Beverley, Saturday, February 9th. Minster (10) 2 to 4 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church 4.15. Tea in St. Mary's Rooms, Tiger Lane, 5, followed by business meeting. St. Mary's (10) to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1857

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, February 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps (Sec.), 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. el. No. Chest. 7171 (office hours only). Names essential as catering is difficult. 1800

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), Saturday, February 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than February 6th to Mr. J. Clouston, 47, Broomhill Gardens, West Hartlepool. 1858

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Clay Cross on Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Executive meet. Names to H. Bunting, 11, Broadleys, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1873

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh (6), February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, by February 7th. Ringing at Tonbridge (8) from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Will committee members please try to attend this meeting.—Margaret A. Ladd, Sec. 1856

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1883

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, February 9th Rodbourne Cheney (6). Names for tea.—Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 1869

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, February 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 6th to Mr. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Beacon, Luppitt. Phone 267. 1736

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Mary's, Liss, Hants. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. May, 'Peppers,' 3, Riverside Close, Liss. Everyone welcome. 1809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Armstead, 29, Alexandra Terrace, Oldham. St. Mary's, Oldham, bells (12) also available 2 to 4 p.m.—J. P. Partington. 1850

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lytham St. Anne's, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 1879

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo, 3.45 to 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 'The George,' Fleet Street, followed by business, election of officers for 1963, handbell contest and social evening. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 1827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, February 9th. Please bring own food. Frequent buses A.6 road, alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley 1862

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — North and East District.—Saturday, February 9th, Hendon (annual District meeting). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, available 2.45 to 4 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1871

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at St. John's, Newhall, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 1963, at Reading. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3-4; St. Laurence's (12), 6.30-8.30. Service 4 p.m. at St. Giles'. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 6th to Mr. R. Hudson, 57, Edgehill Street, Reading. 1876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldermaston, Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. M. Payne, 10, Church Road, Aldermaston, Reading, Berks, by Tuesday, February 5th. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, February 9th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 1865

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 1867

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at High Ercall (8) on Saturday, February 9th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Breeze, 8, Walton, High Ercall, Wellington, Shropshire, by **Monday,** February 4th.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting on February 9th, Oxton 3.30-4.30 p.m. East Bridgford from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Quens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1859

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, February 9th. Names for tea by 6th to Mr. A. Jewitt, 'The Haven,' Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting will be held at Arundel (8) on Saturday, February 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex, by previous Tuesday, please. 1872

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, February 9th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Mission Hall 5 p.m.—Anne Guy, Hon. Sec., The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 1866

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 9th. Priory bells from 3 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 1877

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Elsdon Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by February 7th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1864

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Western District) & LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, February 16th, 2.30 p.m., Winlaton St. Paul's. Names to Mr. T. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 1855

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, NOR 21W.—P. Newstead, Hon. Sec. 1881

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner and general meeting, the New Millgate Hotel, Long Millgate, Manchester, 3, March 9th at 7.30 p.m., 16s. Apply before February 15th to N. Robins, 153, Hamilton Road, Longsight, Manchester, 13. 1863

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'R.W.' January 31st, 1913.—

Five hundred peals for one association is a record of wonderful service rendered, and this valuable service has been given by Mr. Keith Hart, who, with a peal at Shoreham on Monday, completed his fifth century for the Sussex Association. Speaking without any means, at the moment, of checking the absolute accuracy of the statement, we believe that only three other ringers can claim such a record. Mr. William Pye and Mr. Bert Prewett have each scored 500 for the Middesex Association we believe, and probably the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, to whose memory a screen is to be dedicated in Drayton Church, on Saturday, February 8th, rang 500 for the Oxford Guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

Forty-eight members were welcomed by the Rev T. Richardson (Rector) during the service at the annual meeting of the Bingham District, held at Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 12th. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. Mr. Widdowson. Tea followed in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Rector presided and a minute's silence was observed for Mr. A. V. Dent, a renowned ringer in the District, who had died. Messrs. W. Mason and R. Andrews (Radcliffe) and P. Staveley (Whatton) were elected members.

The secretary, in her report, stated that seven meetings had been held, with at least 40 members at each meeting. Membership stood at 66, but it was hoped to increase this when the remainder of the District towers were visited. Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. O. Clarke; secretary, Miss R. Blackshaw; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Bennett; committee member, Mr. Hansome.

Forthcoming fixtures: Oxton and East Bridgford, February 9th; Cropswell Bishop, March 9th; Orston (Crawford Cup), May; Outing, South Lincolnshire, in place of June meeting.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when members and visitors totalled over 60. A very happy meeting. R.B.

LUPPITT RINGERS' QUARTER PEAL OUTING

On December 20th Luppitt ringers went on a tour of local towers, with quarter peals being the objective. Fourteen ringers took part, each gaining at least one and there were several 'firsts.' In the morning Hemyock and Upottery bells were manned by farmers and their families. Good quarters of Grandsire Doubles were successfully brought round in each of these towers. This was a good start to the day, as the bells in both towers are heavier than in the home tower.

After a short break for lunch some mediocre Grandsire was rung at Churchinford—very similar to Luppitt—where a first as conductor was narrowly missed. Meanwhile the second band got off at a good pace with Bob Minor on the light six at Cotleigh. In the sixteenth course a shift occurred. This would have added two more 'firsts of Minor' to the four gained at the home tower on the previous Saturday. Those who were not engaged in farm work proceeded to Offwell. Two badly adjusted 'Hastings stays' in this 9 cwt. six caused a few rough patches in the Grandsire, but it was finally brought round, under joint conductorship.

After the farm chores had been finished and a snack taken, Bob Doubles were attempted at Membury and Musbury. The rather noisy ringing chamber and hard working bells at the former caused an early breakdown. It was decided to change the method and Grandsire was once again successful. Another difficulty was encountered at Musbury, very long draught making handling very difficult. There was no time for a restart, but all agreed they had gained valuable experience.

It was unanimously agreed that the day was a great success, though a little tiring to some of the younger members, and we would like to convey our thanks to incumbents and the local ringers.

E.W.B., F.J.S.

The details of the quarter peals are appended:

HEMYOCK, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Crabb 1, A. W. Sage (first 'inside') 2, E. W. Broom (cond.) 3, F. J. Sage 4, J. Sage 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

UPOTTERY, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, T. J. Thorne 2, Miss M. Sage 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, W. Broom (first quarter) 6.

OFFWELL, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. Thorne (first quarter) 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, T. J. Thorne 3, F. J. Sage 4, E. W. Broom 5, J. Sage 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 4.

MEMBURY, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Crabb 1, Miss M. Sage 2, A. W. Sage 3, F. J. Sage (cond.) 4, A. J. Crabb 5, L. Marker 6.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District was held on December 15th at Old Whittington, when over 30 members were present, which was quite good in view of the bitterly cold weather. Shortly after 3 p.m. the light ring of six was raised in peal. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was enjoyed prior to the business meeting, at which Miss Susan Smedley (Creswell) and Mr. George Hunt and Mr. George Naylor (Clowne) were elected ringing members. The belfry elections of Shelagh Collins and Diana Lawless prior to a peal were ratified.

The District chairman, Mr. F. Adams, welcomed the new members and paid tribute to Mr. A. B. Cooper, the former District secretary who left in November for a post in Hull. The officers for 1963 elected were: Chairman, Mr. F. Adams; committee, Mr. G. Goodall and Mr. D. Cooper; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Goodall; and secretary, Mr. M. P. Phipps.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Davies, the local ringers and to the ladies was proposed by Mr. D. Cooper, to which Mr. J. Newman, of the local company, suitably responded. After a short break for Compline further ringing was enjoyed.

M.P.P.

5,152 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (B.62)

Method: L.H. 5738264. F.C.H. 24365

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	
23564	X			
25634			—	2
53246	X			
45236			—	
62534		—		—
23645	X			
42635			—	3
42356	X			—
43526			—	2
24536			—	
32546			—	
54326			—	—
63425		—		—
32654	X			
53624			—	
46325		—		—
36524		—		
62345	X			
34625			—	—
23456	X			2

This composition, first rung at Shipton-under-Wychwood, July 21st, 1962.

5,024 HANLEY COURT BOB MAJOR

Arranged by GEOFFREY DAVIES

W	B	M	H	23456	
—	X	—	—	45362	A
			—	34562	
			—	53462	
		—	—	24365	Contains the
			—	32465144	Combina-
			—	43265	tion Roll-ups.
		—	—	52364	
			—	35264	
			—	B 23564	

Five times repeated, omitting 3H in A in all other parts, with S at B in the second and fifth repetition.

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THE OLDEST EXISTING RING OF EIGHT

By RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON

THE recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the rings of eight at Bishop's Canning, Wilts, and Merton College, Oxford, only gives part of the story of the early octaves in this country. Mr. F. Sharpe, in Part X of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' page 9, gives a list of the first octaves in a number of counties, but in some cases all or a few of the bells have been subsequently recast.

Gloucester Cathedral had an octave of bells in 1527, but it is not clear if they were hung for swinging. At about the same time Bristol Cathedral had a set of nine bells, and the slots in the frame make it fairly certain that they were swung. In both cases only three of the pre-Reformation bells remain.

The Bishop's Cannings octave was completed in 1602, but the late H. B. Walters, in his work on Wiltshire bells, records only four of the original bells remaining. Worcester Cathedral had a ring of eight in 1640 or 1643, and of these four ancient ones remain, at Didlington Church, Norfolk. By 1650 the Curfew Tower at Windsor had a ring of eight, and of these only the treble and fifth have subsequently been recast.

New College and Merton College, Oxford, both had early rings of eight cast by Michael Darbie, the former in 1655 and the latter in 1656. Of the former, four 1655 bells remain in the present ring of ten. The Merton ring of 1656 was entirely recast by Christopher Hodson in 1680 to give the present bells.

St. Laurence's, Reading, had a ring of eight in 1662 by Henry Knight, but all the bells were recast and made up to ten by Robert Catlin in 1748. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, had two trebles to make eight added in 1667, but these were all recast into ten by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, in 1722–3.

Next in age is the ring of eight at Horham, Suffolk, by Stradbroke. The latest bell in the present ring is dated 1673, so this can be claimed to be the oldest existing ring of eight in England. The next oldest would appear to be the Merton College, Oxford, ring.

At Horham, as at Bishop's Cannings, there was an enthusiastic incumbent, one John Clubb. Of the present ring only two bells were cast before his time—the tenor of 1568 by John Brend, of Norwich (33¾ in. diameter, about 7 cwt.), and the fifth of 1605 by John Draper, of Thetford. At the Reformation the church had four bells, and the frame for these four still remains and shows that at one time it housed a bell larger than the present tenor. It is not clear how many bells there were in the tower when John Clubb came to the parish; the earliest bell bearing his name is the fourth, cast in 1658, probably at the Brends' Norwich foundry. This was during the Commonwealth, and Clubb is described as 'Clerke' with three other words filed off.

In 1663, John Darbie, of Ipswich, recast the sixth and seventh, and he or an assistant cast the three trebles—the treble dated 1673 and the other two 1672. The Terrier of December 13th, 1672, records 'Eight bells, with frames, ropes, etc.', so it is probable that the present treble replaces a slightly earlier bell. John Clubb died in 1693, and left 6s. 8d. to be given to the poor on Plough Monday, a charity which still remains.

The bells as they hang now with their peculiar gear make a visit to them one of particular interest, though alas they are now unringable. The 4-bell frame had a pit parallel to each wall and a central opening for hoisting the bells through. Fortunately there was enough room to make two pits by the west wall, using an additional side frame. The end of the seventh bell pit was cut off by the wall and the second bell hung in the resulting opening. The fourth bell was hung in the central opening, the bearings being set up on blocks as the pit was not long enough. This fitting bells in where space permitted resulted in a peculiar rope circle in the ringing chamber; clockwise it is 1, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2, 7, 8.

Only the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh are maiden bells, and they are moderately well in tune with one another. The tenor, which has for some reason been flattened by chip tuning, is now over half a semitone too flat compared with them. The third is about correct and the two trebles are about a quarter of a semitone too flat. These latter are quite small, 20¾ in. diameter, say 2 cwt., for the 7 cwt. tenor. Only the tenor has ever been quarter turned.

Quite a bit of the gear is of some age. The fifth and tenor to this day only have three-quarter wheels; this must now be extremely rare in a ring of bells. The clappers all hang from cast-in staples, except in the treble where a false one has had to be fitted; they are all without exception far too long, ranging from 1¼ in. excess in the tenor to ½ in. in the sixth.

The gudgeon pins on the sixth and seventh are just driven into the stocks and hooped, and are not bolted to them in any way. On the treble the pins are recessed into the top of the stock and bolted through to the bottom, the reverse of normal. The fourth, which hangs over the hatchway, has curved metal guards fitted to the frame just below the bearings. If a gudgeon pin snapped, the hoop on the end of the stock in falling would catch on the metal guard and would prevent the bell falling through the frame. This feature is quite rare.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1962

Second List

Because of the indisposition of the Editor last Monday week, certain of the leading peal ringers of 1962 were omitted from our last issue (page 75). Others have been received since we went to press. Mr. B. S. Payne is now the leading handbell ringer for the year, and not Mr. R. D. Smith as announced last week. The additions are:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
B. Stedman Payne	36 (6)	29 (22)	65
Geo. E. Thoday ..	57 (16)	—	57
Michael W. Brown	46 (13)	2	48
Rupert A. Clarke	20	21 (5)	41
F. Shallcross ..	41 (8)	—	41
Brian J. Wylde ..	39	—	39
Stanley E. Bennett..	38	—	38
Malcolm D. Barsby	22	15 (1)	37
David F. Moore ..	17 (1)	20 (2)	37
Ronald C. Noon ..	35 (24)	—	35
Edwin T. Chapman	34 (3)	—	34
Brian Harris ..	34 (5)	—	34
Maurice R. A. Kirk	33 (7)		33
John R. Cooper ..	31 (1)	—	31
Donald F. Murfet ..	30	—	30
Cyril R. Burrell ..	28 (5)	—	28
John C. Baldwin ..	25 (6)	1	26
David Hilling ..	26	—	26
Albert W. A. Leggett	26	—	26
John E. Allen ..	25	—	25
W. L. Weller ..	25	—	25

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

To All Secretaries Of Affiliated Associations

Affiliation fees for 1963 are now due and should be forwarded without delay. Cheques and postal orders made payable to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' and no. to me personally, please.

Will secretaries who have not already done so please forward names and addresses of representatives for the 1963-65 session, together with certified membership in accordance with Rule 5 (i) (a), as renumbered.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS

The Launton Handbell Ringers were much in demand around Christmas, giving several recitals each week in December, and in one week six. They ranged from a carol recital in our parish church to distances up to a radius of 60 miles.

Besides the two TV. recordings we visited London on two other occasions. At the University we rang to students from 47 foreign countries, and at Cecil Sharp House we took part in the English Folk Dance and Song Society's annual Christmas concert. Here we rang six items in four-part harmony ourselves, and either provided the melody or the harmony for eight other items while the orchestra played the other parts. For all these recitals 76 bells were used, and on many occasions I gave a short talk also.

F. S.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Visitors from as far afield as Northants, Leicestershire and Derbyshire were in the company of 31 for the A.G.M. of the Society of Sherwood Youths, held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on January 19th. They enjoyed a variety of methods there and at St. Peter's in the evening.

At the business meeting Mr. F. A. Salter was re-elected Master, and Mr. W. Nichols for his 25th year of office as treasurer. Mr. P. Nix was elected secretary in succession to Miss A. Henson, who was thanked by the Master for her work on behalf of the Society.

An outing is to be arranged, and the W. D. Crofts memorial dinner is to be revived and held in the evening of the next annual general meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

Despite the unfavourable weather prevailing in North London on January 12th. over 40 hardy enthusiasts braved the elements to attend the meeting of the North and East District at Upper Clapton, where the bells were put to good use in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

The Church of St. John at Hackney was also visited prior to the service, which was held at St. Matthew's and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Trevor Southgate, who is also president of the St. Matthew's Society of Voluntary Ringers. Mr. Stanley Coles was at the organ. In his short but inspiring address the Vicar extended a warm welcome to the Association. Tea followed in the new Church Parlour, tastefully decorated in pastel shades, arrangements being in the hands of Mrs. Charles Neal, Mrs. Dennis Neal and Miss Grove, of the local company.

The Vicar took the chair at the business meeting, at which the following new members were elected as ringing members: The Misses Patricia Rix, Sheila Moore, Theresa Langdon and Beryl Platt, of All Saints', Edmonton; R. Drew, R. Dyas, Miss E. French and Mrs. E. Speller, of St. John at Hackney; D. J. Duggan, R. Ash and D. Reeves, of St. Andrew's, Enfield. Four members of the Enfield band (Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Towers, J. R. Towers and M. R. J. Gander) had left the district, but still wishing to be associated with the Guild were transferred to non-resident life membership.

The ratification of the prior tower election of the following as non-resident life members was made: David Bennett (Oxford), David Darby (Oxford), L. R. H. Smith (Ifield) and J. V. Clark (Worksop). Mr. David P. B. Miles was also elected as a N.R.L. member.

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. W. J. Bowden, of Southgate, a valued and respected member of the Association since 1912. During his early days he was attached to Edmonton, but later joined the Southgate band, where he remained until his death. At the cremation service the Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. T. J. Lock, general secretary.

Visitors were present at this meeting from places as far apart as Evercreech, Chalfont St. Giles, Oswestry, Sandridge, Hampton and Brighton.

Mr. H. G. Hart, District chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies who had prepared the tea, coupled with the names of C. F. Neal and J. Steele, and also to the Vicar of St. John at Hackney and to Mr. L. Hinkley for making the local arrangements at that church.

E. H. K.

A VISIT TO KELHAM

By permission of the Father Warden, arrangements were made for a representative of the Central Council to give a talk at the House of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, Newark, Notts, on January 26th.

A party of six set out from Rotherham Parish Church complete with projector, screen, handbells and various other paraphernalia piled into GVH 203 and left for Kelham, some 40 miles distant. A stop was made en route at Mansfield for a ring on the fine light eight, where the Southwell Guild were holding a meeting.

A few miles further on snow ploughs were encountered clearing huge drifts from roads recently impassable. At Kelham the party were met by Roger Davis, who quickly produced tea and biscuits and made the party comfortable.

After a conducted tour of the House, and attending Evensong in the unique chapel, the party were taken to the common room, where the talk and demonstrations took place. The students and brethren showed great interest in the illustrated talk and demonstrations, and a lively discussion followed before joining the community for the evening meal.

The visit proved enjoyable to both visitors and the hosts, giving both the opportunity to obtain an insight into each other's interests and activities.

N.C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Considering the weather conditions (one member disappeared between the station and the church) a good number attended the annual District meeting at Hatfield Parish Church on January 19th. Ringing on the easy-going bells ranged from rounds to eight Spliced Major, a record for a District meeting, and included half a course of the special method, Cambridge Royal.

In the tea room the Rector, the Rev. J. Stowe, said that the service had had to be cancelled, owing to a breakdown in the antique church heating system. After prayers he helped the local ringers serve a delicious tea.

For the business Mr. H. V. Frost, the president of the Association, took the chair and asked the meeting to stand in memory of Messrs. H. E. C. Goodenough and S. E. Linsell, who had died during the previous year. It was agreed to hold the 1964 meeting at St. Albans. Four new members were elected—Messrs. R. L. Arnold, A. Peters, M. J. Sherrick and Miss G. Brearley.

In her report, the secretary said that the representation of towers at meetings had improved and that Sunday service ringing was being well maintained in most cases. However, the number of peals rung was low. She asked all members, especially those in the first flood of enthusiasm, to remember why they rang. In conclusion all those who had made the District activities possible were thanked. The statement of accounts showed that the Voluntary Bell Fund was in a very healthy state.

Mr. G. Dodds was elected Ringing Master and Mr. J. D. Chamberlain to the committee and 'R.W.' representative. Thanks were expressed to all the previous year's officers for their work, Mrs. M. A. Coburn, the secretary, being presented with a box of chocolates by Mr. J. G. Cull on behalf of the committee.

Much discussion took place on Coventry Cathedral v. Big Ben, as the object of the Lent outing on March 16th: Big Ben was selected. A summer car rally was also discussed. It was announced that Mr. Walter Ayre would give a talk on 'Bells and Ringing' at the meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on February 23rd. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to the local ringers.

J. D. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

Many members were unable to attend the annual meeting of the Cary Branch on January 26th due to the icy condition of the roads, but just over 20, including the general secretary, took part in the service in the parish church, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. B. H. Kay. The lesson was read by Rev. O. H. Skipwith and the organist was Mr. Escudier.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Rev. O. H. Skipwith in the absence of the Branch chairman.

Members stood in silence in memory of the following members of the Association who had passed away: L. A. Fudge, A. J. Lintern, A. Rapson and A. J. Whitehead.

The secretary in his report spoke of the success of the recently-started Branch practices, and of a slight increase in membership.

The Rev. G. S. Robinson was re-elected Branch chairman, and Rev. O. H. Skipwith vice-chairman. Mr. H. J. Sanger, who has been Ringing Master for 34 years, did not seek re-election, due to many other commitments. He was warmly thanked for his services, and Mr. D. M. C. Hill (Ditcheat) was elected in his place. Mr. L. McCreadie was re-elected secretary and Mr. J. Gilbert (Long Ashton) was nominated as a Central Council representative.

The Rev. R. B. H. Kay (Wincanton) and A. C. A. Sellick (Evercreech) were elected associate members.

Subject to permission, meetings for 1963 will be at Barton St. David, West Camel, Horsington, and the next annual at Castle Cary, with practices at North Barrow and Batcombe.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Wincanton, the organist, the ladies who provided tea, and Mr. J. H. Chilcott for making the local arrangements.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS' 1962 TOUR

The tour began in Oxford and proceeded on a curved, westerly course to London, and ended, via Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, at Cambridge.

The ringing and numbers attending ebbed and flowed. The first week was badly undermanned, the first day being so poor that it would have been impossible to have rung more than Doubles. It was possibly fortunate that no one turned up at the scheduled towers to meet us. Numbers slightly increased during the week, but it was still only possible to ring ten bells with local assistance.

Friday saw the influx of members, and Spliced Surprise appeared for the first time, and by Saturday numbers had increased by such a degree that a shift system had to be rigorously applied. The focal point for this gathering was London, and the efforts of those who should have done better did not impress. Some of the fault must be with the first-weekers who were beginning to feel the heat and burden of the day. This was a great pity, for the Society is capable of a high standard of ringing.

After leaving London the ringing began to improve considerably, and Spliced Surprise Major in eight, ten and 12 methods began to roll out, interspersed with Redcliffe, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus, together with some excellent Grandsire, Stedman and Plain.

The final tower of the tour was, perhaps, suitably chosen—St. Bene't's, Cambridge; and there we paid our respects to those who prepared for us the change-ringing we so much enjoy today.

This account of a three-week tour may seem brief, but to those that took part the memory of the tour with its highlights and yes, times of depression, will live again. It is good to have a tour of this nature, not only for the ringing but for the comradeship, humour and lasting friendship that grows from these ventures.

REUNION

The reunion of the Society was held on December 15th in Leicester. Ringing took place at All Saints', St. Margaret's, St. John's and the Cathedral. The dinner and meeting were held in the Golden Lion.

The meeting itself was fully in keeping with the Society—rambling! At length, order did evolve out of chaos, and the following were either elected or decided upon: President, Denis Mottershead; Ringing Master, John E. Cook; deputy Ringing Masters, Alan J. Frost and John H. Fielding; secretary, William A. Lacey; peal secretary, Michael Vernon; and the reluctant member of committee Denis A. Frith. The subscription was raised to 5s. touring and 2s. non-touring, and the next reunion is to be in Manchester.

From the point of view of those attending it was a grand effort. However, it was supposed to be a reunion not only of those who are still active touring members but also of those who, for various reasons, can no longer come on tour. To those we make this plea—try to come to a reunion and make it worthy of its name.

W. A. L.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District

The annual meeting of the Melton District took place at Melton on January 19th, when some 27 members and friends, including the president of the Guild, attended. The service was conducted by Canon Clark, followed by tea and meeting in the Blackeney Hall. Officers for the District were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. Williams; secretary, Mrs. M. Stimson; committee, Mr. R. N. Cook and Miss B. Smith.

M. S.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

A critical comment was made by Major E. J. Bragg, the retiring District Ringing Master, at the annual meeting of the Farnham District at Farnham on January 19th. He said that for many years Farnham was the leading District in the Guild for numbers and enthusiasm, but they were not so now. Latterly there had been a dropping off in membership and attendances at meetings had been reduced. He suggested that the latter was due to too many meetings and practices—one nearly every other week.

Major Bragg recalled the successful peals—two at Farnham, another at Seale to mark the 70th birthday of Mr. Ernest Gardner who rang the tenor and "completed the circle," and one of Stedman Triples at Aldershot, the first in the method for all except the conductor (Mr. John Wells). Quarter peals had been numerous, particularly at Farnham and Farnborough.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. R. H. Mills) reported a decreased balance due to the District outing costing the funds £7. Paid-up membership was ringing 123, junior 34, honorary 23—a total of 180 compared with 194 last year. A silent tribute was paid to Mr. Harold Harris, captain of the Crondall company, who died last year.

District officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Page (Aldershot); assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. A. Clist (Yorktown); hon. secretary, Mr. D. P. Elsmore; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. H. Mills; Press correspondent and executive committee, Mr. A. D. Elsmore; hon. auditor, Mr. W. H. Viggers.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, in a report on the Cathedral bells, said the Cathedral authorities were leaving it to the diocesan ringers to find the money for the ten bells. It was intended to issue the Cathedral Bells Appeal after the Guild annual meeting.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Wilds) in Farnham Parish Church, and Mr. C. W. Denyer (churchwarden and vice-president) read the lesson; Mr. L. S. Cooke was the organist.

THE OLDEST EXISTING RING OF EIGHT

Continued

The sliders on the sixth and tenor are normal traditional type; the four trebles have horizontal bars in the side frames set at mid-waist and pivoted at the end away from the bell; a short stay engages the other end. The fifth and seventh have a horizontal sliding bar stapled to the lower cill members of the frame with a projection upwards on which the tip of the traditional stay engages and which is prevented from going too far either way by the staples.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead has kindly made available his records of peals rung here; they number three in the period since 1881.

5,056 Oxford Treble Bob Major.
2 hours 56 minutes, August 11th, 1888.
Conducted by F. Day.

5,184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
3 hours 1 minute, April 20th, 1908.
Conducted by E. Borrett.

5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major.
2 hours 45 minutes, January 19th, 1911.
Conducted by James Motts.

The tower was cracked in its east and west faces, and in 1908 Days, of Eye, installed a tie bar system. This trouble would not seem to have been the cause of ringing ceasing as a peal was rung three years later with Frederick Day, the bell-hanger, on the treble. A more likely cause was World War I and general decay of the fittings.

It is to be hoped that the bells will be overhauled and rehung in a new frame set lower in the tower. This will allow the existing frame and fittings to be preserved as objects of some interest.

Guildford District

Evidence of more activity in the Guildford District was forthcoming at the District annual meeting, held in St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, on January 26th. More towers were represented than for some years. It was with smiles that the hon. secretary (Miss Elizabeth Stevinson) was able to announce that there was only one tower (Hascombe) where there was no regular ringing. At Witley, Dunsfold and Stoke there had been a vast improvement. Miss Cherry White was in charge at Dunsfold and Mr. W. Savill was doing good work at Stoke.

The District Ringing Master's report made mention of 27 quarter peals being rung in ten different towers, and nine sharing in the conducting. Godalming was producing more ringing than ever before, and the monthly Surprise Major practices at Holy Trinity had been well attended.

The balance in hand was less as the result of the donation to Melbourne Cathedral Bell Appeal, and Mr. T. W. White mentioned the pleasure it gave Miss Monica Collins, a former District officer now in Melbourne, to know that her District was associated with the appeal.

Mr. Leslie Hunter was elected District Ringing Master in place of Mr. Harold A. May. Other elections were: Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Stanley G. Ponting; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss E. Stevinson; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horstman; executive committee, Miss Cherry White and Mr. W. Savill.

The Guild Master (Mr. Douglas May) presided, and announced that the Guild's summer festival would be held in the Guildford District on June 22nd and the Guild dinner on October 12th.

In answer to questions, he said that the estimated cost of Guildford Cathedral bells, including frame and builder's work, was £7,250. The Pullen Memorial Bell would be the seventh of a ring of ten.

In reply to a question by Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, the Master said he would bring the question of the Revision of Rules before the executive. The superintendent maintained that the steps taken in promoting a ballot on the proposed merger of the Guild with the Surrey Association was out of order.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. H. A. May for his services as Ringing Master, to Rev. M. Hocking for conducting the service in Holy Trinity Church, to Mr. S. G. Ponting for acting as organist, and to Miss Stevinson for making the arrangements for so successful a meeting which attracted about 60 ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. J. A. TOMLINSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph A. Tomlinson suddenly on January 13th, at the age of 53. A native of Blackburn, he was taught to ring at St. Michael's by his father, and in 1920 he became a member of the Lancashire Association.

He later, with his father and son, joined the band of Blackburn Cathedral, where he was a regular and reliable ringer up to a few years ago, being forced into an early retirement due to ill health. He left a gap which has never been filled, for Joe, though a quiet and unassuming man, was ever ready to give help and advice to a learner.

The funeral took place on January 16th at St. Matthew's Church, Blackburn, prior to cremation at Pleasington Crematorium. In the evening of that day a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Cathedral ringers as a mark of respect, and to his memory.

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Letters to the Editor

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—We wonder if any other members of the Central Council felt the same way as we did when they read the notice in 'The Ringing World' dated January 11th, 1963, regarding the arrangements for the Central Council meeting arranged for Great Yarmouth at Whitsuntide.

Our first reaction was why should we take the trouble to travel such a long journey (at our own expense as the Irish Association cannot afford to contribute towards their representatives' expenses) for such poor arrangements which have been officially announced by the hon. secretary of the Central Council?

No help has been given—as is usually done by the host Association—other than 'Fend for yourself, because of accommodation difficulties.'

It seems that Council members—at least those who intend being present—will have no option but to find accommodation many miles from Great Yarmouth. The position is one of 'disgust,' and in view of the importance of the occasion, viz. the triennial elections, something better is expected.

Is it too late for the chief officers of the Council to get their heads together and to change the venue to one where there are no accommodation difficulties? Otherwise the Great Yarmouth meeting will in all probability become a 'farce.' We are not advocating a suitable venue, but there seems to be much in favour of London district principally because of the importance of the meeting.

Can we have the views of other members before it is too late?—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES,
Irish Association. JOHN T. DUNWOODY,

More Explicit, Please

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask 'An Exasperated Ringer' who these 'illustrious ringers who are known to ring regularly at such towers as York Minster' are?

At York we only have the ordinary ringer who respects tradition and adapts himself or herself to local custom and practice when visiting other towers, to the best of individual ability.—Yours sincerely,

York. HAROLD WALKER.

Method Extension

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jelley may not know that the Methods Committee were ordered by the Council to define an Extension, and what they produced was the result of many years of experiments and research. They were certainly not blinded by science, and their work made it possible for the first time to say with authority whether a method was or was not a correct extension of another.

Mr. Jelley's figures of so-called Durham Surprise Major to Maximus introduce a front subsection (14-14) which does not appear in the parent Minor and cannot by any degree of imagination be interpreted as an 'extension'; it is something completely new. The Major Royal and Maximus themselves belong to one family with the Major as the parent. In York nothing is introduced in the higher numbers which is not in the parent.

Bourne and Norwich also extend to Maximus, and although his figures are correct there is another extension of Norwich of the 'expanding' type and can be identified as BX/E.

Obviously it was impossible to draw up such a formula understandable to everybody without illustrations, and if Mr. Jelley cares to call at the address below when in the London area, I (as one who helped to compile the report) will be happy to answer his questions.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. KIPPIN.
61, Southwood Road, Cove, Hants.

Middle-aged Novice's Pleasures

Dear Sir,—I should like Mr. Brueton to know that I am another middle-aged bellringing 'novice,' and how very much I enjoyed your recent article in 'The Ringing World,' particularly as my own experience has been so very similar to his.

I did at least have the purely theoretical advantage over him in that before I started I had some general knowledge of what goes on in a belfry (if only from having read some years ago 'The Nine Tailors,' by Dorothy Sayers, which I can thoroughly recommend), but otherwise I 'started from scratch' in the autumn of 1961, shortly after my 50th birthday.

I was encouraged to make the attempt by the enthusiasm of my younger daughter, who is now just 16 and has been ringing for nearly three years. I was warned by our tower captain (who gallantly agreed to try to teach me) that my progress would probably be slow. And how right he was! I don't wear glasses, otherwise I am sure they would have suffered the same fate as Mr. Brueton's, but pretty well everything else seemed to happen in the early stages!

I am told that our bells do not 'go' at all well (the frame is wooden and nearly 200 years old, so rehanging is very much in mind), which has perhaps slowed me up, but I have at last reached the stage where I can 'cover' after a fashion on the tenor for Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

It was, I suppose, about two months ago when I first felt that perhaps I had made some progress. There were about ten minutes left of practice time, when my colleagues suggested that I should 'help' them to ring a short touch of Stedman Triples. On looking round I realised with considerable concern that by then there were only eight of us left in the belfry, the other seven being all experienced ringers! However, I managed to get the tenor going to a reasonably steady rhythm, and they were afterwards kind enough to say that they thought there was hope for me yet!

Seriously speaking though, I do agree most wholeheartedly with the conclusions Mr. Brueton reached about ringing. In my own brief experience it has been brought home to me what a striking bond of friendship there is between ringers, and it doesn't seem to matter whether one happens to meet some of the leading exponents of the art or the merest beginners.

To Mr. Brueton I wish the best of luck in his further progress; perhaps we may meet in the same tower one of these days.—Yours sincerely,

ALLAN PEARCE.
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Oldest Octave

Dear Sir,—In the late Rev. William C. Pearson's book on rings of bells in East Anglia are details of the eight at Horham, Suffolk (now unringable), as follows:—

1. 1673, by Robert Gurney.
2. 1672, by Robert Gurney.
3. 1672, by Robert Gurney.
4. 1658, by John Brend, jun.
5. 1605, by John Draper.
6. 1663, by John Darbie.
7. 1663, by John Darbie.
8. 1665, by John Brend, sen.

It appears they originally were a ring of five cast between 1605 and 1668, with three trebles added in 1672 and 1673.

As none have been recast these might be considered the oldest intact octave in the county if not in the country.—Yours, etc.

G. E. SYMONDS.
57, Mornington Avenue,
Ipswich.

Southgate Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—Of late there seems to have been an increasing interest in Southgate Surprise Major (split-lead Superlative), which method is simple and more interesting than Superlative and is to be found in this year's Diary.

Although we have seen none of the compositions which have been rung recently, we think the following may have some claim to originality as it utilises one of the most interesting features of the method's falseness—or lack of it. It will be seen that by calling bobs at V–F the method is rendered CPS; furthermore, if a course of the type OOOXY is rung in full, then any course of the type OOOYX may be rung provided it is short (i.e., V–F). This feature allows a theoretical extent of approximately 11,500, with the tenors together externally, but this length cannot be had using one type of call only.

The appended compositions may be found of interest; they have been kindly checked by one conversant in these matters who pronounces them to be true.

5,088	W	V–F	M	H	23456
		X			64523
		X			35264
	—			3	63254
	2	X	—		62534
		X			45362
		X			23645

Twice repeated.
June 10th, 1962.

8,640	V–F	M	H	23456
	2X	—		25463
	X		—	63425
	5X		—	46325
	5X		—	34625
	4X	—		45362
	X			23645

Twice repeated.
December 29th, 1962.

8,800	W	V–F	H	23456	
	—	5X	—	45236	A
		5X	—	24536	A
		5X	—	52436	A
		A		35426	
	—	5X	—	42356	
		X		63542	
	—	5X		46532	
	—	5X		34562	
	—	4X	—	34256	
		5X	—	23456	

January 22nd, 1963

Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.
SIMON PADDINGTON.

Long Length Attempt on Handbells

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 15,840 Plain Bob Minor on handbells on Wednesday, February 20th, 1963. The attempt will take place at 1, Rossdale Road, S.W.15, and will commence at 2 p.m. If successful, the peal will be credited to the University of London Society.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
London, S.W.15.

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Simple Callings for Handbell Peals of Major

By A. S. HUDSON

Ease of calling can play an important part in the success of handbell peal attempts. The compositions described below have been designed specially for conducting from 56, and may be of interest to newly-formed bands in the early stages of attempting peals.

It is often the case that experienced ringers of the inside pairs are lacking, while the bob caller is not over keen on ringing an inside pair and calling the peal. For this reason, compositions with 5-6 or 3-4 in course or at home are desirable. Such peals have few qualities apart from the caller's point of view, although some of the music, particularly in the tittums, may be quite pleasing.

Below is an eight course block which contains 5-6 the extent in course for a given relative coursing order of the other three working bells. This block forms the basis of nearly all the compositions described.

BLOCK A

Coursing Order				Course Ends
56234	W	M	H	26354
23564	S		S	53624
23465		S		43625
26534		—	—	56324
65234	—			25364
23654	S		S	63524
23456		S		43526
25634		—	—	65324
56234	—			26354

The use of singles at Wrong, Home and Middle consecutively moves 5-6 all the way through the remaining coursing order by reversing the pair at each single, one bell being unaffected in 2nds, the other making the bob. The bobs Middle, Home and Wrong which follow one course later are in effect three befores on 5-6, thus bringing them back to the front of the coursing order the opposite way to that in which they started. Repeating the procedure arrives back in the original starting course. Repetition of this block six times, calling — — S — — S at the middle in every eighth course gives the 48 course extent of 5-6 continuously coursing.

In order to produce a peal composition, five of these blocks (A) may be used, together with a 'going-off' and a 'coming-home' course, and three so-called plain courses.

For example:—

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

53246	W	B	M	H	23456
52436				—	42356
53426				S	43256
54236				—	24356
65234		X	—		25364
65342		A	—		35462
65243		A	S		25463
65432		A	—		45362
65324		A	—		35264
65423		A	S		45263
53246	—		—	S	23456

I have given the coursing orders in the left-hand column, since they show more readily the way the composition works and in any event are far more useful than course ends in calling and keeping the bells right.

Before we leave Plain Bob, the following composition is of interest, since the work of 5-6, although only consisting of coursing and plain course work, is more broken up and gives greater variety.

5,008 by HADLEY HUNTER

53246	W	B	M	H	23456
65423		X	—		45263
42653	S			S	62543
46523			*	—	56243
65324	—		S		35264
32654	S			S	62534
32456			S		42536
62435		X		—	42365

Repeated five times, with S half way and end, and two singles at * in first part only.

Once peal standard in Bob Major has been achieved, there arises the problem of what to attempt next. One or more of the Plain or Little Major methods is probably the easiest step. It is not easy to find compositions for Little Bob which have simple work for 5-6, since some 90 courses are required for peal length. Inevitably some of the work with 5-6 split up must be included, and if the conductor is still obliged to ring an inside pair the following may be useful.

5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

23456	W	M	H
62435	—	S	
32465	S		
52436	S	S	
46352	2	—	S
43652		A	S
42356		2	—

Repeated five times, with S half way and end.

Here the full extent of 5-6 coursing has been included, there being one round block (A) to each of the six parts. Each part also contains one course with 5-6 at home, and one with them reversed in the home position. In this way the work is the same in each part, being regular and not too difficult to remember.

Gainsborough Little Bob affords easier prospects. Not only is it easier to ring but it also requires a mere 60 courses for a peal, and there is no need to split up 5-6 except to get in and out of the plain and coursing positions. A similar composition to the Plain Bob above is possible:—

5,040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB

23456	M	W	H	
53462	S	S		
23465	S		6	(— — S — — S)
46352	S	S	—	
34652	6A		—	(— — S — — S M in 1st,
32456	2		—	9th, 17th, etc., courses)
34256			S	
23456			—	

This composition, rearranged and extended slightly, could be useful if an easy calling for 5-6 is required for Spliced Plain Major methods.

(Continued in next column)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The annual meeting of the Newark District, held on January 19th, was much better attended than in the last two or three years. Newark was the meeting point, and after ringing on the fine 10 and a well attended service, between 30 and 40 ringers sat down to tea in St. Mary's Rooms. Visitors were present from the Bingham District and from Norfolk and Burton-on-Trent.

At the business meeting Canon J. H. D. Grinter, Vicar of Newark, who will shortly be leaving for a parish in Somerset, took the chair. The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, paid tribute to his helpfulness and friendliness both towards the District and the Newark Parish Church ringers, and said how much he would be missed.

An encouraging start was made to the year, with seven new members being elected, viz.: the Misses F. Dicken (Balderton), A. Bateson and B. Harding (Newark), David Williamson (Sutton-on-Trent), and Messrs. C. W. Soles, J. Cox and J. Bettle (Southwell). The financial statement was approved, and the secretary, in her report for the year, made a plea for new faces at meetings, and, as Canon Grinter remarked, the meeting would be memorable for quite a few new faces, if for nothing else.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter was re-elected chairman, and Mrs. C. W. Reed honorary secretary. Mr. J. W. Raithby and Mr. A. E. Chilton were appointed joint Ringing Masters, and Miss Grace Burchnall a committee member.

The tower progress report showed a slight general improvement, and Mr. Denis Simpson said he was hoping to start teaching a new band at North Muskham. The meeting was closed with the customary votes of thanks.

Ringing continued in a crowded ringing room, and included a course of Cambridge S. Royal.

Next meeting: Balderton, March 16th.

B. N. R.

SIMPLE CALLINGS—Continued from previous column.

The standard course — Wellington, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough, Little, Plain—should be called.

5,040 IN SIX METHODS

23456	W	M	H
63425	S	S	
23465	S		6
53462		S	
46352	S		—
34652		6A	—
43256		2	2
42356			S
23456			2

In conclusion, it should be remembered that the above arrangements are designed purely to enable newly-formed bands to acquire experience in peal ringing without the frustration of prolonged failures. There is also a touch of 'belfry-(or lounge-)manship' involved in conducting from 5-6, as a treble ringer once remarked after the first composition given above had been rung: 'I don't know how you people manage to ring the inside pairs!'.

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 6)

THE DETOUR

'ALICE,' whatever her faults, had never let them down. She may have been a trifle heavy in oil; even Joe himself admitted, 'A pint of oil for every two gallons of petrol is a bit much!'

Unsuspecting filling station attendants had been known, on lifting the bonnet in order to replenish the oil supply, to be overcome, no doubt in admiration, at the miracle of engineering that lay revealed before them.

For Fred Sutcliffe, who owned the only garage at Hexworth, was a man of profound knowledge and not a little ingeniousness, and would disdain to order from the makers any broken or faulty part that could be forged in his own fire, or turned on his own lathe, or held together by a piece of his own wire. He was well acquainted with 'Alice' for he had nursed her, as it were, since she was an infant. The makers of her engine would have had great difficulty in deciding which part of it was original and which had been renewed, remade or invented by Fred Sutcliffe.

But she **went,** and as Joe remarked, 'That was all that mattered!'

On the occasion that we are about to relate she was chugging merrily through the bylanes of England's green and pleasant land far from her native haunts, for the Smiths were on holiday.

It was Saturday and Joe was driving with Annie by his side, a road map spread across her lap. John and Phyllis were in the back. They were on their way to a popular seaside resort to which they went every year—for Joe was a creature of habit—and having discovered from the 'R.W.' the previous week that it was possible to call in at a meeting, were making a detour to reach a church which, to avoid revealing its identity and perhaps thereby causing embarrassment, we will call Kirkbridge, a name that is not inappropriate as the church was, in fact, situated near a bridge that spanned a river.

At about 3.30 p.m. with a triumphant snort 'Alice' drew up outside a pretty little country church. The bells were already ringing and the Smith family wandered through a well kept churchyard and having found the belfry door went up into the ringing chamber.

A touch ceased just as they entered. There were a dozen or so ringers in the room, which was fairly spacious. A fresh-faced young man looked at them inquiringly as they entered. He came across to them.

'Ringers?' he asked.

Joe nodded and introduced himself and his family, and in next to no time he and his two children were ringing in a touch of Cambridge. The bells were a bit lethargic and the ringing somewhat shaky.

He reflected as he rang on the wonderful spirit of comradeship that pervaded his beloved art. Seldom had he entered a strange belfry or attended some other Society's meeting without being made welcome.

His cogitations were interrupted as the touch was brought round by a long-haired youth who called out desperately, 'This should be all!'

Causing, Joe observed, several bells to jump viciously several places. Joe sat down next to a middle-aged man with red curly hair and prominent teeth, with gaps between them which gave the impression that each tooth had been, like gravestones, individually erected.

He gave Joe a toothy smile.

'That young man,' said Joe, indicating the person who had greeted them on entry, 'who is he?'

Fred (which, as it turned out, was the name of Joe's neighbour) mentioned the name of one who was, Joe realised, an up-and-coming ringer.

'He's Ringing Master,' confided Fred.

That much Joe had gathered. The young man was certainly a bundle of energy, and as the ringing chamber filled up as more and more ringers arrived he was kept busy.

'Took over from me,' continued Fred, 'at the beginning of the year. I had been Ringing Master for 25 years.'

'Indeed,' said Joe.

'Thankless task,' pursued Fred, shaking his head. 'Bell ringers are a funny lot.'

'Don't I know it,' said Joe.

'It's impossible to please everybody, no matter what you do. It's not so bad at a six-bell tower like this. The choice is limited and so you do not get such a variety of requests. It is easier to fit the novices between the experts who, in their turn, seem willing enough to help. But what happens when you meet in a 12-bell tower?'

'What does happen?' said Joe.

'I'll tell you what happens! You get six-bell ringers, eight-bell ringers, 10- and 12-bell ringers all mixed up together. Some who can ring only rounds, or have just learned to handle a bell, rubbing shoulders with those who can ring Surprise Maximus. You'd think that was a good thing, wouldn't you?'

'You would think so,' said Joe.

'Ah, but is it? Royal and Maximus ringers consider at a meeting that six- and eight-bell ringing is a waste of ropes; six- and eight-bell ringers take hold for higher numbers when they can't even ring their own. Stedman Doubles ringers take hold for Stedman Caters and Cinques, because, after all, they think the only difference is the extra double-dodging! All classes expect to be catered for and the Ringing Master who can manage to do this without offending somebody is a superman.'

'Indeed he is,' said Joe.

'For instance, I remember a ringer coming up to me and asking for a course of London Major, so I told him I would put it on as soon as possible. Quarter of an hour later when I'd got a team fixed up he'd disappeared. I discovered that he had gone off in a temper because he couldn't have a course of London! He didn't speak to me for a twelve month!'

'Stupid man,' said Joe.

'Then there are others who come to demonstrate their superiority; grab hold for a touch of Spliced Surprise and then disappear. Sometimes this type turn up with a complete ready-made band and ask for some high-faluting method that they know nobody else has ever heard about. They may strike it impeccably, but if they don't muck in when you are trying to raise a team for Bob Minor it doesn't help much, does it?'

'Not much,' said Joe.

By this time the ringing chamber was crowded and Joe could see that the young Ringing Master was having quite a problem trying to accommodate everybody; he looked harassed and worried; beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead.

'To make matters worse,' continued Fred, 'some people come and sit down and say nothing and get overlooked. They go home disgruntled, complaining that they went to such and such a meeting and were never asked to ring! What can you say about such behaviour?'

'What indeed?' said Joe.

A young man stuck his head through the doorway and called out, 'How many for tea?'

Joe approached him and finding out that there were provisions in plenty for an extra four who hadn't booked said that they would stay.

Whilst he was on his feet he joined in the last touch before tea, which was two courses of Spliced Minor, calling it at the suggestion of the Ringing Master.

After tea, which was followed by a short business meeting, it was 'time to be pushing on' and the Smiths made they way back to 'Alice.' Joe talking meanwhile with the local head-ringer, whom he had met several years previously when he had been a member of a touring party that had called at Hexworth.

The young Ringing Master passed them, on his way back to the tower.

'What happened to Fred?' he asked. 'I didn't notice him at the meeting.'

'No,' replied the head-ringer, 'he had to leave early.'

He looked after the retreating figure and shook his head.

'I didn't like telling him,' he said to Joe, 'but Fred went off in a huff. Said he'd been stuck in the corner all afternoon and never been asked to ring!'

[To be continued]

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Portsmouth District

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 12th, when in spite of adverse weather conditions there were 37 members and friends present, representing the majority of the District towers.

The service, which followed the afternoon ringing, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Temple, after which tea was served in the Parish Institute.

For the business meeting, the Vicar was invited to take the chair.

Officers elected for the next triennial period were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Nobes; secretary, Mr. L. D. Duguid; auditor, Mr. A. York-Bramble; Ringing Master, Mr. T. R. Taylor.

New members elected were: Ringing—Messrs. Jupe, Hartley and Mapson (Fareham), and Jones (Portsmouth Cathedral); associate—Rev. F. S. Temple, Mr. Harding (Portsmouth Cathedral); compounding—Mr. A. Rushton (Luton).

The matter of a gift towards the cost of the rehanging of Curdridge bells was raised, and it was decided to send a donation of 2 gns. The increase of subscription rates was announced, these being now 5s. for ringing and associate members, 2s. 6d. for juniors, 7s. 6d. for compounding members.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral on January 11th, 1964.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. York-Bramble to the retiring secretary (Mr. A. H. Sturgess) for his efforts during the last three years, and Mr. Nobes proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies who prepared such a fine tea. Both these votes were carried with acclamation.

The evening's ringing was at Portsmouth Cathedral. L. D. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The attendance was lower than usual at the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade on January 12th, when only 20 ringers were present for tea, provided by Mrs. A. Smith and her helpers. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Dominey) conducted Evensong and gave a short address.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. In his report the secretary, Mr. A. Smith, said that 21 peals had been rung by District members for the Association in 1962, which was over half the total for the county.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. L. Bywaters; secretary, Mr. A. Smith; treasurer of Belfry Repair Fund, Mr. C. Mayers; Press secretary, Miss S. Percival; committee, Messrs. M. Lockey, G. Mayes, R. Houghton, R. Sharp; organist, Mr. M. Lockey.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Chester 1, S. Barton 2, F. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. Jewitt 4, R. Smith (first quarter) 5, W. Brett 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Icy roads and Arctic conditions did not deter members of the Dorchester Branch from attending the annual meeting on January 19th, and all parts of the Branch, which extends in a 10-mile radius of Dorchester, were represented.

Ringing for an hour preceded the Guild service, which was held in St. Peter's Church and conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, the lesson being read by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea was served to 41 members in St. Peter's Institute.

Canon E. B. Brooks (vice-chairman) presided at the business meeting, owing to the chairman having to leave early.

The annual report was presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, who stated that there had been a slight decline in membership, which now stood at 129 ringing members, 4 honorary members and 14 associate members. Meetings during the year had been held at Litton Cheney, Cattistock and Preston, with a by-meeting at Hilton. Branch practices had been held fortnightly throughout the year. Repairs and overhauls had been carried out to Abbotsbury and Charminster bells, and repairs were still being carried out to St. Peter's, Dorcheser. It was reported that there was a satisfactory financial balance.

Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose; deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. A. J. Slade and Mr. E. H. Amey; assistant hon. secretary, Miss B. J. Dyke.

Eleven new members were elected from Bere Regis, St. Peter's (Dorchester), Fordington St. George, Preston and Wyke Regis.

It was agreed that meetings during the year should be held at Bere Regis, Abbotsbury, Fordington St. George and Charminster, subject to confirmation.

Branch practices were arranged for the first quarter (subject to confirmation): February 9th, Charminster; February 23rd, Preston; March 9th, Wyke Regis; March 23rd, Abbotsbury; April 6th, Cattistock; April 20th, Wool.

R. H. D.

Salisbury Branch

The deep snow and ice probably halved the attendance at the Branch annual meeting at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on January 29th, but 21 members and two visitors were present, with a few more during the evening. A message of good wishes was received from the Master (the Rev. R. H. Longridge).

The report for the year included the festival held at Salisbury for the 80th anniversary of the Guild, the first meeting on record at Ludgershall and the rededication of the bells at Chitterne in the centenary year of that church. Membership had dropped to 108, but this was partly due to four towers being in arrears with subscriptions. Messrs. H. A. Roles and A. Trimby were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman, the Misses Y. L. Eloie and M. Page hon. secretary and treasurer and auditor respectively, Messrs. L. Page, C. Haines, A. Haines and R. Jones Ringing Masters.

It was decided to continue holding meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month, the places chosen for 1963 being South Newton, Durrington, Netheravon (quarterly, April 27th), Durnford, Donhead St. Mary, Damerham (quarterly, July 27th), Compton Chamberlayne, Semley, Broadchalke (quarterly, October 26th) and Amesbury. These are all subject to confirmation. It is also hoped to run a striking competition in the Branch at one meeting.

The Rector of St. Paul's conducted the Guild service, and spoke of three reasons for ringing church bells: firstly, to the greater glory of God; secondly, to call people to worship (including many prevented from joining in public worship who yet could lift up their hearts with us); and also because we enjoy it, adding that if we did not we might as well give up at once, as otherwise our ringing would not be done to God's glory.

T. E.

SHOPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on January 26th. Uppington bells being available in the early afternoon as well as St. Mary's and St. Chad's at Shrewsbury.

At the business meeting at St. Chad's Hall it was decided that the membership fee should go up to 3s. for adults and 1s. 6d. for those still going to school. The president (Rt. Rev. W. A. Parker, Bishop of Shrewsbury) was in the chair, and expressed regret at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Poyner from Shrewsbury. Members stood in silence in memory of Michael Ford and Mr. E. James-Moore, who died during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner were elected honorary life members in recognition of their work in Shropshire.

The new Ringing Master is Mr. Roger Morris, of Oswestry; new general secretary Mr. Richard E. Morris, of Hodnet; new area secretaries Miss M. Cotton (Shifnal area), Mr. M. Wycherley (Shrewsbury area) and Mr. B. Williams (Oswestry area). Mr. Roger Morris was elected as C.C. representative.

The accounts for the year showed a profit of £8 10s. 8d.

E. M.

The many friends of Mr. Philip Eastland, a well-known Notts and Derbys ringer, will be pleased to hear of his gradual recovery after an illness in Mansfield Hospital.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Coventry Diocesan Guild are planning a national rally similar to that at Croydon, when the bells of Riverside, U.S.A., were on view. The difference this time is that it is a new cathedral that is on show; there are bells in the old tower, but so far not ringable. The date is Saturday, April 20th, when ringers from all Guilds and Associations are invited to a service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m., when it is hoped that the Bishop of Coventry (Rt. Rev. Cuthbert K. Bardsley) will give the address. There will be ringing before and after tea.

Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner has been fixed for October 12th, when the Bishop has promised to attend.

Members from Somerby attending the annual meeting of the Melton Mowbray District on January 19th had, on the homeward journey, to abandon their car and walk because of the snow. Another had to spend the night in Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francis are shortly leaving London for Southampton. Canon K. W. H. Felstead, one of the Cumberland ringing parsons, will welcome this acquisition of strength with the departure of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kippin.

The Rev. Roy Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, quoted at the dinner of the Society of Cumberland Youths last Saturday two unusual names—a sign outside a photographer's in Old Kent Road which read 'Parsons for Weddings,' and an undertaker's business in Australia run by 'Doug. A. Pitt.'

A peal of Spliced Doubles has been rung at Bradford-on-Avon in 18 individual plain course methods and six variations (24 in all). Is this the most Spliced Doubles methods yet rung for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild? enquires the conductor, Mr. R. J. Purnell.

We have received a letter from Mr. Paul A. Brand, replying to points raised concerning Regular and Irregular Methods, Cartwheeling, etc., by Mr. Harold Chant, Mr. Noel Moxon, 'Artful Dodger' and 'Exasperated Ringer.' As we do not wish to prolong this discussion, Mr. Brand's reply is not published.

The front nine bells of the new ring of ten (tenor 26 cwt.) for St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, South Africa, were cast during January at the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor will follow in about a month's time. It is just five years since the Cape Town ringers began to agitate and lobby for action.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, a popular figure at dinners of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is to be the next Mayor of Shoreditch.

Following the gift of five bells to Smeeth Church, Ashford, Kent, estimates have been obtained from the bellfounders for installing a ring of six.

There were five firsts, including the conductor, Mr. John Keddie, in a quarter to mark the close of 1962 rung at St. Elli's, Llanelly, Carm. Well done!

The Coventry Guild members appreciate the co-operation of Mr. Stockley, captain of Wootton-Wawen, in helping them out for the meeting on February 2nd.

A creditable performance took place at Nuthall on January 12th when the first peal, Cambridge Surprise Minor, was the first peal for each member of the band.

At Wallington, Herts, on Christmas Eve was scored the first quarter peal by the local band. It was also the first quarter for all except the conductor (Mr. T. Hatchett).

In sending the peal records of the leading members of his tower, a well-known ringer writes: 'I must state in the most emphatic terms that these regular peal ringers are the backbone of the Sunday ringing, as they are the "regulars" who keep the service ringing going, and not the "casuals" who appear at unspecified intervals.'

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Wirral Branch planned to ring a peal in all the 19 towers in their area. Through various reasons this was not achieved, but 13 peals were rung, including one of Minimus to enable the Moreton captain (Mr. R. Harry Davies) to score his first peal—and in his own tower.

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TEN BELL PEALS

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

Leonard J. Fox	*Treble*	Lionel S. Woods	6
Brian Downes	2	Terry Earle	7
Jane K. A. Cook	3	James G. A. Prior	8
John Armstrong	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
Dennis A. Hewitt	5	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Brian Downes.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Patrick J. Bird	*Treble*	Royston Blackler	6
Jane K. A. Cook	2	Antony R. Kench	7
David J. Marshall	3	Brian J. Wylde	8
Michael T. Sprackling	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
David Heighton	5	Frank D. Mack	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
First peal of Stedman Caters for the Society.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Martin L. Howe	*Treble*	Monty W. Gilbert	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Andrew M. Macve	7
*Leonard Mannering	3	W. Arthur Riddington	8
Thomas E. Sone	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	9
Herbert W. Woolven	5	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Ronald Kenrick	*Treble*	*Dennis Jones	5
*Francis Low	2	*Cyril Low	6
V. David Jenner	3	Joseph Ridyard	7
*Victor Draper	4	*Frederick Pearson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Frederick Pearson.
* First peal in the method. First of Major as conductor.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	Frank W. Lewis	5
Jennifer M. Davies	2	John N. Diserens	6
R. George Morris	3	Cyril E. Lewington	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Jeffrey Sawyer	*Treble*	Thomas W. Smith	5
Richard Holt	2	Ian Munro	6
Stanley Anderton	3	H. David Holland	7
Norman Tompkins	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal of Major.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. Joan M. Dawson	*Treble*	Wilfred Lee	5
S. Barry Schofield	2	Barry Sullivan	6
Roger J. Lumley	3	Gordon Benfield	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Peter Dawson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by S. Barry Schofield.
Rung in memoriam Sidney Keighley, 60 years a ringer at this church.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Harold C. Lonyon	5
Michael D. Fishwick	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
John Worth	3	Basil Jones	7
Derek Butterworth	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Basil Jones.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

Denis Woods	*Treble*	Keith R. Davey	5
John E. Allen	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (3). Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Joseph Thornley	*Treble*	H. David Holland	5
*Sydney G. Osborne	2	*Geoffrey Fothergill	6
*John O. Freeman	3	*Ian Munro	7
*Albert Greenhalgh	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Rev. R. W. Davison on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Ronald Chafer	*Treble*	George W. Moody	5
John Hall	2	*Michael Whiting	6
C. Aubrey Harrison	3	Jack Bray	7
Harold Judd	4	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal on eight.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson and John A. Freeman.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. Richard Castledine	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Colin A. S. Harwood	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Jack S. Dear	7
*Michael D. Staniforth	4	†F. Jack Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Ruth Havard	*Treble*	Roger King	5
†Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Bryn A. Taylor	6
Adrian F. R. Hartley	3	Roger G. Havard	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
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BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, KNOWLE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	2	ERIC J. HITCHINS	6
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ..	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*MIKAELA ERIK	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the anniversary of the reconsecration of the church.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. I. M. HOLLAND ..	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the third.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln; with 117 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*†IAN H. ORAM	5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	2	‡STANLEY JENNER	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
*RALPH BIRD	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal of 8-Spliced on this plan. † 50th of Spliced Surprise Major. ‡ First of 8-Spliced. First of 8-Spliced as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK PEARSON ..	*Treble*	*WILLIAM E. COURT	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	*KENNETH J. HESKETH ..	6
*VICTOR DRAPER	3	*DENNIS R. JONES	7
*V. DAVID JENNER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	C. RICHARD DAFT	4
*ELIZABETH SMITH	2	RAYMOND BENFIELD	5
†JOHN SHONFELD	3	MAURICE HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Karen, to Mr. and Mrs. Longley.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

TERENCE G. PAGE	*Treble*	THOMAS G. BROCK	4
JOHN W. SAMPSON	2	MICHAEL UTTON	5
*LEONARD M. RAPHAEL ..	3	MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a final tribute to the late Albert E. Coleman, Ringing Master of St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, for more than 40 years.

SHENINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of 42 methods and variations: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Simon, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) St. Albans, (6) Shropham, (7) Elford, (8) St. Martin, (9) St. Leonard, (10) St. Peter, (11) St. Paul, (12) Mileham, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Nicholas, (15) St. Andrew, (16) St. Thomas, (17) St. Giles, (18) Norwich, (19) Shareshill, (20) Winchendon Place Bob, (21) St. John, (22) St. Luke, (23) St. Miles, (24) Walsingham, (25) Ryton, (26) Plain Bob, (27) April Day, (28) Old, (29) Kennington, (30) Besthorpe, (31) Seighford, (32) Norfolk, (33) Dedworth Bob, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Southrepps Pleasure, (38) Costessey, (39) Little Aston, (40) Grandsire, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Northrepps Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	ANTHONY K. FORTIN ..	3
*BARRY J. DAVIES	2	*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN ..	4
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..			*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.
* 25th peal together. Most methods and variations yet rung by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung for the 82nd anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	RALPH DENGATE	4
JUNE M. LAMBERT	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	5
MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT ..	3	CHARLIE BASSETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lambert.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*MARGARET C. GODFREY ..	*Treble*	‡D. PAUL SMITH	4
*ROBERT RAYFIELD	2	†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ..	5
†CHRISTOPHER H. MACVE ..	3	ANDREW M. MACVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor in the method. First in the method as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Bourne, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4 and 5) Ipswich, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	*Treble*	JOHN A. WARNER	4
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL ..	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.
* First peal of seven Surprise methods.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, viz.: (1 to 21) Plain Bob, (22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23) Southrepps Pleasure, (24) Clifford's Pleasure, (25) St. Columb, (26) Little Aston, (27) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (28) April Day, (29) Seighford, (30) Old Bob, (31) Kennington, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Southrepps Pleasure, (34) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Little Aston, (36) St. Columb, (37) Clifford's Pleasure, (38) April Day, (39) Seighford, (40) Old Bob, (41) Kennington, (42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*JEAN A. ENDALL	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	4
RICHARD A. COBLEY ..	2	†MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	5
ALAN HOLLING	3	RON CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.
Witness: ROSEMARY TAILBY.
* First peal of Doubles. † 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Maurice Kirk, grandmother of the conductor; also a birthday compliment to John B. Bennett.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Devizes Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In 16 individual Plain course methods and six variations, viz.: (1) St. Simon's and Merton S.C., (2) St. Martin's and Slapton, (3) St. Osmund and Rugby S.C., (4) St. Simon's, (5) St. Martin's, (6) St. Osmund, (7) Plain Bob, (8) Plain Bob and Candlesby, (9) Plain Bob, (10) Plain Bob and Candlesby, (11) St. Nicholas' and Hascombe, (12) Winchendon Place and Thornborough, (13) St. Remigius' and Longworth, (14) St. Nicholas', (15) Winchendon Place, (16) St. Remigius', (17) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (18) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham, (19) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham, (20) Rev. Canterbury, (21 and 22) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (23 and 24) April Day, (25 and 26) Old Bob), (27 and 28) Besthorpe, (29 and 30) Seighford, (31 and 32) Kennington, (33 and 34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35 to 38) Grandsire, (39) Plain Bob, (40 to 42) Grandsire; 40 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb in G.

Jonathan Nibbs	*Treble*	Fred Box	4
Richard Humphries	2	Robert J. Purnell	5
Phillip Gaisford	3	Richard Lovelock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.

Most methods to a peal by all the band, and for the Salisbury Guild. Rung as a compliment to Phillip Gaisford on his 21st birthday: also to Miss Elizabeth Thorpe and Michael Jones on their engagement.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Chapel-of-Ease to St. Giles',
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*James Attwood, jun.	*Treble*	†Harry Plumb	4
Ralph Harris	2	Frederick Wood	5
James Attwood, sen.	3	Ralph Perks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Harris.

* First peal attempt (aged 14). † First of Doubles.

A welcome to the Rev. L. J. Birch on his induction to the living of Bredon with Bredon's Norton.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Robert Barratt	*Treble*	*F. George Forrester	4
Ernest Pimlott	2	Peter W. Horn	5
Victor Neal	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 25th peal on the bells.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	*Treble*	James E. Dickinson	4
Wilfred Bolton	2	Nicholas M. Newby	5
Alan Capstick	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor. Rung to mark the engagement of Diana J. Perrins and Peter Handley.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
At Whewell's Court, Trinity College.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3—4
*C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 5—6

Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First peal 'in hand,' and first on six bells.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 27 *Minutes,*
At 44, Greengate Lane.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 14 methods: (1 and 2) Grandsire, (3 to 5) Plain Bob, (6 to 8) Kennington, (9 to 11) Seighford, (12 to 14) April Day, (15 to 17) Old, (18 and 19) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (20 to 22) Southrepps Pleasure, (23 to 25) St. Columb, (26 to 28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29 to 31) Little Aston, (32) Plain Bob, (33 to 35) St. Simon's, (36 to 38) St. Martin's, (39) Grandsire, (40 to 42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor size 13 in D.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2 | David F. Moore .. .. 3—4
*Michael W. Brown .. 5—6

Conducted by David F. Moore.

* First handbell peal in 14 methods.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
At Whewell's Court, Trinity College.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 5—6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3—4 | *C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First of Major for the Guild by freshmen only.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At 9, First Avenue.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 17 in A.

John F. Bryant	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7—8
Robert E. Moulds	3—4	Geoffrey F. Bryant	9—10
J. Henry Fielden	5—6	J. Neville Parkin	11—12

Composed by John Carter (C.C.C. No. 8).
Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

First 12-bell peal on the bells.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
At 170, Headstone Lane.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas J. Lock .. .. 1—2 | *John R. Mayne .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | *Frank C. Price .. .. 7—8

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Bristol on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
At St. Andrew's, Chesterton Lane.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Claire Dillamore .. .. 1—2 | Andrew S. Hudson .. .. 5—6
Vivian Nutton .. .. 3—4 | S. Clarke Walters .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal of Major 'in hand,' and 75th peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Humphrey Perkins School.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods: (1) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (2) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., (3) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, (4) Rev. Canterbury and Dorton Bob, (5) St. Simon's and Braywood Bob, (6) St. Martin's and Welford Bob, (7) St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall Bob, (8) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe Bob, (9) Grandsire, (10) Morning Star, (11) St. Simon's and St. Osmund, (12) St. Nicholas' and St. Remigius', (13) St. Simon's, (14) St. Albans, (15) Cassington, (16) Eynsham, (17) Elford, (18) St. Giles, (19) St. Nicholas, (20) St. Thomas, (21) St. Andrew, (22) Austrey, (23) St. Martin, (24) St. Paul, (25) St. Peter, (26) St. Leonard, (27) Shareshill, (28) St. Miles, (29) Winchendon Place, (30) St. Luke, (31) St. John, (32) Ryton, (33) Plain Bob, (34) Kennington, (35) Old, (36) April Day, (37) Seighford, (38) Southrepps, (39) Rev. Canterbury, (40) Clifford's Pleasure, (41) St. Columb, (42) Little Aston. Tenor size 15 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2 | David F. Moore .. .. 3—4
B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

First peal in as many methods 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.

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THE DESIGN OF STAYS

This article is prompted by several months' experience as steeplekeeper in a tower with light bells and heavy-handed learners. Replacing stays at a rate of one a fortnight is tedious and expensive.

What are the requirements of a really satisfactory stay? I would say that it should be cheap and simple to replace and it should be as strong as is safe, so that it needs to be replaced as infrequently as possible.

Ash is the usually recommended wood for stays but, with correct design, there seems to be no strong reason why some other wood should not be used. Ash is often difficult to find and always expensive. The two most important parameters of the wood chosen are U, its Ultimate Tensile Strength, and E, its Young's Modulus of Elasticity. Other considerations include how well it is seasoned (will it warp in an exposed belfry?), whether the grain is straight and uniform, and whether it 'creeps' (deflects slowly but continuously) under constant load, as for instance when the bells are left up.

SIMPLICITY

There seems to me to be no doubt that the best shape for a stay is the simplest: rectangular or square in section, and untapered. This kind of stay requires the very minimum of work to make and fit: one sawcut to make it the right length, and one or two holes for the holding bolts. I cannot see any reason for the complicated taper (on seven faces!) of a Hastings stay, nor for the groove cut in the end of a stay to fit over the gudgeon in some cast-iron headstocks. Why not just make the stay that much shorter? That end serves no useful purpose.

SAFE LOADS

A bell and its fittings could fail in one of several ways if it hits a very strong stay too hard. The bolts holding the bell might fail in tension as the headstock is wrenched off the bell. The cast lugs on an iron headstock could snap off. The crown of the bell could break. The gudgeons or bearings might fail. If the bearings are plain, with no cover caps, the gudgeon could be forced up out of its groove. A stay must be designed so that none of these things happen before the stay breaks, and to design the stay the most likely form of failure must be determined.

The gudgeons and bearings are fairly strong and withstand horizontal forces up to twice and vertical forces up to four times the weight of the bell during normal ringing. The strength of the crown of a bell is a difficult problem for me to deal with theoretically, as I have an inadequate knowledge both of the required mathematical theory and of raw data to which it can be applied. How thick is the crown of a bell? How strong is bell metal? I may be able to obtain answers to these questions in the next few months, but for the moment I must confess ignorance.

Rough calculations assuming conservative values for the strength of cast-iron in shear show that the lugs fail at a considerably greater load that the bolts can withstand, so that the lugs are not a governing criterion.

If the bell has plain bearings, whether these will jump out is determined so much by the geometry of any particular hanging that it requires individual calculation for each bell: as this article is meant to treat the problem fairly generally, in what follows I shall assume that the gudgeons are firmly held in the bearings.

Putting numbers into the appropriate expressions shows that the most likely mode of failure is snapping of the headstock bolts. Equating the moment of the force acting on the end of the stay at failure to the moment of the safe working loads in the bolts (say 1/5 of the breaking loads) about the bearing axis gives an expression for the maximum value of this stay-breaking force.

WORK ABSORPTION

The amount of work absorbed in the stay before it breaks is a measure of how difficult the stay is to break. It should be as large as is consistent with a safe breaking force, and will be determined by the value of this force and by the deflection of the end of the stay at fracture.

It is desirable on any but the smallest bells to have this work at least 200 foot-pounds (1 ton-inch), so that a ten-stone man would have to pull with his whole weight for a foot-and-a-half to break the stay.

The deflection of the end of a beam supported at one end, like the stay, is determined from its length, breadth and thickness, by the force applied, and from E, the Young's Modulus.

The breaking load is given by the dimensions of the stay and by the value of U, the Ultimate Tensile Strength.

Working backwards, given the failure load and work-absorption to fracture, we may calculate any two of the stay dimensions given the third. Usually the length L is determined by the size of the bell, so we may determine a the width measured parallel to the length of the headstock, and b the thickness. If V is the amount of work absorbed, and P (fail) the maximum safe stay-breaking force as calculated from the breaking loads of the bolts, then

$$a = 27\,E^2V^2/2\,U^3L^3P(\text{fail})$$

and

$$b = 2\,P(\text{fail})L^2U/3\,EV$$

in consistent units. (E.g.: P(fail) in tons, L in inches, U and E in tons/square inch.)

If the stay is not supported in a socket or by a staple, then a is the effective width of the stay, allowing extra width for the bolt holes—add the diameter of the bolt to the calculated value to obtain the overall size of the wood.

If absurd values of a or b are obtained, then try other values for V until a well-proportioned shape is obtained.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Bell: Tenor at Trumpington, Cambridge.

Weight: 10¼ cwt.

Holding bolts: 2×⅝" diameter mild steel bolts, one on each side 3½" from centre line of headstock, 2×⅝" diameter on the centre line.

Length of stay required: 30".

For mild steel U=20 tons/square inch at least, so the bolts will fail at a load of $20\times 0{\cdot}625^2\times\pi\times 0{\cdot}25 = 6{\cdot}2$ tons.

Then, if the safe working stress is 1/5 of the U.T.S.,

$$P(\text{fail}) = (6{\cdot}2\times 2\times 3{\cdot}75 + 6{\cdot}2\times 2\times 0)\div(5\times 30) = 0{\cdot}31 \text{ tons.}$$

If the stay is made of ash, U=5·3 tons/square inch, and E=670 tons/square inch. Take V=1 ton-inch.

Then $a = 27\times 670^2\times 1^2/2\times 5{\cdot}3^3\times 30^3\times 0{\cdot}31 = 4{\cdot}9$ inches.

and $b = 2\times 0{\cdot}31\times 30^2\times 5{\cdot}3/3\times 670\times 1 = 1{\cdot}5$ inches.

The stay actually fitted has $a=3"$, $b=1{\cdot}5"$, so that P(fail)=0·20 tons and V=0·63 ton-inches.

CONCLUSIONS

The method outlined above leads to a reasonable design of stay on a sound theoretical basis. It provides a known margin against the type of failure considered, and seems to indicate that founders are perhaps slightly over-cautious about fitting strong stays.

I would be most interested to hear from anyone who has performed similar calculations or has any comments on these, and from the founders. In particular, any information about the strength of the crown of a bell would be most welcome.

J. J. McCLENAHAN.

Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Icy!

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent Michael King ('R.W.', page 76) writes about ringing handbells in temperatures below freezing point.

Since it is not the delight of the multitude to practise their art in such adverse weather conditions, the performance of Mr. King's band, in a temperature of 17° F, may well constitute a record for such a feat; and they need have little fear of it being broken, for it is difficult to imagine another band attempting to sink any lower!—Yours faithfully,

J. D. FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

ST. PETER'S, STAINES

'A MODERN church with modern bells' is often applied to many towers and churches by history writers, and scant attention is paid to anything of interest in such buildings. Yet there is something about St. Peter's, Staines, that has always attracted the writer since his first visit, just 60 years ago, so a short story in modern history may be of interest to many who have visited the church by the riverside at Staines.

Back in the Victorian days of the early 70's, Staines was served by the Parish Church of St. Mary and those living in the Laleham Road area had no church nearby. In 1874 a small brick building was erected in the vicinity, and years afterwards an iron building was erected to seat double the number, but still the district grew. Then Sir Edward Clarke, the famous lawyer, came to reside nearby the River Thames in 1890, and, with Lady Clarke, he became a member of the congregation at the little church.

During a visit to Devonshire, Lady Clarke saw a picturesque church situated by the River Dart, and it was this scene that gave her the idea of a church by the banks of the Thames at Staines. Sir Edward took up the idea warmly and in his autobiography, he wrote: 'A little higher up the river than "Thorncote" there was a charming site, where a row of fine elms stood along the river-side of a field which it was proposed to let in building plots. I was afraid these trees would be cut down, so I told my neighbours that if they would buy the site I would build a church on it. The site was secured and I employed Mr. G. F. Prynne to design the church and superintend its construction.'

How promptly the work was carried out can be judged by the fact that Lady Clarke laid the foundation stone on July 22nd, 1893, and the church was dedicated on July 28th, 1894, by the Bishop of Marlborough.

STUMPY RED TOWER

Outside we see a stumpy red tower with a green spire, and a church in red brick and stone. On entering the west door we notice on the left a convenient place for books, etc., while on the right is a lobby, where overcoats, hats and wet clothing can be hung, also a place for umbrellas.

The interior has a nave of four bays, and the chancel is the same width and height as the nave. At the south-west end of the south aisle, near the font, is the entrance to the tower. There is a southern transept and Lady Chapel, each with a separate entrance, while on the north side of the chancel are clergy and choir vestries, also the organ chamber.

The altar is elevated by steps from the nave floor level, and the carved screen is worthy of close inspection. The organ and choir stalls were two of the many gifts of Sir Edward Clarke, and the altar, with frontals and furnishings, was presented by Lady Clarke. The fine brass pulpit is also worthy of note. The visitor cannot fail to admire the stained glass windows, many of them given by Sir Edward, and two in the north aisle, one in 1931 by the people of Staines to mark Sir Edward's 90th birthday, the other by friends and fellow citizens of the City of London in 1932, as a memorial to him.

In 1902 a ring of eight bells was Sir Edward's gift to mark his thanksgiving for the safe return of his son-in-law, Major Rees-Webb, from the Boer War. The founders were Warner and Co., and the tenor is 15¼ cwt. Before the octave was formed in 1902 St. Peter's had but two bells, and these formed the largest and smallest of the present ring. Many peals have been scored on them and the tower has proved a magnet for visitors from many parts, due in many ways to the assiduousness of the tower keeper, Billy Parker, who took charge of the bells from 1902 and was a popular ringer and steeplekeeper for over 50 years.

In recent years we read of activities by the local band, and the writer's memory goes back to 1903, when he first heard and rang this pleasing riverside octave.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Smith 1, M. Hodge (first quarter) 2, J. W. Berry 3, Philippa J. P. Dixon 4, Anne M. Rowson 5, C. I. Rowson (first quarter on six as cond.) 6. For Matins.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Lewsey 1, R. Rayfield 2, P. J. Milton 3, C. H. Macve 4, J. C. Perrin 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 4.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): J. E. Burles 1, R. Fletcher 2, J. Bagnall 3, H. Wood (Dalton-in-Furness) 4, F. H. Crawley 5, D. Ellesdon (cond.) 6, R Jesson (first quarter) 7. A farewell to ringer of six.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, R B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Walters, one time ringer at this church, whose funeral took place this day.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: P. Snelling 1, J. Everett 2, Mrs. K. Childs 3, Jane Everett 4, A. H. Everett (cond.) 5, P. Childs 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, E. A. Bailey 3, Maureen Allen 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Beatty Harper and Elisabeth Jayne Waller.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert 1, Patricia Hibbert 2, F. J. Sampson 3, Gillian M. Hussey 4, J. D. J. Hunt 8.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Read 1, D. Hibbert 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, C. Hibbert (cond.) 7, Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Walton 4, A. Betsworth 5, Patricia Smith (first quarter) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. H. Rogers 1, Hilary Muirhead 2, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 3, Claire Dillamore 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, I. M. Smith 6, D. J. Munday 7, J. R. Hough 8. For Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S Zvegintzov 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CROPREDY, OXON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): R. A. Reeves 1, Miss D. French 2, B. J. Davies (cond.) 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke 5.

EGG BUCKLAND, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, J. Cornelius (cond., 50th quarter) 3, T. G. Myers 4, D. R. Bould 5, W. H. Marks 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. J. Herschell (cond.) 1, R E. Fentiman 3, Sally Parrott 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, F. Oakshott 6, N. D. J. Webb 7, W. Parrott 8. For the Feast of the Epiphany, and as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. J. Smith, who is taking up teaching at Sevenoaks, Kent. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Blyth 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, Sally Parrott (first of Major 'inside') 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, W. Parrott 6, D. J. Herschell 7, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 8. As a wedding compliment to Miss Sally Hewett (a former member of the band) to Mr. Hugh McCafferty.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Stannage 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, P. A. Slight 3, J. E. Cook 4, F. W. Pirchbeck 5, K. Ketteringham 6, H. R. Woods 7, J. R. Holmes 8. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Irene Harrison to Vaughan P. Evans, of Branston, Lincs.

GRAVENHURST, BEDS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs C. D. Mann 1, P. J. Lawton 2, G. M. Pickwell 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, C. D. Mann 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. Basil T. Guy, recently appointed Bishop of Gloucester, late Bishop of Bedford.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Smith 1, S. G. Scott 2, Rosemary Rich 3, G. C. F. Murrell (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. K. Street 5, F. Henbest 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, Jesse Smith 8. Rung for St. Cecilia's Day.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Frost 1, D. Truman 2 E. Winkworth 3, S. F. Earl 4, J. Payne 5, S. Ruddlesham (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung for a combined service for Christian Unity.

QUARTER PEALS

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Candlesby, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Allen 1, M. Wall 2, A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, F. Reed 6. For evening service.

LLANELLY, CARMS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Bailey 1, Norma Coom 2, S. V. Rees 3, J. Beckett 4, J. Keddie (cond.) 5, B. McKay 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled to ring out 1962.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes', on January 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss Y. Edwards 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss D. M. Lawless 3, Mrs. D. E. Sibson 4, R. Powell 5, A. G. Osborne 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8 J. C. Eisell 9, M. P. Barton 10. First of Stedman Caters for 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Sage 1, A. J. Crabb 2, T. J. Thorne 3, J. Sage 4, F. J. Sage (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. Churchill 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 6. First of Minor on the bells by a local band.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. R. Forsythe (first quarter) 1, S. M. J. Young 2, D. M. Barraclough 3, D. Ogden 4, D. Gillespie 5, M. Buchanan (first quarter) 6. The conducting was shared by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Marie Wager (first quarter) 1, J. E. Honeywood 2, Gillian Brown 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 5, N. J. Osborne 6.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. E. Turner 1, K. E. Pinney 2, A. C. Best 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, A. W. Robinson 6. First of Surprise for 1, 3, 5, 6. First quarter of Surprise by all Crewkerne Deanery band. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 1, H. E. Turner 2, K. E. Pinney 3, A. C. Best 4, S. Turner (cond.) 5, A. W. Robinson 6. First quarter in the method for all except the ringer of the treble.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Rose Quient 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Olwen Quient 3, Jennifer Brake 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Philpott, for many years a ringer of this parish, who was interred this day. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Yeates 1, Rose Quient 2, L. Derrick 3 J. Brain (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Olwen Quient 6. Rung with the band's best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Horseman on the birth of a son (Christopher Paul).

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. R. Pink 1, E. R. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, P. J. Heritage 4, C. Coles 5, H. K. Nichols (first of Major) 6, D. J. Roaf 7, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 8. For evening service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Dawn Handley 1, H. DeCombe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison 5, B. Kercher 6. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, A. W. Myers 2, H. W. Milford 3, J. W. Perkins 4, F. E. Day 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for 6.30 Evensong, and to mark the visit of Rev. Donald Mason, Presbyter of the Church of South India, who preached the sermon. Also on Jan. 27th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Cornelius 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, J. W. Perkins 4, D. R. Bould 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and J. Cornelius, of Shepton Beauchamp.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Mewton (first quarter) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, Margaret Weston 6. Rung for the engagement of Joy Mewton and Spencer Robinson.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, R. Forder 4, F. Tysoe 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. R. Muxlow 1, H. P. Collin 2, W. Weston 3, Patricia Chant (first quarter) 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5, C. J. N. Dalton 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. P. Snoswell 1, Janet Elphick 2, Angela Wright 3, R. C. Hide 4, H. S. James 5, A. W. Bond 6, G. P. Elphick (cond.) 7, F Fuller 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. D. G. Matthews and in appreciation of his 32 years' ministry at Southover.

STANMORE, MIDDX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Richman 1, Miss S. White 2, Miss J. Bannister (first quarter) 3, A. Kett 4, L. North 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Vernon 1, J. Vernon 2, G. Vernon 3, J. H. Bailess 4, G. T. Ball 5, M. Lindsey 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, N. L. Walker 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Read, of Farnborough, Hants.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,196 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Mehew 1, Audrey Alexander 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, D. Saunderson 4, R. L. Smith (first 'inside') 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. For Epiphany. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Mehew 1, G. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, Audrey Alexander 3, A. Mayes 4, Christine M. Rimmer 5, D. Saunderson (first as cond.) 6.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 26th, 2,000 Plain Bob Major: Angela Grainger 1, Beryl W. Baldwin 2, Judith Atkinson 3, Barbara Stephens 4, A. Bennett 5, A. Wright 6, J. C Baldwin (cond.) 7, I. C. Maycock 8. A peal attempt called round.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. M. Steele 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Midnight Mass.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Pine 1, Miss A. Roden 2, Miss A. Saunderson 3, Miss M. Roden 4, T. Hatchett (cond.) 5, L. Hatchett 6. First quarter peal by local band and first by all except conductor. For Christmas Festival.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Porter (first of Grandsire Doubles) 1, Mrs. P. F. Tambling 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, L. Hawkins 4, E. Norris 5, N. G. Knee 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Turner 1, Miss D. Mullins 2, E. Fosberry 3, Miss I. Gocher 4, E. Rapley 5, J. Nelson 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, G. Rix 8. In memoriam Canon F. S. Farebrother, Vicar of Warnham, 1921-1957.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Hickson 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, D. Laud 5, R. G. Bell 6, R. Baldwin 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, D. Laud 5, R. G. Bell 6, R. Baldwin 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Morning Prayer.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Butler 1, Valerie Taylor 2, R. W. Winstanley 3, W L. Ratcliffe 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jn. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Fuller 1, Kathleen Fuller 2, D. R. Fuller 3, J. Barlow 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. W. Evans (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for all.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 27th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: T. C. Holland 1, Ann M. Cox 2, M. J. Best 3, B. B. Hullah 4, A. R. Carter 5, D. B. Brown (cond.) 6, P. N. Tubbs 7 C. S. Williams 8. For Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Legg 1, Mrs. D. Gay 2, R. Ballam 3, D. Gay 4, S. Lewis 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker, Rampton, Notts, friends of the ringer of fifth.

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HOLLAND.—On January 27th. 1963, to Pauline (nee Eyre) and David, a son, Jonathan, brother for Timothy David. 1924

ENGAGEMENTS

BENFIELD—HICKS.—The engagement is announced between Edward Benfield, of Manor Farm, Marsh Gibbon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Benfield, Kensington Villas, Marsh Gibbon, Bucks, and Rosalind, only child of Mr and Mrs. H. G. Hicks, of Selby House, Amersham, Bucks. 1907

WYLDE—STEPHENS.—The engagement is anounced between Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. S B. Wylde, of Totton, Hants, and Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephens, of Ebbw Vale. 1890

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'Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain . . . . looking unto Jesus.' (I Cor. ix. 24. Heb. xii, 12.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Mr. Peter Nix, of 23, St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, Notts, is the new honorary secretary of the Society of Sherwood Youths in succession to Miss A. Henson. 1893

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—From Wednesday, February 6th, there will be Spliced Surprise Minor practices. Time of ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Pickett. 1849

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh (6), February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh. Ringing at Tonbridge (8) from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Will committee members please try to attend this meeting.—Margaret A. Ladd, Sec. 1856

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. Dis Sec. 1883

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. St John's, Waterloo, 3.45 to 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 'The George,' Fleet Street, followed by business, election of officers for 1963, handbell contest and social evening. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 1827

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, February 9th, Hendon (annual District meeting). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, available 2.45 to 4 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1871

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at St. John's, Newhall, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1848

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing arrangements for annual dinner on February 9th are: Daybrook (8) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Bulwell (8) 2-3, Basford (8) 3.15-4.15, St. Mary's, Nottingham, 4.15-5.30, St. Peter's, Nottingham, 5.15-6.30. Dinner 7 for 7.30 p.m. 1920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 1963, at Reading. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3-4; St. Laurence's (12), 6.30-8.30. Service 4 p.m. at St Giles'. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hudson, 57, Edgehill Street, Reading. 1876

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Dundee, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral, from 2.15 p.m. Ringing at Old Steeple later.—Rognvald Wilson, Sec., 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 1926

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting on February 9th, Oxton, 2.30–3.30 p.m. East Bridgford from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1859

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at **West Stow** (6) on Saturday, February 9th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note the alteration of meeting place.—A. F. Ballam. 1903

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting will be held at Arundel (8) on Saturday, February 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex, please. 1872

LADIES' GUILD (Western District combined with Bridgwater area).—Evening practice at Chewton Mendip on Monday, February 11th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kingcott. 1884

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, February 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1910

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Darlington, Saturday, February 16th. St. Cuthbert's (8) 3.5 p.m. Tea 5. St. John's (8) 6-8 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 1921

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Berkswell on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Callow, 36 Torbay Road, Coventry. 1904

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Matlock, Saturday, February 16th. Bells 3 p.m. For teas **please** advise Mr. Kingman, 40, Lynholmes, Matlock, by Thursday, February 14th.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1917

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Yate, Saturday, February 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 1902

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—A.D.M. at Irthlingborough on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) to be sent to Mr. A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, by Wednesday, February 13th. Please make every effort to attend. 1908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, February 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Main Street, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 1922

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Hathern (6) on Saturday, February 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Rooms at 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. No names for tea required. 1896

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1912

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice, Feb. 16th, Ealing, St. Stephen's, 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's, 6.15 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Some District business to discuss at 7 p.m.—F. T. B. 1925

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, NOR 21W.—P. Newstead, Hon. Sec. 1881

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on February 16th at 6 p.m. Special method: Killamarsh Treble Bob. Branch annual meeting at Wokingham on March 16th.—B. C. Castle. 1897

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth on Saturday, February 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 1915

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social evening at Putney, Saturday, February 16th. Bells 6 p.m. Refreshments, fun and games in Vestry Hall, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Names, **please**, to Mr. C. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, S.W.15, by Wednesday previous. Inclusive charge 1s. 6d.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1808

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (10), Saturday, February 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1914

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Feb. 16th, dinner arrangements: 2 to 3 p.m., Shoreditch: 3 to 4, Jewry: 4 to 5, St. Andrew's, Holborn: 2.30 to 3.30, St. George's, Borough: 4.30 to 5.30, St. Vedast's. Dinner, 6.30 for 7 p.m., Church House, Westminster. Sunday, 17th, Corporate Communion, 11 a.m., St. Vedast.—P. C. 1927

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Conisbrough, February 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster, by 14th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1909

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social will be held in the Parish Hall, Earl Shilton, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Licensed bar. Application for tickets please by the Saturday previous to Mr. Geo. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics. Tickets 10s. Please bring own K.F.S. — M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1901

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and social evening. Ringing, Penn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by 19th, please, to Miss Hague, 6 Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.—Mrs. Bullock, E. T. Blagrove, Miss Hague. 1913

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting at Spalding, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. St. Paul's, Fulney, bells (8) also available 2.30-4 p.m.—B. B. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec. 1906

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Lea, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623 by previous Tuesday. Special methods: London Scholars' Pleasure and Single Oxford. 1916

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Llantrisant, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 1894

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 4-6 p.m. Tickets, price 21s., available from J. A. Hervey, Devonshire Hall, Cumberland Road, Leeds 6. 1891

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 21st, to Mr. G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 1919

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, South Newton, February 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, at The Bell, 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1900

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 145th anniversary will be held on March 2nd. Bells open 1.30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6 p.m. Tickets, 10s., from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 23rd. 1895

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Great Yeldham. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members, please note: District striking competition takes place in the afternoon. **All entering teams should meet at 1.50 p.m.** Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. 1892

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THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The South Wales District held its annual meeting at St. Mary's, Swansea, and despite the preceding freezing weather January 26th proved to be a sunny, spring-like day. Various methods were rung on these fine bells, including Grandsire Triples, by a band of ladies.

The service was taken by Canon Harry Williams, who warmly welcomed the Guild to Swansea. The address was given by the curate, the Rev. Edward Hunt, who had been taught to ring by Mr. Arthur Hoare at Sketty.

The usual excellent tea was provided in the Church Room by Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers. These kind people were thanked by Mr. Trevor Roderick.

At the business meeting Miss Kathleen Watkins, of Sketty, was elected vice-president, Mrs. J. S. King was re-elected secretary, and committee members elected were Miss Hulbert, Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Bruten and Mrs. Coles. New members elected were Mrs. Stitch (Newton Nottage), Miss P. Jenkins, Miss S. Harris and Miss D. Hargrieves (Sketty).

It was decided to try to hold two further meetings during the year—at Chepstow on April 27th, and at either St. Woolos' or All Saints', Newport, on October 26th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch Annual Meeting

In spite of a bitterly cold wind and drifting snow, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held at Gainsborough on January 19th.

Members were present from the following towers: Gainsborough, Saxilby, Blyton, Upton, Haxey, Belton, Willingham and Lea, while visitors from Burton Stather, Scunthorpe, Branston, Ulceby and Lincoln towers helped to swell the numbers.

Following ringing in the afternoon, the service was taken by Canon J. E. Roberts, Vicar of All Saints', Gainsborough, who is also president of the Branch. A very enjoyable buffet tea was served in the Gainsborough Old Hall, and the business meeting followed with Canon Roberts in the chair.

The reports of the Master, the secretary and the treasurer were read and accepted, and meetings for the coming year were arranged.

A little over a year ago a cup was presented to the Branch in memory of Mr. Harry Bingham. The first holders of the cup are Saxilby, and Mr. W. Cox received it on their behalf from Mrs. G. H. Bingham.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and other people who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Ringing then continued until 9 p.m. H. C. R.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', Feb. 7, 1913.—

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE

The misfortune which has befallen the village of Long Stanton, in Cambridgeshire, can seldom, if ever, have been the lot of a rural parish. They have only just had their bells increased from three to eight, and now, while a very considerable sum is still outstanding on the restoration, the ancient tenor has cracked in such a way as to render it useless, and the new peal has been spoilt until the bell can be recast. Such a happening would be enough to dishearten the authorities of any church, but in Long Stanton the circumstances are specially unfortunate. The recent increase of the bells to an octave was only carried out in the face of all kinds of discouragement and opposition.

ALL ENGLAND RALLY TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

The Coventry Diocesan Guild at their last quarterly meeting agreed to invite all ringers from all Guilds and Associations to a rally to be held on Saturday, April 20th, 1963, culminating in a service at the new Coventry Cathedral. It is hoped that the address will be given by the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert K. Bardsley.

As Coventry is situated in the centre of England, and the new Cathedral has aroused so much interest, it is thought that ringers would appreciate this opportunity to visit it and take part in a service especially arranged for them. The service will take place at 3 p.m., to enable long distance travellers to commence their return journey in good time.

All towers within easy reach of Coventry will be made available during the morning and afternoon up to 2.30 p.m., and some will be open after the tea.

A buffet tea will be arranged as near the Cathedral as possible immediately after the service.

From whatever direction Coventry is approached there are good bells available, and visitors are assured of a hearty welcome at them all. Suggested routes, and towers on them, will be published in 'The Ringing World' at an early date.

Will all secretaries of Guilds and Associations who are interested inform the secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild as soon as possible of the numbers who may attend, to enable final arrangements to be made, as it may be necessary to issue tickets for the service: J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Plympton St. Mary on January 26th. Ringing, under the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers), comprised Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, with 'rounds' for several beginners who were present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews), who extended a hearty welcome to the Branch. In his address he spoke of the gifts that are employed in the service of the Church; churchwardens, sidesmen, secretaries and treasurers of the various organisations, organist, choir; and 'last, but by no means the least, the ringers. They all formed the Body of the Church, the whole which made the House of God.

Tea was served in the Church School, and this was followed by the business meeting.

In his report the hon. secretary stated membership remained about the same. Four peals had been rung at St. Andrew's during the year and 20 quarter peals, a number having been put on for Sunday evening services for visitors. Mention was made of the great progress being made by the Lifton ringers. Mr. Myers also stated that Mr. Fred E. Day had called his first peal. This was unique, as his first peal was Grandsire Caters, and this he followed by calling a peal of Bob Royal, both at St. Andrew's.

One new member was admitted—Miss Patricia Sims, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. J. P. Sims, captain of Emmanuel. Her sister, Miss Sylvia Sims, now at Salisbury Training College, has been a ringer for about eight years. Messrs. F. Welch, J. Cornelius and F. F. Lock, of Shopton Beauchamp, were admitted as non-resident members. The chairman expressed a welcome through Mr. Cornelius, who was present.

Many apologies were received owing to the state of the roads, but several visitors made long journeys to be present, including Messrs. C. Sangwin and H. Stacey (Stratton), Mr. Pearce (Bridgerule), Mr. Watt (Dartmouth) Mr. Read (Yelmpton), whilst there were also present Brother William (Nottingham), Mr. Foster (Blackpool) and Mr. Cornelius (Shepton Beauchamp), on holiday in the district.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman and Press officer, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel); hon. secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's); auditor, Mr. H. O. Thomas (Emmanuel); general committee, Messrs. Wheeler (St. Andrew's), Bould (Tavistock) and Sims (Emmanuel).

About 40 sat down to tea, the local member towers being well represented. H. H. T.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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5,152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By T. B. WORSLEY

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CANON GUY WARMAN: RINGERS' PADRE

TO be invited to take the chair at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner in Birmingham is an honour that may be valued and treasured in the memory. While it is customary for St. Martin's Guild to extend this invitation to practical ringers, it by no means follows that a non-ringer may not be seen presiding over this important gathering. During the last 20 years we find the chair at the dinner occupied by influential clerics, men who do not ring but are intimately connected with ringers and their work for the Church. In 1952 the chairman was the Ven. S. Harvie Clark; in the years 1944, 1946 and 1948 Canon Guy Rogers, for many years Rector of Birmingham. In 1959 the gathering was presided over by Canon Guy Warman, the Vicar of Aston.

This year the Guild has again conferred the honour upon Canon Warman. He is a vice-president of the Guild, a regular attender at the Henry Johnson dinner, and a man with more perception of ringers and ringing than one can ever get him to admit. During the 16 years he has laboured in the heavily-populated and difficult parish of Aston, Canon Warman, in common with many others whose lives are devoted to such heart-searching tasks, must have seen deeply into virtually every human problem and thus marked the subtle interchange of the darker and the lighter, the humorous and the tearful, the tragic and the ridiculous. Near his home, in the middle of the field of his labours, is the great arena of the Aston Villa Football Club, presenting its weekly drama of comedy and tragedy and the compelling fascination of endless changes on an old theme. And close at hand, the noble tower of the ancient parish church looks down on this passing show, and from time to time reflects in its own music the vagaries of human life and the mutations of human fortunes.

Canon Warman knows his football crowd, for he may sometimes be found among them; and he knows his bells and his ringers. A few years ago, when Aston Villa went to Wembley, the Vicar said that if the F.A. Cup came to Birmingham the Aston bells should ring to welcome it. The cup came to Aston and the bells rang.

Birmingham ringers are conscious of what they owe to the kindness and interest of Canon Warman. The bells of Aston are available to bands of ringers at reasonable intervals, and at the quarterly meetings the Guild service at the church is conducted by the Vicar, who is quite prepared to play the organ, and will deliver an address that offers some new views on ringers' work and responsibilities and invariably provokes thought. To him, too, is owed the privilege that when the tombstones in the churchyard were laid flat for the bettering of that piece of holy ground, the stone of Henry Johnson, erected to his memory by the ringers of England, was allowed to remain erect as a witness to the national esteem in which this great ringer and composer was held.

With many such considerations as these we may, despite his repeated assertions that he knows nothing of the art, cease to regard Canon Warman as a non-ringer. For he sees more deeply than many into ringers' motives; he has sympathy with the growth and development of change-ringing, remarking wisely that the art, like music and painting, must move with the times; and he speaks plainly on the relationship between the secular and the sacred aspects of bell-ringing activity.

A man's man, a true ringers' padre, and a common-sense friend: so all members of St. Martin's Guild know him; and for these things they have been privileged to honour him. E. C. S.

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1,000 PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH BELL FOUNDRY

By the Rev. Canon K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS far back as August, 1905, the Rev. F. E. Robinson became the first ringer to have 1,000 peals to his credit. Now, nearly 60 years later, we have the first tower to total 1,000 peals. And only 11 of them had been rung when Mr. Robinson achieved his ambition! And so, if it is possible to congratulate a tower, we do so with great pleasure.



The first peal on the Foundry bells was on September 27th, 1901—Stedman Triples in 2 hours 48 minutes—a slow time by modern standards for these bells. But people weren't in so much of a hurry in those days. Several of the early peals of Major took over 3 hours—the slowest being 5.120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 10 minutes rung in 1903. Surprisingly few peals were rung at first—five being the most in any year before the First World War. The grand total at the end of 1914 was 40 peals. 1921 was the year when things began to liven up at the Campanile—the year when Harold Poole commenced his activities on the bells. The 100 peal mark came in 1923, and the 200th peal was rung 4½ years later in 1928. After that, there was again a lull, for some reason, so that in the five years from 1929 to 1933 inclusive only 22 peals are recorded. Then came another burst of activity, with the 300th peal in 1937 (November 2nd), and a grand total of 335 when ringing had to cease because of World War II.

After the war, came rather a slow start—only 19 peals from 1945 to 1948 inclusive. Then came the explosion—50 peals in 1949, which brought the 400 up on December 17th of that year. From that time every two or three years has seen another 100 peals, and 600 peals, to bring the 1,000 up, have been rung in almost exactly 13 years from the end of 1949 to the end of 1962—an average of about 46 a year. The most in any year was 62 in 1959 and none of the past five years has had less than 57.

770 RINGERS

And now, something about the ringers who have taken part in the 1,000 peals. Actually, I think the number of ringers who have helped to amass this great total is surprisingly small. It is about 770, and of these 350 have rung a single peal only, so the remainder have been busy. The late Mr. Ernest Morris (as many will no doubt have guessed) took part in most peals. I make his total 334 at the Foundry. For any who are interested, here is a list of those who have rung over 50 peals: G. R. Edwards 277, H. J. Poole 262, B. G. Warwick 236, J. A. Acres and J. W. Cotton 231, J. M. Jelley 197, Mrs. H. J. Poole 187, J. F. Milner 169, E. J. Jelley 149, C. Harrison 132, A. J. Poynor 129, R. J. Clifton 122, E. W. Rawson 118, R. S. Morris 115, S. Burton 114, W. P. Whitehead 109, J. F. Hutchby 100, P. J. Staniforth 99, H. B. Bowley 94, J. Saddington 91, R. Elkington 85, G. A. Halls 85, D. P. Jones and J. R. Smith 81, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 75, P. L. Taylor 69, E. Reader 68, B. S. Chapman and L. H. Whitehead 64, A. Ballard 62, F. H. Stubbs, F. R. Whitehead and J. Oldham 60, H. Broughton 58, and E. C. Gobey, E. A. Jacques and W. Smith 52. Mention also ought to be made of J. P. Fidler, the well known employee of the Foundry, whose total is 49.

The peals have been conducted by 114 different people. The list, in descending order of number of peals conducted, is quite different from the above. Mr. E. Morris, for instance, only 'called' 45 of his great total. The 'leader' in this list is Mr. B. G. Warwick with 193. Actually, it was only in 1962 that he passed the total of the previous leader—the late Mr. H. J. Poole, whose total was 179. No other ringer has yet called 100 peals at the Foundry, and, in fact, they have still a long way to go. Here is the list: W. P. Whitehead 66, J. M. Jelley 53, E. Morris 45, C. Harrison 45, D. P. Jones and P. J. Staniforth 40, E. Reader 35, F. H. Dexter 21, J. F. Milner 16, G. R. Edwards and W. Thornley 15, A. J. Poynor 13, and G. A. Halls and R. B. Smith 10. Those are the ones with 10 or more peals to their credit as conductor. Aotually, 64 of the conductors have a single peal they have called on the bells and one has even half a peal!

66 DIFFERENT METHODS

We now turn to the methods rung in the 1,000 peals. Although the majority of the peals were of Major, the biggest variety has been in peals of Royal. The 170 peals of Royal have been rung in 66 different methods or combinations of methods. Surprise Royal has been rung in methods which commence with every letter of the alphabet! Cambridge Royal has been most popular, as usual, with 36 peals, Yorkshire has 24, Plain Bob 13 and Kent Treble Bob 6. No other methods have more than four peals.

There have only been 38 peals of Caters—29 of Stedman and nine of Grandsire.

The Campanile had eight bells at first, the two trebles being added in 1923, so it is not surprising that (as mentioned above), most peals have been on eight bells—just over 560, in fact. The first of Major was on March 8th, 1902—Kent Treble Bob, and 33 peals in this method have been rung in all. Again, it is Cambridge which leads the way in number of peals—109 in all, with Yorkshire again second—77. Superlative 33, Bristol 26, Lincolnshire has 60, Plain Bob 56, Double Norwich 40, London 38, Kent 13, combined Kent and Oxford 11 and Rutland 10. There is insufficient space to mention those with less than 10 peals. Not quite all the alphabet has been rung in Surprise methods in the Major range, the missing letters being E, H, Q, U and Z. No doubt this will soon be rectified now that the secret is 'out.' Sixty-two different methods or combinations of methods have been rung in all.

Of Triples, there have been 131 peals—104 of Stedman, 26 of Grandsire and 2 of Plain Bob.

It is only in the past few years that Minor and Doubles methods have been rung with any regularity. Thus the first peal of Doubles wasn't until 1936. Personally, I think this increase is a pity, for I am one who thinks that, on the whole, peals should be rung using all the bells in the tower. There are plenty of five- and six-bell towers for peals on these numbers. No doubt this opinion will spark off a letter or two in the correspondence column! There have been 73 peals of Minor, in 20 varieties of methods—most being of Plain Bob (19). Fourteen of the 21 peals of Doubles have come in the past three years, and there have been 15 different kinds of peals—27 methods being the greatest number used in one peal.

QUICKEST PEALS

Of course, over the years, there has been a competition for the quickest peal on the bells in the various compasses possible. The first peal of Royal rung was in 1924, with a time of 2 hours 58 minutes. This time was the quickest for 13 years—a pretty good effort. In 1937, we had a time of 2 hours 50 minutes, which was the pre-war record. Immediately after the war came 2 hours 45 minutes in 1945 and this had been reduced to 2 hours 25 minutes by 1949. This time stood for 10 years, until a further minute was knocked off in 1959. In 1961 came the present record—one minute less still—2 hours 23 minutes. The first peal of Caters took 3 hours 5 minutes, but this didn't last long and by 1931 the record stood at 2 hours 32 minutes. This lasted until 1954, when 2 hours 30 minutes was clocked. In 1957 came times of 2 hours 28 minutes and 2 hours 26 minutes. Then in 1961 2 hours 25 minutes and, finally, last year 2 hours 22 minutes.

Major started at 2 hours 58, and the quickest peal before 1914 was in 1907—2 hours

1,000 PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH—contd.

49 minutes. This time was reduced progressively no less than seven times in the years 1921 and 1922, by the end of which year 2 hours 20 minutes had been reached. This stood until 1937 when a couple of minutes was clipped off the time. In 1939, no less than 10 minutes was knocked off and we had a time of 2 hours 8 minutes. This obviously took some beating, but the time was a minute less in a peal of Superlative in 1949. Five years later, a peal of Yorkshire was rung in 2 hours 2 minutes. Even that time only lasted nine months, for there came in November, 1954, a peal in 1 hour 57 minutes. Finally, a year later, there came the quickest tower bell peal yet rung to that time—Bob Major in 1 hour 45 minutes—an incredible speed of nearly 50 changes a minute. I don't suppose that will be beaten in a hurry.

Triples had a quickest time of 2 hours 33 minutes before 1914. 2 hours 8 minutes before 1939 and is now 2 hours dead (in 1957). Minor started at 1 hour 59 minutes in 1925, had been reduced to 1 hour 50 minutes before 1939 and has only been quickened up twice since then—1 hour 48 minutes in 1958 and 1 hour 41 minutes in 1961 (the present record). Doubles started at 2 hours 32 minutes in 1936, became 2 hours 15 minutes in 1939 and stands at 1 hour 35 now—the quickest tower bell peal ever.

One of the attractions of this very light and beautifully 'running' ring of bells has always been the possibility of ringing long lengths, and the Foundry holds the record in many methods, the most recent being on December 8th last when 15,520 changes of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung. Pride of place must be the longest peal ever rung by one band of ringers —32,704 changes of Plain Bob Major on July 15th, 1961. This, of course, was the result of an attempt on the 40,320, of which the Campanile has seen several in the past year or two. If this ever is accomplished, the Foundry is probably the only place where it could be done. The second longest peal here was also connected with this 40,320 attempt—18,928 of Bob Major last August. Other peals of over 10,000 changes are as follows:

13,440 Plain Bob Major on April 8th, 1922;
10,400 Real Superlative Surprise Major on May 6th, 1922;
10,976 Bristol Surprise Major on February 19th, 1949;
10,368 London Surprise Major on October 6th, 1951;
14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major on September 21st, 1957;

Peals of 6,000 changes and over, in order of ringing them, are:

9,120 Kent & Oxford Treble Bob Major on May 6th, 1922;
7,008 Bob Major on October 4th, 1924;
6,720 Little Bob Major on April 3rd, 1926;
9,600 Kent & Oxford Treble Bob Major on December 24th, 1927;
9,760 Bob Major on November 30th, 1935;
7,008 Bob Major on December 6th, 1952;
6,720 Double Norwich Major on August 6th, 1960;
6,120 Cambridge Surprise Royal on October 13th, 1962;
6,000 Doubles in 5 methods on November 3rd, 1962.

Finally we come to the Guilds for which the peals have been rung. At first, and until the mid-1920's, most peals were rung for the old Midland Counties Association—336, in fact. When that was divided and the tower came in the area of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the vast majority of peals were rung for that Association and the number for that Guild is now 546. The only other two Associations for which any substantial numbers have been rung are the new Midland Counties Association, 70, and the Derbyshire Association, 26. The remaining peals have been rung for 13 other Societies and there have also been two non-Association peals.



MR. PAUL L. TAYLOR,
whose encouraging co-operation has made the ringing of 1,000 peals on the Foundry Campanile possible, to the advancement of the Exercise at large.

And so another milestone in the history of ringing has been reached. I wonder which will be the first church tower to pass the 1,000 peal mark? Erith? Crayford? Willesden? Who knows? But it is quite likely that it may not be reached before the end of the century! By which time, at the present rate of things, Loughborough Bell Foundry will have passed the 2,000 mark.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The members attending the annual meeting of the Association at Shardlow on January 19th—a cold and snowy day—heard from the chairman, Mr. F. W. Hinds, that the Association's application for recognition by the Central Council had been received and would be submitted to the Council at its meeting later in the year. The news was warmly greeted by the 27 members present.

Ringing preceded a short service conducted by the Vicar and a splendid tea was served in the British Legion Hall. The Rev B. K. Rice, Vicar of Tideswell, had resigned the presidency and the Rev. M. R. Austin, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Derby, was elected his successor. Mr. F. W. Hinds and Mr. R. Barker were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and Mr. S. K. A. Huson is the new Ringing Master in succession to Mr. B. R. Manning. Elected to the committee were Messrs. J. E. Collins, M. A. Fenn, G. Fletcher, D. K. Walklate, E. H. Willows and C. Whitting.

Mr B. R. Manning said although the number of peals, half peals and quarters had not risen during the past year there was an increase in the number of conductors.

Next meeting: St. Andrew's, Derby, on February 16th. R. I. G.

OBITUARY

MR. H. COX

Mr. Bert Cox died suddenly at his home in Wimbledon on February 2nd, aged 81 years.

Known as 'Harry,' in his early years he was one of the members of the Boyne Hill band in the 1930's. He rang several Surprise Major peals there, one of the earlier ones (in 1909) being Cambridge, with George Martin as conductor. Bert Cox was proud of those days and rightly so, for Surprise Major rung by a Sunday service band represented a considerable achievement.

Latterly he had lived in Wimbledon, and he was, until his failing legs prevented him, a regular service ringer, standing in many of the Sunday evening quarter peals.

A gardener, he found relaxation after retirement in his roses and pot plants.

He was a kindly man and will be missed by those who knew him.

On February 7th a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Wimbledon as a token of respect by Vanessa Rodrigues 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Caroline Carpenter 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, M. H. Sinden 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, R. Mayes 8.

Cremation was at Putney Vale on February 13th. M. H. S.

MR. GEORGE BERRY

The death occurred recently of Mr. George Berry, of Hodnet, Shropshire, at the age of 57 years.

He started ringing about 1921 with the call-change band at Hodnet; the bells were then in very bad order and were swing-chimed on Sundays and only rung up on special occasions owing to the very heavy 'go.'

After the bells had been rehung in 1931, a change-ringing band was formed with the writer as instructor. George made excellent progress and was appointed captain the following year, a position he held for about 15 years until he went farming on his own account, when he gave up ringing owing to pressure of work. He was also a chorister for many years.

He was a tall, well-built man, and was frequently taken for an ex-Guardsman. He rang a few peals, mostly of Plain Bob Minor at his own tower and round about, and he rang the treble in a very fine peal in seven Treble Bob methods at Forton, conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

George was a very good striker and came of ringing stock: his father, Alick, used to slog the almost unringable tenor at Hodnet prior to the rehanging, and his uncle, Jesse, was captain at nearby Stoke-on-Tern until his death.

He was laid to rest in Hodnet Churchyard on January 26th, and as it was not convenient to get a band to ring, owing to the annual meeting of the Association at Shrewsbury, the ringers met on the following Wednesday evening and rang some excellent half-muffled Grandsire Doubles to the memory of an old friend. E. V. R.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', Feb. 14, 1913.—

'W.R.' writes: 'I don't know how near your paper has been to John o' Groats, but I have had the honour of taking it to Land's End. Working there last summer for about five months, I have read "The Ringing World" with interest many a time on the rocks by "the sad sea waves" in that remote spot.' We wonder how near 'The Ringing World' has been to John o' Groats.

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Letters to the Editor

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—It is necessary to correct the third paragraph of Messrs. Dukes and Dunwoody's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th, that 'No help has been given, as is usually done by the host Association, other than "fend for yourself" because of accommodation difficulties.'

Immediately after my return from the 1962 Central Council meeting, on June 19th, I had an interview with the manager of the Carlton, Yarmouth's most suitable hotel, and effected a 'shadow' booking for 200 people, also arranged an excellent room for the Standing Committee, and an equally excellent room for the Tuesday evening gathering, all for the Central Council meeting for Whitsun, 1963.

The same day I interviewed the Town Clerk of Great Yarmouth, and effected a shadow booking of the Town Hall for the Whit Tuesday meeting, together with the Mayor for the official welcome, and a civic reception for the afternoon.

Great Yarmouth is one of the most popular seaside holiday resorts in the British Isles; the hotels get more or less fully booked for the following summer, even before the summer season is over, and the Town Hall is similarly booked for conferences sometimes a year or more ahead.

The manager of the Carlton made it clear that he must have an early confirmation of the booking if the reservation were to be guaranteed.

I was, naturally, acting not in any official capacity, but simply as a local resident, familiar with the difficulties inseparable from the extraordinary popularity of Great Yarmouth. I made it very clear to those officially concerned with Central Council arrangements that these bookings simply **must** be confirmed at the earliest possible date, or the whole plan would collapse. There are several other good hotels in Great Yarmouth, at all of which the same matters apply.

It appears that it was not found possible to confirm the shadow booking of the Carlton Hotel, and the hotel naturally had to take up other bookings which other groups were able to effect months ago. Meanwhile, the same thing has been happening at the other hotels here. None of this is surprising. It was all foreseen by those who know the local conditions. It is, nevertheless, a great pity, for the Carlton could have provided the Council with an entirely adequate and really delightful meeting place.

The thing for members to do now is, not to indulge in any questions about the past, but to seize the opportunity of the present, **act now** on the advice in the notice in the 'R.W.' of January 11th, and book, not in the large hotels which are already full, but in the smaller yet very attractive places noted in the 'summary of accommodation' from our publicity manager.

Control of the hotel situation has passed from our hands, but everything else is being planned so as to give members a most delightful time—tours on the Broads, ringing in the incomparable East Anglian churches, and the other delights associated with Central Council meetings.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.
Vicar of Great Yarmouth.

Dear Sir,—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow has been good enough to send me a copy of his reply to the letter from Messrs. Dukes and Dunwoody in your issue of February 8th, and I would like to endorse his view that, apart from the difficulty over headquarters and accommodation generally, arrangements for the meeting are proceeding normally, thanks to the efforts of the officers of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It seems to me somewhat ungracious to complain of 'poor arrangements' when all that has so far been said is that members must select their own accommodation from a local guide. Had the meeting been held in London exactly the same situation would have applied.

The fact that the Irish Association representatives travel at their own expense seems hardly relevant, but perhaps it is worth mentioning that all honorary and life members of the Council also attend meetings at their own expense.

I must, however, refer to the statement in Canon Thurlow's letter that he had effected a shadow booking for 200 people at 'Yarmouth's most suitable hotel,' with the implication both there and elsewhere in the letter that had it not been for the dilatoriness of others—mainly myself I suppose—the accommodation difficulty would not have arisen. What he does not say is that the manager quoted for 160 persons at the Cavendish and 40 at the Carlton (the two are practically adjoining), both at **fifteen guineas a head, weekly terms only.** The Association's secretary, Mr. Barrett, was able to get bed and breakfast terms at the Carlton and the charge for the Cavendish reduced to twelve guineas plus 5 per cent., but since the manager would not agree to other than weekly terms the latter would have been out of the question for most members. In effect, therefore, accommodation at headquarters would have been for 40 people only, and it is obvious that at least three-quarters of those attending (four-fifths if wives and families are included) would have had to find accommodation elsewhere.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Handbell Teams in North of England

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter by 'E. Jatch,' with reference to handbell ringing, although he does not say so, I presume that he is in possession of a copy of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing,' and also that his remarks refer to tune ringing on handbells, and not change ringing.

I know of quite a number of bands of tune ringers in the North, and for general information I enclose a list of those active at the present time. There will be other bands that perhaps I am unaware of, and it would be of interest to many readers if they could make themselves known through 'The Ringing World.'

'E. Jatch' does not give his address, and so I am not aware if he lives near enough to get in touch with any of these bands, but at various times I have had correspondence with tune ringers in other parts of the country. If he will write to me I will try to put him in touch with the nearest tune ringers that I know of; perhaps then he may arrange to have some tune recordings made locally.

He is quite right when he states: 'We have very little knowledge of what is being done and what **can** be done,' but I can assure him that the tune ringing of the bands I mention is of a high standard, the ringers are keen and they all make visitors welcome at their practice nights. To anyone who has never heard or seen a good band of tune ringers I would suggest that they do so at the first opportunity; they have a treat in store! A large part of the fascination of tune ringing to me lies in watching the rise and striking of the bells in the ringer's hands, sometimes in sequence, sometimes in irregular order, but always in time and with never a wrong note, and all blending together to produce music with qualities no other medium can reproduce.—Yours sincerely,

T. OGDEN.

119, Smallbrook Road,
Shaw Oldham.

HANDBELL TUNE RINGING BANDS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

(1) Crosthwaite handbell ringers, Crosthwaite, Keswick, Cumberland: Leader, Mr. Joe Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland. 36 bells, six ringers. Practice night varies, contact Mr. Brownrigg. Have broadcast many times on Northern B.B.C. programmes.

(2) Silverdale handbell ringers, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire: Leader, Mr. T. E. Bolton, 'The Grove,' Shore Road, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs. 48 bells, 12 ringers. Practice night Monday, in their own building at Silverdale. Have broadcast a few times, and there are three long play recordings, 33⅓ r.p.m., available, contact Mr. Bolton.

(3) Skipton handbell ringers, Skipton, Yorkshire: Leader, Mr. Joe Wiseman, 37, Brougham Street, Skipton, Yorks. 49 bells (4 chromatic octaves), 8 ringers. Practice night Monday, at 37, Brougham Street. Have broadcast a few times on Northern B.B.C. programmes.

(4) Rotherham handbell ringers, Rotherham, Yorkshire: Leader, Mr. Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks. 48 bells, 8 or 10 ringers. Practice night varies, contact Mr. Chaddock.

(5) Ecclesfield handbell ringers, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, Yorkshire: Correspondent, Mr. Wm. C. Gregory, 182, High Greave, Sheffield, 5, Yorkshire. About 160 bells, which at present are away awaiting attention at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. This band appeared representing Sheffield in the 'Top Town' television programme. They played 'The Skater's Waltz,' and the judges voted this as the best item in the whole programme.

(6) Warsop handbell ringers, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts: Leader, Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop; secretary, Mr. F. Flint, 'Kirkley,' Manor Road, Church Warsop, Mansfield, Notts. 24 bells, 6-8 ringers. Practice night varies, contact Mr. Flint.

(7) Norbury handbell ringers, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire: Leader, Mr. Wm. Hartley, 29, Hurdsfield Road, Great Moor, Stockport, Cheshire. Telephone STO 6571 (day only). About 168 bells (5 chromatic octaves), with many duplicate and triplicate bells, 12-14 ringers. Practice night Monday, but contact Mr. Hartley first. A recording of their music has been made, but I do not know whether copies are available at present.

(8) St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, handbell ringers, Moorside, Oldham, Lancs: Leader and secretary, Mr. Ivan Kay, 59, Alva Road, Oldham, Lancs. 74 bells (4½ chromatic octaves, 16 duplicates), 10 ringers. Practice night Friday.

(9) The Darlington handbell ringers: Leader, Mrs. W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington, Co. Durham. 12 bells, six ringers. Practice night varies, but is usually held at 20, Bracken Road.

T. O.

Confirmation Wanted

Dear Sir,—Could anyone confirm the notation of these two methods?

Cheapside Delight:

36—16—12—36—14—36. L.E. 12. 136245.

Victoria, or Queen Victoria Delight:

36—14—12—16—14—16. L.E. 12. 136245.

Also can anyone supply the notation of Princess Mary, or Goldsborough Delight Minor?—Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

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THE CHURCH

IN the north-westerly outskirts of Leeds and forming a triangle barely a mile wide stand three churches surmounted by lofty spires with much in common, in that they all contain rings of bells—two eights and one five—all by Taylor's, although of differing periods and characteristics, and all three in the same key.

The two octaves are well known: the Pearson church of St. Michael, Headingley, appears frequently on television when Test matches are televised from the cricket ground nearby, and further along the Otley Road lies St. Chad's, Far Headingley, where a 'Grimthorpe' octave was recast thirty years ago.

Less prominent down in the valley, between the Otley and Harrogate Road, lies Meanwood village, a parish over which the earliest Leeds Corporation housing estate sprawls as well as hundreds of what in estate agents' jargon would be described as 'mod. semis, small gardens at front and rear . . .' but the church and its tree lined avenue still keep their village characteristics.

Possibly Meanwood's only claim to fame lies in its influence in the design of 'Big Ben' through its association with Sir Edward Beckett, afterwards Lord Grimthorpe — the nearby 'Beckett Arms' perpetuates his name.

When after seven years of wrangling matters had reached a deadlock, Beckett was called in to adjudicate on the Westminster clock in 1851 and having the previous year had the Meanwood clock made to his satisfaction, he not unnaturally had the Houses of Parliament clock made by the same man, Mr. Dent, of London.

At that time there would have been only two bells at Meanwood by Taylor's, 1840, the present third and fourth, to which the same founder added two trebles and a tenor eleven years later.

OCTAVE ENVISAGED

From the layout it is apparent that the possibility of completing the octave was envisaged, and a splendid eight they would make. I am inclined to agree with a former Vicar who maintained that tonally Meanwood bells are superior to their two heavier neighbours up the hill, and it is said that the three treble bells were suggested if not actually offered in memory of the famous surgeon, Lord Moynihan, whose house, Carr Manor, now forms the judges' residence.

Through the instrumentality of one of the offshoot Potts' clock firms abounding at the time, the bells were rehung by Mears, some thirty years ago, and while they 'go' well they cannot be rushed.

The tower is built over the chancel crossing and the ringing chamber is directly below the single belfry floor, which has a large gap for the clock weights, so that the bells are inclined to be on the noisy side, although they are by no means impossible for a conductor with good lung power.

In ringing circles Meanwood's most famous son was the late Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was proud of his association with the village.

There is no record of a peal ever having been attempted here until after the last war, when one or two somewhat half-hearted attempts were made, one with silencers fitted and another when it is said that two ringers tried to change bells and changed course in the process.

Neither would there seem ever to have been a meeting at this tower. It is not to be expected that a large territorial association should visit a five-bell tower while the local district society, which might be expected to do so has, in my opinion, a stupid rule whereby it cannot hold meetings at any tower unless it has members there.

The 'non-union' tendency does not appear to have any adverse effect on the ringing, rather the reverse in fact, since this is one of the minority of Leeds towers where the bells are fully manned and rung twice a Sunday.

As already reported, the first peal on these bells was rung on January 19th, eight methods of Doubles by a band mostly from Leeds Parish Church, with one ringer from Pontefract, and it was a very creditable performance by the eighteen-year-old conductor, who, apart from contending with weight and noise, called the first peal in eight methods of Doubles by the whole band.

It may not be a record, but I imagine that few towers where the bells have been pealable will have remained 'unconquered' for 82 years.

R. H. DOVE.

Grandsire Minor

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see Geoffrey Drew's letter concerning the 'correct' name of Grandsire Minor. Although I need hardly mention it, plain leads can be had in a 720, and it can then rightly be called Grandsire Minor. But what happens if the conductor wishes to put a call at every lead? To me it seems like some form of Original Minor.

Now, to go one step further away from the method. The ringers are told to **think** of the method of Grandsire and to make a bob at every lead **without it being called.** Rounds will come up at the end of the usual five leads, thus forming the plain course. But what is the name of this method now? It doesn't even look like Grandsire, there is not even a bell in the hunt—draw out the blue line and have a look for yourself. Now for the calls, there won't be so many for a 720, what were bobs are now plain leads and singles need only be called. If an ordinary Grandsire plain lead be needed this could be a bob.

Rung in this fashion it could be called Reverse St. Bartholomew Minor, as this method on five bells is only Grandsire with four uncalled singles and a slightly different bob.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Portsmouth.

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SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT DINNER

THE dinners of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths are becoming some of the most popular in the ringers' calendar, and it was a pleasing tribute to the Master, Mr. Denis Beresford, to find, amid the snow and ice of these days, ringers travelling from as far as York and Lincoln, Chepstow in the west and Southampton in the south, to honour the common link they had in this Society, which was founded in 1747. This year's function was held on February 2nd at the Euston Tavern.

It was a happy evening. The Master had a good report to give of a successful year, well attended meetings and encouraging progress from many recruits. With his skill in the chair, he blended speech into speech and countered story with story, and the evening passed all too quickly.

The Master announced apologies from the Bishop of Worcester (the Rt. Rev. Charles Edwards), the Rev. Meredith Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Drew (Cheltenham), Mr. Alfred House, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. Zass-Ogilvie, Mrs. Deal, Mr. Tom Bevan and Mr. Nicholas Davies. The Master of the Middlesex Association sent his greetings.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. W. R. Winterton, who recalled that last year the 'preacher' was the almost-Reverend Peter Bond. At that time he was in the twilight zone; he had seen his light, but had not quite reached it. It was obvious that the person proposing the toast on this occasion had been taken from outer darkness.

Mr. Winterton said his credentials for proposing the toast were that his father, his father-in-law and his uncle were parsons; a nephew was an almost-reverend and a cousin was one of that curious breed—licensed lay readers.

BELLS RANG TO THEIR DEATH

In a welcome to the Rev. Roy Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Mr. Winterton said they were all delighted that those bells were ringing again. They were all sorry that their dear friend Joe Hawkins was not with them. He was for many years steeple-keeper of those bells and he tells a very sad story of their end. The last people to ring those bells left them up. The church was hit by incendiary bombs in the early hours of the morning and Joe, who lived nearby, heard the bells ringing for their death as they swung when the stays burnt through. Those bells were now back and they hoped that Mr. Deasy would enjoy hearing them on very many occasions and come to that dinner on future occasions.

The Rev. Roy Deasy, who replied, said he would like to offer deep appreciation and gratitude for all bell ringers contribute to the life and work of the church in this land. Sunday by Sunday the bells rang out an invitation—an invitation to join in the wonderful love and glory of God. Those of them who were concerned with the work and mission of the church realised that ringers not only rang the bells, but kept them in first class order, and it was the boast of one tower with which he was familiar that no cost for the bells fell on the parish.

Mr. Deasy said he was not only Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, but he had a specialised job among young people. It was a pleasure to know that so many young men and women found enjoyment in young ringing bands, and he was pleased to know that in their Society there was room for ringers who were learning the craft.

The Rev. Peter N. Bond, proposing the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,' said he had watched through the columns of 'The Ringing World' the great progress the Society had made in the past year. One sometimes read letters suggesting that these non-territorial Societies should be abolished and that the only Societies needed were those who catered for ringing in a geographical area. He was convinced that Societies like theirs and the Ancient Society of College Youths had a definite part to play in not only keeping the churches in the central part of London going but as a link between the different territorial Associations.

WORTHY SUCCESSORS

Their Society had a very great heritage and history going back over 200 years which they hoped to read when the original rules of the Society were reprinted. But they could not merely look back; they had to look to the future and get young people interested in their art. They all knew of flourishing bands of ringers dying and the bells becoming silent because there were no young ringers coming forward, when the older ringers died or retired. It was with great pleasure he welcomed so many young members that evening, many of them being worthy successors of those who had done so much to advance the Society. Already more than one of the young members were great names in composition and conducting.

The Master, in his reply, said they had the rules of the Society as known from their foundation in 1747, and they hoped that they would be shortly available to every member. In a welcome to the gathering, Mr. Beresford said it was some inspiration to their members in London that their activities were followed by those of the Society in other parts of the country. They had with them members from Chepstow, Newark, Lincoln, York, Lichfield and Southampton. Those were long distances for people to travel and gave a fair indication that the Society throughout the country was in good heart and that their dinner was one of the events of the year. The attendance that night had practically doubled in the last five years. While numbers were important what was more so was that their dinner should continue to be a friendly gathering of friendly people.

They had also tried hard to make sure on such day that there should be suitable ringing. In that respect they were grateful to the key man of the College Youths, Jack Phillips, who had done so much to foster good relations while remaining an admirable College Youth. If he succeeded to the Mastership of that Society next year they would wish him a happy year. They welcomed that evening the Master of the Society, Mr. Michael Chilcott, and his wife.

MORE STABLE

The past year had been a good year and financially the Society was more stable than since the war, and double the number of new members were elected than in the previous year. Their peals numbered eight, and in that respect thy were very pleased to enrol certain members of the Essex Association. They had rung their first peal of six spliced and their first of New Gloucester. He must also mention that admirable meeting at Sevenoaks, and the successful meeting with the Middlesex Association.

St. Martin's bells were ringing again, but they must receive some attention: they were as difficult as ever. They were very grateful to the Rev. Roy Deasy for the bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn: they had a large number of people coming to their practices, and it was encouraging to see the progress these people were making.

The Society in London was to face a blow when Tom and Margaret Francis left for Southampton. They owed a lot to Tom, who kept the Society together when it was at a low ebb, and, although he worked hard when he was Master, he did not have a great deal of support. Canon K. W. H. Felstead was one of their members. He would have someone to replace the loss of Charlie Kippin.

Mr. F. J. Matthews, honorary secretary of the Society, proposed 'The Visitors.' He included in the toast members of the Society living out of London. There was a special mention of Miss Iris Lemare, of York, Jack Millhouse and other Lincoln friends, and also the Newark contingent that caused him to remark: 'You cannot have links without knots' (Lincs without Notts). Mr. Tom Lock, as leader of Great Adventure No. 2, was greeted.

Coming to Mr. and Mrs. King, of Chepstow, the speaker recalled their visit to the annual meeting of the Central Council at Chelmsford. Another visitor with whom he had travelled was Mr. Chilcott, the Master of the College Youths. 'Some years ago,' said Mr. Matthews. 'I had the pleasure of cycling many miles with him and his brother. They had with them that night nine College Youths. They were not specially invited as on a Sunday morning they sat at opposite ends at Lyons', drinking coffee.' [Laughter.]

THEIR SUPERIORITY

The Master of the College Youths replied and on behalf of his Society congratulated the Cumberlands on a very successful year. He was pleased to know that St. Martin's bells were ringing again, as St. Martin's was a very important tower—the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung there 175 years ago.

Mr. Chilcott said his Society had to acknowledge the Cumberlands' superiority in one respect—in the field of female bell ringers—and he would say that their skill in the art of belle control had to be seen to be believed. [Laughter.] To Mr. Matthews, Mr. Chilcott said: 'Your secretary is carrying on a family tradition of service and we all owe him our thanks for a very happy evening.'

Handbell ringing was again prominent, and included a touch of Yorkshire Surprise, and also Bristol Surprise. The ringers were: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Miss J. Beresford and Messrs. D. and P. Beresford.

THE COMPANY

The Master and Mrs. D. Beresford were supported on the top table by the Rev. R. and Mrs. Deasy, the Rev. Peter N. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Mr. M. V. Chilcott (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mrs. Chilcott, Mr. F. J. Matthews (honorary secretary) and Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne and Mr. T. W. White.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huxter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steere, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kidner, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. and Mrs. P. Eves.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINNER

THE annual dinner and reunion of the Bristol University Society took place on January 26th, a record number of tickets having been sold this year. Throughout the day ringing was enjoyed by many at various towers in Bristol opened for the occasion. A peal attempt of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's was successful.

As usual, the dinner was preceded by the special general meeting of the Society, followed by the annual service at St. Michael's Church. The ringing was led by a choir of past and present members of the Society, accompanied by Dr. David Heighton at the organ. The lesson was read by Miss Maria Kirby, and a stirring sermon was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Vyvyan Jones.

During the meal the Master, Mr. Antony R. Kench, took wine with past Masters present, and later the secretary, Mr. Derek Sawyer, paid a similar compliment to his predecessors in office.

The toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' were honoured on the call of the president, Dr. R. J. Brockelhurst. The president also reminded all present that in the past year the Society had lost an honorary member, Mr. Frederick Leaker, to whom it owed a great deal, especially in its beginnings after the war. All stood in silence in memory of him. The president welcomed both members and visitors, remarking how loyal past members always were to the occasion. He then asked the secretary to propose a toast to the visitors.

Mr. Sawyer began by reminding the Society of the debt it owed to the Rev. Vyvyan Jones for allowing them the use of St. Michael's bells for the past 20 years. This had enabled the Society to keep together. They had repaid the debt by somehow electing him an honorary member twice over. The secretary welcomed the Masters of Birmingham, Liverpool, Southampton and Oxford Universities, and also representatives from London and Nottingham. He also welcomed Mr. A. V. Bennett, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, names that conjure up a picture of the Central Council.

This year menu cards had been printed and would be sent to past members of the Society who were unable to attend. One of these was to be sent to Mr. Cecil Mogford, a well-known city ringer and a great friend of the Society, who was unfortunately in hospital.

THREE POINTS FROM THE DOCTOR

Mr. E. A. Barnett, replying, said he was playing truant from his Association's District meeting but believed he was supported by several other ringers from Kent who were present. He said he was reminded of a famous Englishman, W. G. Grace, captain of a cricket team touring Australia in the 1890's, who also spoke at society functions. As communication was bad in Australia he always made the same speech. First he thanked his audience for their hospitality, saying he had never had a better meal. Secondly, he stated he had never played with better cricketers, and thirdly that he had never seen prettier women. Mr. Barnett was sure he could equally well address all three remarks to the assembled company, substituting ringers for cricketers.

In spite of the forebodings of 'The Ringing World' Committee, the magazine would make a substantial profit this year. Next year, however, with increases in cost, the position would be uncertain, but as yet there would be no increase in price. It was hoped the paper would continue to make a profit so this would be avoided.

Mr. Barnett concluded by thanking the chairman and the Society on behalf of the visitors for the dinner.

Mr. G. Davies, Master of Birmingham University Society, proposed a toast to 'The Bristol University Society.' The Society dinner, he said, was always the best, and the support it got was overwhelming. From his 'voluminous notes' Mr. Davies managed to produce some irrelevant but amusing information, including two poems by William Wilson. The remarkable ringing achievements of William Pye were brought to everyone's notice, among them his ringing of over 1,000 peals; and all were asked to stand while a subsidiary toast was proposed to him. Mr. Davies concluded by saying that the Society held one of the most successful Society dinners in circuit.

The Master, Mr. Antony Kench, replied to the toast, and stressed that in response to a toast to the Society his job was to talk about the Society. First he gave an informal vote of thanks to the president, Dr. R. J. Brockelhurst. He had done much behind the scenes and was a tower of strength to the Society, always ready to give advice and help when it was needed.

CUPID INTELLIGENCE

If not the most important aspect of the Society, the most interesting was Cupid. This past year a daughter had been born to David and Bridget Heighton, also there had been an addition to the family of Frank Mack and to that of Michael and Brenda Sprackling. He congratulated Jennifer Gambling and Pat Bourn on their engagements, both regrettably to non-ringers, but he still wished them every happiness. A toast was proposed to Barbara Stevens and Brian Wylde, who had become engaged only two hours previously.

The Master stressed that the Society was a ringing society. In the last year not many peals had been rung, in fact only one more than in the previous year. This year, however, there had been more variety in the methods rung. The resident Society still rang regularly at St. Michael's and the Vicar always gave them his full support. The bells were rung for Matins and Evensong, and this was in fact listed as one of the aims of the Society.

Everyone was reminded that ringing, although a pleasant hobby was also a duty, a fact brought home especially in the severe

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the S.W. District annual meeting, Mr. Leonard Stilwell was elected an honorary life member of the Middlesex County Association, having completed 50 years' membership. A peal was arranged at Windsor to mark the occasion, but it was found to be rather belated since he had in fact joined the Association in 1908. Better late than never, and the compliment was given even more sincerely.

We are told that the weight of the tenor at Swanwick, Derbyshire (page 66) should read 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Will Mr. W. Linter, who took part in the Great Adventure, please forward his address to Mr. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

Mr. A. James Poynor and Mr. B. S. Payne, of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, both rang more than 60 peals during 1962. Correction to Gossip paragraph in issue of February 1st.

Mr. Jeater is mystified. He received a postal order for 9s. 6d., purchased at Highwood, Bushey, Watford, with no other enclosure but a blank sheet of paper.

A new tower in our list of quarter peals is Irnham, near Grantham, Lincs. On this five (tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G) the first quarter by an all-local band was rung on January 31st. It was the first quarter by all the ringers.

The attempt for the first peal (Stedman Cinques) on the newly-restored bells at Saffron Walden on February 2nd was lost after 2¼ hours' ringing. The conductor was Mr. Harold N. Pitstow. After the attempt the band were hospitably entertained by brother Leonard.

A recording was made by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey) of a peal rung at Barkby Church, Leicestershire. This he has taken to the Vicar of a Nottingham church without bells, and the recording is to be amplified. The Vicarage, where the recording was taken, is more than a quarter-of-a-mile from the church but, states the Vicar, 'the sound carried exceptionally well over the hard ground.' The peal in question was conducted by Mr. Maurice R. A. Kirk

When the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association held their meeting at Erith on January 26th, the ringing of the 600th peal in St. John's Church was marked by the Vicar unveiling a peal board, and a magnificent cake, iced by Mr. J. T. Stevens, a local ringer, which took the form of three figures—600

This year's Snowdon dinner will be held in Leeds on October 19th.

Letters in relation to Method Extension from Mr. John R. Mayne and Mr. Frank T. Blagrove are unavoidably held over to next week.

Towards Guildford Cathedral Bell Fund six towers in the Leatherhead District have raised £103.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Wilfred J. Newman, Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Hampton, aged 52. He was for 11 years secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell at Leeds Parish Church on February 2nd was the first peal of Bob Triples to be rung on the bells, and also for six of the band. It was conducted by Mr. C. Barrie Dove and was his first peal of Triples.

In a 100 years ago feature in 'The Daily Telegraph' recently appeared an announcement of a performance by the Lancashire Champion Prize Handbell Ringers, consisting of 12 performers on 66 bells (conductor, Mr. E. Benson), appearing at The Oxford, Oxford Street, London. They performed classical, operatic and dance music every evening.

Glen Handbell Ringers' Christmas collection amounted to £106 4s. Donations were sent as follows: Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £25; Wireless for the Blind, £20; National Spastics Society, Imperial Cancer Research and C. of E. Children's Society, £10 each; Lord Mayor's Famine Relief Fund and British Association of the Hard of Hearing, £7 10s. each; Great Glen Evergreen and League of Friends, Stretton Hall, £5 each. Expenses came to £6 4s.

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BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
On Fri., Nov. 16, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald, Bidston,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Oxford Bob. (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*Philip H. Lockwood	*Treble*	G. Martin Roscamp	4
†Christopher R. Sutton	2	J. Fraser Clift	5
Charles B. Pemberton	3	A. Raymond M. Watkin	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Fraser Clift.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
On Mon., Nov. 26, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Overchurch, Upton,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, five of Winchendon Place, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and seven of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

M. Wendy H. Jones	*Treble*	*J. Fraser Clift	3
*Edwin Jones	2	Charles B. Pemberton	4
Alexander J. Martin	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Doubles.
Also rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. L. Barker.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Carole Francis	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	5
*T. Henry Norman	2	†A. Raymond M. Watkin	6
†D. John Poole	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
†J. Fraser Clift	4	*R. Edgar Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First of Triples.

HESWALL, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Gwendoline M. Tillotson	*Treble*	‡Robert Peers	4
*Linda L. Morrison	2	Alexander J. Martin	5
†A. Raymond M. Watkin	3	*John G. Lifton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'
Also rung to commemorate the dedication of the rebuilt daughter church, the Church of the Good Shepherd.

THURSTASTON, CHESHIRE.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 26 methods or variations: Two extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Eynsham, St. Andrew, St. Leonard, St. John, Reverse St. Bartholomew, one each of Southrepps Pleasure, St. Giles, St. Miles, Kennington, St. Albans, St. Paul, Besthorpe, Costessey, Shropham, Norwich, Mileham, Walsingham, and four of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*Leslie L. N. S. Smith	*Treble*	Ernest T. Carvell	3
J. Fraser Clift	2	Charles B. Pemberton	4
Alexander J. Martin	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal, and first attempt. First in 26 methods on the bells, and by all the band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise. (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Surfleet Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*William H. Rogers	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	4
Marjorie E. Webster	2	Alexander J. Martin	5
Vivian T. O. Boase	3	Thomas Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Rogers.
* First peal attempt.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Ernest T. Carvell	*Treble*	†William A. Boote	5
*Margaret K. Newton	2	*Ian M. Robertson	6
*P. Ann Freeman	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
*Susan E. Jukes	4	‡Robert Peers	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal attempt. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Hilary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of London and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Jean R. Sutton	*Treble*	T. Roy Humphreys	4
Felicity I. E. Lockner	2	Vivian T. O. Boase	5
Marjorie E. Webster	3	John McCulloch	*Tenor*

Conducted by Vivian T. O. Boase.
* First peal. First of Surprise Minor by all, and on the bells, by the Sunday service band.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

V. David Jenner	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	4
Christopher K. Cooper	2	*Frederick Pearson	5
*J. Fraser Clift	3	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1962, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Donald Peers	*Treble*	†Robert Peers	5
John D. Heron	2	A. Raymond M. Watkin	6
*F. Leslie Coventry	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
*Richard C. Hunt	4	H. Stewart Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (3) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Donald Peers	*Treble*	Gillian Halford	4
†Keith Halford	2	Kenneth C. Edwards	5
Gillian E. Scarth	3	‡Martin Vogwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth C. Edwards.
* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Port Sunlight,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
*V. David Jenner	2	*William Court	6
Victor Draper	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Frederick Pearson	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Moreton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 21 extents each of (1) Plain Bob, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (3) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (4) Reverse Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) St. Martin's Bob, (7) St. Nicholas' Bob, (8) Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (9) Single Court, (10) Double Court.
Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*R. Harry Davies	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	3
Thomas Rogers	2	Alexander J. Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. First of Minimus by all the band, and on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5280 DURHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

*†Sandra E. Chesterton	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
John M. Jelley	2	*Herrick B. Bowley	8
Peter J. Staniforth	3	*Brian S. Chapman	9
*William A. Lacey	4	*Russell S. Morris	10
*A. James Poynor	5	*E. Alan Jacques	11
*Shirley Burton	6	*William J. Root	*Tenor*

Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal in the method. † First on 12 bells. First of Maximus in the method on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
At the Collegiate Church of St. Editha.
A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

J. Edward Cawser	*Treble*	†George H. Peers, jun.	6
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	†Norman W. Attaway	7
†Patricia M. Morris	3	‡Alan Evans	8
Alfred A. Rackham	4	Russell S. Morris	9
James Draycott	5	George H. Peers, sen.	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. † First of Caters. ‡ First on ten. First of Caters on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Pratt, an esteemed and promising young member of this band, who died from injuries received in an accident.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Andrew and Patrick.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

William Clover	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	5
*James Paul	2	*Richard Rose	6
Henry Tooke	3	Peter Adcock	7
*Harry B. Fuller	4	*Norman Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal in the method. Ringer of second has 'completed the circle' of the tower.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Viscount Elveden and Miss Miranda Smiley.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Cyril Crossthwaite	*Treble*	Thomas Turner	5
*Margaret Crossthwaite	2	†Martin Smith	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Bernard Moss	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Michael Arrowsmith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Bernard Moss.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. Haworth, B.A., who was inducted the same evening.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*Dennis G. Miller	*Treble*	†Cecil T. Clarke	5
Edmund Shuttleworth	2	F. John Nelson	6
John H. Fielden	3	David W. Friend	7
David J. Orledge	4	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. T. George.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5120 GOOLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

J. Neville Parkin	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Geoffrey F. Bryant	3	*W. Eric Critchley	7
J. Henry Fielden	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 500th peal for the Association. First in the method.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Monica Blagrove	*Treble*	Andrew Johnson	5
Leonard Stilwell	2	Ernest F. Willcox	6
D. Kenyn Walters	3	David P. Hilling	7
A. James Glass	4	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
A belated compliment to Leonard Stilwell on 50 years' membership of the Association. He also 'completes the circle.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Peter J. Heritage	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	*Christopher C. Clarke	6
*Christine C. Macnair	3	*Dermot J. Roaf	7
*Nicholas J. Martin	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Eleanor Jane, born to Caroline and Dermot Roaf on January 8th, 1963.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 LEIGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	Ian Munro	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	Geoffrey Fothergill	6
James Cunliffe	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Roger Leigh	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
First complete peal in the method.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

David J. Orledge	*Treble*	Robert E. Day	5
*John G. Hallett	2	David W. Friend	6
Deborah Hopkins	3	Richard C. L. Brown	7
†Roy R. Tiffin	4	Edmund Shuttleworth	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 SHOREDITCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	Colin A. S. Harwood	5
*Claudia A. Critchley	2	*Edwin G. Buck	6
Michael D. Staniforth	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all except the conductor.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Neville J. Parkin	*Treble*	Geoffrey F. Bryant	5
B Gillian Schofield	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
S. Barry Schofield	3	J Henry Fielden	7
John F. Bryant	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

GOOLE SURPRISE MAJOR
—34—6—56—38—14—5.16—16.7
8ths place L.E. 17856342. 6ths place bob.
This is Corrigan's No. 331 (Whitby, now renamed).

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

RAYMOND BENFIELD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	6
DEBORAH HOPKINS	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	7
DAVID J. ORLEDGE	4	*J. DAVID CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. PARKER	5
*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	WALTER E. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung for the annual parish social this evening.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

NOEL R. WAITE	*Treble*	ROBERT A. REEVES	5
JENNIFER SCEENY	2	BARRY J. DAVIES	6
*HOWARD OGLESBY	3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	7
RONALD K. RUSS	4	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.
* 75th peal.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

*ROGER A. GAGE	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
ROSEMARY FLEMING	2	THOMAS G. HAWKINS	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	DAVID J. TAYLOR	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. First of Surprise on the recast bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROBERT NEWTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR NEWTON	5
*JOYCE I. BARTON	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	DAVID A. CORNWALL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

*JACQUELINE A. REASON	*Treble*	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	5
*PETER BRIDLE	2	*DON C. EXELL	6
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLOUGHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
DAVID P. HILLING	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (B.60). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method (Tipler's B 62/1).
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE	5
JOHN WEAVER	2	NICHOLAS WEBB	6
JOHN A. SYKES	3	C. BARRIE DOVE	7
ANTHONY E. STAMP	4	RODNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, leader of H.M. Opposition and Member of Parliament for Leeds South.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

MARY C. POYNER	*Treble*	RICHARD E. MORRIS	5
DEREK B. WILLIAMS	2	*MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
PETER MORRIS	4	PHILIP J. EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP J. EVANS.
* 25th peal, all for the Shropshire Association. First of Major as conductor.
Rung in memory of Mr. Harry Edge, former tower captain and respected member of the Shropshire Association, who passed away on January 6th, 1962.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PETER WATSON	*Treble*	DEREK OGDEN	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
JOHN ROBINSON	3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No 8).
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
Rung to mark the Rev. J. Preston's commencement as Rector of this parish.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,688 Cambridge and 2,368 Yorkshire; with 93 changes of method. Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*MALCOLM M. POWELL	*Treble*	†PETER J. JOYCE	5
DEREK C. JACKSON	2	DAVID J. FORDER	6
†JOHN R. FAITHFULL	3	†MICHAEL J. THOMAS	7
†CAROLYN VIBERT	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Arranged by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.
* First peal on more than three bells. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced as conductor. First of 2-Spliced by the rest of the band, and on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to R. Roger Savory and Elizabeth Trent on their engagement.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

George S. Deas	*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth	4
Eric N. Harrison	2	Alan R. Patterson	5
John E. Anderson	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Hereward, (2) D. Court, (3) S. Court, (4) S. Oxford, (5) Plain and Double, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	Richard Clifton	4
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Gordon Lane	5
John K. Smith	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

*Pat J. Bryan	*Treble*	R. Mark Damerell	4
†Christopher J. Rees	2	Christopher H. Rogers	5
Hadley Hunter	3	S Clarke Walters	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise, and on tower bells, as conductor. First of Cambridge Minor for all except conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*R. Kingsley Mason	*Treble*	†John M. Jelley	4
†Russell S. Morris	2	†A. James Poynor	5
*Alan E. Hartley	3	†Brian S. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and an extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

E. James Miles	*Treble*	K. Peter Jones	4
Michael Wilshaw	2	M. Keith Swingewood	5
*Philip Gay	3	Dennis Latham	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael Wilshaw.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columba and Little Aston. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

George F. Roome	*Treble*	*Alan A. Paul	3
*Roger W. Smith	2	*Graham C. Paul	4
Alan C. Cozens	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal in 21 methods. First in 21 methods on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

John F. Hoodless	*Treble*	Charles R. Muxlow	4
George Scott	2	Walter Weston	5
Harry Barnes	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A compliment to Mr. George Scott, who celebrated his 85th birthday on January 28th and has completed 69 years as a ringer; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. E. Barnes, wife of the ringer of the third.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Peggy Skinner	*Treble*	Alan Berry	4
Paul A. Batchelor	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Peter Richardson	3	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Joseph J. Batchelor, father of the ringer of the second, churchwarden and captain of the ringers of this church, and Ashford District representative of this Association.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Susan J. Ellenor	*Treble*	*David M. Hughes	4
*Keith Sansom	2	Brian R. Walton	5
†Kenneth A. Tipper	3	Alan W. Betsworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian R. Walton.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. C. A. Millen, Rector of Warnford, an associate member of the above Guild, who died suddenly during the week.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 UNION BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, with four callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B.

*Timothy J. Laker	*Treble*	N. Kenneth Winspear	4
Michael Hoult	2	William F. Scudamore	5
John Hoult	3	Peter D. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

* First peal First in the method on the bells. First of Doubles in the method for the Association.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cyr.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Judith M Atkinson	*Treble*	*Antony R. Kench	4
†C. Martin Foster	2	*Ian C. Maycock	5
Patrick J. Bird	3	Brian J. Wylde	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First of seven Surprise Minor for the Society, and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Brian J. Wylde and Barbara Stevens, both members of the Society.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Eric J. F. Wall	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	4
Derek A. Steer	2	Anthony J. Helliwell	5
Peter L. Nicholson	3	*Trevor C. Halstead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	*Roger Baldwin	5—6
Christopher W. Woolley	3—4	*Anthony R. Mann	7—8

Composed by E. Barnett. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At 18, Chester Road,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

John F. Bryant	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7—8
Robert E. Moulds	3—4	Geoffrey F. Bryant	9—10
J. Henry Fielden	5—6	J. Neville Parkin	11—12

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Horton (first of Minor) 1, R. M. Hodister 2, J. D. Holden (cond.) 3, D. Cadwallader (first of Minor 'inside') 4, E. E. Speake 5, F. Holden 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the work of Rev. G. Shrimpton, who has left the parish to take up a curacy at High Wycombe, and as a welcome to Revs. John Meek and Ray Price.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Felicity Dicken (first quarter) 1, Janet Cleeve 2, Gillian Webb 3, Martin Roff 4, Peter Newing 5, Lawrence Pizzey (cond.) 6. By Durham Colleges Society, for the Feast of the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert 1, Patricia Hibbert 2, F. J. Sampson 3, Gillian M. Hussey 4, J. Hibbert 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, C. Hibbert (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 1, S. C. Walters 2, B. Clare Webster 3, P. J. Bryan (first of Surprise) 4, V. Nutton 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, I. M. Smith 7, A. J. Griffin 8.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Jean L. Lavender 1, F. E. Darby 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. E. Finch 4, R. J. Talbot 5, R. J. Lee 6, J. Schofield 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Colin and Olive Tester.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. F. Tambling 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, E. E. Norris 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. Rung half-muffled at the funeral of Mr. Toby Miller, a ringer at Horningsham and Corsley for over 40 years.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs (first quarter) 1, D. Kingman (first 'inside') 2, G. Paulson 3, H. Taylor 4, A. Laughton (first 'inside') 5, R. H. Bullen (cond.) 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Jan. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Cooke (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Warrior 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, M. Bland 5, E. Pannell 6, T. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8 For Evensong.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,232 Grandsire Triples: Celia Arminson 1, Allison Read (first 'inside') 2, Ethel Clear 3, G. F. Pratt 4, C. A. Read 5, B. Coward (first 'inside') 6, A. P. Cannon (comp. and cond.) 7, R. Way 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon K. D. Evans on his preferment to the Archdeaconry of Dorking, and a Residentiary Canonry in Guildford Cathedral.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, J. Dugan 2, H. Howson 3, R. Wood 4, T. Hawkins 5, J. Towers (cond.) 6.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Miles 1, A. V. Davis 2, Yvonne Eloie 3, Ann Abrahams 4, R. Haines 5, F. Southwood 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

GRANBY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): R. Mills 1, S. Meredith 2, T. Dutton 3, D. Bradley 4, M. Exton 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Christine Froggatt and Mr. Brian Mills.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bailey (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Mrs. A. Smith 4, C. Webb 5, C. M. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For Evensong.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sansom 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, Miss G. Baresel 3, Miss F. Pocock 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, P. Ruch 6, F. Price 7, D. Knox 8.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Rains (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Vellam 2, P. T. Sanders (first 'inside) 3, A. D. Marshall 4, C. A. McCall 5, R. D. Bailey 6, R. B. Sanders (comp. and cond.) 7, K. R. Davey 8. Rung for Missionary Service by Sunday service band.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): K. Broom 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, J. Real 4, D. Salter 5, W. Baker 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, R. Watts 8. A compliment to the Rev. R. A. Babbington on his induction as Rector of Honiton.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Moorings 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, J. Martin 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,680 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Hansford (16) 1, C. F. Baxter 2, R. D. Baxter (15) 3, M. G. Buckberry (16) 4, D. R. Baxter (cond., 16) 5. First quarter by all, and first quarter on the bells by an all-local band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Lyon, late head gardener of Irnham Estate.

QUARTER PEALS

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, F. Wood 2, M. Walker 3, J. Attwood 4, C. Brazier 5, P. Verney 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6; conducting shared by 2 and 4. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. B. T. Guy as Bishop of Gloucester.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,285 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. M. Fearn (first on ten) 1, Miss L. M. Hughes 2, Miss A. M. Greaves 3, Miss S. Funnell 4, Miss A. E. Fellows 5, M. C. Hughes (first 'inside' on ten) 6, J. K. Foot 7, G. Davies 8, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 9, I. C. Maycock 10. For Evensong.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Terence Stephens 1, Hugh Reed 2, Anthony Newman 3, Brian Reed (first 'inside') 4, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 5, Curate and Parish Clerk 6. The Parish Clerk took over the last five minutes from the Curate as the latter had to prepare for service.

LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,259 Doubles (four methods): P. Erith 1, Rosemary Rich 2, M. Powell 3, M. P. Barton 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5. For Mattins.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Groves (first quarter) 1, Diana Coates (first 'inside') 2, J. Crayford 3, M. Howe 4, E. Jenner (cond.) 5, D. Waight 6.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,248 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: R. E. Tallis (sen.) 1, I. C. Maycock 2, Miss S. Funnell 3, Miss A. E. Fellows 4, Miss L. M. Hughes 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 5, 6, 7. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Davies 1, G. Cowlin 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, B. Branston 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Daw 6. For morning service, and a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Roberts, a ringer at this church. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Little Bob): M. Roberts 1, Miss W. Hollowell 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branston 4, R. Daw 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Page 1, Mrs. M. I. Page 2, L. D. Duguid 3, T. R. Taylor 4, H. A. Nobes 5, A. F. Sturgess 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, R. Harris 8. In memoriam Mrs. A. Verrill, of Gosport, a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who died on January 15th, aged 92. Rung with the bells 'open.'

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. G. D. Vince 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, Pamela Hunter 3, A. C. A. Hunter 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, R. Stevens 6. First quarter in more than one method by all the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,236 Little Bob Major: Richard Lindsay 1, J. Bruce 2, D. Nichols 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, S. Armeson 5, N. Donovan 6, N. Chaddock 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,264 Little Bob Major: M. Ferrier 1, Barbara Leigh 2, Katharine Guy 3, P. W. Harper 4, M. Foster 5, G. Clarke 6, P. Clarke 7, P. G. Erith (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except the conductor.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Keyworth 1, Pamela A. Cox 2, M. L. Mann 3, H. W. Cox 4, J. B. Nicholson 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a tribute to Mr. H. Hardy on completion of 60 years' service in the choir.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Maj. J. Bragg 1, E. Gardner 2, P. S. Smart 3, C. Poyntz 4, W. Viggers 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. For induction of the Rev. I. A. M. Edlin.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Vallender 1, Barbara Stephens 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows 4, G. Westwood (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows 6. Rung on the back six as a compliment to Miss Barbara Stephens and Mr. Brian J. Wylde on their recent engagement.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Heard 1, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Trewin 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge (covering) 8.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Cyril Cousins 1, W. W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, F. Wigmore 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, Claude Cousins 6.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Turner 1, W. Cannings 2, K. Durdy 3, R. Watkinson 4, A. Jewitt (cond.) 5, A. Hulley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Green, verger at this church for 20 years.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. B. Clarke 1, D. Harwood 2, W. Mansley 3, H. Hardacre 4, L. Burrows (first as cond.) 5, F. Stead 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. J. R. Brook, who is leaving the parish after nine years' faithful ministry.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): M. J. Young 1, G. W. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, C. A. Bull 5, J. R. H. Palmer 6. First in six methods by all. Rung as a compliment to C. A. Bull on his recent coming-of-age. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Young 1, M. J. Young 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes (first as cond. in method) 5, J. R. H. Palmer 6. First in method by 1 and 2. Rung for the Festival of St. Anskar, of Sweden.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Laud 1, G. Avent 2, R. G. Smith 3, W. G. Paul 4, Jennifer M. Bunyan 5, A. Hickson 6, R. D. Bell 7, D. Laud 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, G. W. Seaman 10. For Evensong. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Coltman 1, G. D. Cooper 2, B. Hancox 3, A. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. M. Hancock 5, G. Clark 6. For carol service.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (7B0 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): D. R. Fuller 1, R. J. Fuller 2, J. M. Swift 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow (first as cond. in more than one method) 5, W. A. Binsted 6.



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SPALDING, LINCS.—No practice Tuesday, Feb. 19th. Annual meeting and dinner at Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 1963. 1947

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SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, Feb. 21st. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative and London Spliced. 1971

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Matlock, Saturday, February 16th. Bells 3 p.m. For teas please advise Mr. Kingman, 40, Lynholmes, Matlock.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1917

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Buckden, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1957

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1911

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—A.D.M. at Irthlingborough on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) to be sent to Mr. A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. Please make every effort to attend. 1908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Rawtenstall, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Porter. 1964

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice, Feb. 16th, Ealing. St. Stephen's, 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's, 6.15 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Some District business to discuss at 7 p.m.—F. T. B. 1925

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth on Saturday, February 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 1915

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (10), Saturday, February 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1914

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Conisbrough, February 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert 1909

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, Feb. 20th, 7.30 p.m. Sir A. P. Heywood memorial dinner, Derby, Saturday, March 2nd —all tickets sold. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), 3.30 to 6.15 p.m. Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 20th; details later. Nominations for officers close March 20th.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 1934

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District —An informal meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 1965

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 5 p.m. 1905

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Merriott, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 1942

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, Leighton Buzzard. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing until 7.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the 21st, to Mr. John Clapp, 49, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Bromborough, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. —Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1958

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Joint meeting with the Sherwood Youths, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpe's Road, Heanor, Derbyshire. 1956

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby and Ilkeston District) and THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, Ilkeston (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—M. R. Blore, Derby Dis. Sec., 67, Park Grove, Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Adwick-le-Street (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to John Laughton, 95, Tenter Baulk Lane, Adwick-le-Street.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 1937

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Stapleton (6), Feb. 23rd, 6 p.m. No tea. 1949

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells: St. Nicholas' and Cathedral, 2.30 p.m.; All Saints', 6.30. Service, St. Peter's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Church House. Names for tea by Feb. 20th.—T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—Annual meeting, Leominster, Feb. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 1972

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1941

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Feb. 23rd, St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Surfleet. Regret talk cancelled. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 185, Tippendale Lane, St. Albans, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 1948

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). —Joint meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and social evening. Ringing, Penn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by 19th, please, to Miss Hague, 6 Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. — Mrs. Bullock, E. T. Blagrove, Miss Hague. 1913

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, The Saviour, Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 4.30 until 8 p.m. No tea. Lovely 8 here; ton tenor. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 1939

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Horbury, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be forwarded by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to J. E. Dews, Home Croft, Hall Cliffe, Horbury, Wakefield. Tea available only on request.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Feb. 23rd, Harby (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. Butcher, Harby, near Melton Mowbray. 1938

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting at Spalding, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. St. Paul's, Fulney, bells (8) also available 2.30-4 p.m.—B. B. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec. 1906

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Lea, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623 by previous Tuesday. Special methods: London Scholars' Pleasure and Single Oxford 1916

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Llantrisant, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 1894

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 21st, to Mr. G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. —C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 1919

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Salutation Hotel. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1946

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, South Newton, February 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, at The Bell, 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please, to Miss Eloic, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1900

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Langford-Beams memonial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, to I. L. Andrews, 9, Court Close, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset. 1940

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting, Dawley (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 1886

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, South Benfleet (6). Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea.—P. Sloman, Hon. Sec. 1933

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Monthly evening practice meeting at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 1954

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Practice meeting, Worlingworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. 6.30 to 9 p.m.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 1968

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate.—F. Beeney, Sec. 1945

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT. — Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to me, **please**. A good attendance is desired as important matters will be discussed.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Wores. 1935

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Great Yeldham. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members, please note: District striking competition takes place in the afternoon. **All entering teams should meet at 1.50 p.m.** Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. 1892

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.— Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 4 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd. Service 6.15 p.m. Supper 7 p.m., by reservation only. Names by Feb. 27th to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1963

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, March 2nd. Please note **business meeting** will be held, thus making this a quarterly meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday at the very latest to Mr. C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, Rochester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1953

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, Attenborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Look up Double Norwich.—S. Adams. 1962

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.— J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1952

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting, Fryerning, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ingatestone in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, March 5th (together with cash).—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Marlow on Saturday, March 9th.—M. R. Cross. 1959

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District.— Annual supper and social in Danbury Village Hall, Saturday, March 16th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (6s.) by **Wednesday, 13th, at the latest**, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1967

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING OF LADIES' OXFORD AND MIDDLESEX GUILDS. — Unforeseen local circumstances necessitate this meeting being held later this year. Please reserve the new date, Nov. 9th. —S. Bullock, D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch and Dis. Secs. 1943

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WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Howes 1, V. Fox (first of Stedman) 2, F. Absolom 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, A. Howes 5. Rung for the 19th birthday of Margaret Thewlis.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Towers were well represented at the annual District meeting held at St. Peter's, Mansfield, on January 26th.

Commencing at 3 p.m., the very pleasant ring of eight was put to good use until 4.30 p.m., when those present attended a short service, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Morley, before moving across to Grove House for tea.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. F. Adcock, in the absence of Mr. Fossey. The following new members were proposed and accepted: Messrs. G. Alcock, A. G. J. Bostock R. Harrison and B. T. Cook, all of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and C. Jaques, of Selston.

Although 1962 had seen a healthy increase in ringing members, the secretary, in his report, urged that more frequent attendances at meetings be made by all and particularly including the less experienced.

Mr. D. H. Rooke expressed the wish to retire as District secretary, and in doing so proposed Mr. D. J. Beach, of Greasley, as his successor. This was carried, there being no other nominations. The other District officers elected were: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; committee member, D. H. Rooke; Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke; deputy R.M., P. Nix.

It was decided to hold the March meeting at Greasley and the District contest of the Crawford cup competition at Hucknall in May.

Following the bell fund collection, the District Ringing Master outlined details of the Oswy Street memorial cup contest, with a view to its attaining more support.

In conclusion, sincere votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. On a proposal by Mr. Beach, the members also expressed to the retiring secretary their appreciation of his work over the five years since the District's inauguration.

Ringing, varying from rounds for the learners to Bristol Surprise, continued until 9 p.m.

D. J. B.

MR. R. KINGSLEY MASON'S 100 PEALS

Mr R. Kingsley Mason, of Leicester, rang his 100th peal with the peal of London Surprise Major at Cole-Orton, Leics. These have been rung in 39 different towers, in six counties, for nine Associations and by 22 different conductors. His varied list of peals is appended. (This does not include a false peal of Yorkshire Maximus, rung at Leicester.)

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Two methods 1.

Minor, 10.—Plain Bob 3, two methods 1, nine methods 2, ten methods 1, twelve methods 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Warwick Delight 1.

Surprise Minor, 4.—Cambridge 1, London 1, York 1, seven methods 1.

Triples, 7.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 5.

Major, 9.—Plain Bob 6, Loughborough College 1, Kent T.B. 1, Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Major, 39 (conducted 2).—Aldenham 1, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 10 (1), Claybrooke (at Claybrooke) 1, Ipswich 1, Lincolnshire 3, Llanfair P.G. 1, London 2, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 4, Turramurra 1, Warwickshire 1, Wychwood 1, Yorkshire 8 (1), 4-Spliced 1, 6-Spliced 1.

Caters, 5.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 2.

Royal, 4.—Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Kent T.B. 1.

Surprise Royal, 18.—Anstey 1, Asfordby 1, Belgrave 1, Blaby 1, Diseworth 1, Elmesthorpe 1, Foston 1, Glenfield 1, Hemington 1, Hornington 1, Ibstock 1, Jacobstowe 1, Nosely 1, Woodstock 1, Wye 1, Yorkshire 3.

Surprise Maximus, 3.—Cambridge 1, Lambeth 1, Yorkshire 1.

Total 100 (2).

Eighteen methods were rung for the first time.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY DINNER—Contd.

weather. Everyone was in the same boat and should remember this duty. With this in mind he mentioned that the next day there would be early morning ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe and also ringing at St. Michael's, the Cathedral and St Stephen's later.

Slides of the reunion tour held last summer in Lincolnshire were shown after the dinner.

I. B. T.

5,120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (B.68 transposed)

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	X			
63254			—	3
62534			—	2
52436		—		3
23564	X			
56234			—	—
42635		—		—
42356	X			—
35426			—	—
52364	X			
65324			—	3
54326		—		2
34625		—		3
23456	X			2

Rung at Oxford St. Ebbe's, November 22nd, 1962.

5,040 RICKMANSWORTH BOB ROYAL

By NOLAN GOLDEN

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	
36425	—	—	S
42365		—	—
63524	—	—	
42536	—	—	—
34526		—	
23546		—	3
25436		—	2
32456		—	3

Repeated.

5,088 KESSINGLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
32654		—		3
45623		—	—	—
36524		—		—
23645	X			2

Twice repeated.

First rung at Donington on January 7th, 1963. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

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IN PRAISE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

JUST occasionally, as I pick up 'The Ringing World' from the mat on Thursday mornings, a disturbing thought passes through my mind. Could it be that the Editorial Committee, under the mistaken impression that the Exercise really hankers after change, not changes, is even at this moment engaged in promoting a sinister plan to give the paper a complete face-lift? There have been signs that the Committee is quite capable of springing a coup. The moving of the peal columns to the centre pages was as nice a piece of strategy as I've come across. Apart from the odd salvo of protest, the Exercise, presented with a *fait accompli*, accepted it—warmly even in some quarters. Someone, it seems, must strike a blow for conservatism before it is too late.

Before I strike it, honesty forces me to confess that not all my reading moments of this paper have been pure unadulterated joy. There have been times when repeat performances of Plain Bob have rendered the peal columns somewhat farcical, when certain counties have seemed over-blessed with churches and every other ringing week to have been held in Devon. But what are such transitory shortcomings compared with our permanent blessings? Where else can a front page be found to compare with this? 'A veritable piece of history,' declared a friend who took more than a passing interest in typography, and went on to describe how the 'Cage Birds Journal' had never had quite the same appeal for him since it adopted a modern format.

Then those peal columns, so often maligned. True, there can't be many amongst us like the wife who declared that she read 'The Ringing World' in order to discover where her husband had been the previous week; but what information is revealed to the knowing eye when young Miss A is ringing frequently with young Mr. B, and X is no longer ringing with Y. What blatancy is a gossip column compared with such subtle hints! Apart from putting the matter beyond all doubt and fixing the location more precisely, both the engagement and the change of address columns are for the most part superfluous for the peal ringer. 'He must be well over 70. He was ringing peals with —— in ——.' Should there be households where this handy method of reckoning is not already in use, may I recommend it as of proven accuracy?

But now, as far as I am concerned, to come to the heart of the matter. Bombarded as we are on all sides by detergents which wash whiter than white, cakes that cook lighter than air and disinfectants which kill all known germs, what unparalleled bliss it is to open a paper which contains the Rolls-Royce class adverts of the leading bellfounders and nothing more insistent than that which brings to our notice the prowess of Charles Potts & Co., Clock Makers. Any change, I feel, is bound to be for the worse.

Your correspondent who wrote not so long ago of her delightful, absorbing and, I am sure, relaxing Friday coffee break would find that she was no longer left in peace. Neither would I be on a Thursday. That other woman would be there for sure, the one who stalks the television screens, providing perfect meals, spotless homes, two children—one of each sort—with never a hair or a temper out of place. She would be there telling us how to remain in one piece throughout Thurstans' Four Part and matt during a Bank Holiday peal. And think not that she would be late at backstroke or miss a dodge! She's just as capable of perfect peals as perfect meals.

May 'The Ringing World' ever remain a bastion against her so that we may read, or read between the lines, in peace. MADELINE CROFT.

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200th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PEAL AT DERBY

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Derby Cathedral on February 9th marked the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; appropriately, it was also the 50th peal. In the belfry there is a peal board recording the 1763 peal, but the board is a very recent copy of a much earlier original which was probably painted straight on to the rough stone walls.

The board claims that the band consisted of Derby Youths, aged between 19 and 23 years, who rang the peal after only six months' practice and without the aid of a tutor. Furthermore, it is claimed that this was the first peal to be performed within many miles of Derby.

By present day standards such an achievement would be very remarkable, but to have done it 200 years ago, when means of transport and communication were very difficult, makes the imagination boggle.

There are no details given regarding the composition used, but a fair guess is that it would be Holt's Ten-Part of Grandsire Triples; so this was chosen for the 200th anniversary peal also.

Derby Cathedral has witnessed many changes since 1763. Before 1926 it was All Saints' Parish Church. The bells have been retuned and rehung at least once since that date, and both the bell chamber and the ringing room are now on different levels than hitherto. The bells, however, are all of pre-Reformation date and none have been recast, so it is almost certain that the present Cathedral bells are the very same ones used by the band in 1763.

The 1763 band was:—

William Brown	John Stone
John Wright	John Chatterton
Thomas Cope	John Farnsworth
Thomas Dudley	Isaac Brentnall

Who the conductor was we do not know!

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

Following the dramatic news in 'The Derby Evening Telegraph' that St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, is to be demolished to make way for the new inner Ring Road, the Derbyshire Association have had discussions with the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to the Consistory Court. The facts are as follows:—

(1) The Ministry of Transport have said that the inner Ring Road must be a certain width.

(2) In order that the Ring Road be this width the land on which St. Alkmund's Church stands is needed. According to present plans, the Ring Road passes between St. Alkmund's and a Catholic church on the opposite side of an existing road.

(3) St. Alkmund's has formed a committee to discuss the position with the town clerk.

(4) The Ministry have powers of compulsory purchase.

The Derbyshire Association have received an assurance from the secretary of the D.A.C. that in the event of the church being demolished and rebuilt on a different site, the eight bells would be installed in a rebuilt tower.

At present St. Alkmund's bells are not rung for Sunday service, and an offer to ring the bells, made by the Cathedral band two years ago, was turned down by the Vicar.

The Derbyshire Association have expressed concern that the bells are not rung and, mindful of the possibility that the bells may be 'forgotten' on economic grounds in any rebuilding scheme, they have offered to man the bells for Sunday service at least once a month. To date this offer has not been accepted.

Coventry Cathedral Rally

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association I note with interest the notice re rally of all England ringers to Coventry Cathedral. It is most unfortunate that the date is that on which no less than four annual meetings of large Associations are to be held, and it is to be hoped that members of those Associations will put loyalty to their Association and officers before the chance of several new towers and service in the new cathedral. It is to be hoped that there will be another opportunity later when there is less on elsewhere to visit and join in worship at Coventry.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The first session of the 25th Council (66th annual meeting) will be held in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 4th, 1963.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1963.

Nominations for Office (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, hon. secretary and treasurer and hon. librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 4th, 1963.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 23rd, 1963.

E. A. BARNETT,
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RUNG ON ICE!

Believe it or not, a church peal was rung on ice. Five members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang a peal in seven Doubles methods at St. Luke's Church, Hickling.

The church heating system had burst because of the severe frost, flooding the ground-floor ringing chamber with water, which had frozen into a solid sheet of ice.

Doormats were provided by the church authorities for the ringers to stand on. Interviewed by 'The Melton Mowbray Times,' Mr. F. W. Midwinter said: 'Even though we had doormats the atmosphere was like ringing in a refrigerator!

The ringers all reported for duty on the following Sunday, ringing in their own towers, none the worse for their experience.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS TO GO TO FOUNDRY

The 12 bells of High Wycombe Parish Church are to be retuned and rehung on ball-bearings with completely new fittings by Taylor's, of Loughborough.

It is expected that work on dismantling the bells will start shortly after Easter, and that they will be returned in time for ringing at Christmas—the cost of the work is being borne by the Church.

The ringers, with the help of a local appeal signed by the Mayor and the Vicar, are hoping to raise the necessary money for the installation of a sharp second, which will give a ring of eight with a tenor of 9 cwt.

While the bells are away, a sound lantern is to be constructed on the tower roof.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT — MINOR 28 METHODS

Dear Sir,—I herewith give notice of an attempt to ring 20,160 changes of Minor at the Church of St. Mary, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on Saturday, March 2nd, 1963, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The arrangement of the 28 methods will be as follows: (1) London S., (2) York S., (3) Bourne S., (4) Caithness S., (5) Cambridge S., (6) Willesden D., (7) College Bob IV D., (8) Old Oxford D., (9) Norbury T.B., (10) College Exercise T.B., (11) Duke of Norfolk T.B., (12) Disley D., (13) Shelford D., (14) Oxford T.B., (15) Kingston T.B., (16) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (17) Sandal T.B., (18) Kent T.B., (19) Oswald T.B., (20) Single Oxford B., (21) Double Oxford B., (22) Thelwall B., (23) Pinehurst B., (24) Double Bob, (25) St. Clement's B., (26) Childwall B., (27) Buxton C.B., (28) Plain Bob.

If successful, the peal will be credited to the University of London Society.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

London, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Master Elected

The annual business of the London County Association was conducted at a well-attended meeting at The George, Fleet Street, on February 9th. A good tea and a room very comfortably warm by contrast with outside conditions helped greatly with the success of the proceedings.

Officers elected for 1963–64 were: Mr. W. G Wilson, Master; Mr. C. W. Ottley, deputy Master; Miss M. E. Powell, general secretary; Miss V. E. Dupré and Mr. F. P. Mead, assistant secretaries; Mr. J. Lott, treasurer and librarian; Mr. C. M. Meyer, senior steward; Mr. R. Overington, junior steward; Messrs. H. W. Rogers and J. Hales, trustees; and (after a ballot) Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Messrs. Ottley, Rogers and Wilson, Central Council representatives.

In thanking the members for his election, the new Master referred to the tributes paid to his predecessor (Mr. T. H. Taffender) on his election last year for the fiftieth time—he did not hope to emulate this. Mr. H. W. Rogers had indicated that he did not wish to be re-elected secretary and, at the request of Mr. F. Udal, the Master presented him with a Parker fountain pen as a token of the members' respect and appreciation for 18 years' work as their secretary.

Six new members were elected and welcomed by the Master. They were Mr. and Mrs. A. Hampton, and Messrs. P. D. Chapman, P. Erith, A. Johnson and M. Ferrier. The accounts, which were accepted, showed an excess of income over expenditure of about £7.

EVENING SERVICE RINGING

In his report for the past year, the Master thanked the officers for their support at meetings, but hoped to see more members attending in future. He expressed thanks to Mr. Meyer and those who supported him in ringing for evening services at various London towers, including Southwark Cathedral on each third Sunday; he welcomed requests to join in the regular second Sunday morning ringing at St. Clement Danes'; he announced that once again the Association had been invited to ring handbells at St. Clement's for the annual oranges and lemons service; he was glad to say that the summer joint meeting with the Middlesex Association had now become established, and expressed the view that such meetings helped to achieve the co-operation which was desirable among the London Societies.

In accordance with notice, it was agreed to add to the rule relating to the annual election of officers the words 'The office of Master shall not normally be held for more than three consecutive years.' By coincidence a recent 'R.W.' article had appeared on this subject a few days before the matter was considered by the committee of officers, but it had been the intention for some time to introduce such a proposal when appropriate.

Notice of future meetings was given (see 'R.W.' for details in due course), and a vote of thanks accorded to the incumbents of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, and to Messrs. J. Philips and W. D. Grainger respectively for the use of the bells during the afternoon.

The meeting's thanks to Miss Powell and Mrs. Meyer for their work in connection with the tea were expressed by small presentations made by the Master on behalf of those present.

Following the business, a pleasant social evening was spent in talk and handbell ringing, and the Association cup was presented to the Chelsea band, who were the only ones able to enter a handbell team in compliance with the rules.

M. E. P.

Over the years complaints have been made against the chimes and booming tenor of Colchester Town Hall, disturbing the sleep of guests at the Red Lion. After spending a night in the hotel the Mayor (Mr. W. J. Porter) said the chimes were definitely an annoyance. As a concession the Council are to have the Westminster chimes on the clock silenced between midnight and 6 a.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

At the annual general meeting of the North Lindsey Branch held at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on February 2nd, there were favourable comments on the newly-augmented ten. The bells go and sound extremely well.

Mr. J. Bray took the chair at the business meeting, as unfortunately the president, Canon Thackray, has been unwell for some time and could not undertake the journey in such bitter weather.

The accounts were approved, although there had been a loss of £1 8s. 6d. on the year's working it was hoped that the increased subscription of 5s. per member would remedy this situation.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

Membership stands at 86, plus four honorary members.

It was proposed that the following meetings be held: Bigby, March 25th; Elsham, July 6th; Caistor, September 7th; Barton, October 12th. C. A. H.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Members from as far as Rothwell and Batley made their way through snow to attend the Guild's meeting at Lindley on February 2nd. The meeting was well attended, considering the weather and enjoyable ringing was had by all.

The treasurer's statement was adopted at the business meeting, and it was unanimously agreed to raise the subscription to 1s. 6d. per year.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Brighouse, with an alternative of Bradshaw. D. S.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the snow lay thick on many roads, a good number of ringers and friends attended the meeting at Killamarsh on February 2nd.

There were three towers open for ringing during the afternoon and evening—Eckington, Killamarsh and Harthill—and a wide variety of methods was rung, including Killamarsh Treble Bob and London.

About 30 people sat down to a splendid tea in the Vicarage at Killamarsh, and towers represented were: Dore, Handsworth, Sheffield Cathedral, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Rotherham, Mansfield, Derby, Hurstpierpoint (Sussex) and Epsom (Surrey).

The next meeting is the annual general and will be held at Ranmoor on March 2nd. A. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting on January 26th, at St. John's, Erith, was also a joint meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild and attracted a gathering of some 70 members and friends.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of the new Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Faircloth, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. D. Absolon.

On November 6th, 1962, the 600th peal was rung on the bells and the occasion was marked twice during the afternoon. Before the service the Vicar unveiled a peal board, and when the company arrived in the hall for tea they found a magnificent cake had been made. The cake, which took the form of the three figures 600, had been made and beautifully iced by Mr. J. T. Stevens, a local ringer.

An excellent tea was followed by the usual business meeting and a meeting of the members of the Ladies' Guild. Further ringing concluded the programme for the day. M.R.A.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The winter general meeting of the Association was held at Ossett on January 19th, being well attended by representatives of each of the four Districts in spite of the inclement weather. The fine ring of ten bells was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, but at the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, it was regretted that the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison) was unable to take the chair because of other important engagements. In his unavoidable absence, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Barton who announced apologies for absence from Messrs. J. A. Brown, H. Chant, H. S. Morley, B. Sutton and A. Sheppard.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the service and the use of the church schools for the tea and meeting was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent tea and arrangements on the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley. In reply, Mr. Fred Bennett said it was a pleasure to entertain the Association and he was gratified to report that the response for tea applications had proved to be most satisfactory.

In the absence of any specific invitation, it was unanimously agreed that the secretary make inquiries into the possibility of holding the annual general meeting at Howden Minster on May 4th.

Mr. H. Walker reported that the Snowdon dinner had been a success, being attended by 123 members and friends, a net profit of £2 10s. 2d. being made, which the York Minster Society had had pleasure in handing over to Association funds. A vote of thanks to the York Minster Society, for their most capable arrangements, was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. G. Benfield. It was unanimously agreed to endeavour to arrange the Snowdon dinner this year in Leeds on Oct. 19th.

A ballot to elect four Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley, G. Benfield and W. F. Moreton.

The secretary announced that the committee had unanimously recommended the re-election of Archdeacon Ellison as president. He felt sure that the Association was fully appreciative of the yeoman services that Archdeacon Ellison had so faithfully rendered, and on behalf of the committee he had great pleasure in formally moving his re-election. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley, and carried unanimously.

Under the new rule, the honorary peal secretary is now elected triennially, coinciding with the presidential election, and Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously nominated.

The secretary reported that the committee had considered an application received from Huntington, near York, for a grant from the bell repair fund, and had decided to recommend that the maximum grant allowed by rule (£10) be granted. This was agreed to. Janet Poppy, Gwen Cox, C. Milestone, R. Turner, E. Turner and John Brayshaw were elected members (all of St. Peter's, Bramley, Leeds), on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A warm welcome was given to the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Richardson) when it met at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on February 9th. Cups of tea and biscuits were provided free, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Leatherhead District

A slightly increased membership was reported at the District annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 2nd. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, and this was followed by tea and the business meeting, held in the Wesley Methodist Hall because the Parish Church Hall was being rebuilt.

The District Committee reported that members of the Guild had rung six peals in the District during the year. They included a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung by the local band at Capel, under the leadership of Mr. A. Harman. A total of 43 quarter peals had been rung at 12 of the 15 towers in the District; Christ Church, Epsom, where 12 were rung, was the leading tower. The District had made a very encouraging start with its effort to raise the money to provide a bell for the Cathedral. Amounts ranging from £1 15s. to £43 5s. had been raised by six towers towards the present total of £103 8s. 7d.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. F. Oakshott), secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday) and auditor (Mr. A. S. Besant) were re-elected. A ballot for two places on the Guild Executive Committee resulted in Mr. D. Herschell being elected for three years and Mr. A. P. Cannon for two years.

Messrs. D. A. R. May, H. N. Pitstow and A. P. Cannon were nominated as Central Council representatives.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Leatherhead, to Miss Arnold for playin the organ, and to Mr. George Marriner for making the arrangements. C. W. M.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the wintry conditions some 80 members and friends gathered at Benhilton for the Northern District's annual meeting on January 26th. The Association's form was used for the service, led by the Vicar. The tea and the business meeting followed in the Church Hall.

The committee's report and the financial statement of accounts were both accepted by the meeting, and 15 new members were elected.

The District Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), the honorary secretary (Mr. W. Parrott) and the assistant secretary (Mr. N. Steere) were re-elected unopposed. Miss M. Lewis, Messrs. N. Bagworth and B. Bull were elected committee members after a ballot, and Mr. R. F. Layton was re-elected auditor.

The committee's proposals regarding the striking competition were accepted. All the competing bands will ring the same touch, which will be selected by the committee. The touch for six-bell bands will be arranged so that approximately the same number of blows will be struck as in the eight-bell touch.

After the usual votes of thanks the ringers retired to the belfry. N. G. T. S.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern Division Annual

The weather conditions on February 2nd were not such as to lead one to expect a good gathering at East Grinstead for the annual meeting of the Northern Division, but snow, icy roads and a strong east wind did not deter over 60 members attending the service (addressed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Copsey), and afterwards doing justice to an excellent tea, which was in the capable hands of Mrs. F. Hicks and helpers), and then settling down to the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair. Under 'any other business,' Mr. Frank Hicks expressed the hope that, with the help of the ringers in general, they would have a ring of ten at East Grinstead in the not too distant future. F. I. H.

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Letters to the Editor

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that our two Irish friends are worried about accommodation difficulties at Yarmouth at Whitsun. I too got the same impression from the official announcements and, having got the official guide, wrote to six of the places given therein, hoping for perhaps one favourable reply. All of them were able to cope with four of us for the four nights concerned—I will gladly pass on the five unused replies.

To attempt to change at this late stage would be unfair to our hosts and to the civic and Church authorities, and would cause difficulties at any new venue because of the late arrangements and would land someone with a bill for lost deposits on booked accommodation. I hope that our friends will still attend and, as they always do, enjoy themselves and add to the benefit and enjoyment of the rest of us.—Yours, etc.,

Ruislip, Middx. WILFRID G. WILSON.

Leicester Supports Ireland

Dear Sir,—I would like to support the Irish Association delegates who plead for the 1963 meeting to be rearranged in London.

Many of those who voted at Cardiff to hold the meeting at Great Yarmouth did so although they had no idea that they would be members of the Council in 1963—in fact, probably some of them are not!

As this situation happens every three years, there seems much to be said in favour of having the *first* meeting of each session in a convenient centre like London, where there can be no argument. London is accessible by direct rail service from *all* parts of the country, whereas provincial places are not. London can be reached by rail without the expense of a night's lodging (although I realise that from a good many places it means travelling by night), but provincial towns are not in that happy position.

In my own case, Yarmouth cannot be reached by a direct rail at all (since the unfortunate closing of the old M. & G.N.), nor from anywhere else in the Midlands, so it means spending at least one night and possibly two in Yarmouth for all but those who travel from the London direction.

Now we find that the arrangements to which we have been used to are not being made this year, which makes things even more difficult.

I would ask the Standing Committee to meet and rearrange this important meeting at a more convenient centre, and that they do it *now* before it is too late.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Note.—The preliminary notice of the Council meeting appears in this issue.—*Ed.*

Correction To Simple Callings To Handbell Peals

Dear Sir,—I see that I have given one of the compositions on page 93 incorrectly. The 5,040 in six methods should read:—

23456	W	M	H
64352		S	S
24365	S	S	6
35462		S	—
43562		6 A	—
53264		—	
23456	S	—	6

Yours sincerely,

Cambridge. ANDREW S. HUDSON.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

Dear Sir,—Once again I take this opportunity of thanking, through 'The Ringing World' the following Guilds and Associations who have donated to the above appeal. These efforts are greatly appreciated, and the Fund is now well on the way to target figure. Work will commence on the bells as soon as possible after the royal visit, and the completely-restored 12 will be installed in good time for 'Great Adventure II' in 1964.

Would Guild treasurers please accept this as an official acknowledgment of their donations:

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Truro Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Leicester Diocesan Guild ..	4	2	0
Salisbury G. (N. Dorset Branch)	4	2	6
Mr. Charles Sharples		5	0
Ely Diocesan Association ..	4	14	6
Sheffield and District Society ..	1	1	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild ..	10	0	0
Norwich Diocesan Association	5	5	0
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	5	0	0
Durham & Newcastle Assn. ..	2	12	6
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	5	0	0

Mr. Sharples, of course, took part in the tour of 1934, and we were very pleased to receive his letter in the belfry. He is remembered here with great affection.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Melbourne, Victoria.

Baldheaded Rabbits?

Dear Sir,—The observations of Messrs. Brueton and Pearce on the hazards of the late entry interest me very much, for I have often thought of proposing an Over-50 Association. The qualification for membership would be passing the 50th birthday before attempting to handle a bell.

Perhaps the Association could be affiliated to the Rabbits' Guild as the Baldheaded Rabbits' Section? Certainly it would need to be a Mutual Admiration Society, for no one who has not attempted it can conceive the difficulty of learning to ring when the second half-century has dawned, the ponderous fumblings of the aged mind matching the clumsy creakings of the arthritic joints.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A Peal Ringer's Query

Dear Sir,—I expect that a number of your readers who organise peals have, at some time or another, been told in reply to a request for the necessary permission that the tower or the fittings are not solid enough to withstand three hours' ringing, but that they are welcome to come and ring for an hour if they wish.

This idea has always puzzled me, as I cannot see how three hours' ringing on a single occasion can do more damage than six separate half-hours on successive Sundays. Surely the theory is not that the parts of the structure displaced from their positions during one Sunday's ringing will have had an opportunity to work their way back again by the next!

I should be very interested to know the views of any of your readers having engineering or architectural knowledge on this point.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

Method Extension

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Staniforth's letter of February 1st, he should know that the Methods Committee has not yet been asked to pronounce on the methods known as Durham Surprise Royal and Maximus, and that no one has dictated that they are not extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.

In my letter to the 'R.W.,' January 11th, I pointed out that the methods were not in accordance with the Central Council Decisions on Method Extension. My letter was meant to be helpful, in the hope that the Leicester Diocesan Guild (or perhaps some of its members) would not get us into another mess by using incorrect names. I deeply resent Mr. Staniforth trying to lead the Exercise into thinking that I was trying to dictate to anyone about anything. There have now been three letters in the 'R.W.' explaining why these Royal and Maximus methods are not extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.

Mr. Staniforth asks how I arrived at the same incorrect figures as they did. It is a necessity of school teaching to be able to anticipate a child arriving at an incorrect answer due to incorrect reasoning, even though to the child his reasoning might appear to be logical. Seeing the peal report, without figures, of a claim to have rung an extension of Durham S. Minor to Royal, I considered the following facts:—

Some members of the L.D.G. are known for their approximate extensions; it has been stated that they ring handbells by two blue lines and not by places, and that they had recently rung York S. Royal. Making the assumption that they still regarded Surprise methods as being composed, and as variations one of another, I made a guess that their Durham S. Royal had been arrived at as a variation of York S. Royal. But Surprise methods are not composed, are finite in number, can all be churned out mechanically, and have individual characteristics. One characteristic is that some will extend whilst others will not. Any system of interrelationship between methods is entirely arbitrary, and Durham is not a variation of York.

Mr. Jelley's letter has been answered by Mr. Mayne, and the figures given for Bourne and Norwich are correct. But if he will refer to the 'R.W.' of August 26th, 1960, he will find the same figures of Norwich and also two other extensions.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stays

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. J. McClenahan on such an excellent analysis on the design of bell stays, and say how interested I was to read it. Although I do not pretend to understand the formula, the criterion that the stay should absorb as much energy as possible consistent without damaging the bell or its fittings seems to me to be quite logical.

The two main conclusions from Mr. McClenahan's article are: (a) There is an unnecessary over-elaboration regarding stays, and (b) They could be made a good deal stronger without fear of damaging the bell.

If these are correct, why should we have to put up with monstrosities like the Hastings stay? Why cannot we use willow instead of ash or oak? Why are the stay sockets not made larger in the first place in order to allow a stay of much larger dimensions to be used?

In this modern day and age it is surprising that no one has found a method of replacing the old-fashioned stay by some spring-loaded snap release safety device which would only require resetting and not repairing in the event of heavy-handedness.—Yours, etc.,

Derby. G. A. HALLS

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OBITUARY

MR. WILFRED J. NEWMAN

By the death of Mr. Wilfred J. Newman, Ringing Master at St. Andrew's, Hampton, the Worcestershire Association has lost one who gave most of his time in teaching others, and one whose first allegiance was to his own parish church. He was ringing as usual over the Christmas Festival, but collapsed at his work the following Friday and died in hospital on February 1st, at the age of 52.

He learnt to ring at Hampton and also joined the choir at an early age, and continued regularly in his place. He was the Southern Branch secretary and treasurer of the Worcestershire Association for 11 years, and a member of the central committee at the time of his death.

A safe ringer in the standard methods, he had rung 105 peals for the Worcestershire Association and conducted two, being content to leave the conducting to others. But it was in teaching others to ring that he excelled. Always appearing to be relaxed, he yet had an immaculate style of handling a bell himself, and this he had the gift of imparting to others, coupled with an inexhaustible patience. He was particularly successful with juveniles, and it was a regular sight in Hampton belfry to see boys and girls of diminutive stature standing on boxes or hassocks in order to reach the sallies. Losses in the band caused him no dismay—he simply started teaching afresh, and many of his colleagues in the belfry were also colleagues in the choir.

He was a member of the Parochial Church Council and also served in the Special Constabulary. He leaves a widow and one daughter (Frances)—also a ringer.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's on February 5th, the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. N. Harris) officiating. The robed choir and organist were present, and the church filled with representatives of the Church Council, many ringers of the Southern Branch, the regular and special Police and other local organisations with which Mr. Newman was connected. Speaking from the text 'He that endureth shall inherit all things,' the Vicar paid stirring tribute. 'Wilfred Newman,' he said, 'was a staunch member of the Church, but we think chiefly of his ringing. He worked well and hard to keep a band of young ringers, and not only trained them but helped them to retain an interest in the Church at a time of life when so many fell away from it. Ringing, to him, was not just a hobby but part and parcel of his worship of God.'

Immediately after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Mrs. V. Barnes 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, Wm. J. Newman 7-8. The church bells, which had already been half-muffled for the Sunday Evensong, were rung by members of the Southern Branch and again in the evening by the local band. A muffled peal arranged for Saturday had to be postponed at the last minute, owing to illness near the church.

Among the many wreaths were those from the Church Council, St. Andrew's choir and ringers, the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association and the Hinton band. J. D. J.

MR. BERTIE ALDRIDGE

A well-known ringer died at St. Mary Cray on February 7th in the person of Mr. Bertie Aldridge, aged 76.

For the last eight years he had been a member of the band of St. Mary Cray, but before that he was captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for over 30 years. He attended service and practice ringing regularly, and was ever ready to help learners, and thought a practice worth while even if no method ringing was rung.

He had been in and out of hospital for the last four months, but his death came as a great shock to all his friends. P. G. B.

MR. H. C. WARNER

Great Dalby, Leicestershire, has lost another of its stalwarts by the death of Mr. Harry Cecil Warner, aged 85.

He belonged to the old band of ringers in the days of the Rev. R. C. Dashwood, the famous hunting parson. He had been tower captain for upwards of 20 years, and had served as churchwarden, school manager and a parish and church councillor. He was a member of the Goscote Society of Ringers.

In the evening, after the funeral, a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

MR. G. A. COOK

For many years both captain and tower keeper at Ashtead, Surrey, Mr. George Albert Cook, of Lavender Cotttage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashtead, died on February 9th. He would have been 70 next week.

Mr. Cook was a life-long resident of Ashtead, as were his father and grandfather before him. For most of his life he had been a bellringer, having been taught the art by his father when he was about ten years old. For over 50 years he was a member of the Surrey Association and, it is believed, was a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation.

There is no complete record of Mr. Cook's peals available at present, but it is believed that he rang some 76 peals, ranging upwards to Surprise Royal. Two of the peals of which he was most proud were the first at Ashtead of Ashtead Surprise Major and, at Leatherhead, the only peal ever rung of Cobham Surprise Royal. A severe illness forced him to give up ringing some 12 years ago.

Mr. Cook was always keen on training new ringers, and it was owing to him that the nucleus of ringers now at the parish church began their training, and he was a proud man some five years ago when the 300th peal on the bells was rung by the local band containing a number of his pupils.

His long illness was borne with great fortitude and cheerfulness. The funeral was on February 13th, when his ashes were interred near the church and bells he loved so well. To his wife and one son (now resident in British Columbia) the deepest sympathies of many friends are extended.

A quarter peal in his memory will be rung, and the bells will be open and not muffled, as this would have been his wish. J. T. S.

MR. FRED HYDE

The Worcestershire Association has lost another officer, with the death of the Western Branch secretary, Mr. Fred Hyde, on February 11th. He was aged 58 years. He had already made arrangements for the Branch meeting at Kempsey on March 2nd, and this meeting will therefore take place as planned. D. B.

MR. A. E. EDWARDS

Mr. Albert E. Edwards, of 19, Langham Road, Robertsbridge, Sussex, who died on January 27th, aged 88, was, in his day, a noted member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which he joined on February 24th, 1894.

For 25 years he served in the West Sussex Constabulary, and he had been for eight years parish constable at Salehurst when he retired in 1924.

Much of his peal ringing was done with the 'Cumberlands,' and he rang with such famous conductors as Keith Hart, Thomas Card, W. H. Card and George A. Card. Of his 225 peals, Mr. Edwards conducted 150, and his peals were rung in 82 different towers. For a time he was instructor at Salehurst, and here he rang many peals in various methods, up to Double Norwich C.B. Major.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's, Salehurst, on January 31st, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Stedman. Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. Final tributes were paid by the band on February 2nd, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by G. H. Muggridge 1, F. J. Lambert 2, A. Hoad 3, A. Smith 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Fellows 6. G. H. M.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

In spite of Arctic weather conditions, the attendance at the District meeting held at Clowne on February 9th was most rewarding, with almost every tower in the District represented! Ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor was supervised by the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Goodall, in the afternoon, before an excellent tea was enjoyed in the warmth and comfort of the Rectory Barn.

The Rector, the Rev. W. S. Wilcox, presided at the business meeting, at which a large number of new members were elected, viz.: Diane Turner and Jacqueline Stewart (Bolsover), Mr. A. Ashby (Barlborough), Mrs. D. Smith (Staveley) and Dereck Peers, Mary Hunt, Linda Yates and David Braddow, of the local company.

The District chairman, Mr. F. Adams, expressed sincere thanks to the Rector for taking the chair, to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements and to the ladies for providing such a magnificent tea, to which the Rector replied on behalf of the local company.

Next meeting: Creswell, March 9th.

Will David P. Hilling, Christine Houlton and J. Keith Ward please send their addresses to Mr. Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos, as these were not supplied at the time of their election as life members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

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METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to the letter from Mr. Jelley in 'The Ringing World' of January 25th (page 61). Let me make it clear at the outset, for the benefit of other readers, that there is no question that a perfectly satisfactory peal has been rung. The name of the method is the point at dispute.

I shall not deal with Mr. Jelley's points in order, but shall begin at the end. The last paragraph of his letter requests that the Methods Committee produce 'a report on extensions that would be intelligible to mere mortals such as I.' This is a clear enough admission that Mr. Jelley does not understand the report, even if it were not obvious from the rest of his letter. It puts him on rather shaky ground when he comes to criticise that report, and when he comes to propound his own ideas of what constitutes extension. What is also clear is that Mr. Jelley (and others) are not prepared to make the least effort to comprehend the report, which, far from being complex, is in fact quite simple. These concepts, however, cannot be explained without the use of some technical words. What Mr. Jelley wants is a kind of mountain railway, which will transport him without effort to a summit of knowledge. He is like the learner who refuses to learn ringing because he has to understand terms such as Whole-turn, Treble Bob, handstroke and backstroke. But knowledge cannot be acquired without some effort.

Now I will try to explain in the simplest possible terms on what grounds the Durham extensions are rejected, but some attempt will have to be made to understand what I am saying. And perhaps your readers will study this carefully; perhaps they will read it more than once, so that I am not accused of saying what I have not said.

I shall begin with some statements which I hope are beyond dispute:

(1) That some form of systematic extension is needed.

(2) That as there is such a diversity of methods, and of ways of extensions, some decision is necessary as to what may constitute an extension. Such a decision will necessarily exclude certain relationships, whatever it is

(3) Whatever system is agreed, it has to cope with any method; that is, it has to give a 'yes' or 'no' in every case.

This third requirement, for a universal formula, implies that any such formula cannot possibly be based on one method alone or even a very limited number of methods. All this implies that some relationships will have to be rejected as extensions, even though they possess certain claims, and no matter what system is adopted this is bound to be the case. Otherwise, the formula which is so weak that it rejects nothing is equivalent to no formula at all.

If we are to understand the present case we shall have to be specific. Let us restrict ourselves to methods where the treble does a treble bob hunt. This kind of method can be divided into groups of four changes, in which the treble is confined to one dodging place. These are called 'sections.' Part of the section is below the treble and is called the 'front sub-section,' while part is above and called the 'back sub-section.' For the purposes of method extension, the front and back sub-sections are defined by the places occurring therein and not by the changes themselves. If there are no places the sub-section can still be treated as a unit defined by the absence of any places. If there are places, it is defined by the position of these places.

When the treble moves from one dodging place to the next, places must be made both below and above the treble. These are called cross-section places. The pivot place is made when the treble lies behind. The construction of the half-lead completely defines the method (except for the lead-end place, of course) and to extend it a new half-lead must be constructed bearing an agreed relationship to the parent half-lead.

At this point certain decisions have to be taken. These are set out quite clearly in the report, but I shall have to restate some of them here. The first is the decision to construct the extension by relating the position of the places to those of the parent. Other systems could have been adopted, but this is the most fundamental, and it is also the most powerful. The second decision is that apart from Double methods, which must remain Double after extension, the parts of the method above and below the treble may be extended quite independently. Thirdly, and in the present context the most important point, the sub-sections on the one hand and the cross-section places on the other are the units to be used in performing the extension. This requires amplification.

Suppose we consider York Surprise, and further we will consider extending the part below the treble only. The notation of York Surprise Minor is as follows:

—36—14—12—36.14—14.3.

While the treble is in 1-2 there is no front sub-section, and at the 2-3 cross-section, lead is made and must be made on all higher numbers; therefore these can be forgotten. The rest of the method below the treble consists of two front sub-sections, a cross-section place, and the pivot place, these being as follows:

—12—	Front sub-section
3	Cross-section place
14—14	Front sub-section
3	Pivot place.

Now these four items entirely construct the method below the treble, and provided the extensions contain these alone, no work, and no construction of places will appear in the extension which does not already occur in the parent. But they are also to be used as units and not divided or amalgamated in any way, so that, for example, the sub-section 14.12.14 formed by combining both the above sub-sections could not be employed in the extension. Expansion of places is, however, allowed, so that 16—16 could be used as a direct derivation of 14—14.

The Methods Committee's report defines specifically the allowable arrangements which may be employed on higher numbers, and there are quite a number of ways given which fall basically into two different systems, illustrated by the following two examples:

Minor:
—12—3.14—14.3
Major:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3
Royal:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.
14—14.3
Maximus:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.
14—14.3.14—14.3.

Static

Minor:
—12—3.14—14.3
Major:
—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5
Royal:
—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5.
18—18.7.
Maximus:
—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5.
18—18.7.10—10.9.

Expanding

The accepted extensions of York are the actual ones given to illustrate the static type of extension. The extension of Durham, which is rejected, is also of this type. When all the possibilities allowed by the formula have been worked out in a particular case, many and sometimes all will be found to give other than Plain Bob lead ends, and the rest of the report gives qualifying rules designed to ensure that the remaining contenders will have blue lines bearing a proper relation to the parent, and the lead-ends fall in the correct sequence.

We now come to the crux of the matter. Applying the same system to Durham, the following static extension corresponds to the one given for York:

Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.1.
Maximus:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.1.

which gives three consecutive blows in thirds a few times!

A possible alternative would be:

Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3—12—3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3—12—3—12—3.14—34.1
Maximus:
—12—3—12—3—12—3—12—3.14—34.1

but this fails because of the lead-end order.

The extensions rung by the Leicester band, which Mr. Jelley attempts to justify, are these:

Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—34.1.
Maximus:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—34.1.

Here a new sub-section has been introduced, borrowed in fact from York; namely the sub-section 14—14. This does not occur in Durham Surprise Minor, and therefore the report excludes this series as a possible extension. 'Even a babe in arms,' as Mr. Jelley puts it, should be able to see that a sub-section foreign to the Minor has been introduced.

I am perfectly able to see the argument given by Mr. Jelley, and perfectly able to see that it preserves a constant relation between York and Durham on all numbers. But the extension of any one method must stand or fall on its own merits. No system of extension could possibly preserve all desirable relationships between the extensions of different methods; the report seeks only to preserve proper relationships between the various stages of extension of the same method. In the long run it would only create new anomalies if the report were modified simply to suit the present case, and I repeat what I said earlier, that no sound theory could possibly be based on a few individual cases.

Has Mr. Jelley applied the formula to the best part of Corrigan's Collection representing some 300 methods? And has he satisfied himself that an alteration to the report could be made which would at the same time allow these extensions of Durham, and cause no extra difficulties? Of course he has not. His suggestion that the report is illogical and out of contact with reality, and that the committee is blinded by its own science, is simply not true. These decisions are perfectly logical and self-consistent within the framework of the axioms decided upon. If Mr. Jelley would like to develop a system, where the units were whole-pulls instead of sub-sections, he might manage to cater for these extensions of Durham. But he will have to show that his formula works better than the present one, in hundreds of other cases; and it won't.

Turning to the other methods he mentions, the Feering is rejected as an extension of Beverley for the same reason that the Durham is; namely, the introduction of a sub-section which does not occur in the Minor.

The same is true in going from Beverley Surprise Minor to Lyme Surprise Major, only this time the foreign sub-section is one containing no places.

Beverley: —12—3.14—34.5
Lyme: —0—0—12—3.14—34.5.

Once this blank front sub-section is present, it can be used to perform further extensions: thus Lyme Royal is:

—0—0—0—0—12—3.14—34.5.

But this blank sub-section which does not occur in Beverley Minor cannot be produced out of the blue. If this were allowed, any work completely different from the parent method could be introduced, defeating the whole object of having a formula.

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Method Extension—Cont.

I next turn to the suggestion Mr. Jelley makes for an alternative extension of Cambridge. Here Yorkshire Major, Albanian Royal and Southwark Maximus are given as succeeding stages from Cambridge Minor. They are in fact unrelated to the Minor for the same reason as just given, but they could be allowed as static extensions starting from Yorkshire Major. There is nothing inconsistent in this; since two different processes of extension have been allowed by the formula (static or expanding) it is not in the least surprising that certain methods will extend in both ways. Historically the expanding extensions of Yorkshire have been preferred. Mr. Jelley then goes on to say: 'As will be obvious, things are in danger of becoming somewhat confused. If one attempts to remove the confusion by resorting to the Methods Committee's Report on Extensions then the position becomes completely hopeless.' It is Mr. Jelley who is confused. He has apparently tried to apply the formula in this case, and the hopeless position arises from not understanding the report. He has admitted it is not intelligible to him.

Finally, a word about the Bourne and Norwich. Perhaps, the committee is asked, we would like to comment on them before they are rung. We would. Had we been given the opportunity we would have done so on previous occasions too, but unfortunately Durham and some other methods were rung without consulting us. Mr. Jelley will be pleased to know that the extensions he gives of Bourne and Norwich are quite acceptable.

I trust Mr. Staniforth will not unwisely ignore the Methods Committee's report. As conductor of the peals in question, he should provide forthwith a new name, which will apply to the Major, Royal and Maximus. I do not propose to enter into a long correspondence over this matter: I consider what I have written should be sufficient.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

'Trying to Put the Clock Back'

Dear Sir,—It was clear to many ringers, when Mr. Staniforth and his very talented band rang the first peal of Durham Surprise Royal 'in hand,' that there was more to this than an outstanding performance. Subsequently an article and a letter in 'The Ringing World' have confirmed this.

It is Mr. Staniforth and others, and one at least of these ought to know better, who are trying to 'pull the wool over our eyes' by dragging up once more the whole question of method extension. Mr. Staniforth is correct when he says that the ordinary ringer just does not understand what is involved, and here is a clear case where the view of the experts should be accepted, as indeed it has been.

I feel the Leicester men are trying to put the clock back. Maybe, because they still have not got over the shock of having the first peal of London Royal No. 3 in Leicestershire rung by an out-county band.—Yours faithfully,

Peterborough. BRIAN HARRIS.

Tonne Family Bell Founders

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article on the Tonne family, bell founders of Bury St. Edmunds.

In the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, there is a bell from these founders. I believe it is the only bell cast by them specifically as a clock bell, and it is still performing its task today.

The bell has the following inscription: 'Nomen Si Queris Cujus Vocor Ipsa Richardus' (If you ask the name by which I am called I am Richard); also a medallion of a man's head believed to be Henry VIII. I hope this may be of some interest to your readers.

I hope at some future date to submit an article on the rest of the bells in this tower. —Yours faithfully,

Braintree, Essex. R. SUCKLING.

Peal Writing

Dear Sir.—Re letter on peal writing fees in the issue of January 18th. Many members of Associations have no idea of how beautiful are the peal books, and of the number of hours of work put in to make them so. I have at Churchdown one of our peal books, the work of Alfred Reeves, and it is open for inspection by anyone interested who may be passing, either of the G. and B. Association or other Associations. One of our peal books is always available for members to look at at our A.G.Ms. If anyone is coming from a distance to see the book, a postcard, giving time, would enable arrangements to be made for someone to be at home.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos.

PLOUGHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Notation:
x 58 x 16 x 12 x 1238 x 14 x 1238 x 14 x 7
Lead-end: 5738264 (2nds place).
Bob: 4ths. False Course Head: 24365.
5,024 by ERNEST W. TIPLER (B.60).

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	X			
63254			—	
52436		—	—	3
23564	X			
25634			—	2
53246	X			
42635		—	—	3
42356	X			—
54326			—	3
63425		—		—
32654	X			
53624			—	3
34625		—		2
23456	X			2

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Fifty years ago—on February 19th, 1913—the first peal was rung on the bells of St. Bartholomew's Church, Ingham, Suffolk. It was Grandsire Doubles (nine different callings) and the ringers were W. Palfrey (cond.) 1, A. Cutler 2, E. Footer 3, P. Watson 4, W. Bartle 5.

Under review is the augmentation of St. Swithin's, East Grinstead, from eight to ten bells.

Mr. P. A. Sadler has completed 25 years as a ringer at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. The occasion was marked by a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters.

Manchester University Guild have been very successful in peal ringing lately. This issue contains four of their peals—two Surprise, Stedman Triples and Oxford Bob Triples.

Mr. L. E. Last, with a team of handbell ringers, is to lecture on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' to the Suffolk Institute of Archæology at Ipswich on March 14th.

All Saints', Isleworth, plan for 1963 to attempt quarter peals for Evensong on the first and second Sundays in each month, and have general ringing on the other Sundays.

The peal of Royal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, set the conductor rather a headache, as in addition to two firsts, it was also Michael J. Hobbs' 25th peal with Bryn Shackleton and Reg G. Hooper; and Bryn Shackleton's and Don Exell's 25th together!

A notable peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Maximus was rung at Walsall on February 2nd. The method named Walsall is Prittlewell's 12th place variation, states the conductor, Mr. Wilfred Williams.

During Mr. Wilfred Williams' Irish tour last year a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the light ten. At the time it was claimed as the first of Royal on the light ten. A member of St. Patrick's Cathedral band has pointed out that the first on the light ten was Plain Bob Royal on June 17th, 1927, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff.

On the day of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Stimson, of Somerby, a peal was quickly arranged. Harry Cook was caught on his milk round and persuaded to stay. Harold Bonshor came in white overalls and carpet slippers. An absentee was Cyril Tyler, captain of the Somerby band, who had such a heavy cold that he couldn't even 'wet the baby's head'!

The Valentine Gosling award has been sent to Mr. J. A. Acres' handbell team—the first to ring the composition.

Messrs. John Taylor had added a sixth bell to the ring of five, all more than 300 years old, at Hartest, near Bury St. Edmunds. An anonymous gift of £100 has been received towards the cost of about £250.

The difficult five bells at Cossington, Leicestershire, rather defy peal ringers. The only two peals on the bells in the last two years despite many attempts were when Maurice Kirk and Michael W. Brown rang the same bells and this was on the same night two years ago.

Congratulations to Mr. W. G. Wilson on his election as Master of the London County Association in succession to Mr. T. H. Taffender, who has held the office for 50 years. A new rule, limiting the office not normally to more than three consecutive years, was passed.

The band at St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicester, who are well known for their number of quarter peals during 1962, have now added another success to their list of achievements. For the 70th anniversary of the dedication of the church a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on February 2nd. In the morning (for Holy Communion) a quarter peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles was rung; on the next day a quarter of Plain Bob Triples was rung for Parish Eucharist, and another of Kent Treble Bob Major for Evensong. All taking part have been taught to ring at St. Thomas' by the conductor and his wife during the last three years, with the assistance of the late Ernest Morris.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Primrose, Harleston, Woodstock, and 288 each of Londinium, Lyddington, Pudsey, Prittlewell, Cheltenham and Walsall; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John D. Rock	8
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Patrick I. Chapman	9
Wilfred Williams	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
Peter Border	5	John A. Anderson	11
Alan J. Frost	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George E. Fearn. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Maximus in these 12 methods.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	†Michael J. Hobbs	6
*Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. John Hunt	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	3	Patrick J. Bird	8
Antony R. Kench	4	Reginald G. Hooper	9
Don C. Exell	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.'

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Herbert H. Alexander	*Treble*	*Edward R. Venn	6
Michael Hatchett	2	Christopher M.P. Johnson	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	J. Keith Ward	8
*Christopher C. Clarke	4	Edgar J. Smith	9
D. Kay Adkins	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Katherine Burchnall	*Treble*	Mary C. Poyner	6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Harry Poyner	7
Grace Burchnall	3	A. Robin Heppenstall	8
Delia E. Smith	4	Jack L. Millhouse	9
*Clarence F. Briggs	5	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
A birthday compliment to Clarence F. Briggs; also a welcome to his grandson, Ian James Briggs, born the previous day.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Nicholas W. H. Simon	*Treble*	†John Owen	6
Trevor T. Lewis	2	William J. Goodfellow	7
Jacqueline S. King	3	Donald G. Clift	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Bryn A. Taylor	9
*Mary Pryor	5	David J. King	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. Michael Bennett, who has moved to Cardiganshire after a long association with the Cathedral belfry, dating from before the bells were rehung.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

John Worth	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Peter Laflin	2	Basil Jones	7
Harold C. Lonyon	3	*John Taylor	8
Edward F. Potts	4	John Robinson	9
Alan A. Potts	5	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Raymond Benfield	2	W. David Ward	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	*Richard C. L. Brown	8
Malcolm D. Barsby	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
Edmund Shuttleworth	5	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 6).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

William Clover	*Treble*	Harry B. Fuller	5
James W. Pawl	2	William Rose	6
Henry Tooke	3	Peter M. Adcock	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Norman Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Janice E. Williamson	*Treble*	*Derek C. Jackson	5
John R. Faithfull	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
David E. House	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
Carolyn Vibert	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

John Robinson	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
*Margaret James	2	David W. James	6
*Edward F. P. Bryant	3	John C. Baldwin	7
Basil Jones	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.
Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal in the method.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Alan M. Barber	*Treble*	Chris. L. Bell	5
William J. Ridgman	2	Ian M. Smith	6
J. M. Hadley Hunter	3	Alan W. Payne	7
*Peter Woolven	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Major.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard Fox	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
*John Dark	2	Michael Blore	6
*Anthony Nicholson	3	John F. Murfin	7
*Jack Dark	4	Wm. Arnold Morley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. Arnold Morley.
* First peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*R. Harry Davies	*Treble*	†Christopher K. Cooper	5
†Hazel Arrowsmith	2	Robert Peers	6
Henry Norman	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
F. Leslie Coventry	4	John D. Heron	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Coventry (verger), a ringer at this church for 50 years.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Marcia M. Nott	*Treble*	David J. Baker	5
†Jean A. Allen	2	David W. James	6
Mary Browne	3	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
Margaret James	4	John C. Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal. † First of Triples. 25th as conductor. First in the method by all the band except the conductor, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of Candlemas.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Janet Warwick	*Treble*	*John C. Baldwin	5
*Margaret James	2	*David W. James	6
Ronald J. Johnston	3	Derek Ogden	7
Basil Jones	4	*Edward F. P. Bryant	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John C. Baldwin	*Treble*	Keith H. Scrimshaw	5
*Mary Browne	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	6
Margaret James	3	John H. Soanes	7
†David J. Baker	4	David W. James	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by David W. James.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Reginald G. Hooper	*Treble*	Antony R. Kench	5
Michael J. Hobbs	2	†Don C. Exell	6
*Jacqueline A. Reason	3	Peter Bridle	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

George Coussins	*Treble*	Ronald K. Russ	5
*Jennifer Sceeny	2	†Geoffrey Riglar	6
Gordon W. Limmer	3	Richard E. Dean	7
*E. Russell Gotham	4	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Oglesby.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First of Treble Bob as conducor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Burley P. Morris	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	5
Michael R. Blore	2	Roy Stephenson	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	John F. Murfin	7
Joseph C. Woolley	4	Douglas Derbyshire	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael R. Blore.
50th peal on the bells.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. February 15th, 1763, also Grandsire Triples.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Cyril Griffiths	5
*Anthony Howell	2	Peter J. Barker	6
James S. Eastwood	3	Frederick G. Handley	7
Frank Brotherton	4	Arthur Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Handley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Wallater, veteran captain of St. Giles' tower, on his attaining 80 years of age, and also 60 years' membership of the above Society.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

William B. Cartwright	*Treble*	Sidney T. Holt	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Thomas W. Lewis	6
Reginald Chance	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
C. Frederick Jukes	4	Martin D. Fellows	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert	*Treble*	Cyril J. Hibbert	5
Kathleen E. Chilcott	2	John W. T. Hibbert	6
*Mrs. C. J. Hibbert	3	Michael V. Chilcott	7
William Hibbert	4	John Chilcott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* First peal of Stedman.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*John H. Soanes	*Treble*	David W. James	5
*Edna M. Poulter	2	†John C. Baldwin	6
*Margaret James	3	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
*Janet Warwick	4	*Keith H. Scrimshaw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples. First in the method as conductor. First of Stedman for the Guild.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Chris. L. Bell	*Treble*	William J. Whitmore	5
Arthur Gibbs	2	Peter M. Fleckney	6
Alan M. Barber	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald G. Beck	*Treble*	*David A. Burt	5
John R. C. Tiley	2	†David J. Barnett	6
Alan F. Lee	3	George J. Hawkins	7
Terence J. Milsom	4	Harold L. Parfrey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal The ringer of the third 'completes the circle' of the tower.

LONDON, S.E.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Anthony G. Osborne	*Treble*	Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Philip Erith	6
Diana M. Lawless	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Gillian A. Neal Smith	4	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and 720 each of Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Wendy Hollowell	*Treble*	*Ray H. Daw	4
Charles Black	2	John H. Bluff	5
*Dorothy Chamberlain	3	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in five methods.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Katherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Ian M. Smith .. .. .. *Treble*		Chris. L. Bell	4
Alan M. Barber	2	Donald F. Murfet	5
Colin Johnson	3	*George E. Thoday .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal for the Association.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores in 22 methods: One extent each of Shipway's Place Bob and Morning Star, two each of St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Leonard's, Austrey, Winchendon Place, St. Miles', St. Luke's, St. John's, Ryton, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old Bob, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb and Little Aston. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

David F. Moore .. .. *Treble*		Rupert A. Clarke	3
Michael W. Brown	2	Brian C. Law	4
Maurice R. A. Kirk .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

W. David Ward .. .. *Treble*		Malcolm D. Barsby	4
B. Stedman Payne	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	3	Brian G. Warwick .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

John A. Warner .. .. *Treble*		Robert J. Lindsell	4
*Jennifer M. Dye	2	Andrew T. Beckwith ..	5
Hilda G. Snowden	3	Alan R. Syder .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan R. Syder.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Andrew T. Beckwith, who is leaving the district.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*Susan M. White .. .. *Treble*		Clive W. Simpson	4
†Lorna E. Simpson	2	Bernard E. Matthews ..	5
*Leonard J. North	3	Bryan C. T. Burrough .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
* First peal on six bells. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Joan M. Wilcockson and David Hopwood on their engagement.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of 11 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) London. (2) London and Wells. (3) Cambridge, (4) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham. (5) Primrose. (6) Bourne. (7) London. Tenor 10 cwt.

Gordon W. Land .. .. *Treble*		Peter T. Hurcombe	4
Shirley M. Drew	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Brian Bladon .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents of Grandsire and ten each of Plain Bob and Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

David T. H. Robertson .. *Treble*		†Derek J. Withers	4
*David G. Massey (13) ..	2	†Raymond J. Baker	5
†Frances M. Massey ..	3	Hugh Vennell .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by David T. H. Robertson.
* First peal. † First in three methods.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

James Webb .. .. .. *Treble*		J. Harry Cook	4
Harold C. Bonshor	2	Michael T. Stimson	5
Arthur J. Stimson	3	Roland H. Cook .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung to welcome Anthony Martin Stimson, born this day, son of the ringer of the fifth and Sue, the Melton District secretary.

BERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 50 six-scores, each rung differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Ronald J. Ballam .. .. *Treble*		John Walton	4
David H. White	2	George Prescott	5
Marjorie Legg	3	Sidney Smith .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by George Prescott.
Most changes rung to a peal by all the band.
Ten six-scores each were rung, with the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th as the plain hunt bell.

MERRIOT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

C. Boultbee .. .. .. *Treble*		†R. Short	4
*S. A. Turner	2	F. A. K. Prime	5
Mrs. A. Short	3	E. T. Skipsey .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by E. T. Skipsey.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal for the Association.

MERTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 19 methods, viz.: (1) Fundenhall, (2) Haddiscoe, (3) Harpley, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Boxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, (8 and 9) New Bob, (10 and 11) Huntspill, (12 and 13) St. Vedast, (14) Plain Bob, (15 and 16) Stedman, (17 and 18) Grandsire, (19) Plain Bob, (20 and 21) Antelope, (22 and 23) Plain Bob, (24 and 25) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (26 and 27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Plain Bob, (29 and 30) St. Simon's, (31 and 32) St. Martin's, (33 and 34) St. Nicholas', (35 and 36) Winchendon Place, (37) Plain Bob, (38 and 39) St. Osmund, (40 and 41) St. Remigius, (42) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.

Christopher F. Mew .. *Treble*		*Brian H. Coatsworth ..	3
*Alison M. Mann	2	*David C. Brookes	4
*Anthony S. Bishop .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. The most methods to a peal for all the band, and for the Association.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sa., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Cyriac.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of London and six of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

Alan M. Barber .. .. *Treble*		J. M. Hadley Hunter ..	4
Colin Johnson	2	Donald F. Murfet	5
Chris. L. Bell	3	George E. Thoday .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 240 (Morris'). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

David A. Burt .. .. .. *Treble* | Alan F. Lee 4
George J. Hawkins .. .. 2 | David J. Barnett 5
Harold L. Parfrey .. .. 3 | Albert F. Butt .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

The most methods in a peal by all the band.

Rung as a 41st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At 1, Rossdale Road.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Mary S. Taylor .. .. 1—2 | †John C. Eisel .. .. .. 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | †Nicholas J. Davies .. 7—8

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on handbells. † First of Major on handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., Jan. 27, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Three each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Seighford, Besthorpe, Southrepps, R. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Little Aston, Costessy, Grandsire and Morning Star. Tenor size 15 in C.

Malcolm D. Barsby.. .. 1—2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At The Weyside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres.. .. .. 1—2 | Alfred Ballard.. .. .. 5—6
*Peter J. Staniforth .. 3—4 | John M. Jelley.. .. .. 7—8
Robert B. Smith .. .. 9—10

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* 50th peal of Surprise on handbells. The ringers of 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10 have now completed Major to Maximus on handbells in the method. The ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 have now completed Major to Maximus both 'in hand' and on tower bells in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5152 DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. .. .. 1—2 | Alfred Ballard.. .. .. 5—6
John M. Jelley.. .. .. 3—4 | Robert B. Smith .. .. 7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal of Major in the method. The conductor has now completed peals of Durham Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At Whewell's Court, Trinity College.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 1—2 | J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3—4
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 5—6

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

First peal as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 46 methods: (1) St. Blaise, (2) Morning Star, (3) Antelope, (4) Grandsire, (5) St. Simon and St. Osmund, (6) Winchendon Place and St. Remigius, (7) St. Simon and Braywood Bob, (8) St. Martin and Welford Bob, (9) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall Bob, (10) Winchendon Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (11) St. Albans, (12) Cassington, (13) Eynsham, (14) Elford, (15) Shropham, (16) St. Giles, (17) St. Thomas, (18) St Andrew, (19) Austrey, (20) Norwich, (21) St. Paul, (22) St. Leonard, (23) St. Peter, (24) Shareshill, (25) Mileham, (26) St. Miles, (27) St. John, (28) St. Luke, (29) Ryton, (30) Walsingham, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Old, (35) Seighford, (36) Besthorpe, (37) Southrepps, (38) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40) St. Columb, (41) Little Aston, (42) Costessy. Tenor size 15 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Dan S. Pont .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

First peal in as many methods 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At Zermatt, Wheatley Way,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Tom Chapman .. .. .. 1—2 | Frank C. Price .. .. .. 5—6
Margaret E. L. Chapman 3—4 | Thomas J. Lock.. .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

Witnessed by Mrs. S. Price and William H. Coles.

DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 18 L.H. 12 Gp. A.

720 IN 29 METHODS

Submitted by GEOFFREY R. DREW

23456	Chelford Alliance
64523	Benington Al.
56342	Freiston Al.
35264	Langton Al.
42635	London Bob.
S 56432	Bastow L.C.
45263	"
24356	"
32645	"
— 63245	"
26534	College
45326	*Ellacombe Al.
— 63452	Bastow L.C.
S 46325	Cripplegate L.
53246	Darrington Al.
25634	Fakenham Al.
62453	Candlesbury Al.
34562	London Bob.
— 25346	Westlecott Bob.
63425	Butterwick Al.
46532	Ryburgh Al.
54263	Adwick Al.
32654	Paynton Al.
S 46352	Ellacombe Al.
23546	College
— 65234	Bastow L.C.
26453	"
42365	"
42365	Finchley Al.
53642	Bastow L.C.
— 65342	"
S 36524	Tattershall Al.
45236	Sutton Al.
24653	Double Oxford.
62345	Whitcombe Al.
53462	Tattershall Al.
— 24536	Thrybergh Al.
65324	Denton Al.
36452	Cornhill L.
43265	Poynton Al.
52643	†Tattershall Al.
S 36542	Bastow L.C.
53264	Wavertree Bob
42653	Bastow L.C.
— 64253	London Bob
32564	"
45632	"
26345	Westlecott Bob.
53426	Lytham Bob
— 64532	Bastow L.C.
S 56423	Lytham Bob
34256	Frampton Al.
23645	"
62534	Alford Al.
45362	Cornhill L.
— 23456	"

* Minchinhampton Alliance
x 16 x 1236 x 12 x 3. L.H. 6ths.

† Newington Alliance
x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5. L.H. 6ths.

Whitcombe S.A.
x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 3. L.H. 6ths.

Fakenham Al. (called Burmarsh by C. A. Wratten)
x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5. L.H. 2nds.

Ryburgh Al. (called Saltwood by C. A. Wratten).
x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5. L.H. 2nds.

Thrybergh Al.
34 x 34.16 x 36 x 36. L.H. 6ths.
Darrington 2nds.

Adwick Al. 34 x 34.16 x 36.12.36. L.H. 6ths.

Cripplegate L.
34 x 36.14 x 34. L.H. 6ths. Cornhill 2nds.

It will be seen that by leaving D. Court out of H. Chant's 25-method extent and putting in Westlecott, Lytham, Whitcombe, Fakenham, Ryburgh the total can be raised to 29, still keeping a plain lead of each method.

Minchinhampton and Newington can also be put in as Mr. Wratten described, making the total 31. G. R. D.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, I. F. Garvie 2, L. M. Parker 3, H. G. Summers 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, P. Stone 7, L. M. Callow 8. First of Surprise 2 and 3.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. S. Pont 1—2, D. F. Moore 3—4, R. A. Clarke 5—6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7—8. First quarter of Major by all. Rung by the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society after the Founder's Day service.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter in six methods) 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Parish Communion.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice Brown 1, I. Robinson (first 'inside') 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5, B. Stephenson (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, F. Carter 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Milsted 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Jan. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sawtell 1, K. Jones (first 'inside') 2, D. Mills (cond.) 3, R. J. Purnell 4, G. Carter (first 'inside') 5, R. Gunstone (first on the tenor) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, E. A. Bailey 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5, P. E. Wells 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Matthew John Allen, for 37 years churchwarden, whose funeral took place this day.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Hawksworth 1, C. S. Dunbell 2, R. Broughton 3, M. Bird 4, I. Rimmer 5, W. Alsopp 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, D. Hiddon 8. First quarter 1, 5, 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss A. Veal and Mr. T. Freshwater, whose funerals took place this day.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, Peter and Cedd, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Crawley 1, P. Came 2, I. R. Panton 3, P. W. Saltmarsh 4, J. L. Towler 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, P. J. Eves 8. For the Friends of the Cathedral service.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Johnson 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, D. Murfet 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, C. Pearson 5, J. G. Gipson 6, H. Brown 7, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 8.

EARL'S BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Knight 1, Shelagh Collins 2, Sheila Staley 3, R. J. Jones 4, G. E. Watson 5, I. W. Hall (cond.) 6, M. A. Coleman 7, M. J. Staley 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 3 and 4.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St Saviour's, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Jill Lenham 2, J. Barlow 3, I. White (first of Doubles) 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and for the 96th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, Christine Bowen 2, T. Hawkins 3, H. Howson 4, J. Towers 5, D. Langdon 6, D. Bowen (first as cond.) 7, W. Theobald 8. For Evensong.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Mrs. C. E. Cooper 4, C. E. Cooper 5. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Harry Cecil Warner, bell-ringer and church councillor, and Thomas Clow (97), Dalby's oldest inhabitant.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Levett 1, C. E. Verdon (first in method 'inside') 2, Joan M. Downing 3, S. F. Buckland 4, A. Jackson (first in the method) 5, J. A. W. Downing 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, A. Parcell (first quarter) 8. By Manchester University Guild.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Chad, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. O. Sheard 1, Miss L. E. F. Jones (first quarter) 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, A. I. Johnson 4, J. M. Gow 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints'): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallet 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil Davies, a fellow member of the Guild.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: June Creak 1, Mrs. F. Low 2, Patricia Rogers (first in method) 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, C. Richards 6, C. Low 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jeannette Felton 1, Patricia Rogers 2, June Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, C. Richards 6, N. Felton (first 'inside') 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. White (first of Stedman) 1, R. Waters 2, Miss P. Laycock 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, L. North 5, C. Simpson 6, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 7, B. C. T. Burrough 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Cox 1, B. M. Barker 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): J. Bentley 1, H. Pickering 2, C. Fenwick 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stipetic (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 18th, 1,320 Minor (London, Cambridge): A. E. H. Clayton 1, A. Bagworth 2, P. Cattermole 3, D. C. Brookes (first of Surprise) 4, C. F. Mew 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. White 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, R. F. Stevens 4, Miss B. Sanger 5, M. J. Rowe 6, R. Abbott 7, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 8, P. Chapman 9. For Evensong.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter Smith 1, Jane Owen (first 'inside') 2, John R. Williams (cond.) 3, John C. Jones 4, John H. Jones (cond.) 5, Lyn Jones 6. For Choral Eucharist.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Roughtown, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Holt 1, H. Nield 2, B. Thorp 3, M. Rigby 4, G. Nield (cond.) 5, J. Brannan 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Leigh 1, A. R. Pearce (first 'inside') 2, A. Tubb 3, R. S. Algate (first as cond.) 4, M. J. Harris 5, D. C. Haslum 6. Rung by boys of Bristol Cathedral School Society to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parry.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. C. D. Mayes 1, J. R. Castledine 2, D. R. Saunderson 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, J. S. Dear 5, L. B. Scoot 6, P. Flack 7, E. G. Buck (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1 and 4.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter 3, R. Inglis (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. Stainsby 5, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter (cond.) 3, P. Wakefield 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stainsby 6, V. Jennison 7, N. F. Pailing 8. For Evensong, and to welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Stainsby.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Smith 3, N. D. Deam 4, Alec Gammon 5. For Evensong, and as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones and Miss Jane Bailey (21st).

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, E. J. Smith 2, C. C. Clarke 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, G. R. Collins 5, P. J. Heritage 6, C. Coles 7, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 8. For evening service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major (Ilkeston Variation): H. Goakes 1, J. Bird 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. Roffe 4, G. S. Bush 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. First of Kent and Oxford by all. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Paul) to Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, of Chester.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Dimmock 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite (first in method as cond.) 3, P. J. Crossthwaite 4, M. Smith 5, C. Crossthwaite 6, A. Gardner 7, F. Stead 8. First in the method for 4, 5 and 7. Rung prior to Evensong, for the visit of the Bishop of Blackburn.

PRITILEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Sadler 1, P. Sloman 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, G. Bacon 4, J. Belcham 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung for Blessing of Crib service. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, Miss J. Rowe 2, P. Sadler 3, A. House 4, P. Sloman 5, L. Beale 6, J. Belcham 7, G. Bacon 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, B. Sadler 10. Rung to mark 25 years as a ringer at this tower by P. Sadler.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, Alison M. Mann 4, B. J. Bull 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, M. J. Uphill 7, D.C. Brookes (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Candlemas. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Swatton 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, L. W. Allen 5, B. J. Bull 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, D. C. Brookes 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Ward 1, G. Bacon 2, A. House 3, G. Sandwell 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ward 1, Miss R. Carr (first 'inside') 2, F. May 3, M. Sinden 4, A. House 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Carr (first in method) 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, Miss V. Hester 8. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): L. Nice 1, L. Wright 2, H. E. Mitson 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the reopening of the Parish Church after extensive restorations and the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris), who preached for morning service.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Cox 1, Ann Chettle 2, J. M. Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, A. Gibbs 5, L. Priestley 6, G. Smith 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Ann Newbury and Bob Whitworth.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At Sacred Trinity Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marcia M. Nott 1, Nancy Robins 2, Mary Browne 3, Edna M. Poulter 4, Jean A. Allen 5, D. J. Baker 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. F. P. Bryant 1, Mary Browne (first of Surprise) 2, Margaret James 3, Beryl W. Baldwin 4, D. J. Baker (firs tof Surprise 'inside') 5, J. C. Baldwin 6, J. H. Soanes 7, D. W. James (cond.) 8. Both rung by the Manchester University Guild for Evensong.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Osborne (first quarter) 1, S. Cottle 2, D. Powney 3, H. Gummer 4, D. Bailey (first as cond.) 5, J. Abbott 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol L. Corton 1, N. R. May 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. R. May (first in two methods 'inside') 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6 For Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. G. Wood 1, A. R. Mildred 2, D W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Carol L. Norman 6. For H.C. on the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M., and the 70th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Whittome 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller (25th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, M. Smith 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Clayfield (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry (first 'inside') 2, K. P. Gilliver (first as cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Broadgate 4, A. L. Blackmore 5, R. A. Brown 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stripp 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. C. Laughton 5, I. Knox 6, J. W. V. Sinfield (cond.) 7, A. G. Stripp 8. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rt. Rev. John Trillo as Suffragan Bishop of Bedford.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Beency 1, Rosemary Earl (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Pope (first of Minor) 3, Jill Lenham 4, J. Barlow 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the B.V. Mary.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Turner 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, J. Nelson 5, G. Nightingale (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

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BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice for February 27th, March 6th and 13th, 7 to 8 p.m.—E. Buck. 1995

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Branch is Mr. Raymond H. Daw, 5, Princes Street, Peterborough, Northants. 1978

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STEPNEY, ST. DUNSTAN'S.—No practices on Wednesdays during Lent owing to special services. Sunday mornings, 9 o'clock, as usual. 1975

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby and Ilkeston District) and THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, Ilkeston (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—M. R. Blore, Derby Dis. Sec., 67, Park Grove, Derby.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells: St. Nicholas' and Cathedral, 2.30 p.m.; All Saints', 6.30. Service, St. Peter's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Church House. Names for tea.—T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Feb. 23rd, St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Surfleet. Regret talk cancelled. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 185, Tippendale Lane, St. Albans, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 1948

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and social evening. Ringing, Penn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. — Mrs. Bullock, E. T. Blagrove, Miss Hague. 1913

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester District Branch.—Practice at Piddington (5) on Saturday, February 23rd, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 1988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Salutation Hotel. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1946

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, to I. L. Andrews, 9, Court Close, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset. 1940

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, South Benfleet (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea.—P. Sloman, Hon. Sec. 1933

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting, Worlingworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 1968

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate.—F. Beeney, Sec. 1945

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Long Sutton (6). Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the previous Tuesday.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1976

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd (St. Chad's Day), at Holt (by Farndon). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, by Thursday, February 28th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 2012

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Lillington-in-Leamington Spa, Saturday, March 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. **Important meeting** prior to A.G.M. and Cathedral Rally. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 1993

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Clyst St. George, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Wills, Restholm, Clyst St. George, near Exeter.—R. T. Perry, Sec. 1998

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT. — Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to me, **please.** A good attendance is desired as important matters will be discussed.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1935

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Gosforth, All Saints', March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne 3. 2008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Great Yeldham. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members, please note: District striking competition takes place in the afternoon. **All entering teams should meet at 1.50 p.m.** Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. 1892

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 2nd. 8 a.m. Corporate Communion, St. James'. 3 p.m. Emmanuel, Clifton (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please attend. —A. Bennett. 2013

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by February 26th to Mr. C. Underwood, 1, Cedar Road, Northway, near Tewkesbury. 1985

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 4 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd. Service 6.15 p.m. Supper 7 p.m., by reservation only. Names by Feb. 27th to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1963

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Ledbury, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1987

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, by previous Wednesday. 2003

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, March 2nd. Please note **business meeting** will be held, thus making this a quarterly meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday at the very latest to Mr. C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, Rochester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (own food). Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 1984

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting and open day on the newly rehung eight at Standish (near Wigan) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1923

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Wigston Magna. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names not later than February 27th, please, to Miss J. Watkins, 46, Holmden Avenue, Wigston Magna. Methods: Yorkshire and St. Clement's.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 1931

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Prenton Hotel, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 2nd. Visitors welcome. Ringing in afternoon. Tickets (price 16s. 6d.) from C. K. Cooper, 10, Westmoreland Road, New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire. 2011

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, Kingsley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 1981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Maids Moreton. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pightle, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Great Haseley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by February 27th to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Marston Trussell on Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1990

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, March 2nd, Seend. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1825

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, York, Saturday, March 2nd. Minster bells (12) 3-3.55 p.m. Institute of Advanced Architectural Study bells (6) 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2005

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1997

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, Attenborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Look up Double Norwich.—S. 2961 swnpV

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual meeting, Ipswich, March 2nd. St. Clement's 2.45. p.m. St. Margaret's 4 to 5.10. Tea, opposite Manor House, 5.15. St. Mary-le-Tower 7 to 8.15 p.m. For tea **please** notify by February 28th Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2007

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1952

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, at Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Old Cottage Tea Rooms, West Street, followed by meeting. **Names, please,** to Secretary, L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hants. 1979

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kempsey (6), March 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Eastern Lodge, Old Road, Kempsey. Names for tea by February 26th to D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Glos. 1999

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 7th to Mr. L. Barlow, **please,** at 'Lilac House,' Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting, Fryerning, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ingatestone in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1966

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbledon Cottage School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

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50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', Feb. 21, 1913.

The following, which appeared in the Barking 'Parish Magazine,' summarises, about as aptly as anything which we have seen, the art to which we are all so much devoted:—

Wanted.—Half a dozen young Churchmen to take up a useful branch of Church work—namely, the science and art of campanology. Vacancies have occurred in the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers. Qualifications necessary: Earnestness, enthusiasm, and energy. Preference will be given to those who are prepared to take up ringing seriously, and to give the greater part of their (spare) time to a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more pleasurable than the 'pictures.' Remuneration: More kicks than ha'pence.

PEAL RINGING AROUND ASHFORD, KENT

The third annual Christmas peal week in the Ashford district, organised once again by the District secretary, Crawford Hillis, with a more peripatetic programme than usual, got off to a good start on Boxing Day when the first of five successful peals was brought round without serious mishap.

Since enough unappropriated ringers could not be found to ring a peal of Major at Benenden, the little church of Stowting, nestling away in an unpopulated spot under the South Downs, was chosen for the first peal, and we were most pleased that Gay Williams, for whom the original peal was arranged, managed to brave the treacherous roads from Benenden to help make up the band. A peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor was rung at a leisurely pace on the little ring of six, it being the first peal in the method by all the band, and the first peal for Peter Richardson, who rang like a veteran.

On the following day, everything got off to a very late start. The heavy drifting that had taken place around the district seemed to have concentrated its efforts upon Crawford Hillis' drive, since it took about an hour to dig his car out. Richard Hough, who had given up waiting to be picked up from Folkestone Station, was dragged, protesting, away from a warm fire. The peal of Double Oxford at Great Mongeham consequently started about an hour-and-a-half late, but eventually came round after a liberal number of 6-5's at backstroke. Marion Phillips had the satisfaction of ringing her first peal very creditably, and we were most grateful to her and her parents for a most welcome meal afterwards.

On day three, the writer found himself in the uncompromising position of having to ring a peal at Little Chart and attend a cocktail party simultaneously. Since the latter deemed precedence on the occasion another ringer had to be found. A telegram sent to John Baldwin requesting him to bring another ringer was suitably 'coded' by the G.P.O. (as has already been reported in the 'R.W.'), but arrived too late to be of any assistance in the situation. However, Peggy Skinner kindly stood in at the eleventh hour, but a peal of Cambridge Minor wound up after two extents.

Nevertheless, this failure was fully redeemed by two good peals when Ian Oram joined us on the following day. The heavy six at Wittersham went fairly well in the morning to a peal of Kent Minor, with the local captain, Mr. Kenneth Hamilton, ringing his first peal 'inside.' During this peal a bird flew into the ringing chamber and took a peculiar attraction to the ringer of the fourth, pecking at the floor around his feet. After the peal we were most hospitably entertained to biscuits, beer and coffee by Sir Victor and Lady Mallett, of Wittersham (both members of the K.C.A.), and photographs were taken in the snow-covered grounds of their beautiful house. During the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung in the cold belfry at Appledore, breaking the jinx that has dogged success here on two occasions.

Two peals were planned for the last day of the year, but only one materialised. This took place at Willesborough, where Peter Richardson, who had excelled himself earlier in the week, repeated his performance by ringing his first peal in three methods 'inside.' The peal was believed to be the quickest of Minor on the bells, and our consultant fourth bell ringer found his bell a considerably easier proposition than that at Wittersham. The other peal was planned as a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise at the District's Mother Church at Ashford for the passing of the old year, but the weather had further deteriorated, and although the Ashford and Canterbury contingents managed to get through the London contingent was delayed by the Arctic conditions. By the time the latter arrived the Canterbury contingent had decided to get back while the roads were passable, so Crawford Hillis and Margaret Jones kindly stood in and, time being limited, a good quarter peal of Bob Major was rung.

Thus ended another memorable peal week; the score card of played 7, won 5, lost 1, postponed 1, compared well with previous years.

N. J. D.

QUARTER PEALS

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Half-muffled tribute to Rev. C. A. Millen, Rector, whose funeral took place the same day.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Binsted (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock 2, Kathleen Fuller 3, T. Barlow 4, D. R. Fuller (first as cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. A. Yeates 1, J. V. Clark (first in five methods) 2, L. Smith 3, C. D. Emery (first in five methods) 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris (first away from tenor) 1, J. S. B. Powell 2, B. Williams (first of Triples) 3, Mrs. D. Gay 4, S. Lewis (first of Triples) 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, D. Gay 7, D. Ruddall (first of Triples) 8. Rung to the memory of J. White, who was a ringer at Weston for about 20 years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, Little Bob Major: Caroline Carpenter 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, G. Reynolds 6, A. Bagwroth 7, K. Newman (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At Winchester College, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Daws 1, C. M. Tuckett 2, N. R. Tumber 3, J. D. Gunner 4, J. E. Spice (cond.) 5, D. Humphrey 6. Rung in commemoration of Sir George Gater and Hugh Gaitskell, Old Wykehamists.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury): T. E. Trickett 1, H. G. Smith 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, H. Sutton 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. A. Packer 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): V. Roberts 1, A. Usher 2, P. Wright 3, E. Skipsey (cond.) 4, G. Salmon 5, E. Combes 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Collier (first of Major) 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, R. Tickner (first of Major) 6, C. Slyfield 7, K. Newman (cond.) 8.

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SAMUEL J. HECTOR

ON September 14th, 1962, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild celebrated its 80th anniversary, and was able to survey a long and honourable period of expanding activity and increasing influence. In his foreword to the report of 1960–61 the president pays tribute to all who have contributed to the growth of the Guild from the small beginnings of the '80's to the present network of Branches covering this large diocese. 'There were "giants" in those days,' writes Canon Cox, 'such men as J. R. Jerram, W. W. Gifford, T. Blackbourne, G. T. White, W. S. Wise, T. Hervey Beams and the Rev. H. Drake . . .'; and we shall readily add the name of the president to this list. But, as the Book of Ecclesiasticus reminds us, there are others whose names come not so prominently on the roll of fame but whose work has not been forgotten and whose names live for evermore. Among these stands that stout son of the West Country, Sam Hector.

The ancient town of Trowbridge 'lies pleasantly,' writes the Rev. P. J. Goodrich, 'in its setting of woodland and down,' and from its centre rises the noble spire of St. James' Church, marked with the Fleur-de-Lys that couples it with John of Gaunt and the royal line of Lancaster. Notable in literature is the town through its distinguished poet and priest George Crabbe, famous as the home of Isaac Pitman (witness the shorthand on the peal board in the belfry), and no less notable to ringers as the scene of the activities of Samuel J. Hector.

In the early part of the century Hector came from North Curry, Somerset, where he had learned to ring, and became an under-gardener in the service of Mr. Francis Hobson, a man of wealth and influence, whose name, as churchwarden, is found on the present fifth bell. The property passed to Brigadier Palmer, a well-to-do cloth manufacturer, and Sam managed to interest him in bells and ringing, with the result that the General presented a new ring of eight bells to Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. This was Hector's second enterprise, for while at Hilperton he had already been largely instrumental in the augmentation of St. Michael's bells from four to six.

On the death of General Palmer, Sam became licensee of the White Swan Inn, Church Street, and this was, as may be imagined, the meeting place of ringers. A ringing publican has always been popular, and Sam, following the tradition of Cooper and Elijah Roberts of ancient days, of Alf Grimes and others of modern times, provided a rendezvous where much ringing business was transacted and much good hospitality enjoyed. At the Trowbridge tower our host of the Swan speedily came to the fore, and it was not long before his particular genius for the promoting of repair and restoration work was again in evidence. In 1912 the eight bells were rehung in a new steel frame; in 1923 he organised a scheme which resulted in the rehanging of the bells and their increase to ten; and, crowning achievement, in 1934 he arranged a public meeting, stirred the enthusiasm of people and tradesmen, and succeeded in bringing about a recasting and rehanging, and an augmentation to 12, thus giving to the diocese its first and only ring of this size. It is a notable and significant fact that the second bell was presented by the Salvation Army.

It has been said that Sam was not a great ringer, and it is true that he does not figure among the gigantic ringing feats of his day. Nevertheless, those of us who have had the pleasure of ringing peals with him know that in Grandsire Doubles or Stedman Cinques he had a grasp of his art and technical ability enough to suit any tower and any company. His true genius, however, was constructive, and his personality persistent and persuasive. The recollections of his influence on Mr. Hobson and General Palmer, of his driving enthusiasm in the town of Trowbridge, and of the superb self-confidence that led him to organise a public meeting must arouse wonder and admiration.

But to his intimate friends there remains (a rich and treasured thought at this time) the memory of his genial personality and kindness to young ringers. Roger Fry, who knew and loved him, wrote: 'Sam set a fine example, an example which the older ringers may respectfully admire and one which the younger ones would do well to emulate.' And Canon Cox may have the last word: 'Any pride we may feel, therefore, in the progress and achievements of the present day must redound to their honoured memory. "Other men laboured and we have entered into their labours".'

E. C. S.

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Up And Coming Youngsters — No. 5



Miss RITA M. JOWETT,
Yorkshire Association.

In number two of this series Miss B. Gillian Schofield made reference to her closest ringing friend, Rita Jowett. It is not surprising, therefore, to see the latter's name appearing in these columns.

Rita was born in Bradford on August 20th, 1944. She was educated at Dudley Hill Junior School and Bolling Grammar School. From school she entered the civil service and is at present in the telephone accounts section.

A pupil of Mr. Harold Schofield, Rita learned to ring at Bradford Cathedral, starting at the age of 14. Taking advantage of the many opportunities offered her by the Cathedral band, she made rapid progress and soon became one of its members, ringing London Royal and Spliced Surprise Major for Sunday service ringing. This is surely a standard of ringing to be proud of, and an example which could well be followed by so many youngsters at so many towers today.

Rita scored her first peal on July 12th, 1959, which she rang the treble to Plain Bob Major at Todmorden Parish Church, conducted by Peter Schofield. She states that the peal took 3 hours and 23 seconds to complete, and her reward was 20 beautiful blisters, which she was very proud of in spite of the fact that they were very sore for many days.

In a very short time this brilliant young ringer has already taken part in some 68 peals. An excellent and most interesting collection, which includes Cambridge Surprise on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, Yorkshire, Rochester and London Surprise Royal, Spliced Royal in four and seven methods, Plain and Little Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire, Bristol, Lincolnshire, London and Dorchester Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in two, four, six, seven and eight methods, Plain and Oxford Bob Major, Plain and Little Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cross Stone Imperial Court and Minor in four spliced plain methods.

It should not be long before Rita scores her first peal as conductor, thus enabling her to fulfil her ambition in ringing.

On one occasion when Rita and Gillian were travelling some distance for a peal the sandwiches which they had prepared for their lunch mysteriously disappeared. After a quick and frantic search they were given up as lost. Luckily for them they did not lose the peal.

NORVING.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' February 28th, 1913.—

The following paragraph, which appeared in 'The Norfolk Chronicle,' of January 30th, 1813, will be interesting, as it records some ringing at Norwich a century ago by that old master, Mr. Samuel Thurston:—

'On Sunday morning last, that musical peal of six bells belonging to St. John's, Maddermarket, rang a Funeral Peal of Seven Hundred and Twenty, called the Revolution Peal (as a mark of respect at the interment of Mr. Dunn, many years a Clerk to that parish), in a very masterly style, under the direction of Samuel Thurston, by ringers which justly may be termed Odds and Ends, as none of the St. Peter's ringers had any hand in it, and it may be fairly presumed from the steady perseverance of Mr. Thurston in this art, and his already acute knowledge, he is likely to become one of the first ringers this or any country ever produced.'

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells at 'The Wayside,' 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Sunday, March 3rd. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. The composition, probably by Rev. H. Law James, is appended.

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45362	—	—	
35264	—	3	3
56342	2	2	3
64523	2	2	3
42635	2	2	3
23456	2	2	3

—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.
p.p. Peter J. Staniforth.

WARMLEY RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place at Warmley Parish Church, Glos, on February 16th, of Miss Rita Webb, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Webb, of Church Avenue, Warmley, and Mr. William Lampard, who came to England from Adelaide, Australia, two years ago. The bride and bridegroom both ring at Warmley.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. Pearce, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress of heavy brocade. She was attended by four bridesmaids, all of whom are ringers. They were the Misses Elizabeth Webb (her sister), Jean Palmer, Gloria Newton and Sandra Lewis (friends), and were dressed in royal blue satin, with white fur headdresses and muffs. Mr. Alan Lee was best man.

There was a large number of ringers present and it was possible to have the bells rung both before and after the service, while another team formed an archway holding handbells.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, and among the greetings telegrams were some from Australia, including one from the St. Peter's Society of Bellringers, Adelaide. A quarter peal, conducted by the best man (Mr A. F. Lee), was successfully rung.

THE HASTINGS STAY

Dear Sir,—I fail to see why Mr. Halls should call the Hastings stay a monstrosity. I consider it to have all the advantages of the two-way stretch. Surely he does not want to return to the ones found on the village pump in the 18th century.—Yours, etc.,

A. FLAT.

TOWER CAPTAIN MARRIED



The marriage took place on February 9th between Mr. Robert John Purnell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Purnell, of Bradford-on-Avon, and Miss Christine Lansley, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lansley, of Stratton St. Margaret.

They have both been keen ringers for six years, the bridegroom being tower captain of Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and the bride former secretary and treasurer of Stratton ringers.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, Rev. R. Bryant, with Mr. T. Chamberlain at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length white brocade dress, with a small train and a short bouffant veil held in place by a coronet of pearls. She carried a shower of red roses and trailing fern. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pauline Lansley (bride's sister, chief), Carol Reid (bride's cousin) and Carol Hulbert (bridegroom's cousin). The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Philip Gaisford (bridegroom's cousin).

The couple left the church to the sound of St. Margaret's bells and walked through an archway of handbells.

IN MEMORIAM PEAL TO MR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR

On February 16th a band, representing London, Reading, Swindon, Taunton, Evercreech, Radstock, Warminster, North Bradley and Trowbridge assembled in the belfry of St. James' Parish Church, Trowbridge, to attempt a peal to the memory of Samuel J. Hector. Before starting the peal the Rector, the Rev. George Brett, M.A., conducted a short service in the tower, during which a peal board, recently erected to record a peal of Stedman Cinques rung in 1947, was dedicated.

This was Sam's 50th peal in the tower and his 250th in all, but, alas, it proved to be his last, as shortly afterwards he left Trowbridge for a while and after his return he was taken ill and, acting on his doctor's advice, did not ring another peal.

Sam died on February 14th, 1952, and it has since been the custom to attempt an 'In Memoriam' peal on the Saturday nearest that date.

The peal rung on February 16th, 1963, is recorded in our peal columns.

5,120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,120 Superlative Surprise Major, given on page 120 of the issue of February 15th, is an inferior transposition of a composition of A. Knights (No. 120). The original arrangement had the advantage of having the 6th the extent home and the 2nd the minimum number of courses in 5th for this type of composition.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

ALBERT WALKER REMEMBERED AT HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

A PLEASING ceremony took place at the 75th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on February 16th, when Mr. Fred Walker, son of the late Mr. Albert Walker, presented a framed photograph of his father, with a request that it should be hung in the belfry of St. Martin's Church. The gift was received by the Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) with great thanks.

Only the previous Thursday a peal of Solihull Surprise Royal was rung at Birmingham Cathedral as an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Walker.

Probably on account of the weather, the number of guests present was not as many as usual. The Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, was this year's president, and with him was Mrs. Warman and also Bishop Sinker, Provost of Birmingham, and Mrs. Sinker.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, Mr. Frank E. Haynes proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' His statement that he held a record for the number of times any one person had proposed that toast was promptly challenged by Mr. Frank W. Perrens. Unperturbed, Mr. Haynes boldly asserted that they were all members of the Church and State—the State being their political entity and the Church their religious entity.

Appropriately, the speaker brought in the individual's indebtedness to both by a quotation from Ibsen: 'A community is like a ship; every one of us should be prepared to take the helm.' That preparedness, emphasised Mr. Haynes, meant that whether it was in ringing or any other activities, they should all be willing to undertake their part.

NO ANTI-BELLS CLERGY

The happy way Bishop Sinker had fitted in with St. Martin's Guild was mentioned by the speaker, who said relationship between ringers and clergy was an important factor in their lives, and in Birmingham they had been particularly fortunate in their chairman and also the Provost. 'We have never had any clergy who are anti-bells, and for that we should be very grateful.'

The Provost in his reply said if there was to be a vote on the question of establishment, he would be one of those who would vote against establishment. He longed to see the disestablishment of the Church; when that took place they would go forward more quickly than in any other time.

'I think,' he said, 'the Church can be of tremendous benefit to the State — and that is what the Church is here for—but I dislike many of the occasions and many of the ways in which the State forces itself on the Church. One of the things I dislike is the State appointment of the bishops.'

Throughout his life, the Bishop said, he longed for a church with a ring of bells, and that was not fulfilled until he retired from his appointment in India and came to Bakewell, Derbyshire. It was a great pleasure to him to meet that evening Mr. Paul Taylor, because he took the whole of his ringers to Loughborough to see their bells attended to. At Birmingham Cathedral there was a magnificent ring of bells, and he often went into the ringing chamber and watched the ringers at work.

Mr. G. E. Fearn, the hon. secretary, had a long list of apologies. These included the Bishop of Birmingham; the Rector, who was in America; Mr. Paddon Smith, this being the first occasion since 1901, except on two occasions when he was in India on business, that he had missed; Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who in sending his best wishes for a successful evening said the dinner would be one of the very few he had missed in 50 years; and Mr. Jack Millhouse.

'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by the chairman, who said in many past years that toast had been proposed by a practical bellringer who could really appreciate the great part Henry Johnson did play in the history of the Society.

He knew that Henry Jothnson learned and practised his ringing at Aston and was very prominent among the ringers of Birmingham and neighbourhood. His tombstone was in Aston Churchyard and was erected by the bellringers of England. He was not only a great ringer and composer; they were told he was a man of great integrity, a man of great kindness and was held by many people in affection and esteem. For many years it was possible for people to stand up at that dinner who had seen Henry Johnson in the flesh. That was not now possible. At any rate they held that dinner to his memory. The toast was drunk in silence.

The toast of 'Continued 'prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Mr. Anthony Ager. His mind went back ten years ago when he came to Birmingham University and within a fortnight he had been asked to ring in a peal of Cambridge. Birmingham ringers really made one welcome—in a social as well as a ringing sense. The prosperity of the St. Martin's Guild was partly due to them all pulling together.

The response was by the Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram), who said one of the main things for continued prosperity was the younger ringer, and they in Birmingham were very fortunate with their young ringers, many of whom did church work other than bellringing. A number of young people came year by year to Birmingham University and attached themselves to their Guild. Their influence was not only felt in their towers but some of the things they had learned from St. Martin's Guild went back with them to their own towers.

The Guild were fortunate in their secretaries—they had had five in 100 years and the two predecessors of Mr. Fearn served for 20 years, and he would soon have reached 20 years in office. While it was a good thing to change certain officers it was not a good thing to change their secretary, and he hoped that Mr. Fearn would continue in office for many years to come.

During the afternoon's ringing he was sitting down watching the ringing at the Cathedral of a touch of London Royal. 'I was fascinated by a young lady and the masterful fashion she rang, and I have never seen a bell better handled. Next to her was another fine ringer, Mr. Jack Pinfold. The young lady he referred to was Miss Gillian Schofield, who was recently elected a life member of the Guild. With such ringers the St. Martin's Guild had no fear for the future.

Mr. John McDonald proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and asked that every Guild or Association should appoint one member to push sales. He regarded it as most unsatisfactory that only about one in eight of the Sunday service ringers in the country took the journal. It was the duty of the Guilds to undertake this work because, in his opinion, 'The Ringing World' made the biggest contribution towards the wellbeing of the Exercise.

A MODEST PROFIT

The Editor in his reply welcomed the suggestion of Mr. McDonald. To those who would push sales he was only too willing to send specimen copies. At one time there was a young lady who would always take with her a number of copies when she went to a Saturday afternoon meeting, and was very successful in her sales. If notice was given in advance, copies of the current issue would be sent for sale purposes.

Mr White mentioned that the past year had concluded with a modest profit. Whether that was adequate to see them through 1963 remained to be seen, as the cost of labour had increased by 7 per cent. It was essential for 'The Ringing World' to maintain its revenue fully during 1963—under all headings—and to increase it. He appreciated very much the support given in the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column and those who ordered extra copies for people who rang their first peal or quarter peal.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was drunk on the call of the Master, who referred to the front page article on their chairman in 'The Ringing World,' which had been written by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. With the toast they would also like to associate Mrs. Warman. She and her husband were also very welcome.

Canon Warman, in thanking the company, said what Mr. Edgar Shepherd had written about him was largely untrue. He thought that in ringing there was a certain amount of 'gamesmanship'—that was the art of winning without cheating. He was very proud of Aston bells and they had a very good band of 12. He had noticed at times when he had been in the ringing chambers and the bells had gone less smoothly than usual so that 'Stand' had to be called, Morris J. Morris would say so-and-so ought to have done so-and-so. He afterwards learnt that that was part of Mr. Morris' gamesmanship. [Laughter.]

Concluding, the Canon said: 'I must again disclaim many of the things Mr. Shepherd wrote about me, but I do thank you for the honour you paid me by inviting me to be your chairman.

There was handbell ringing during the evening. A touch of Stedman Caters was brought round at the second attempt by R. C. Ingram 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, P. Border 7-8, J. McDonald 9-10. Later came Grandsire Caters by F. E. Haynes 1-2, R. Pipe 3-4, J. McDonald 5-6, P. Border 7-8, J. Anderson 9-10.

THE COMPANY

With the chairman and Mrs. Warman on the top table were the Bishop and Mrs. Sinker, Mr. R. C. Ingram (Master), Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Fearn, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. J. Pinfold, F. E. Haynes, F. W. Walker, R. S. Anderson and T. W. White.

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The Misses N. Price, R. Fearn, Reay, Crawley, J. Cotterell, L. Hughes, D. J. Perrins, E. M. Yardley, G. Schofield and R. Simons.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The February meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Clifton on February 9th. Over 30 ringers attended, which helped to make it a successful meeting. Mr. G. Mayers acted as Ringing Master. The Rector, Rev. E. Hall, conducted Evensong, with one of the ringers, Mr. T. Harris, at the organ.

Tea was in the Church Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. L. Bywaters in the chair. Four new members were elected—Mr. C. Goodwin as an ordinary member, and Mr. A. Mayers and Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris as non-resident life members. Next meeting: Arlesey, March 9th. S. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR W. HOODLESS

With the passing of Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, at the age of 79, Barton-on-Humber lost a life-long churchman. He was for many years a member of the Parochial Church Council and was at one time churchwarden, but he will best be remembered for his connection with ringing in this parish for 60 years.

For over 50 years he was captain of the band which rang on the eight bells at St. Peter's, and also on the four at St. Mary's. It was a great joy to him when these were augmented to eight in 1947, and the first peal on the bells in 1961 was conducted by Arthur, who rang the tenor, at the age of 77—a remarkable achievement.

During these 50 years he taught many learners, and the writer is sure he would have been very proud of the way one of his latest young recruits rang the treble in a peal to his memory.

In all the difficulties which come to bands over such a long period Arthur always remained very loyal to his church, and was most regular in his attendance for service ringing.

He did not keep a record of his peals, but it would appear from information available that he rang approximately 118, five of these on handbells, and conducted 19.

After the funeral service, held at St. Mary's Church, the beautiful eight were rung half-muffled by the local band as the cortege left the church, and later visiting ringers joined in the ringing, a tribute to one who had served his church so faithfully throughout his long life. J. B.

MR. R. C. THRIFT

Mr. Reginald Charles Thrift, of Chelmsford, whose death occurred suddenly at his home on January 20th, a few days before his 66th birthday, started his ringing career at Boreham and was elected a member of the Essex Association in July, 1914.

He served in H.M. Army during the 1914-18 War, and on his return to civil life was employed by the late Frederick J. French, a builder, of Chelmsford, and was largely responsible for interesting his employer in the art of bellringing, with the result that in 1947 Mr. French presented the 13th bell in the Cathedral ring as a memorial to his own father.

After his marriage, Mr. Thrift moved to Chelmsford and was, for over 30 years, a member of the Cathedral band. In his earlier days he took part in a number of peals and was well known as a good striker and reliable ringer. Always regular in his attendance for service ringing, Reg will be sorely missed at the Cathedral. He was a member of the Essex Association Committee and a regular attendant at Association meetings.

On January 21st a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at the Cathedral.

The funeral service in the Cathedral on January 24th was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Bradbury, the Precentor, and a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Caters was rung as the cortege left the church.

Among those present were Messrs. E. W. Roast and P. Saltmarsh, the Master and secretary respectively, of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association, and Messrs. L. Ainger, G. Andrews, L. J. Clark, J. Crawley, Miss A. Edwards, Messrs. J. Edwards, A. Everett, P. J. Eves, R. Harrison, I. Panton, D. A. S. Symonds, H. W. Shadrack and H. Warne.

MR. W. G. NEWBERRY

It came as a shock to his many friends to hear of the death of Mr. W. G. Newberry, which occurred after a short illness at Leatherhead Hospital on February 4th. He was 58. The funeral service, held at Ashtead Parish Church on February 9th, was attended by many friends. Cremation followed at Leatherhead.

'Bill' was a native of Dulverton, Somerset, and here as a lad he learnt to ring, under his father's tuition. In 1927 he went to Surrey and settled at Leatherhead, where he worked as a joiner. He was finally assistant manager of the Ashtead and Leatherhead joinery works.

While not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung some in various methods. A peal he always seemed proud of was that of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leatherhead, rung by the local band in 1939.

As a tribute to his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on February 17th, by the following: W. J. Williams 1, G. Marriner 2, Mrs. P. Smith 3, G. P. T. Peters 4, F. G. Oakshott 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. This was also a tribute to G. A. Cook, who passed away the same week at Ashtead, where he was a ringer for many years.

MR. GEORGE COOK

AN APPRECIATION

Apart from one occasion, four or five years ago, when his wife and doctor weren't looking, Mr. George Cook, of Ashtead, Surrey, who died on February 9th, hadn't touched a bell for 12 years.

During this long period of illness he fought off stroke after stoke with incredible courage and calmness. His once active life, of playing cricket for the village, peal ringing in plenty and strenuous gardening jobs was rapidly reduced to long, helpless hours in bed. In the early stages of his confinement, he produced some exquisite embroideries and tapestries, and would potter steadily in the garden. In the last few months it was all he could do to get out of bed and walk round the room.

George maintained a keen interest in both cricket and ringing right up to the end. He rang in well over a hundred peals, mostly of Major and Triples. He rang many new Surprise methods, like Ashtead, Ipswich and Cornwall, but could remember few of them. He would often 'run a course of London through his head to stop himself going potty,' he would say with a twinkle in his eye. He could not understand why people wanted to splice methods together or ring peals at great speed, but he appreciated good striking and didn't despair the standard methods.

He went on several ringing outings, but by some curious chance never rang at a six-bell tower. A proud recollection that would quickly bring on a chuckle was the time he rang with Rev. F. E. Robinson. George must have been about eleven and just learning to handle a bell when the Old Man came to ring a peal at Ashtead. One of the locals persuaded the visitor to give the lad a few rounds, but after a few minutes of this the reverend gentleman put a stop to it with 'That's enough of this nonsense—let's get on with the serious business of the day.'

In one sense his passing will be a relief to him and those who love him, as it was a sorry thing to see him becoming ever more restricted and helpless. George was the most perfect gentleman one could wish to know, a wonderful example of humility and loyalty. He possessed more than his share of every virtue and the village he loved so much will miss him greatly.

A great tribute must be paid to his wife, who nursed him with relentless courage and cheerfulness. Together they enjoyed a wonderfully happy life, in spite of all the sacrifices that these last long years have demanded. Our heartfelt thanks and sympathy go to Mrs. Cook. D. G. A.

MR. F. W. HYDE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Fred Hyde, a much respected member of the Powick, Worcs, band of ringers, after a very brief illness. He passed away in hospital on February 11th, aged 58 years, and was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester, the following Friday.

Fred lived in St. John's, Worcester, and assisted with the Sunday evening service ringing. He spent most of his life in the service of the Worcestershire County Council, as an official in the motor tax department, from which he would have retired in two years time.

In response to an announcement in the Powick Church magazine for ringing recruits in 1944, Fred offered his services. Full of enthusiasm, he became most consistent and reliable, which was characteristic of him. Ringing the 23 cwt. tenor was his great joy, and while he had not rung many peals he was always happy to cover when required. Ringing the tenor to the first peal on the bells by a local band in 1947 gave Fred his greatest thrill. He had a great sense of duty, and was resolved to maintain Sunday service ringing. Ringers' outings were great occasions for him and he much enjoyed visiting country parish churches.

Fred was secretary of the Western Branch, Worcestershire Association, and the esteem in which he was held was marked by the many ringers who attended the funeral service at Powick Church, and who took part in the muffled ringing to his memory.

The sympathy of his fellow ringers is extended to his wife in her sad bereavement. G. J. L.

DEDICATION

THAMES DITTON, SURREY

The restored ring of six bells at St. Nicholas' Church, Thames Ditton, were rededicated by the Bishop of Guildford (the Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp) on Wednesday, January 30th. The dedication was followed by the singing of 'The Bell Anthem.' Assisting in the service was the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop). The congregation included many ringers.

The six bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, at an approximate cost of £900. The bells were originally cast in 1753 by Thomas Swain, of Shoe Lane, Holborn. Previously there had been four bells in the tower, of which the first mention was in 1552. The inscriptions are:

Treble.—Tho. Swain, 1753. E. Hopkins, I. Monday, churchwardens.

Two.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. I. Monger, vestry clerk.

Three.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. Charles Gardner, Wm. Radford.

Four.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. John Dean.

Five.—Tho. Swain made me. Feset 1754. Mr. Simmonds, Mr. Hewett.

Tenor (8 cwt. 2 lb.).—Thomas Swain made us all, 1753. E. Hopkins, I. Monday, churchwardens. Recast 1962, Taylor, Loughboro'. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar. John Huxster, Harry Swales, churchwardens. Frank Hawthorne, captain of the bellringers.

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Letters to the Editor

Five Bell Towers and Meetings

Dear Sir,—I was enjoying reading the article by Mr. R. H. Dove, on page 109, about the heavy ring of five at Meanwood, when I was suddenly confronted with the statement, 'It is not to be expected that a large territorial association should visit a five-bell tower while the local district society has, in my opinion, a stupid rule whereby it cannot hold meetings at any tower unless it has members there.'

And why should the large territorial association, presumably the Yorkshire Association, not hold meetings at a five-bell tower?

My full membership of the Yorkshire Association covers over a decade longer than Mr. Dove's, and never to my knowledge has the Yorkshire Association refused to go anywhere that it has been invited to. I have known it happen that the Yorkshire Association have asked permission to hold a meeting at a tower, but the local ringers have refused to entertain them, and gone ringing a peal at another tower on the same day.

Referring to the local society, presumably meaning the Leeds and District Society, having stupid rules, is it not the obvious thing for Mr. Dove to do to raise the question at the annual meeting (providing Mr. Dove is a member), and try to convince the members that they are running a fairly flourishing Society with rules that are stupid and against the progress and welfare of the Society?—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON

Darlington.

Northern Handbell Teams

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. Ogden's letter on page 108. He asks for further information of northern handbell tune ringing bands. At Ecclesfield Grammar School, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, there is a team of 10 ringers using an old set of bells which, I believe, once belonged to the Ecclesfield village team, whose bells (now in London) were sometimes used by the school team.

The school team was revived in January, 1959, after about a 5-year 'silence.' Since then this team has been quite active, and, although the present team has none of the members of 1959, the bells (about 60) are still used and rung. The school team has made several appearances in the local vicinity. Practices are held after 4 p.m. on Thursday nights, under the guidance of Mr. G. Mitchell (senior physics master and leader of the Ecclesfield village team). Anyone wishing to see this team in action would be advised to contact Mr. Mitchell at the school or the headmaster, Mr. A. H. Jennings.

The Wentworth Parish Church team (near Rotherham) also indulges in tune ringing, especially at Christmas time, when a tour of the village is made. Here is a set of 17 bells, although at present eight of these bells are on loan to St. John's College, York. The team has six ringers.—Yours sincerely,

M. KING.

York.

Cheapside Bob and Queen Victoria

Dear Sir,—The methods given by Mr. A. Bishop as Cheapside Bob and Queen Victoria may well have been rung under that name as there were many local names for many Minor methods.

The method quoted as Cheapside, however, appeared in Campanalogia (1702) as Tulip and has been rung under the name up to the present time. The early editions of Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' contained the method (if my memory serves me right; it is a long time since I saw an early edition).

The Tulip which appeared in the 1907 Collection was a misnomer. There was a Cheapside Bob in the above mentioned 'Campanalogia': x,36,x,14,x,56,x,16,x,34,x,6. l.e. 6. 15634.

It is the first time I have met the method Mr. Bishop names Queen Victoria.

There was a method of that name 'composed' by Wm. Woodcock, of Darfield, and rung both at that tower and Wath-on-Dearne a long time before it was published and named by the C.C. as 'Balmoral.' It also has the names Kettering and Hawthorne. I have no information regarding the other two methods mentioned.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

Design of Stays

Experience in the tower at Westham, Sussex, where the bells have Hastings stays and a deep set has shown a number of things which can be done to reduce stay breakage. In the past our stay casualty rate with beginners has been very high.

Inspection of broken stays revealed that the usual point of breakage was across the bolt hole, just inside the socket, this was remedied by leaving this bolt out and the stay undrilled at this point. The breakages were reduced considerably after this. It was then found that the nature of the break had changed; they now commenced at the edge of the socket and then split along the grain.

The remedy for this was accidentally discovered when our only spare piece of wood was of an undersized section, this fitted the socket in one dimension, so it was used as an emergency measure with a wood fillets ¼" thick at the back and front of the stay to make a snug fit in the socket. These fillets extend a short distance out of the socket and protect the stay from the sharp square edges of the socket.

Using this method makes it possible to use timber of parallel rectangular section, as advocated by the writer of the article on page 100.

The depth of set has also been reduced on the handstroke of the bells used for beginners. Stay breakages have now become a rare occurrence instead of a commonplace event.

Woods other than ash have been tried due to the difficulty of supplies of ash (a source of supply has been found 25 miles away), but these have proved to be a waste of money and effort; ash is far superior and cheaper in the end.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, which was held on February 11th, Mr. F. N. Golden was elected Ringing Master, in the place of Mr. A. G. Bason, who resigned the position, through health reasons. Mr. G. Sayer was elected as deputy.

The president, the Rev. F. Jarvis, paid tribute to the splendid work Mr. Bason had done both for the Guild and the church over the number of years that he had held that office. He also thanked Mr. R. Barber, for the work he had done while being responsible for the upkeep of the bells for the last 21 years. Mr. Barber now felt he must give up this work.

Miss M. A. Higdon was elected a member of the Guild, and Mr. C. Bird was re-elected secretary.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Syston District were hosts for the Guild quarterly meeting on February 9th at St. Mary's, Sileby. Four towers in the Soar Valley were open for ringing—the eights at Mountsorrel, Quorn and Sileby and the six at Barrow-on-Soar. Some good ringing was heard at all these towers, except Quorn, where even the general secretary had some difficulty in ringing the treble, although some were able to master its peculiar habits far better.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Hunting) conducted the service and gave an excellent address in St. Mary's, Sileby, and the local ringers served tea to the 80 members present.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to the following members who had passed away since the last meeting: Mr. F. Staniforth (Kibworth), Mr. T. Templeton (Melton Mowbray), Mr. W. Martin (Higham-on-the-Hill), and Mr. E. Vallance (Hinckley).

The following have been transferred to the list of honorary members: Mr. E. F. Payne (Syston), Mr. C. Brown (Sapcote), Canon P. Lister (Humberstone).

Nominations for 1963 general officers were received at the business meeting as follows: President, Mr. F. K. Measures; vice-presidents (two), Mr. B. S. Payne, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. J. H. Cook; honorary general secretary, Mr. B. G. Warwick; honorary treasurer, Mrs. B. G. Warwick; honorary peal secretary, Mr. J. A. Acres; trustees, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. C. Harrison.

The main alteration proposed to rules concerned peal fees. One proposal was to increase the peal booking fees to one shilling per person, while another proposal was to abolish peal booking fees altogether. Voting on these proposals will take place at the annual meeting in Leicester on April 20th.

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A B.B.C. MORNING STORY

THE OUTING

By GEORGE EWART EVANS

THE Middleford annual bellringers' outing had suffered a drop in temperature. Something was missing this year. The coach was full of ringers and their wives; and though they were as cheerful as usual, expecting an enjoyable tour of the churches, there was a brittleness about the gaiety—as if it wouldn't take much to shatter it altogether. This was plain as old John Marjoram entered the coach, his red shining face more severe than usual. He took his seat at the back and said with vigour: 'He should never ha' said it!'

There was a pause in the talk and laughter: one or two of the ringers glanced round; and for a moment it looked as if the old man's theme would be taken up. But heads turned to the front again almost immediately; and for the time, at least, John Marjoram's glimpse of what was under the surface was forgotten. Just before the coach started, Philip Linstead, the Ringing Master, got up with a paper in his hand. He was a rather small man, thin-faced and earnest:

'You all know the route. Pretty much the same as usual.' Then he recited a list of churches: 'We'll ring at Sandacre St. Peter's, Furzewood St. George's, Fressinghall St. Michael's, Gislingfield, Northall and Melham St Andrew's; stop for a snack at Fressinghall and finish up as usual at Norton St. Jude's, where we'll meet some old friends and have a meal.' The ringers called out their approval, but John Marjoram said darkly: 'And right glad I am to hear we still got a few friends!'

The coach started, and the talk soon took the usual rhythm, a quiet commentary on the state of the crops in the next parish, the county show, the bells they'd rung on previous outings. Then suddenly above the quiet time-passing came Mrs. Thurlow's loud, decisive 'Oh, I could have gone after him and knocked his hat off!' Again there was a silence, and Philip Linstead said firmly in a quiet voice: 'Best to forget about it,' as if to close up the little trickle quickly and stop it developing into a flood. But old John Marjoram, now that he had an ally in his friend's, Josh Thurlow's wife, went straight in to widen the breach: 'But some of us can't forget it, Philip. He had no call to say it, especially at a time like that.'

There were one or two noises which clearly meant approval of what old Marjoram had said; but the ringers as a whole were not ready, it appeared, to discuss it. The business in hand was more important; and there was hardly any further talk until they reached their first church and rang their first bells. Then, having loosened their muscles and got into the rhythm of all the past ringing outings, the talk became more free. But it was then that Philip Linstead startled them all. As soon as they'd got back into the coach after coming out of the church, Josh Thurlow called out in his gruff voice: 'I feel kinda better after that—Gorseby Lion next stop!'

There was a laugh and a shout of agreement: but the Ringing Master stood up again at the front of the bus and faced the rest of the party. 'I think we should go careful today, boys,' he said, 'after what happened. This is our chance to prove him wrong. Keep out of the pubs altogether; that's what I'd advise.'

There was an outcry. Old John Marjoram was on his feet in a moment, his face redder than ever: 'You're out o' bed, Philip. You're greatly out o' bed over this. If we were to keep away like you say, we'd be just like a lot o' schoolboys who go careful just because the master starts a-swishing his cane.'

But Philip Linstead was stubborn, and he knew how far he could go. The fact was, the ringers respected him as one of the best all-round men on bells in the Eastern Counties; and they respected his judgment, too. Yet to alter the pattern of the ringers' outing by suggesting they miss out the pubs was more than they could take—even from Philip Linstead. There was a real tussle, with old Marjoram leading the attack and the Ringing Master standing firmly on his conviction, that after what had happened they should be on guard. The flood was now loosed, and the words that had been pent up since the previous Saturday, now swirled round in a torrent. Then in the midst of it all, someone called out: 'We've passed the Goresby Lion

The exchanges had become so hot that no one had remembered to tell the driver to stop. There was a groan, and the talk tailed away. Most of the road to the next village of Furzewood—through beautiful open heathland heather-covered with the blue sky a background to a quick notation of nimble white clouds—they travelled in a sullen silence. The tower of Furzewood St. George's held eight bells and it was one of their favourite calls. Today they rang the bells competently, without any zest. Their ringing was accurate, but it lacked flow. Philip Linstead remarked as much when they returned to the coach. Then John Marjoram said: 'Look, Philip, I got to speak ma' mind. It fare to stick in ma' gullet, all this do. I got to get rid on it.'

'That's right, John; get it off your chist,' Josh Thurlow encouraged. 'Do you preach us a sarmon like the bishop.'

There was a laugh, but old Marjoram wiped his moustache with the back of his hand and said with conviction: 'I reckon I couldn't do much worse than he done. Leastways, I know there's a time for talking and a time for keeping silent.'

'Yes, yes, yes,' Philip Linstead said. 'You're right, no doubt, John. But though we don't agree with the bishop, he was only doing his job according to his light.'

'Yeh, according to his light,' John agreed. 'The trouble is, Philip, I fare to think the bishop's light do get whoolly dim once he starts a-climbing into the bell chamber.'

'I could ha' gone after him and hit his hat off, that I could!' Mrs. Thurlow said again.

'What about that sarmon, John?' Josh persisted, and the other ringers—partly wanting any diversion that would help liven up the trip—called out: 'Let's have it, John. Tell us where the bishop ought to be.'

'The bishop know hisself where he ought to be,' John said modestly. 'I don't wish the bishop no harm. But this is how I see it. Last Saturday they ask him to come and rededicate the bells at Middleford Church, after they'd been recast—and a finer set o' bells you won't find this side o' Cambridge. The bishop, he does his job well enough; but then he gits into the pulpit and he let's fly at the ringers. He smites 'em hip and thigh, and tell 'em they ought to be ashamed o' themselves a-rushing into the pubs straight after ringing in the tower.'

'Yeh, we heard him, John,' Josh Thurlow said morosely, 'we was there.'

'But why did he say it?' John went on. 'A rededication o' the bells is not the place to go a-picking faults in those who use 'em. And he say about the ringers' outings....'

'Just a minute, John,' Philip Linstead interrupted. 'He hardly said anything about the outings. Let's be fair.'

'Yeh, yeh, let's be fair, Philip, as fair as a judge. He didn't say anything; but he **meant** it: a-hinting that we take too much when we go on an outing. But tell me, who's ever seen a ringer like thet? I've been coming on these outings for nearly fifty years, and the only time I see anyone with a drop too much was forty years ago—the time we rang a touch o' Stedman's Cinques at Farlingfield. That were owd Tom Rumbelow. And poor owd Tommy had a good reason to drown his sorrow that day, for his missus had just up and slipped off with a knife-grinder and left him with a houseful o' kids to look after.'

There was an outburst of laughter; but John was just warming up: 'It's no use for the bishop to go a-shooting out his crook and a-catching sinners by the hinder leg, like a lot o' sheep—trippin' on 'em up in season and out o' season. There's no kind o' government in thet! The shepherd only do that once a year when a sheep wants a-seeing to. Someone ought to tell the bishop his crook is for leaning on most o' the time, just to show he's a bishop, not for tripping up bellringers who are some on his best supporters. It's a bad shepherd who goo a-drubbing his sheep at shearing time. The dedication—look! the dedication o' the bells is a kinda harvest like the sheep-shearing, a time for rejoicing not for moaning and a-mortifying.'

'Hear, hear! Well done, John!' his fellow ringers called out; and even Philip Linstead, at the front of the coach, seemed to be nodding his head in agreement.

'And what if we do go into a pub? The bishop likes talking to his friends in his palace. Well, I ain't got a palace, but I like talking to ma friends; and if I go to a pub where I can talk in peace what harm's there in that? You can praise God with a pint o' good beer as well as anything else, even if the brewers and the Chancellor o' the Exchequer gits a cut out of it as well. We ringers know when to stop. Temperance! That's the word—which is not the same thing as having nawthen at all. But, look, we're coming into Fressinghall, where we're going to have our snack. And if Philip don't mind we'll have suthen with it to wash it down.'

The Ringing Master made no objection; and even seemed convinced by old John's sermon. But it was noticeable that few of the ringers went into the bar of the inn where they were served with a cold lunch. And it was a very subdued band that stopped at the next church of Gislingfield.

Philip Linstead, too, was gloomy. The bishop had spoken a few disastrously ill-timed words and they had rippled out and disturbed the rhythm of the ringers' outing. None of the ringers here deserved the bishop's strictures. In any case, if he had anything to say on that score he could have said it at some other time. Old John was properly upset; and that was a great pity because at his age he couldn't be expected to take part in many more ringing tours like this. Perhaps the trip would brighten up when they got to Norton. At least, Charlie Appleton would see they got a proper welcome there.

They rang at Gislingfield and the next two churches, but again without the usual enjoyment. At last, however, the coach pulled into Norton, a small coastal village with a huge church overlooking the sandy heathland behind it. The party's spirits rose when they saw Charlie Appleton—a big fisherman, conductor of the Norton ringers—waiting for them. He was grinning all over his face as he met them coming off the coach.

'Your bishop's been handing it out, ain't he? You together ought to train him better than that. You ought to git our owd vicar to have a word with him.'

'What you mean by that, Charlie?' John Marjoram asked as they shook hands..

'Never you mind, John. But wait a minute. You don't know it's our church celebration, do you? It's been up five hundred year.' Then he whispered to John Marjoram before turning again to the others: 'Dew you keep quiet for a while, John: I'm going to ask them suthen. Hold you hard a minute there! Dew any of you know what a **gotch** is?'

There were blank looks and a 'Never heard of it!'; but old John's face lit up at the word: and the light came back into his eye, the light that had been missing ever since they started that morning. Although he refused to tell Charlie Appleton's secret, John's change of heart soon affected the others. Philip Linstead sensed that there was a better feeling in the bell chamber, and the Norton ring was easily the best of the trip. There was a flow in the striking, and it was as crisp and accurate as the tick of an old clock.

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The Outing—Cont.

When they'd finished they went to the village hall, where the usual meal had been prepared. But there were glasses of water on the table; and there were some very wry faces among the visiting ringers as they sat down. But Charlie Appleton's band was evidently in the secret, too; for they were as cheerful as if they were helping at a wedding. Then, when the meal was nearly over, Charlie stood up and said with a wink at old Marjoram: 'And now we'll show you what a **gotch** is. It's been in the church tower for a rare long time, and the Vicar he say, since it's our quin-cent—what-you-call-it, we can have it out and give it an airing.'

Then at a nod, two of the Norton band slipped out and immediately returned bearing a huge earthenware jug with two handles. 'Tell 'em, John!' Charlie Appleton called. John was on his feet in a moment: 'It's a ringer gotch,' he said, 'and I reckon I don't want to tell 'em what's in it.'

There was a shout and cries of 'Good owd Charlie!' But Charlie waved aside all thanks: 'I see it in the paper that the bishop don't wish for you to call anywhere, he say. So some on us thought it would be best to have some refreshment brought in. Help yourselves together, and give no thought to anything else.'

In the expectant silence that accompanied the orderly passing of the gotch, John Marjoram rose slowly to his feet.

'You're not a-going to preach us another sarmon, are you, John?' Josh Thurlow asked nervously.

'No,' said John looking contemplatively at his full glass of beer. 'Just a little text: Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof. Raise your glasses, boys. And I reckon us'll all agree we should put the first un down for the bishop.'

[This was the Morning Story in the B.B.C. Light Programme on October 17th, 1962, by kind permission of author.]

Christ Church, Southgate



WHEN Christ Church was dedicated, in 1862, it possessed only one bell, a small one, which had formerly hung in the Weld Chapel, on the site of which the present church was erected. This bell, which is still rung for week-day services, was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry and bears the date 1616. Public subscriptions and private donations enabled the back six of the present ring of ten to be cast at Whitechapel and they were rung for the first time on Whit Sunday, 1874. In 1879 further subscriptions raised enough money to augment the ring to eight and finally in 1920 two more bells were added—the gift of the Barker family, of Southgate. The first peal on the bells was rung on April 21st, 1880, and the total number of peals is now 192. In addition, many hundreds of quarter peals have been rung.

From time to time Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out minor work on the bells, but in recent years it has become obvious that a major overhaul was needed. Accordingly Mears and Stainbank inspected the bells and submitted a detailed account of work which needed doing at a cost of approximately £1,000.

The Parochial Church Council agreed and work was started at the end of August last year and completed in time for Christmas. The chief work carried out consisted of removing the canons and drilling out the staples from the eight larger bells; rehanging all the bells with new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, wheels, etc., in the old frame, which is in good condition.

During dismantling it was discovered that the 5th had a very fine crack in the crown, which was repaired, but the 3rd was cracked beyond repair and had to be recast. The new bell weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. and was tuned to fit in with the remaining bells.

In addition, the louvres have been boarded up to within two feet of the top and as a result the bells sound much better in the vicinity of the church. The bells were rededicated by the Vicar after the Parish Communion and then rung for Matins on Sunday, December 16th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band at St. Mary's, Reading, is about to become severely depleted with the loss of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Diserens, who will be moving to Storrington in Sussex, and Mr. R. K. Russ, who is emigrating to Adelaide, Australia.

A band of bachelors rang a peal on St. Valentine's Day at North Stoneham. Here's to hoping!

Two Birmingham ringers—Norman Goodman and John MacDonald—completed their 100th peal together with a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Erdington Abbey.

The 100th peal in Australia was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on February 7th. It was Pritchard's 5056 Plain Bob Major and was conducted by Mr. G. W. Pipe.

'There can be no doubt that Yorkshire cooking is England's best.'—Statement by ringer who attended a Yorkshire ringing dinner. We can only assume that he was a Yorkshireman.

Recently the ringers of All Saints', Leicester, on their practice night, started with Grandsire Doubles, then Minor, Triples and (eventually!) Major. The evening concluded with a well-struck 24 of Grandsire Minimus!

Quote from the January number of 'The Tape Recorder': '... the weariest man of all at the end was Ernest Morris, who kept the whole thing going with consummate generalship.' Is this a revival of his boundless enthusiasm in a new field?

The London University Society announce with great satisfaction that their long length handbell peal of 15,840 Plain Bob Minor on February 20th was completed in 6 hours 12 minutes. The ringers were John C. Eisel 1—2, Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4, Nicholas J. Davies 5—6. Congratulations.

Miss Jill Swanne, who has been holidaying in Sydney, N.S.W., rang in three quarter peals at St. Mary's Cathedral and was with St. Mary's bellringers for their Tennis Day in Prince Albert Park, and enjoyed swimming with them. She returned to New Zealand on January 30th.

At the wedding at Warmley, Glos, on February 16th of Miss Rita Webb to Mr. William Lampard, of Adelaide, Australia, the bride and bridegroom, four bridesmaids and best man are ringers.

To ringers attending the Sir A. P. Heywood memorial dinner on March 2nd, Ashbourne bells are available from 12.45 to 2 p.m.

A lucky quarter was rung at Ewhurst, Sussex, on January 31st. The rope of the third parted as the last change was struck.

Mr. Robert B. Smith writes stating that official notification has been received that the Methods Committee do not accept the extension of Durham Surprise rung at Leicester.

The Ilkeston District of the Derbyshire Association, which was amalgamated with the Derby District 10 years ago, due to lack of support, is now operating again as an independent District.

Mr. John Camp, of Jesus College, Oxford, asks if any reader has particulars of a legal case in which either the bells or clock at Hammersmith Parish Church were or was restrained from ringing or striking.

We have just heard by air mail that, in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen, the first peal has been rung on the heavy eight of Adelaide Cathedral on February 20th. The peal, Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part) was called by Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts.

Through a broken arm Mr. N. Roderick Ellway, of Swithland, Leics, has been out of peal ringing—in fact this limited his total of peals last year to 24. He is now in the peal columns again with a peal at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile on February 23rd.

Mr. J. Ralph, of Gillingham, Dorset, writes pointing out that the footnote to the peal of Doubles in 16 methods rung at Bradford-on-Avon on January 26th (see page 99), claiming most methods to a peal for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is incorrect. A peal in 21 Doubles methods was rung at Evershot, Dorset, by the local band (conductor Dennis Bishop) about 1938-39.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	*Peter S. Bennett	7
*Susan Funnell	2	George E. Fearn	8
Charles A. S. Webb	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Frederick Ross	4	David J. Purnell	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	John A. Anderson	11
Edward W. Colley	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Maximus.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34½ cwt. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Trevor N. Bailey	7
Brian Downes	2	David T. Darby	8
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
John D. Rock	4	Edward P. Duffield	10
Bernard W. Fairhead	5	Brian Harris	11
Philip Mehew	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

John Walden	*Treble*	John B. Bennett	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Beryl N. Reed	3	Colin W. Reed	9
A. Robin Heppenstall	4	James W. Rathby	10
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
*William L. Exton	6	Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

William Hibbert	*Treble*	Laurence E. Hitchins	7
John Chilcott	2	Eric J. Hitchins	8
Gilbert H. Harding	3	Ronald G. Beck	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	Henry J. Sanger	10
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	Frank C. Price	11
W. Bertram Kynaston	6	William H. Coles	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
In memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	Frederick Ross	6
Muriel Reay	2	*Norman J. Goodman	7
Charles A. S. Webb	3	David J. Purnell	8
John A. Anderson	4	George E. Fearn	9
Henry H. Fearn	5	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 5).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 250th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Frederick Ross	6
Charles A. S. Webb	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
John McDonald	3	David J. Purnell	8
R. George Morris	4	John A. Anderson	9
Henry H. Fearn	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by John McDonald.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edward W. Colley	*Treble*	Frederick Ross	6
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	David J. Purnell	8
George E. Fearn	4	John A. Anderson	9
Charles A. S. Webb	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Albert Walker.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Sidney Hough	*Treble*	Harry W. Howard	6
Ivor Jenkins	2	Harold Worrall	7
*John O. Freeman	3	*Michael Thomson	8
Victor Neal	4	†Peter Horn	9
*Geoffrey A. Yarwood	5	*Christopher Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Howard, wife of the ringer of the sixth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block, reduced. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Brian J. Bull	*Treble*	Marcus P. Barton	5
*Alan R. Millidge	2	Anthony G. Osborne	6
Pauline Fennell	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Philip G. Erith	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Biddenden Surprise Major by all the band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-Part, No. 2. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*John McDonald	*Treble*	*Norman J. Goodman	5
Muriel Reay	2	Charles Webb	6
John Pinfold	3	David Purnell	7
†James Insley	4	Fred Ross	*Tenor*

Conducted by John McDonald.
* 100th peal together. † First of Stedman.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*David W. Stenson	*Treble*	Brian M. Smith	5
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	2	*Keith H. Mildred	6
*Mark G. Wood	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
*Carol I. V. Corton	4	*Carol L. Norman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung by the Sunday service band on the 70th anniversary of the dedication of this church, the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Christopher S. Nokes	*Treble*	Charles A. S. Webb	5
John A. Anderson	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
George E. Fearn	4	David J. Purnell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John A. Anderson.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Gwen Roper	*Treble*	†Ivan Page	5
Monica E. Collins ...	2	†Harold McDonald ...	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	John J. F. Roper ...	7
Graeme W. Heyes ...	4	George W. Pipe ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in Australia, and 'inside.' Believed to be the 100th peal rung in this country.
A welcome to Harold and Valerie McDonald, from Canada and Ireland.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Ken B. Williamson	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Trevor A. Cross ...	2	‡Leonard Crouch ...	6
David K. Putnam ...	3	Cyril S. Jarrett ...	7
†Christopher Osenton	4	Leslie R. Dobbie ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First in the method, and first on eight bells. ‡ First in the method.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Beryl E. Cawser ...	*Treble*	Edward W. Colley ...	5
W. Ernest Rawson ...	2	Russell S. Morris ...	6
J. Edward Cawser ...	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey...	7
Frederick E. Wilshaw	4	E. Alan Jacques ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine
A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Frank W. Perrens ...	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Crisp ...	5
Geoffrey Pratt ...	2	John W. T. Taylor...	6
Edward Holdsworth	3	*L. Michael Callow ...	7
David J. Allen	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 41 lb. in A flat.

Derek C. Jackson ...	*Treble*	Robert C. Kippin ...	5
Raymond Haines... ...	2	David E. House	6
John R. Faithfull ...	3	Maurice J. Butler ...	7
David J. Forder	4	Michael J. Thomas ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. First of Surprise on the bells.
For dedication festival.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Harold Dowler... ...	*Treble*	Michael Wilshaw ...	5
Norman Sherratt ...	2	*Harry Windsor... ...	6
Reginald A. Challinor	3	Dennis Latham	7
Paul J. Atkins	4	Walter Sherratt ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by Dennis Latham.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells since the addition of two trebles in May, 1962.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ambrose.
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Jacqueline A. Reason	*Treble*	Michael J. Hobbs ...	5
Gillian M. Hussey ...	2	Don C. Exell	6
Eric J. Hitchins	3	D. John Hunt	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Ralph G. Edwards ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WATERMOOR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Maurice C. Hughes ...	*Treble*	*Geoffrey H. Pullin...	5
Ann E. Fellows... ...	2	Geoffrey Davies ...	6
Susan Funnell	3	Ian C. Maycock... ...	7
Philip J. Rothera ...	4	Peter S. Bennett ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. First on the method on the bells, and 50th on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Davies.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

Albert E. Flatters ...	*Treble*	*Harold Barsley ...	5
John P. Morriss... ...	2	Jack Petch	6
William E. Clarke ...	3	Philip H. Reynolds...	7
Norman B. Fovargue	4	William B. Dawson...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morriss on their silver wedding anniversary.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Joseph Thornley ...	*Treble*	Albert Greenhalgh...	5
David Vincent	2	John Ashcroft	6
*John O. Freeman ...	3	*Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*Sydney G. Osborne ...	4	H. David Holland ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the birth of Jonathan, second son to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holland.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,248 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Mrs. A. Diserens ...	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd ...	5
Patricia E. Buss ...	2	John N. Diserens ...	6
Albert Diserens ...	3	Ronald F. Diserens ...	7
Reginald W. Rex ...	4	Noel J. Diserens ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the sixth and also a grand-daughter to the ringer of the third.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

*John R. Phillips ...	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory ...	5
†Malcolm M. Powell	2	David E. House	6
‡Edward D. Elderkin	3	Robert C. Kippin ...	7
David J. Forder ...	4	Michael J. Thomas ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung by a band of bachelors for St. Valentine's Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 MOTTRAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

J. Richard Castledine	*Treble*	Thomas H. Francis ...	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John R. Mayne	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 231).

MOTTRAM SURPRISE MAJOR
34—58.4—58—38.14—14.5.36—16.5
8ths place L.E. 6ths place bobs.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	*Treble*	MARTIN L. HOWE ...	5
TREVOR A. CROSS ...	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ...	3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH ...	7
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*JOYCE M. GURNHILL ...	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES...	5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER...	2	*GEOFFREY PAUL	6
NORAH M. RANDLES ...	3	*PETER A. SHARP	7
*LOUIS WILLDERS ...	4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Rochester Surprise Major.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
JUDITH A. MACHELL-COX	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY... ...	6
MONICA M. MOORE ...	3	A. JAMES POYNOR ...	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by H. KINGSLEY MASON.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD...	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
JACK S. DEAR	4	F. JACK ROBINSON... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.
First peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples by all the band.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	*RALPH BIRD...	5
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
*STANLEY JENNER	3	*JOHN R. COOPER ...	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS...	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ...	2	D. JOHN HUNT	6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS ...	3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS ...	7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERIC J. HITCHINS.
* First peal as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

*IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	*PETER T. HURCOMBE ...	5
SHIRLEY M. DREW ...	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN ...	6
GORDON W. LAND ...	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW ...	7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,016 Rutland, 1,728 Yorkshire and 1,344 New Cambridge; with 92 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*EDNA H. POULTER ...	*Treble*	†JOHN H. SOANES... ...	5
*JANET WARWICK	2	*JOHN C. BALDWIN ...	6
*KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
†DAVID W. JAMES ...	4	†EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods for the Guild.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Treble*	*MONTY W. GILBERT ...	5
TREVOR A. CROSS ...	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	3	MARTIN L. HOWE ...	7
THOMAS E. SONE ...	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Anne Riddington.

HEDON, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*JILL RILEY	*Treble*	†DAVID S. JOHNSON ...	5
†JANET I. PORTER... ...	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	6
†F. CHARLES HOBSON ...	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES ...	7
‡PAMELA M. TURNER ...	4	‡ROBIN H. ROGERS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.
* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge. First on eight bells as conductor.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

*DAVID R. EVERETT ...	*Treble*	*ELLIS N. THOMAS ...	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY ...	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON...	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
GWYN I. LEWIS	4	*REV. DEREK E. FORD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal on eight bells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOAN M. WICOCKSON...	*Treble*	TREVOR E. CARLESS ...	5
*SUSAN M. WHITE ...	2	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	6
*ANDREW KETT	3	JOHN R. MAYNE... ...	7
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH...	4	LEONARD J. NORTH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

John T. Locke	*Treble*	David T. North	5
Reginald Beale	2	Albert W. Dyer	6
*James E. Brewer	3	H. E. George Jeanes	7
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	4	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal of Major.
Rung on the eve of the first anniversary of the passing of W. G. Gigg, former captain of this tower and Ringing Master of the Taunton Deanery.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mrs. M. Godley	*Treble*	Rev. C. Marshall	5
C. W. H. Powell	2	Frank G. Knight	6
G. S. Morris	3	H. G. Keeley	7
Norman Mallet	4	*F. Alan Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. H. Powell.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Roger Keeley and Miss Patricia Sharp.

SIX BELL PEALS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent each of Hereward and Plain, St. Clement's and Plain, Single Oxford and Plain, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Ray Lacey	*Treble*	Frank Chambers	4
Valerie Lacey	2	Ron Carter	5
Celia Harris	3	Tom Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Harris.
* First peal

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb

Judy Exon	*Treble*	John Tickle	4
*Valerie Lacey	2	Ron Carter	5
David Swift	3	Tom Harris	*Tenoor*

Conducted by Tom Harris.
* 25th peal.
A birthday compliment to Valerie Lacey.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

*Patricia Chant	*Treble*	†Charles R. Muxlow	4
†Mrs. Millicent Short	2	James H. Musson	5
Walter Weston	3	Henry P. Collin	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal attempt. † First in more than one method.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Desmond.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Single Court, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. Angus Dixon	*Treble*	W. Robert Parker	4
Peter Burton	2	Walter S. Smith	5
Charles V. Cade	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

BROMHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Aubrey A. Bradfield	*Treble*	Dennis A. Powney	4
Samuel J. Cottle	2	Frederick S. Slatford	5
*James W. Abbott	3	L. Michael Noad	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Bting one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Reverse Canterbury, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Neil Belson	*Treble*	Geoffrey Riglar	4
*Martin Sceeny	2	Jennifer Sceeny	5
Gordon W. Limmer	3	Howard Ogresby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.
* First peal (aged 14). 75th peal on the bells.

PATTISHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being ten extents of Grandsire and 16 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Percy Amos	*Treble*	Roger W. Smith	4
Ronald Russell	2	George F. Roome	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
First peal as conductor, at first attempt.
Rung in memoriam Robin Paul, cousin of the ringers of the third and tenor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 24 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) Westminster and Allendale; (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (4) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; with 90 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Rita M. Stratford	*Treble*	Brian L. Burrows	4
Lawrence Watkins	2	John Watkins	5
Christine J. Stratford	3	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
First peal in 24 Surprise methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.
A fifth birthday compliment to David, son of the conductor.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb in F sharp.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	Keith R. Davey	4
Roger D. Bailey	2	Derek J. Jones	5
George R. G. Butler	3	Alan G. Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
First peal in nine methods for all except the treble ringer.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16. 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Kenneth Hamilton	*Treble*	*Patrick Denne	4
*Lloyd Sweatman	2	John Richards	5
*Ruth Hamilton	3	John Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Hamilton.
* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method by all the band. First on the bells by a local band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Patrick Hamilton, youngest son of the conductor.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

H. David Harrison	*Treble*	†Ian P. Unsworth	4
George P. Hammond	2	Geoffrey Pratt	5
*Raymond D. Hart	3	David J. Allen	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Allen.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 10. 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
At 5, Moat Close,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen Baldwin	1—2	*Anthony R. Mann	3—4
Roger Baldwin	5—6		

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Fuller 1, R. J. Fuller (first of Triples 'inside') 2, T. M. Barlow 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, J. W. T. Smith 5, Jill Lenham 6, D. R. Fuller 7, A. R. Baldock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archbishop Godfrey and Mr. Hugh Gaitskell.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Juliet S. Stoy (first quarter) 1, R. J. Cook 2, F. E. Roberts 3, Jean L. Lavender 4, Jeanette M. Finch 5, R. F. Finch 6, J. Schofield 7, R. J. Talbot 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. Talbot 1, R. Finch 2, Jean Lavender 3, Olive Tester 4, F. Darby 5, J. Schofield 6, S. Kimber 7, R. Hinde (cond.) 8.

BENTWORTH, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pl., Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Kercher 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison 5.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Durent 1, L. Pizzey 2, Janet Cleeve 3, Gillian Webb 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, B. Redgers 6. By Durham Colleges Society for Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. First of Kent by the local band. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. Streatfield-James recently at Canterbury.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of 3 and 6. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jeanne Ansell (first quarter) 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Susan Devey 3, Shelagh Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, R. D. Baker 6.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on October 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ernstzen 1, L. Hewitt 2, J. Riley 3, B. Couzens (first quarter south of the Equator) 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, W. J. Smith 6, R. H. Stickley cover. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Also on January 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ernstzen 1, W. J. Smith 2, R. Law 3, L. Hewitt 4, J. Riley 5, B. Couzens (cond.) 6. To commemorate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Feb 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe 1, H. Hatfield 2, G. Gregory 3, M. Baggett 4, E. Evans 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans, parents of the ringer of fifth. Mr. Evans was a former ringer.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Jope (first quarter) 1, M. Foster 2, Barbara J. Leigh 3, June Mead 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, G. Clarke 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8. Rung for Christmas.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 576 Beverley Surprise Minor, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. C. A. Hunter 1, Cherry White 2, K. Sansom 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, D. H. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Fuller 1, Mrs. B. Percy 2, Janet Percy 3, Christine Fuller 4, H. Reynolds 5, I. Smith 6, J. Barlow 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stephens 1, Mrs. D. Bruten 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, R. Stephens 4, J. Alsop 5, B. J. Wylde (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Barbara Stephens and Mr. Brian J. Wylde, on their engagement, and to Mrs. R. Alsop, on her 80th. birthday.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise): F. E. Collins (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, R. St. C. Wilson 4, M. M. Peterson 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine Bowen 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Bowen 3, H. Howson 4, J. Towers 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Bailey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Adrienne Gibson 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, F. Oakshott (cond.) 4, D. Herschell 5, J. Munton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Eric B. Young, late member of the Parochial Church Council, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, W. Button 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. The third's rope parted as the last change was struck.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Willes 1, H. E. Good 2, Sally Parrott 3, Gladys Anderson 4, P. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, D. Herschell 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. D. Woolford 1, C. Yates 2, C. P. Yates (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Barnett 4, M. I. Lock 5, T. Wills 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, S. F. Skinner 8. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar.

EXETER.—On Feb. 17th, at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, Miss C. Bland 3, B. H. Thompson 4, G. Skinner 5, J. Glanvill 6, S. Skinner 7, H. C. Spencer 8, F. Wreford 9, J. A. D. Woolford 10, F. D. Mack 11, W. Harvey and C. Yates jun. 12. First quarter on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Howard 1, Mary N. Haslum 2, A. Tubb 3, D. S. Voss 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. Rung as a compliment to Eve and Peter Parry on the birth of a son, Philip Everett.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): Joy Munson 1, Susan Wenden 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. H. Gould 4, A. G. Semken 5, P. G. Erith (cond.) 6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Ollen 1, R. A. Gage (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, Miss P. Laycock 4, Miss L. Simpson 5, C. W. Simpson 6, A. Martin (first quarter) 7, R. Saunders (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. M. G. Gage.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bishop 1, Carol Jarvis 2, Ann Bond 3, H. Gates 4, Susan Williams 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6, R. Kench (covering) 8. For Evensong. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Canon C. H. Plummer.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 4, R. Newman 5, J. A. Hales 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Doubles (in three methods): B. J. Hansford 1, C. F. Baxter 2, M. G. Buckberry 3, R. D. Baxter 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. Rung after Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., who was 90 years old on the previous Wednesday, and who served the church as a ringer before the war.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ferrier 1, Barbara J. Leigh (first in the method) 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, G. Clarke (first 'inside') 4, R. E. Clarke (first in the method 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, A. Betsworth 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Walton 4, D. Hughes 5, Susan Ellenor 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. May, honorary secretary of the Liss ringers.

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Feb. 17th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: S. Boar 1, F. N. Golden (cond.) 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Sayer 4, D. Cubitt 5, C. Goodman 6, W. Love 7, G. Sayer 8, H. W. Barrett 9, C. Bird 10. Rung before Evensong, as a birthday compliment to treble ringer (80 on February 20th).

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): R. Saw 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6. Method changed at every extent. First in three methods 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment and best wishes to Robin and Pam Trebilcock, on their marriage.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Haskell (first away from tenor) 1, Myrtle Williams 2, Mary Carr 3, D. Brown 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branston 4, M. Parker 5, R. H. Daw (first as cond in method) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5. For morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Dawn Handley (first 'inside') 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper 5, W. Davison 6. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Clavey 1, V. James 2, R. Goodliffe 3, G. Skelly 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. An engagement compliment to Brian Goodliffe and Maureen Franklin.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, A. W. Myers 3, J. W. Perkins 4, D. R. Bould 5, F. E. Day 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Feb. 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, F. E. Day 2, J. W. Perkins (first of Stedman) 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, D. R. Bould 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Muggridge 1, F. J. Lambert 2, A. Hoad 3, A. Smith 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, Gwen Fellows (15) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert E. Edwards, for many years a ringer at this tower, who died on January 27th, aged 88 years. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,280 Grandsire Major: D. R. Fuller (first of Major) 1, R. J. Fuller (first of Major) 2, Jill Lenham (first of Major 'inside') 3, Valerie Mepham (first of Major) 4, Christine Fuller (first of Major) 5, T. M. Barlow 6, A. R. Baldock 7, I. V. J. Smith (first of Major as cond. and comp.) 8. First of Grandsire Major for all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Sadler 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Haywood 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, M. Sinden 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Parish Eucharist. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Mildred (first of Treble Bob) 1, N. R. May (first of Kent 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Festal Evensong. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. W. Grassby (first of Major) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, R. Caporn 3, E. Colcombe 4, A. D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the parish clerk, who was interred the same day.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Clarke (first quarter) 1, G. Pickering 2, P. Wright 3, B. Pickering 4, L. Pickering (first as cond.) 5.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick (first of Doubles) 1, Miss M. Roden 2, Miss A. Saunderson 3, T. Hatchett (cond.) 4, L. Hatchett (first 'inside') 5, C. Werboys (first on six) 6. For Evensong, and as birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Hatchett.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson (cond.) 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, R. W. Young (first in the method 'inside') 4, M. J. Young 5, J. R. H. Palmer 6. 50th quarter 2 and 3. For Evensong on the Feast of St. Scholastica.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jacqueline Finch (first quarter) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, Janet Biscoe 3, Janet Percy 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, Gillian Whittard (first quarter) 6. Rung by pupils of Bexhill Grammar Schools, average age 15 years.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mullins 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Mrs. C. Godfrey 3, C. Godfrey 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, M. Turner 6. Rung for family service.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: J. M. Lenham 1, R. J. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 3, D. R. Fuller 4, A. R. Baldock 5, W. A. Binsted 6. First quarter in the method by all. Ringer of fourth has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Olive D. Tester 1, D. J. M. Cox (first of Major) 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, G. Fry 4, J. E. Warner 5, R. W. Hinde 6, B. E. Jeffrey 7, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 8. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice for February 27th, March 6th and 13th, 7 to 8 p.m.—E. Buck. 1995

BALDOCK, HERTS. — Sunday morning service ringing, 8.45 on 1st and 3rd Sundays, 9.30 every Sunday. 2054

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CANCELLATION

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—The Clayworth meeting for March 9th has been **cancelled.**—H. Denman. 2042

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch).—Joint meeting at Oakley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. W. Rivett and Miss K. Rivett Hon. Secs. 2014

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT. — Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me, **please.** A good attendance is desired as important matters will be discussed.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1935

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 6 to 9 p.m. —D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2015

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—The new bells at St. Peter's will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Bells available after the service. 2052

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 4 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd. Service 6.15 p.m. Supper 7 p.m., by reservation only. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1963

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, March 2nd. Please note **business meeting** will be held, thus making this a quarterly meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, Rochester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. G. H. Griffiths, The Rectory, Whittington, Carnforth, Lancs. 2016

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Maids Moreton. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pightle, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Great Haseley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1991

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1997

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual meeting, Ipswich, March 2nd. St. Clement's 2.45, p.m. St. Margaret's 4 to 5.10. Tea, opposite Manor House, 5.15. St. Mary-le-Tower 7 to 8.15 p.m. For tea **please** notify Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2007

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kempsey (6), March 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Eastern Lodge, Old Road, Kempsey. Names for tea to D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Glos. 1999

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 4th, at 7 p.m. 2028

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, March 5th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in March, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 12th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 26th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 2030

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Silkstone, near Barnsley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 2040

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Arlesey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Primrose and Fulbeck.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 2048

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Cottingham (8), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in King Street Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss J. Woodbridge, 316, Bricknell Avenue, Hull. 2018

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, March 9th. Ringing at: St. Benet's 2-3 p.m., St. Andrew's 2.45-3.45, Great St. Mary 3.30-4.30, R. Catholic 5-6, Chesterton 5.30-6.30 p.m. 2064

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The Western Branch annual meeting will be held at Egremont on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th to Mr. A. Eilbeck, 2, South Street, Egremont. 2056

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 7th to Mr. L. Barlow, **please,** at 'Lilac House,' Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1992

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—**Annual meeting**, Saturday, March 9th, at Coleman's Hatch (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, by March 7th. Ringing in the evening at Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield (6) 7-8.30 p.m. —Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 2027

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Melbourn. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2035

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting, Fryerning, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ingatestone in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1966

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Churchdown (6), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 5th to A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, near Gloucester. 2047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Standish, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by March 5th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2038

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, March 9th, Stratton St. Margaret (8). Social at 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Upper Cam (6), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 2050

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbledon Cottage, School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 2051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, March 5th (together with cash).—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1950

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Annual meeting, Winford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Ball, The Forge, Winford, Bristol. —H. Kingcott, Hon. Sec. 2024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Saturday, March 9th, Ambleside, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 2057

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, March 9th. Refreshments provided. Preston-Blackburn old road, Rochdale-Blackpool bus route, 158. Also buses from Preston, P.26, P.29.—L. Walmsley. 2041

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Walsden, Todmorden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs.—J. P. Partington. 2032

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, March 9th, Swithland (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to Mr. R. R. Brown, 34, Swithland Lane, Rothley, near Loughborough.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 2044

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, March 9th, Christ Church, Southgate (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield, by previous Wednesday.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Aston Abbots (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 2019

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, March 9th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 2034

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), March 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 2039

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shaftesbury, Holy Trinity, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All welcome. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. Bourton 316. 2045

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Roger B. Morris, 18, Ferrers Road, Oswestry, by previous Wednesday.—E. M. 2059

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cropwell Bishop, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 2063

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoulton (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2049

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Annual District meeting, Thetford (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Euston bells (5) available in evening. Names for tea to Secretary, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, March 13th. If interested in coach from Ipswich and district contact Sec.—A. E. J. L. 2031

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Chilvers Coton (10), Saturday, March 16th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwicks. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2043

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Bardney (6), March 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Oxford, London Bob, Ockley, Capel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Simpson, 1, Harvey Kent Gardens, Bardney.—S. A. Chambers. 2060

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Limpsfield Chart. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart. St. Andrew's and St. Peter's bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2016

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th at Giggleswick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, by March 12th, followed by business meeting.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2055

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite the unfavourable weather, 55 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Society, held at Beverley on February 9th.

The afternoon's ringing was on the 10 bells at the Minster, whilst the equally fine ring of 10 at St. Mary's was put to good use in the evening. A service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Walker, who warmly welcomed the Society. An excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed.

At the business meeting the members heard a recording of the half-muffled ringing at Beverley Minster on the evening of the funeral of their late president, Mr. Albert E. Sellers. An annual competition is to be inaugurated, with a cup named in memory of Mr. Sellers.

Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington), the present vice-president, was elected to fill the vacant office of president, whilst Mr. N. Castle (Walkington) becomes the new vice-president. Other officers and committee members were re-elected, Mr. F. C. Hobson (Kirk Ella) being elected to continue as Assistant Ringing Master, following upon his temporary appointment to that office last November on the resignation of Mr. R. Ducker. The Rev. G. Storer (Hutton Cranswick) was thanked for his continued interest as Society's chaplain.

The annual report showed an increased average attendance at the monthly meetings, and the enrolment of 32 new members during 1962. The total membership is 174, of which a large proportion are of the younger generation. Increased membership from students at Hull University was reported.

Mr. D. Johnson, presenting the Ringing Master's report, stated that there had been a decrease in peal activity, but that this was more than offset by the large number of quarter peals rung, including many 'firsts.'

Future meetings are to be at Cottingham on March 9th, and at Walkington on April 6th, when the film 'Ringers Required' is to be shown.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
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Further details later.—Wheeler. 2065

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Aug. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: John C. Sheehy 1, Graeme A. J. Langshaw (first of Double Norwich) 2, Ralph L. Clark 3, William D. Watson 4, John H. Fryer 5, John J. Cummins 6, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, Lawrence R. A. Curran 8.

Aug. 19th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, R. L. Clark 2, W. D. Watson 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, J. H. Fryer 5, W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for team.

Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gazzard 1, W. M. Rowe 2, L. Bruce 3, R. L. Clark 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. First in method 1 and 3.

Sept. 16th, 1,260 Victoria Little Court Major: L. Bruce 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, J. H. Fryer 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, J. J. Cummins (175th quarter) 6, W. D. Watson 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8. First in method in Australia.

Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. L. Clark 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, R. W. Ferris 5, J. C. Sheehy 6, W. D. Watson 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8.

Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Hull Surprise Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. H. Fryer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, W. D. Watson 4, L. R. A. Curran 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for all and in Australia.

Oct. 14th, 1,320 Allendale Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, J. H. Fryer 2, R. L. Clark 3, W. D. Watson 4, J. J. Cummins 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First by all the band and in Australia.

Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, Jill Swanne (first in Australia) 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

Dec. 31st, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: R. L. Clark 1, Jill Swanne 2, W. D. Watson 3, E. J. Fowell 4, J. H. Fryer 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8.

Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Fowell 1, R. L. Clark 2, W. D. Watson 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, J. H. Fryer 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. A wedding compliment to William Boyce and Kathleen Hardy.

Jan. 27th, 1,320 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, Jill Swanne (first in method) 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Farewell to Jill Swanne, who returned to New Zealand on January 30th.

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GRANDFATHER WAS A RINGER

SORTING some personal belongings of their grandfather, the late Mr. Henry Oddy, Mrs. R. Cocker, of Church Street, and her brother, Mr. D. Oddy, of Ashwood Gardens, Gildersome, discovered his age-worn ringing book and with it old photographs. The book throws interesting sidelights on Yorkshire ringing, particularly the many ringing contests that were held in the latter half of the last century.

Henry Oddy was closely associated with St. Paul's, Drighlington, which was at one time the leading tower for peal ringing in Yorkshire and where the 150th peal on the bells was rung about four years ago. But it was at Tong Parish Church that Henry began his ringing career in 1877. In all he rang in 47 peals, the last one being at Drighlington in 1912. Many of his peals were of Minor, and these included a long length of 10,440 changes rung in 1896, which constituted a record length of Minor for the Yorkshire Association.

Although he did not take part in it, Henry Oddy had copied into his book details of the first peal rung at Drighlington on September 16th, 1880. It was Kent T.B. Major, by Henry Hubbard, of Leeds, and the peal came round in three hours and three minutes. The band was thought to have lived in and around Drighlington, and consisted of W. Sugden, B. Parkinson, E. Webster, J. A. Ross, J. Crabtree, G. Bolland, B. A. Dodson (conductor) and J. Haley.

The first ringing competition mentioned was that at Kirkheaton in April, 1866—a 6-bell tower, in which Batley and Mirfield were among the competitors. Later the same year another competition was held at Stainland, near Halifax. A special mention is made of the Batley team, who came fourth.

Teams from Dewsbury, Batley, Carr, Ossett, Mirfield and Birstall are mentioned as participating in these ringing contests, and each enjoyed some measure of success. The prizes presented to the winners were usually monetary, but often were copper kettles, silver pins, silver mounted pipes, carving knives and forks, and silver mounted drinking horns.

In the early part of the century Drighlington had an outstanding band under Mr. Francis Barker, but World War I broke it up. Mr. Barker, however, formed another Grandsire Triples band which held together until about 1930. The 100th peal on the bells—Parker's Six-Part—was rung in 1912, conducted by Mr. Barker, the band being Albert Gascoine 1, Harold Brown 2, Smith Collinson 3, George Barron 4, Sydney H. Barron 5, Firth Hopwood 6, Francis Barker 7, Walter Totham 8.

An outstanding servant of the tower was Sydney H. Barron. The 150th peal on the bells in 1956 not only commemorated the Queen's birthday but also his 70th birthday. He took part in this peal and also one the following year to commemorate his 50 years as ringer and tower-keeper at Drighlington. This 1957 peal enabled him to 'circle the tower' to peals—the only man to do so.

Mention should be made of the veterans' peal at Drighlington in 1959, when the average age of the ringers was 70. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on this occasion by Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 1, Thomas Hill 2, Wm. H. Senior 3, Fredk. Seager 4, Vernon Bairstow 5, John Hogg 6, Sydney H. Barron 7, John Pearson 8.

A GRANDMOTHER JOINS THE NOVICES

By LADY MALLETT

MAY I add myself to the company of middle-aged novices? I have much in common with Mr. Brueton and Mr. Pearce, but there is one great difference. I am a woman. I started after my 56th birthday, when our tower was in great need of ringers.

Thanks to the patience of our captain and the other members of the band who taught me to control the bell, I neither went up to the ceiling nor broke a stay. But later, when we came to plain hunting, Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles the fun began. 'Rope sight! rope sight!' cries the captain, 'not by numbers'!

To me, everything seems to be going up and everything coming down at the same moment, as it did in the war. Grandsire Doubles goes as follows: Fourth place, fifth place, dodge. Bother, something has gone wrong. 'You have missed me out, three,' shouts the captain from the treble.

My ears picks out the familiar sequence 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Got it; back again. Two minutes later—bother, I have pulled too hard: she has gone too far over. I will never get her back in time and they will think I am lost again. 'You have missed me out again, three. Why do you always miss me out? That is all: go rounds.'

The young ones who started well after I did seem to have no trouble at all. They will never make a change-ringer out of me, but I get the greatest pleasure from trying, and the admiration that I feel for all the band who put up with my incompetence knows no bounds.

My grandson is just beginning to learn to ring, and he confessed that half the fun of going up in the belfry was to watch Grandma's worried face as she heaved away!

METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS ON DURHAM SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the Decisions of the Central Council (Handbook, p. 26), I have to report the following unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee:

(1) The methods rung as Durham Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus are not acceptable extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.
(2) The Royal and Maximus are acceptable extensions of the Major.
(3) One new name should be given to the Major, Royal and Maximus by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

—Yours faithfully,
C. KENNETH LEWIS,
Convener,
Methods Committee.

MR. C. K. LEWIS CONFIRMS

Dear Sir.—May I confirm the findings of my fellow committee members on the subject of Durham Surprise and at the same time point out that they were not members of the committee at the time the Report on Extension was prepared, but have reached their obvious command of it by study and application. Verb. sap.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

LONG LENGTH ON HANDBELLS

The second attempt by the University of London Society for the Minor handbell record on February 20th was successful. The number of changes was increased by 720 to 15,840 to equal the Plain Bob Royal handbell record set up in 1953.

The peal now becomes the equal third longest on handbell, 64 changes short of the Plain Bob Major record of December 22nd, 1962, but well short of the 19,738 Stedman Caters, which has now stood as a handbell record for 51 years. (It is now quite likely that this will soon be broken!)

The peal commenced at 2.9 p.m. to a very steady beat, the first 720 taking 19 minutes, but gradually settled down to bring up 5,040 in 2 hours 2 minutes. Half way, 7,920 changes, was passed in 3 hours 8¼ minutes, each extent now taking about 17 minutes, which was exactly the rate of ringing aimed for.

The second peal of 5,040 took 1 hour 57 minutes; the previous record, believed to be 10,800, was passed at 6.23 p.m., and by now the speed had increased further to 15½ minutes per 720. The third 5,040 took only 1 hour 55 minutes, but towards the end the ringing steadied up considerably; the final extent took 18 minutes.

The final rounds came up at 8.21 p.m., a time of 6 hours 12 minutes. The ringing was of a very high standard throughout, as is apparent on the tape recordings; 11 different callings were used—228 bobs and 144 singles.

The band would like to thank Mary Taylor for acting as a very efficient umpire for yet another 15,000, and also for operating the tape recorder and being of general assistance throughout.

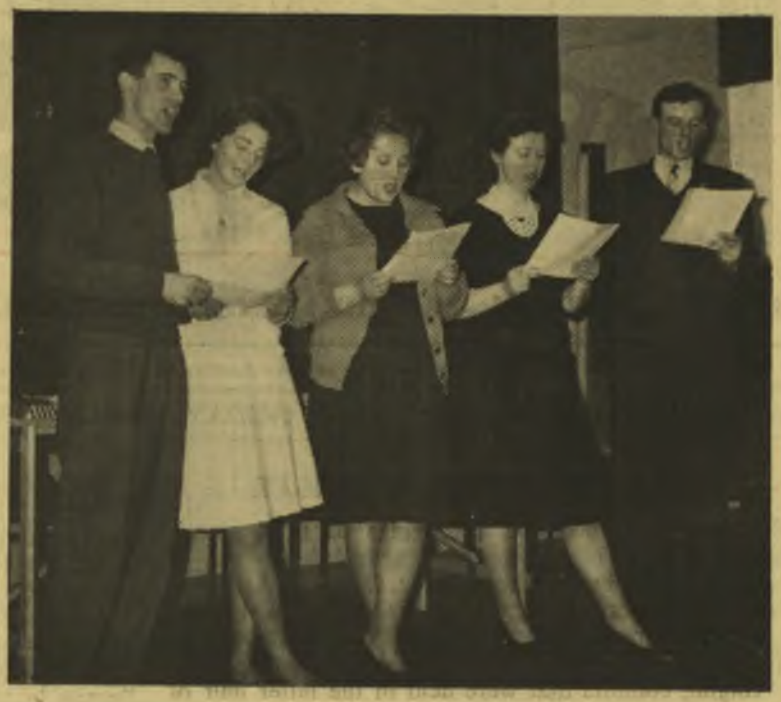
EAST RIDING RINGERS

The annual dinner of the East Riding Ringers took place on December 29th at the Beverley Arms Hotel, Beverley. The evening's entertainment was preceded by ringing on Beverley's two fine rings of ten, at the Minster and St. Mary's. About 50 ringers and their friends were present from Beverley, Cottingham, Kirk Ella, Sutton and Walkington.

A splendid seasonal meal was served—there can be no doubt that Yorkshire cooking is England's best. After dinner the Sutton handbell ringers had a merry performance with their bells, and rendered a selection of carols and Christmas tunes. A film show followed, with one ringer bravely illustrating some of his honeymoon delights, with a film constructed by himself. Slides taken during last year's cycling tour in Somerset and Dorset were shown prior to a discussion of the next tour, which, it is hoped, will be in the Cambridgeshire area in August.

Hearty thanks were accorded to David Johnson, the organiser.

PUTNEY RINGERS SING THE CHANGES



Members of the Putney Choral Society (an alias for Putney ringers) entertaining at the Surrey Association's most successful social. Left to right: Mr. Christopher Mew, the Misses Christine Cobb, Margaret Fort and Margaret Lewis, and Mr. Brian Bull.

A recent leading article on the need for new blood on committees and for officers to consider seriously whether they ought to accept nomination year after year had striking confirmation at Putney on February 16th, when a most successful social evening was held there by the Northern District. It really started with a new and young committee member inquiring when the next get-together would be. The previous social function had been the 75th anniversary dinner in 1955, and the answer to her question was a centenary dinner in 1980. This not proving good enough she got busy and the result was an offer from the energetic ringers of Putney to organise a social evening for the District.

The evening proved conclusively their point, that such occasions were needed and would be welcomed. Some 80 ringers and friends attended at the belfry for a ring first (so many that 'one ring and get out of the belfry to make room for the others' was the order of the evening). Light refreshments had been promised at 7.30 p.m. The mind boggles at what Putney people would call a square meal if what provided was correctly described. When the quantity of food provided had finally defeated the company the film 'Ringing the Changes,' from 'Look at Life,' was shown and appreciated, especially when local ringers' faces were seen. More active events followed in quick succession.

Miss Sally Parrott won a prize for being the first to obtain the signatures of 21 members who had performed a whole variety of different ringing feats. They varied from breaking a stay to having rung more than 50 peals or been a member of the Association for over 40 years. The Putney Choral Society (an alias for Putney ringers) rendered some amusing ringing verses.

An indoor cricket match for the Kingston Cup was played for by a team of Putney ringers and a team from the Rest, and was won easily by the Rest. The cup was duly presented to the Association Master, Mr. Frank Darby, for custody at Beddington, until the next competition.

Between times jellies were served, and later coffee and biscuits. Four experts from Beddington gave an exhibition of ringing Bob Major on handbells, followed by three very young ladies from Wimbledon showing us how to ring Bob Minor.

All too soon the last waltz and Auld Lang Syne brought to an end an evening that can most aptly be described as Superlative.

W. P.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division Annual

Over 60 ringers from all parts of Sussex crowded into the spacious belfry of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 23rd, when the Eastern Division held their annual meeting. The Vicar (Canon W. W. S. March) was unable to take the service owing to an attack of influenza, and his place was taken by the curate, Rev. N. M. S. Waters. At tea, in the Old Parsonage (arranged by St. Mary's band), the members learned that their secretary, Mr. F. Beeney, was also a 'flu casualty, and his predecessor, Mr. H. Reynolds, deputised for him.

The Master, Mr. R. V. Johnston, took the chair, and Mr. R. W. Percy, general secretary, was also present. On hearing that Mr. Beeney did not wish to seek re-election as Divisional secretary, the meeting voted Mr. I. Smith, of Battle, to this office. Other officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Baldock; auditor, Mr. T. A. Hunnisett; committee, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow; Central Council representative, Mr. R. Percy. The chairman thanked all retiring officers, especially Mr. L. Giles, who had filled the difficult and thankless task of Ringing Master for many years.

A most refreshing and healthy indication at this meeting was the youth and obvious future capabilities of the new officers.

H. R.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 7th, 1913.—

Few men, at the outside half-a-dozen, have rung 800 peals, yet we record this week the 800th peal which the brothers William and Ernest Pye have rung together!

Last Friday was the 112th anniversary of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal rung at Christ Church Spitalfields, by a mixed band of Cumberland and College Youths. Only one peal in the method is supposed to have been rung previously. This was at Norwich, but no record of it is in existence.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINNER

MOST of the city towers were available on February 9th, when the Nottingham University Society held their dinner. Appropriately, an excellent meal was served in the 'Tower Suite' of the Co-operative House to a company of about 50.

Mr. Paul Taylor, the genial president, gave the loyal toast, to be followed by the Master, Mr. Roy Tiffin, who welcomed the guests. These included Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. David Marshall and their wives, and representatives of other University Societies—Liverpool, Leicester and Bristol—and friends from Loughborough College, which would probably soon have university status. Lastly, came the city ringers and the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins, of All Saints', Nottingham, to whom the Society owe a great deal, as the bells of All Saints' Church have been available to the Society for the last three years.

The reply was by Mr. Norman Chaddock, who recalled previous visits to Nottingham—once to take an examination at the university and several times to attempt peals with the late Clement Glenn. He noticed during the day's ringing that Clement Glenn had left his mark on Nottingham ringing in the ingenious way the bells were quickly in a musical position in Grandsire Caters. Another thing that pleased him was that after a touch had failed there had been no arguments or harsh words.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. David Marshall, who said he was quite sure that everyone present knew what excellent fellows all its members were, and what good work the Society did, a point he did not propose to elaborate.

It was important, said the proposer, that all ringers and clergy should increasingly bear in mind the question of public relations. Peal ringing was something which helped very much to keep the Exercise alive, but it also often caused bad feeling with the listening public. He urged that towers where complaints were frequent should fit some form of sound control to the louvres, which could be adjusted to provide a maximum for service ringing and a minimum amount of sound for practices and peal ringing.

Mr. Edmund Shuttleworth responded for the Society, and said the Society had manned the bells of All Saints' Church every Sunday evening until Christmas. Then ringing had to be suspended because the 'go' of the bells had deteriorated. Next year was the centenary of All Saints' Church and the parish hoped to rehang the bells as part of the celebrations. When this was completed All Saints' parish could rely on the Society to give them every assistance in teaching a regular band. Another activity of the Society was in concentrating on getting ringing again at Beeston.

The formal part of the evening over, the company adjourned to talk over old times and to ring handbells in an atmosphere of goodwill and friendship. D. W. F.

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By T. B. WORSLEY

23456	B	W	H
23564	—	3, 5ths	—
23645	—		—
36245		3	2
527346	4ths	3	3
35264	In	3	2
427365	4ths		3
23456	In	3	

No. 5 first rung at Radcliffe, Lancs, May 20th, 1933.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

A company of 50 attended the annual meeting of the North and East District at Hendon on February 9th. The bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, were available during the afternoon and, judging by the number of members inside the small ringing room at one time, were very popular.

The service was held at Hendon and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Welch, who based his address on a passage from the Association Collect, 'Help us to be worthy of our holy calling.'

Following tea, in the Church House, Mr. H. G. Hart took the chair at the business meeting and extended a special welcome to Mr. Fred Barker, of Finchley, who has been a member of the Association for over 50 years. The secretary's report gave members a resumé of the activities of the District during the past year and revealed that, of the quarter peals rung for Sunday and other services, the band at All Saints', Edmonton, recorded the most successes.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Master, A. Cutler; Deputy Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; District chairman, G. H. Hart; secretary, E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, D. T. C. Smith; auditor, J. R. Mayne. Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, C. F. Neal and S. G. Peck were re-elected as committee representatives.

Miss Dorothea Robotham (Finchley), P. T. A. Ollen (Harrow) and Miss Bridget A. Sanger were elected as ringing members, together with four members of the Pinner band, Messrs. P. Sanders, H. Paul, R. Rattenby and M. Took. Mr. John Voss, of Kingsbury, who is shortly leaving the county to reside in Buckinghamshire, was transferred to non-resident life membership.

A successful meeting terminated by the chairman expressing thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Gordon Clark (the organist), Mrs. Britton and the Hendon ringers for preparing tea, and to Mr. Maltby for making local arrangements. The Rev. W. R. Matthews, Rector of Finchley, was also thanked for the use of his bells, as was Mr. L. Tubb for having everything in readiness at that tower. E. H. K.

JOINT MEETING AT BEACONSFIELD

A very enjoyable joint meeting between the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) was held at Beaconsfield on February 23rd. Early in the afternoon there was ringing on the six bells at Penn. Various methods were rung on the eight at Beaconsfield before Sung Evensong, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. R. Warner, and Rev. L. G. Reeves.

The gathering, which numbered about 70, enjoyed an excellent tea in the Old Rectory.

Mr. A. D. Barker thanked the Rector for his joyful service, and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Lock replied, thanking the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for the invitation. Miss D. R. Fletcher and Miss G. Reeves and their helpers for preparing an excellent tea and Mr. W. Birmingham for the social evening.

The evening commenced with a picture game, followed by two films, which were shown by Mr. T. D. Mitchell. The first showed a youth club trip up the River Thames on a raft, and the second was when the Queen opened the new Town Hall, Maidenhead. The Hillingdon handbell ringers rang a course of London and Bristol, and Mrs. J. Muller entertained with a song and a monologue. After refreshments, Master David Boarder gave us a tune on the piano, and, with more games, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch Annual

The Eastern Branch again chose Loddon for its annual meeting on February 16th, and the handy eight were soon being rung to suit all tastes and talents.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham); the lesson was read by Miss Doris Lidbetter; the organist was Mr. D. Lloyd.

In the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, the business meeting, after the tea in the Church Hall, was presided over by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association.

Mr. Golden opened the meeting by proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Ninham, Mr. Lloyd the organist and Mr. Bailey (verger) for the use of the bells and the general arrangements; to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and their lady helpers for the splendid tea provided.

He then spoke of the loss the Branch had suffered by the death of Mr. Albert Coleman, of Lowestoft, a great churchman and well known ringer; the members stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Before the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, Mr. Golden said how grateful the Association was for the work of these folk and it was a well known fact that the Eastern Branch had always been well served, the retiring chairman and secretary having held office for 12 and 10 years respectively.

The elections resulted as follows: Chairman, Miss Doris Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. Norman Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Walpole; Standing Committee, Messrs. E. R. Goate and P. G. W. Newstead; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. W. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. Gorrod and T. Brock.

A striking competition will be held on May 18th, and the next Branch meeting will be at Kessingland on June 8th.

The president said there would be room for members to attend the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth. The members also heard from various speakers of the detailed arrangements which had so far been made by the Association's officers, and which ran contrary to certain 'long distance' allegations which had appeared from correspondents in 'The Ringing World.'

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

The first hour of the Bingham District meeting on February 9th was at the four bell tower of Oxton, where 18 members were welcomed by Mr. C. H. Ashmore (captain). Then to East Bridgford, where the chaplain took the service and tea was served in the Village Institute.

Eleven towers were represented at the business meeting when the following 10 members were elected: Messrs. G. H. Ashmore, L. Bramble, F. Coton, O. Wilkins, J. Newbold (Oxton), Mr. and Mrs. Stainsby (Radcliffe-on-Trent), R. Miller, D. Cobb and R. Hibbett (Granby).

The meeting at Cropwell Bishop on March 9th was confirmed, and a joint meeting with the Leicester District in September at Hinckley and Hose proposed. East Bridgford bells were to be dedicated at a future date. Ringing continued in many methods, and, with visitors, the company numbered over 50. R. B.

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Letters to the Editor

Reconsideration of Extension Justified

Dear Sir,—I would like to state that, in the current controversy on method extension, I do think the Leicester protagonists have made a valid point, in that an extension can sometimes be made of a method which appears not to extend by the expedient of adapting from another method which allows a perfectly obvious extension.

Some of the results produced by this method do not conform to the recommendations of the C.C. Report, but I fail to see that they can be dismissed by the term 'arbitrary,' as Mr. Blagrove would have us believe—the C.C. Report is a classic piece of 'arbitrary' reasoning.

In one or two cases (and I include Durham) the methods produced by the 'adaptation' system seem to give a result which is not only satisfactory to the practical ringer, but also appeals to the theorist because the method concerned can be summed up in a comparatively simple and understandable way, which suggests the way in which the method can be produced on all numbers, in exactly the same way as the elements of the Cambridge construction can be contained in one basic precept —i.e. 'working bells hunt while the treble dodges, and vice versa.'

It is easy to formulate a rule to produce Durham, once the principle is grasped, on which the York extension is based, and I do feel that the Durham extensions are quite as sound as the accepted York family.

Finally, I may say that there is a large body of the Exercise who, after due consideration, feel that the existing rules of the C.C. Report are inadequate, and who would be glad to see the situation reopened, if the lengthy ramblings which precede the production of the Report could be avoided.

Mr. Mayne has given us a very lucid lesson on the Report, which, I think, many will find useful. Having understood the substance of the Report, however, we must examine the rules which, in many cases in an arbitrary way, draw the line between the acceptable and the unacceptable extension. To qualify my allegations, the following rule is obviously entirely without logical foundation, and so arbitrary (I cannot quote the reference, but it is part of the rule on pivot position at the half-lead):

The substance is that if a pivot place is made internally, e.g. in thirds place in Major, then in the extension to Royal it shall be made in fifths place, and in Maximus in sevenths place, unless the extension is static, when it shall remain in thirds place. Why, in an expending extension, should the pivot place remain static from the back, when it is not allowed to remain static from the front?

I feel that the way is open to relaxing the rules, while still maintaining equal quality of extension.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

Loughborough Bell Foundry Peals

Dear Sir,—In connection with the Rev. Canon K. W. H. Felstead's article, '1,000 Peals at Loughborough Bell Foundry,' I should like to point out that I have also rung over 50 peals at the Bell Foundry. My total number is 70 peals, 39 of which have been rung since I was married and the remainder under my maiden name (Forster). Incidentally, 64 of these were rung on the 5th bell.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICIA A. M. HALLS (Mrs.)

Littleover, Derby.

Conductor Disagrees

Dear Sir,—We have now had official confirmation from the Methods Committee that they do not accept the extensions of Durham Surprise rung at Leicester. I read, and understood Mr. Mayne's letter, but I cannot agree with all the points he made. Should our extension (which appears perfectly logical to me) be rejected off hand when the other means of extension provides no answer at all? What about London Surprise?

Had the Birmingham band rung Londinium before the Cheshire band, they were going to call it London. And why not? Several of the Cheshire band wanted to call it London, and, in actual fact, claimed as a footnote to a peal of London Minor to have rung peals of London from Minor to Maximus! This was not disputed.

When we rang the peal of Durham Royal we were not aware that it did not conform to C.C. Rules. It can be rung by the same rule from Minor to Maximus, like Cambridge, York and Primrose; this, from the practical ringer's view, is the ideal. Primrose is Cambridge without 2nds at the lead end, and Durham is York without 3rds at the half-lead, and gives the back change at the first half-lead, for all numbers.

No doubt a great deal of hard work went into the report on Method Extension, but some modification is needed to cover logical extensions which are accepted by the majority of the Exercise.

[Many Government committees work very hard, but I think everybody would agree that their findings are not infallible, despite good intentions.]

I can call to mind four bands who have questioned method extension independently. We will not be the last unless some changes are made; perhaps to consider the few exceptions which arise on their own merits?

If we had called the method County Durham it would have been acceptable, or even Llanfair P.G., correctly spelt, of course!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

Handbell Tune Bands

Dear Sir,—With reference to the list of tune ringing handbell bands on page 108, I inadvertently omitted three bands of enthusiastic young ringers who deserve to be included. They are:

Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School handbell ringers, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. 17 bells, 6-7 ringers. Leader, Mr. John P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood, Lancs. Tel.: HEY 60170. Practices usually during school hours.

All Saints' C. of E. School handbell ringers, Hamer, Rochdale, Lancs. Leader, Mr. James Taylor, 96, Greenbank Road, Rochdale, Lancs. About 24 bells, 6-9 ringers. Practices usually during school hours.

Kettering High School ringers, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Secretary, Miss M. Rowles, 'Grindelwald,' Skeffington Close, Geddington, Kettering. About 36 bells, 8 ringers. Although the band are in the Midlands, I think they should be mentioned if only for the fact that I have heard some very good reports of them, from time to time.

Miss J. S. Armstrong, of Morpeth, has sent me brief details of a Northumbrian band, viz.:

The Cambois Church handbell ringers, Cambois, Blyth, Northumberland. Correspondent, Mr. J. R. Fenwick, 4, Sandfield Road, East Sleekburn, Bedlington, Northumberland. 16 bells, 7-8 ringers.—Yours sincerely,

Shaw, Oldham. THOMAS OGDEN.

A Peal Ringer's Query

Dear Sir,—If the bells in a parish church need new fittings, etc., what is more important to that church—six separate half-hours of service ringing or three hours' ringing by a party from outside the parish for their own satisfaction?

The bells at Irthlingborough, for instance, were last rehung with new fittings, etc., in 1893. Before a peal attempt or a ringers' meeting, these bells need extra care. The old plain bearings do not retain the oil for long, rollers and pins are badly worn and, of course, ropes near the garter hole need care and attention.

On one or two occasions we have had to refuse permission for a peal because sufficient time, before and after the long ringing, for this attention was not possible. After all, service ringing and practice are more important for the local church and ringers.

Another point to remember is that, in most parishes there are the bell haters, who complain of three hours' continuous ringing. One couple, near this church, requested the Rector to stop the practice on Tuesday nights because it awakened their baby. However, we didn't, and they have moved farther away.—Yours, faithfully,

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

Metal Strips For Stays

Dear Sir,—Mr. Halls, on page 124, wonders why some sort of unbreakable stay that only requires resetting when a bell 'goes over' has not been devised.

It seems to me that few people realise that such a stay has been tried, and is in use on several light rings that have been installed in recent years.

The principle utilises a metal strip for the stay, with a little finger at the end, extending two or three inches beyond the main part of the stay. There is no slider needed, merely a slide, shaped like a long old-fashioned English s.

When the bell reaches its highest point the finger is guided into one side of the slide and rests against a stop a few inches off centre. When the bell goes up the other way the finger goes into the other side of the slide and rests there. Thus the finger is moved to and fro with each stroke.

If the bell is pulled too hard the stay and finger simply bend, allowing the bell to 'go over.' All one does then is to haul up the rope and put it back on the right side of the wheel. There is not even any resetting required.

Such a system is fitted to the Taylor ring at Saxthorpe, Norfolk (tenor 3 cwt.), and I had a remarkably heavy handed (for the light bells) band of learners there from the nearby school. However, though a bell could go over ten times in an afternoon, ringing was never halted more than a couple of minutes while an enthusiastic learner dashed up the tower to 'retrieve' his rope. For those who are interested in records, four of these learners stood in (fairly) successful rounds less than ten minutes after first handling a bell rope! I am sure that this is at least in part due to the lack of fear (both mine and theirs) in breaking a stay.

I have no doubt that an elaboration of this method could be used on the heaviest of bells. —Yours faithfully,

FRANK H. KING.

Magdalene College,
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LETTERS—Continued

London & The Central Council

Dear Sir,—I have read the recent correspondence regarding accommodation in 'The Ringing World for the forthcoming Central Council meeting in Great Yarmouth. I notice that Mr. B. G. Warwick, of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, approves of the fact that the first meeting of the Central Council in each session ought to be held in London. I, personally, do not agree with this motion at all, for the following reason. I feel, and I expect there are many ringers up and down the country will feel the same, that the Central Council should move its headquarters frequently and get out in the 'country lanes.' England has a north, which is not centred on London.

We in the north are 'fed up' with 'London.' Why must everything and everybody be in London, all at the same time? Another interesting fact is that there are better things than finding rooms for a few days for the Central Council members to argue about. The use of synthetic bells is one—I saw an advert for these tin cans in a leading Church paper. Never mind accommodation; plenty of that for everybody, am I sure.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW KING.

Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham.

Five Bell Towers & Meetings

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Hodgson, in my report on the peal at Meanwood, I did not suggest that the Yorkshire Association has ever refused to go to any tower to which it has been invited nor am I qualified to pass an opinion on this matter. I merely expressed my personal opinion based on the fact that the Association's meetings are usually held at towers with eight or more bells.

On the other hand my remarks concerning the Leeds and District Society and the rule whereby it automatically shuts the door in its own face were based upon experience. When I was instrumental in getting a new ring of six bells in Leeds, some eight years ago, I procured the Vicar's invitation to the Society to hold the first meeting there, but far from being received with gratitude the invitation was almost thrown back in his face, and only with much persuasion and the understanding that the new ringers would become members, did the Society ungraciously agree to go there. It is poetic justice that, for reasons which are beside the point at issue, this particular tower is now closed so far as meetings are concerned.

Mr. Hodgson would do well to reflect that Associations, whether they be large or small, do not hold meetings at any tower as a ringer, but as a privilege, and a privilege which is taken for granted or abused frequently becomes withheld.

I believe I know the case he has in mind and if I am correct in my surmise, I would remind him that the Yorkshire Association was not invited to the tower in question, that the local ringers do not as a rule, attend Association meetings, so that if they chose to ring a peal on the day in question they were quite at liberty to do so.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Southgate Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter on the subject of Southgate Surprise Major in the issue of January 8th.

The first point I would make is that the peculiarities of the falseness have been appreciated for many years. This was pointed out to me by Mr. C. W. Roberts, about 1950, and peals of Superlative with bobs both back and front have taken advantage of this. Incidentally, any composition of Southgate in an **odd** number of leads will produce a peal of Superlative with calls both back and front!

My second point is simply this—since, by playing tricks, good material is available for composition in a method, use it! Don't spoil it by using rubbish. The three peals given below all make an attempt to exploit the method. I have no doubt better can be done.

Incidentally, I see we have two more half-composers.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Warwicks.

5,024 by R. F. B. SPEED

23456	5/4	M	H
35426	X	—	—
64235	X		
35264	X		—
42635	X		
23645	X	—	—
46325	X	—	
62345	X	—	—
43265	X	—	3
52364		—	—
63254	X	—	3
42356		—	—
53246	X	—	3
34256	X	—	—
62534	X		3
23564	X	—	—
36524	X	—	—
52436	X		2
23456	X	—	—

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5,056 by S. J. IVIN

23456	W	5/4	M	H	
52436	—			3	
64523	—		—	—	
35426			—	—	
42356	—			—	
32654			—		
26354	—	X	—		A
54326		X		—	A
63254		X			A
52364		X	—	3	A
62345		A			

23456 A omitting last course

5,056 by R. F. B. SPEED

23456	5/4	M	H
42356			—
32654		—	
56234	X	—	
26435		—	
54326	X		3*
63254	X		
23564	X	—	2

Repeat twice omitting 3H* after first part.
First rung June 20th, 1962.

Ernest Morris Memorial Fund

Dear Sir,—I would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following further contributions to the 'Ernest Morris Memorial Fund':

Countesthorpe (Leics) £2 2s., Swepstone £2, Mountsorrel 15s., West Lindsey Branch (Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 15s., Coventry Diocesan Guild £2 2s., Guildford Diocesan Guild £5 5s., Ely Diocesan Association £2 2s., Edward P. Duffield £1, John A. Acres £2 2s., G. H. Lane £1, West Dorset Branch (Salisbury Diocesan Guild, 2nd donation) £3 3s., Stoke Golding 7s. 6d.

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We have received a design for the memorial window and hope to publish details in the near future.—Yours sincerely,

GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

Braunstone, Leicester.

A Verbal 'Bash'

Dear Sir,—I once read how one of your correspondents found delight and interest in parish names above peal reports, and am prompted to write of my own innocent amusement of a similar kind. It is in the names of the performers. For instance, in that incredible performance, which heads the list on February 22nd we surely have a comment on the present weather, Pipe, Frost, Thirst, and also, for gardeners, a Rock Border. Another consequential instance follows in Bird-Hunt, Hussey. In another peal stood a Goodfellow, two Kings and a Pryor. Then there is the Clover Rose Tooke for Spight or did she want it for the Faithfull House Butler?

I hasten to say, however, that this game is not chief interest in the peal columns. Perhaps it stems from having a most inappropriate name for a ringer, though many of my friends might think it apt.—Yours faithfully,

Thirsk. A. BASHFORTH.

Tonne Family Bell Founders

Dear Sir,—Mr. Suckling's letter makes me wonder whether the bell at Bocking is the old sacring bell which hung in the turret, and had 'Sanctus' (three times) round the crown, also an effigy of a knight in armour. Underneath is the translated Latin inscription: 'If you want to know my name, my name is Richard.' This bell is said to have been given to the Priory in the first half of the 13th century, but history seems silent regarding the actual period of presentation to this ancient deanery church, founded in the year 995 by Royal Charter.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

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Society of Roving Ringers Tour North Wales

LLANDUDNO was basking in blazing sunshine as some of our party met for a peal attempt. Two of the proposed band did not arrive at the specified time, but two holiday-making ringers happened to be passing, and agreed to take their place. A start was made for Bob Major, but one of the ropes objected to the standard of ringing and parted. A quarter of Stedman was rung after splicing the rope and admitting the two latecomers.

A short train journed to Bangor and a bike ride brought us to Beaumaris, to join the rest of the party and the start of the tour proper. Bernard and Beryl joined us here, and we all completed Anglesey on an unusual but not unpleasant eight. Saturday night was spent at the Bangor Youth Hostel, at the water's edge, and we were heartened to discover that the most serious crime in the city, but one that warranted the patrolling of policemen in pairs, was . . . drinking under age.

On Sunday morning, bright and early, we cycled the short distance to Llandegai. With no one to meet us and no key in the door the obvious next move was to inquire at the cottage, right next to the church. Unfortunately the little white-haired old lady who came to the door brought a communication problem with her—she could speak very little English. The key was produced some time later and the delightful six (just back from Taylor's foundry) were rung for the Welsh service and again later for the English.

After lunch we tried the well-used octave at Glenadda, where John Freeman joined us and steered us through a course of London. Back to Llandudno, then for another attempt—an attempt to swim. After trudging for miles over seemingly endless sand we reached the water's edge—only to be told by a little man in a white cap and binoculars that it was too dangerous to swim when the tide was coming in! At Holy Trinity we rang for Evensong before cycling on to the hostel at Colwyn Bay. Sunday evening proved very dry for all except those who had the slightest connections with the R.A.F.

On Monday morning we called at Abergele and tossed a coin with some workmen to decide who should occupy the ringing chamber first. At the marble church, Bodelwyddan, we were embarrassed by tourists and short ropes, and the ringing wasn't very good. Rhyddlan's were not an easy going six, and it was only with great difficulty that we managed to ring rounds. Rhyl's were a splendid eight, and the hour we spent here was very enjoyable. The only disappointments were our attempt to ring Double Norwich and the fact that the hovercraft was not working.

The water at Prestatyn was very cold, but did not deter several from swimming. The evening chorus was well supported by local vocal talent: it was a pity that they didn't know any of our songs.

TO HEAD OF QUEUE

At Flint, the following morning, we were overwhelmed by a vast reception committee—the Vicar, choristers, ringers, recording engineers and relatives of our Master—surely outnumbering us by at least three to one. We found the recently augmented eight by Taylor to be a delightful little ring, but the replayed recordings showed that our control was not good. The Master received excellent service at the butcher's shop next door, when dragged from the end of a very long queue to the front by the Vicar, who insisted that 'This gentleman should be served first as he's come all the way from Derby to ring our bells, and all he wants is a pork pie.'

We shinned Flint mountain to find an excellent six at Halkyn, where a lady's touch was well struck. Once more we almost lost our youngest member, but not to the police this time. No key could be found at Northrop, but we were admirably entertained by the antics of the inebriate village cobbler. Mold's were a pleasant six, and the local ringers joined us in some fairly good ringing. Some more mountaineering took us to the highest point of the tour and the mountain hut, where we bunked three deep at Maeshafn.

A long drop down to Hope, on Wednesday morning, improved the ringing slightly. Wrexham Parish Church had a splendid ten, but we didn't really do them justice. Lunch was taken at a house kept by a local ringer, and it was here that the president was called upon to exercise his unquestionable authority on Roman pottery.

OWN WARDEN TO RESCUE

At Llangollen was rang a course of Llangollen Imperial on an indifferent eight, and Double Norwich was defeated. The horde of hostellers at the large youth hostel was such as to leave the warden in a cold sweat. At this point our own portable warden sprang to the helm and organised the hostel, the hostellers and the warden. On the interpretation of the term 'good hostelry' the views of the warden and ourselves were not quite the same. Apparently the good hosteller does not apply for an extension to go to the pub, but spends a day or two repairing hostel beds, etc.

On Thursday we rang at six six-bell towers, including all those in the detached part of Flintshire. The best of the day were the heavy six at Hanmer, although the combined effects of a substantial lunch and blazing hot sun were to make a bed of long grass seem more attractive. At Bangor-on-Dee the river ran within a couple of yards of the porch, so it was hardly surprising that the president did not come away without getting wet.

Friday brought pouring rain, the weekenders, some better bells and better ringing. Gresford, perhaps, being the best of the day. On Saturday, the weather improved and two fine eights were found at Buckley and Eccleston, where we attempted almost everything. The Westminster Hotel provided us with a good dinner and a room to ourselves. The greater part of the evening was spent having fun with Frank's tape recorder.

On Sunday we rang at the three Chester towers, some members ringing on the front six of the Cathedral in the afternoon. On Monday the party dispersed after ringing at Christleton and Waverton, some members departing by car, some by train and our portable warden-cum-farming and cycle tyre expert . . . by bike for a cycling holiday!

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REUNION AT WORCESTER

Snow, ice and cold weather restricted the number at this year's reunion to 26. Those who came to Worcester enjoyed a full programme of ringing arranged by George Evenden.

Ringing opened on Saturday morning on the musical six at Elmley Castle. At Cropthorne, an attempt to ring Evenden Surprise came to grief, but more orthodox methods were successful. The death of a local ringer at Great Hampton diverted us to Hinton-on-the-Green, where the bells knew Stedman Triples. At Pershore Abbey the 7th slipped wheel several times and we did not really have our ten shillings worth. The highlight of the day came in ringing the magnificent Cathedral bells. There weren't quite enough ringers to ring the twelve adequately, so most of the ringing was confined to ten. All Saints' were summarily dealt with before making our way to the hotel for a welcome dinner.

A very informal and spontaneous business meeting followed the meal. The secretary-cum-Master gave a combined secretary's and Master's report, in which he apologised for the fact that a report of the summer tour had not yet appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and for the absence of the record book. It was observed that the two gentlemen responsible for these items were absent from the meeting; one known to be in Italy. Later reports indicated that the record book was somewhere in the Bristol area.

In the elections that followed George Evenden retained the presidency, Donald Cobb was elected Ringing Master and Derek Astridge and Marilyn Gibbs re-elected secretaries. Bernard Ongley indicated that he wished to relinquish his post as treasurer, and so it was decided to combine the office with that of secretary. Bernard is to be thanked for the work he has put in for so many years. The venue of the summer tour was voted to be Cornwall.

Sunday ringing commenced at the Cathedral, and continued at All Saints' and the fine eight at Hollow. Dodderhill witnessed some good ringing in the afternoon (Crowle will not be mentioned) and St. John's, Worcester, brought the week-end reluctantly to a close. D. G. A.

REV. ROGER KEELEY'S WEDDING

The former Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson) and the Vicar (the Rev. C P. Hanna) officiated at the wedding of the Rev. Roger Keeley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H G. Keeley, of Lyme Regis, to Miss Patricia Sharp, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sharp, of Saxon Road, Harnham, which took place at St. George's Church, West Harnham, on February 16th.

The bridegroom is serving his title as curate of the neighbouring parish of All Saints, Harnham. His bride is choirmistress of the church's unique all-girls choir and her younger sister, Annette, who was the only bridesmaid, is church organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length white nylon chiffon dress with a circular veil and pearl coronet. Her bridesmaid was in blue nylon chiffon, with a matching headdress. Mr. David Hoare, former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was best man.

A guard of honour, drawn from the Harnham Division of the Church Lads' Brigade, greeted the couple as they left the church. The reception, at the White Hart Hotel, was attended by more than 70 guests, and the honeymoon was spent in Torquay.

BRISTOL AND READING UNIVERSITIES IN SWINDON

February 23rd saw the invasion of Swindon by two University Societies, first stop being at the delightful eight of Stratton St. Margaret. Here some reasonable striking was attained, as the two Societies became better acquainted.

The highlight of the day was Christ Church, with a full-bodied ten, where between the ringing of anything from rounds to Cambridge Royal, the 'historians' perused the large library of 'Ringing Worlds.' After tea St. Mark's Church, originally built by the railway for its employees, was visited.

Much improved ringing was noted, and the day finished in the best of tradition with three leads of Bristol.

A masterpiece of disorganisation followed as Swindon was combed for the missing coach, and then, when some of the party found it, they set about looking for the rest, who had found surroundings more suitable to the time of evening!

Tower captains and clergy of the above churches are thanked for permission to ring their bells. D. M. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The Langford-Beams memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 23rd, with a good attendance of members from seven towers, and one visitor from Yetminster. Rounds, Doubles, Triples and two courses of Yorkshire were rung during the afternoon. The service touch was rung by the young Bradpole band.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Gibb, conducted the service, and tea was served in the Forester Hall by the Bradpole ringers and friends. Mr. C. W. Powell, the Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. An apology was received from Canon C. C. Cox, as he only felt fit enough to stay to ring two touches. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Beaminster on May 11th were discussed, and the Rev. C. B. Marshall, of Crewkerne, was confirmed as a non-resident member.

The Branch chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, ringers and friends for a very pleasant afternoon.

Next meeting: Thorncombe, April 20th.

J. T. B.

OBITUARY

MR. DANIEL SMITH

When Daniel Smith came from the Forest of Dean to Yorkshire, in the 1920's to follow his trade as a collier, Gloucestershire's loss was Yorkshire's gain. He took up bellringing, joining the Felkirk band, who were then struggling to ring Plain Bob Minor, after which both he and the band made rapid strides.

Among Yorkshire ringers, and others, for the last 35 years he never required any appellation other than the first syllable of his Christian name; there was, and will ever be, only one 'Dan'!

No other ringer in the Barnsley and District Society, except perhaps C. D. Potter, has been held in such affection and esteem, though he was never afraid to speak his mind and was forthright and dogmatic almost to the point of obstinacy when he knew that the welfare of ringers or ringing was in jeopardy. Yet he was of a gentle and cheerful disposition and his earnestness and sincerity endeared him to all he met. The amount of work he did for bellringing is incalculable.

He was secretary of the Society for over 20 years and in the difficult war years almost carried it upon his broad shoulders, as undaunted he arranged meetings in spite of blackouts and transport difficulties. At one time he represented the Society on the Central Council. For many years he was vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association.

He rang almost 200 peals, most of them on the tenor, including Surprise Major and peals of Minor up to 45 spliced. He conducted over 100 and was included in the series of 'Great Conductors,' published in the 'R.W.' some years ago. Quite a few of his peals were Major, but the bulk were Minor, his first and greatest love. Dan was, emphatically and uncompromisingly, a 'cartwheeler,' and had no time for open-lead Minor ringing. He rang several peals on handbells, a skill he acquired when the bells were silent during the war.

Several times he headed the yearly list of peal scorers for the Yorkshire Association. We learnt to ring together, and together we rang our first peal. I am proud that I was privileged to ring in more peals with him than anyone else.

His last years were clouded by illness. He died on February 12th, and his funeral took place at Felkirk on February 16th. Many friends and relatives and ringers from a large area attended. The bells were rung half-muffled and a well-struck course of Felkirk Treble Bob was included. At the service Dan's favourite hymns, 'The Day Thou Gavest' and 'When I Survey,' were sung with Michael H. Chant at the organ. Around the open grave Dan's handbells were rung by Harold Chant 1—2, Herman Rusby 3—4, Trevor Tarbatt 5—6, Noel F. Moxon 7—8. Peter Coward also rang rounds on 3—4.

After the funeral a short touch of spliced was rung by a band which included the oldest member of the Society—84 years old W. Moxon, of Sandal. Dan was 66; he leaves two daughters. May he rest in peace.

H. C.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, G. F. Newton 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John T. Gaskin, 26 years' verger at this church.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, L. Porter 2, F. Smith 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. W. E. Brain.

FOUR BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Here is a little more information concerning four-bell towers which I am aware of:

OXFORDSHIRE

North Aston St. Mary, 7½ cwt., B flat. Tower unsafe, although two peals were rung early in 1961, and there was a local band here.

Fritwell St. Olave, 8 cwt., A flat. The bells are quite ringable and rung by a local band. They were rehung by Whites, of Appleton, in 1949. Visited 14–4–62.

Horly St. Etheldreda, 8 cwt., A flat. Fine church with a central tower. The bells are very rarely rung, but go fairly well, and have a good tone. Ringing takes place in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. The staircase is the smallest I have ever negotiated, and the bell chamber is full of dirt, and dead birds. Visited 26–8–62.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dorney St. James. Were unringable for many years until last year, when two trebles were added, together with a new frame and fittings by Mears and Stainbank. Visited 24–11–62.

Radnage St. Mary, 8 cwt. Unringable and not rung for many years. Visited 10–5–58.

Towersey St. Catharine, 7 cwt. Presumably ringable as there is a local band here.

BERKSHIRE

Stanford Dingley St. Denys. Presumably ringable as there is a local band, and a peal was rung here in 1960.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Lichfield St. Chad. Ringable and go well, although there is a long draught, and the ropes fail in the curious order of 1, 3, 2, 4. Visited 23–6–62.

WARWICKSHIRE

Ettington, 9 cwt. Fine church, with nice upstairs belfry. The bells are very rarely rung, but go well: the frame and fittings are clean and in good condition. Visited 31–3–62.

—Yours sincerely,

Amersham, Bucks. TONY FORTIN.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to Adelaide the first peal on the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral was rung on February 20th in 3 hours 32 minutes. The peal, Grandsire Triples, was called by Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts (her first tower bell peal for eight years) and the band consisted of four South Australians, three of whom were ringing their first peal, and four English-born residents. Adelaide tenor (41 cwt.) is second to Sherborne in the list of heavy eights, and David Bleby, the youngest member, made a good job of his first peal on this heavy bell. Herbert Greenhalgh was ringing his first peal for 30 years.

We must congratulate Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Asfordby, Leics. At the age of 84 he has rung his first quarter peal 'inside.'

Eight Masonic P.M.s recently attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at Tarleton, Lancs, but lost it after half way. Compensation came later at the social board.

Mr. Colin Stevenson, after three months' vacation at Cranford, flew back to Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, on March 2nd. His farewell quarter was duly rung. Cranford ringers wish him well and hope for more peal reports from Rhodesia soon.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Cagley Hall, Loughborough, much appreciates the gesture of the friend who sent him a spoon with label attached: 'Hold in right hand and rotate in clockwise direction.' He promises to call on him at the end of term.

Work has started on the Chiswick-Langley section of the M.4, which runs across Cranford Park, just north of the church. The road approach to the church over the bridge in Cranford Park is unaffected, and during alterations 'it is ringing as usual.'

P.C. Heppenstall, of Wath, was to have stood in the memorial peal at Barnsley for the late Mr. Daniel Smith, but as he was called away on a case he sent his wife as substitute. Margaret, by ringing the treble to Kent Treble Bob Major, scored her first peal on eight bells.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung silent and non-conducted at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 23rd, coincides with another anniversary. Sixty years ago, on February 21st, 1903, the Midland Counties Association rang the first ever peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells at Leicester. This was the first peal of Cinques for all but one of the band. The Cornhill peal was for the 50th anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, which was rung in this tower, also by the Ancient Society of College Youths (February 22nd, 1913).

Appropriate names were noted at Nottingham University Society's dinner. The meal was served in 'The Tower' Suite and the visitors were welcomed by a Mr. 'Tiffin.'

A correspondent writes that he was greatly amused on St. Valentine's Day, when he read in the Bristol University dinner report a mention of Cupid's activities in that Society. At the same time a machine called the Snogometer, built at Bristol University to measure passion, was being shown on the T.V. programme 'Tonight.' Our correspondent wonders if any of the U.B.S.C.R. were watching?

Llanfair P.G. has again raised its 'ugly head,' to the consternation of our comps and readers. To sweeten the Editor, the band sent a donation to our Gratefully Acknowledged column to cover the extra cost involved in printing the same. The conductor would like to remind certain friends that Llanfair P.G. has now been rung in the north of England.

It was only natural that when Miss Rosemary Hazlewood was married at Asfordby Parish church on February 23rd the bells of the Parish Church should be rung in happiness. Her father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all ringers at this church, indeed the Hazlewood family's connection goes back 250 years. We wish her and her husband every happiness and that this great ringing and church tradition may be long continued.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35¼ cwt. in C.

John F. Bryant	*Treble*	*John N. D. Chaddock	7
Geoffrey F. Bryant	2	Gordon Benfield	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	Vernon Bottomley	9
*Jeanne E. Bottomley	4	J. Henry Fielden	10
J. Martin Thorley	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
*Donald H. Niblett	6	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	John Robinson	7
David J. Llewellyn	2	Frederick Shallcross	8
Basil Jones	3	Martin C. Faulkes	9
Neil Bennett	4	Denis Mottershead	10
R. Kingsley Mason	5	Derek Ogden	11
*Roger G. Havard	6	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Cambridge.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	†Arthur G. Mason	7
Robert B. Smith	2	‡John M. Jelley	8
*Derek J. Tranter	3	Brian S. Chapman	9
Herrick B. Bowley	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
Alfred Ballard	5	§William J. Root	11
Shirley Burton	6	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Maximus. † 444th peal. ‡ First of Maximus in the method on tower bells, completing Major to Maximus both on tower and 'in hand.' § 100th of Surprise Maximus. 100th as conductor.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

John D. Rock	*Treble*	John Phillips	7
John Chilcott	2	Rodney B. Meadows	8
Michael V. Chilcott	3	Dennis Randall	9
Wilfred Williams	4	James Phillips	10
John H. Crampion	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
William T. Cook	6	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Arranged by John Chilcott.
Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpires:
Mr. Edwin A. Barnett (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).
Mr. David E. Parsons (Ancient Society of College Youths).
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, rung in this tower by the Society on February 22nd, 1913.

TEN BELL PEAL

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*D. Paul Smith	*Treble*	‡John D. Faircloth	6
†Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Ian H. Oram	7
Ralph Bird	3	Thomas Cullingworth	8
Andrew J. Corby	4	†Walter H. Dobbie	9
Doris E. Colgate	5	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Royal. ‡ First of Royal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Corby (February 24th) and Judith M. Corby (February 25th).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	Derek J. Marshall	5
John F. Barlow	2	John C. Baldwin	6
Derek A. Ashton	3	Ronald M. Edwards	7
David W. James	4	F. John Nelson	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal in the method for all the band, and on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Edward F. P. Bryant	*Treble*	Derek J. Marshall	5
John F. Barlow	2	Ronald M. Edwards	6
Derek A. Ashton	3	John C. Baldwin	7
F. John Nelson	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*David J. Baker	*Treble*	*Edward F. P. Bryant	5
*Margaret James	2	John Robinson	6
Basil Jones	3	Neil Bennett	7
*Harold C. Lonyon	4	*Derek Butterworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Derek A. Ashton	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
*John F. Barlow	2	Peter Watson	6
Neil Bennett	3	John Robinson	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Trevor Taylor and Miss Christine Fontaine, who were married on January 19th at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Kathleen Pilsbury	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Harold C. Lonyon	2	John R. Gilden	6
Eileen M. Fearn	3	Basil Jones	7
Carol Fernley	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Castlehall.
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*David J. Baker	*Treble*	Frederick Shallcross	5
*Edward F. P. Bryant	2	*Peter Watson	6
Basil Jones	3	John Robinson	7
*John C. Baldwin	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal in the method

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John F. Barlow	*Treble*	†David J. Llewellyn	5
*Derek A. Ashton	2	John Robinson	6
Neil Bennett	3	Roger G. Havard	7
Peter Watson	4	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 75th peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
(Grappenhall Branch.)
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

William G. Bibby	*Treble*	Fred Jackson	5
John Oultram	2	Oswald Claybrook	6
Cyril Valentine	3	John R. Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	Francis Bibby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Harold C. Lonyon	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Carol Fernley	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
John Worth	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Basil Jones.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*Harold Dowler	*Treble*	*Dennis Latham	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Michael Wilshaw	6
*Paul J. Atkins	3	Walter Sherratt	7
*Reginald Challinor	4	Roy Worrall	*Tenor*

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe (No. 1).
Conducted by Michael Wilshaw.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Cyril F. Low	5
Gillian A. Neal Smith	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Frances Low	3	Robin G. Leale	7
*Alan E. Bagworth	4	J. Keith Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb.

*Graham Harrop	*Treble*	Derek A. Ashton	5
Neil Bennett	2	‡Derek J. Marshall	6
John F. Barlow	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
†Margaret Wright	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	*David W James	5
*John C. Baldwin	2	Frederick Shallcross	6
*Edward F. P. Bryant	3	Derek Ogden	7
John Robinson	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Margaret James	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
Frederick Shallcross	2	Neil Bennett	6
*John H. Soanes	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant	7
*John C. Baldwin	4	Barrie Hendry	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. First of Spliced as conductor. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*Jill Richardson	*Treble*	Septimus Neave	5
Robert Harrison	2	George W. Moody	6
Jack Bray	3	Arthur W. Crowder	7
Stephen Bromfield	4	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal on eight bells.
In memoriam Arthur W. Hoodless.

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt

*Mrs. M. Heppenstall	*Treble*	Peter Carbatt	5
Eric Stainrod	2	Cyril Rusby	6
*Susan Peace	3	Noel F. Moxon	7
Herman Rusby	4	Trevor Tarbatt	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Trevor Tarbatt.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung fully-muffled in memory of Daniel Smith, past secretary of the Society.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Algy Lord	*Treble*	Colin Lord	5
*David Waldrum	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard Clifton	3	Derek P. Jones	7
*John Hawtin	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal 'inside.' The peal contains six 8765 courses.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's Cathedral Society.)
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

*James O. Goulter	*Treble*	Wilfred L. Robinson	5
Jean Ireland	2	Enid L. Roberts	6
Herbert Greenhalgh	3	Brian R. Cox	7
*William B. Pitcher	4	*David J. Bleby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Enid L. Roberts
* First peal. First on the bells.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band in honour of the visit to Adelaide of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 360 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Joan Harrison	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
*Ronald J. Johnston	2	John Robinson	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Neil Bennett	4	*Edward F. P. Bryant	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods. First of Spliced Surprise Major. 250th peal on the bells.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bertoline,
A PEAL OF 6144 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Eric B. Allman	*Treble*	Paul J. Atkins	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Barry Corbishley	6
Michael Wilshaw	3	Walter Sherratt	7
Dennis Latham	4	Roy Worrall	*Tenor*

Arranged by Geoffrey Davies. Conducted by Michael Wilshaw.
Longest length by all the band, and on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Francis A. White	*Treble*	George B. Collins	5
Peter A. Sharp	2	Robin J. Trebilcock	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Edward R. Venn	7
John E. Drewitt	4	Brian R. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

LINGFIELD, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	Tony Tyers	5
Gillian A. Neal Smith	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
* 550th different tenor 'turned-in' to a peal. First in the method by all, and for the Association. First on the bells since 1936.

MARGATE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

Robert G. Dadds	*Treble*	*Peter L. J. Dadds	5
Mrs. N. Bridges	2	Thomas C. Phillimore	6
J. M. Elaine Dixon	3	Crawford T. Hillis	7
Rev. Stanley M. Evans	4	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

Michael E. White	*Treble*	Maurice R. A. Kirk	5
Malcolm D. Barsby	2	David F. Moore	6
*Rupert A. Clarke	3	‡B. Stedman Payne	7
†Michael W. Brown	4	§Raymond R. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First of Triples. ‡ 25th peal on the bells. § First on eight.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Paul McEvilly	*Treble*	John Insley	5
Marlene Jones	2	Anthony Ager	6
Linda M. Hughes	3	†John K. Foot	7
*Jennifer Cook	4	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal of Surprise, and on eight bells. † First in the method.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 IVINGHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Treble*	Donald F. Murfet	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Peter J. Eves	6
Alan M. Barber	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Barbara M. Butler	*Treble*	*Gerald G. Tinson	5
P. Gerald McIlhone	2	Angela M. Ayres	6
*Charles J. Adam	3	Frank Absolom	7
*Stephen J. Franklin	4	*Roger M. Heyworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Chapel of Ease,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Ernest W. Penn	4
Walter H. Raxter	2	Fred C. Pugh	5
*Robert Baylis	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Anne Broxton, of Tewkesbury.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Robert W. Cole	4
Colin B. Longmore	2	Anthony J. Brazier	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Brenda Smith to Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, which took place at this church this day.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

James Linnell	*Treble*	David Burbidge	3
*John Linford	2	Charles E. Truman	4
William A. Yates	*Tenor*		

Conducted by William A. Yates.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to James and Graham Linnell; also to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Green.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Katharine,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of the following ten methods and four variations: St. Osmund, St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Jayne Harding (15)	*Treble*	*Kingsley Jones (17)	4
Jonathan Nibbs (12)	2	Richard Humphries (17)	5
David Nibbs (14)	3	†John Stillman (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Humphries.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Most methods by all the band except second and fifth.
Rung as a compliment to Christine Lansley and Robert Purnell on their wedding day.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 38 six-scores and one each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement of 240. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	†Victor Parton	4
*Annette Frost	2	Fred Bennett	5
*Brian Ford	3	†Jack Courtman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.
Rung at the request of Trysull Parochial Church Council as a tribute in memory of the following Trysull ringers: James Davies, William Davies, George Granger and Arthur Wharton, who died in 1961, 1953, 1948 and 1949 respectively.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*Juliet F. Block .. .. *Treble*	†Christine Sanders 4
†Robert E. Hardy 2	*David R. McLeod 5
*Susan Muirhead 3	*Malcolm Glanfield .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Atkins (ex-Ringing Master of this Society) and Judith Kearton on their engagement.

WARNFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Keith Sansom .. .. .. *Treble*	†Kenneth G. Waller .. 4
*Ramon A. Stone 2	Charles E. Bassett .. 5
*Mary E. White 3	Reginald T. Jones .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. C. A. Millen, Rector of Warnford, an associate member of the Guild, who died suddenly on January 31st.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Kenneth W. Gatehouse *Treble*	*Andrew F. G. Fisher .. 3
*Victor James 2	Victor G. Roberts.. .. 4

Edgar T. Skipsey .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (3) London and Wells, (4) Beverley, (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

Frederick Watson .. .. *Treble*	A. James Poynor 4
Lawrence Watkins 2	John Watkins 5
Christine J. Stratford .. 3	Michael E. Brown .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

50th peal as conductor.

A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. John Davies and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Alldread and family, who have left the village recently.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

David Burbidge .. .. *Treble*	Charles E. Truman 4
William J. Chester.. .. 2	George W. Holland .. 5
James Linnell 3	William A. Yates .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Keeley.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Primrose Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) College Exercise, (5) Norbury, (6) Duke of Norfolk, (7) Ockley. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Peter J. Heritage .. .. *Treble*	Edward R. Venn 4
D. Kay Adkins 2	Robin J. Trebilcock.. .. 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*Robert L. Knight (12) .. *Treble*	*Robert W. Mitchell .. 4
*Roger Knight (13¼) .. 2	Frederick S. Slatford .. 5
Archibald T. Knight .. 3	Laurence E. Hitchins .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal attempt.

CORSLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt

*Elaine Batchelor .. .. *Treble*	*Anthony Bull 4
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 2	Norman G. N. Knee .. 5
Leslie E. J. Hawkins .. 3	*Richard Holly.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. H. T. Solomon, to be inducted Rector of Corsley with Chapmanslade on March 1st.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Four callings. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

John P. Partington.. .. *Treble*	Bernard Moss 4
Frank Stead 2	Eric J. F. Wall.. 5
Phillip J. Crossthwaite.. 3	Richard J. Parker .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

First peal as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At 1, Rossdale Road,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mary S. Taylor ... 1—2	John C. Eisel ... ... 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe... 3—4	Nicholas J. Davies... 7—8

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

200th peal as conductor.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse 1—2	John Freeman ... 5—6
*Margaret A. Parker 3—4	*Geoffrey R. Parker 7—8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Freeman.

* First 8-bell peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
At 29, Manor Road, Wigston.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres ... 1—2	John M. Jelley ... 3—4

Robert B. Smith ... 5—6

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal of York Minor 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild. The ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 have now completed peals of York from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

*Gordon W. Land ... 1—2	Brian Bladon ... ... 3—4

Anthony R. Peake ... 5—6

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal on handbells.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At American School, Bushey Hall.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kath. M. Baldwin 1—2	Anthony R. Mann ... 5—6
Roger Baldwin ... 3—4	Giles B. Thompson... 7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Anthony R. Mann.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., Feb. 17, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 29 *Minutes.*
At the Tower House.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck (15, first in method) 1, G. Weston (16) 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, P. Murduck 4, P. G. Holmes 5, A. R. Carter 6, R. F. Crook 7, B. B. Hullah (first of Major as cond.) 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ponting 1, T. Briggs (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Rosemary Hazlewood, of Asfordby, to Mr. David McRobert.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Godwin (first quarter) 1, R. Kendrick (first of Grandsire) 2, M. Godwin (first of Grandsire) 3, R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, B. S. Payne 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble in front): G. Prodger 1, Angela Rudd (first attempt) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Susan Halton 4, H. Ballard 5, I. Smith (cond.) 6, G. Masters 7. On the eve of Prince Andrew's third birthday.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Ring 1, Jennifer L. Young 2, D. S. C. Marshall (first as cond.) 3, P. J. Jarvis 4, W. C. Marshall 5, G. Stewart (first 'inside') 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Kercher 1, K. Waller 2, K. Sansom 3, W. Davison (first of Minor) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hughes (first as cond.) 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, F. Sweet 2, E. Ford 3, D. Miller 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Horseman on the birth of Christopher Paul.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (544 Yorkshire, 512 Cambridge and 224 Superlative, with 37 changes of method): A. Caines 1, R. G. Edwards 2, Jacqueline A. Reason 3, Gillian M. Hussey 4, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 5, M. J. Hobbs 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stopps (first of Stedman) 1, R. A. Vickers 2, W. A. Yates 3, D. Burbidge 4, J. Linnell 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs R. Keeley.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Branson (first away from tenor) 1, W. T. Street (first on working bell) 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, F. W. Hutt 4, J. Spraggett 5, L. E. Russell 6. A wedding compliment to Victor A. Perry and Dorothy Williams, both members of this band and married this day.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gali Ryan (first quarter) 1, Sheila Smith 2, Mary Smith 3, N. Smith 4, R. J. Parker 5, E. J. F. Wall 6.

CARDINGAN, CARDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Evans 1, Mrs. G. Thomas 2, E. Portman (first quarter) 3, A. Walters 4, R. Pateman (cond.) 5, P. Griffiths (first quarter) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,430 Plain Bob Major: Dinah Blow 1, Barbara Cammack 2, G. Pybus 3, Shirley Guy 4, C. C. Brown 5, P. Scowston 6, M. C. Faulkes 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st compliment to R. D. Gibson.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: Catherine Tebbutt (first quarter) 1, D. Fowles 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgyer 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Woodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, C. Stevenson 3, J. Britchford (first in method) 4, P. Woodgyer 5, T. Baker (cond.) 6. A farewell to Colin Stevenson, on his return to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. I. Trevelyan (first quarter) 1, M. R. Platt 2, R. F. Acworth 3, D. J. Tuck (first quarter) 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, D. M. Low (first quarter) 6. Rung by members of Cuddesdon Theological College on the occasion of the marriage of the chaplain of the college, the Rev. Peter Cornwell, and Miss Hilary Lord, at Ightham, Kent.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wells (first quarter) 1, N. Bone 2, Rev G. Moule (rst 'inside') 3, J. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,200 Minor (Plain Bob, Little Bob): M. Spracklin 1, A. M. Stacey 2, S. Croft 3, C. Stevenson 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. Bishop (covering) tenor. Also on Feb 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Spracklin 1, G. Harvey 2, F. Bishop 3, S. Croft 4, C. Stevenson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

QUARTER PEALS

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Nichols 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Papworth 4, G. Everett 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6, H. Nichols 7, C. W. Burton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Langstone, local ringer, interred this day.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Marlow 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, E. G. Mould 3, L. Cobb 4, A. A. Price 5, F. Southwood 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Price, on the eve of their fifth wedding anniversary.

GORING, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Berry 1, W. Irving 2, F. Godden 3, R. A. Partridge 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, M. Bishop 6, E. Davies (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. B. Blond 8.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. C. Pugh 1, Hilary Knight 2, R. Bayliss 3, P. Bullock 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For St. Matthias' Day.

HILLESDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Vickers 1, W. A. Yates 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. A. Vickers 4, J. Linnell 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4. For Evensong.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Murduck (15) 1, R. F. Crook 2, B. B. Hullah 3, P. Murduck 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, A. R. Carter 6, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 7, G. Weston (16) 8. First in method 1, 5 and 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Judith Geiringer 1, Cherry White (first on ten) 2, Margaret Lewis 3, Alison Mann (first on ten) 4, R. Harris (first on ten) 5, B. Coatsworth 6, R. Mayes (first on ten) 7, A. D. Leach 8, K. Newman 9, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 10. To celebrate the wedding at Surbiton this day of Elizabeth Barr to David Wilkins, both members of the Kingston band.

LEICESTER.—All Saints' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Juliet Block 1, R. E. Hardy 2, R. K. Mason 3, A. Cattell (cond.) 4, M. Wade (first of Doubles) 5, Joan Balchin (first quarter) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shan Williams 1, J. B. Plumb (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Welch 3, R. Simon 4, N. Simon 5, J. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Mike Bennett, tower captain.

MAIDEN BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Davison 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Waller 4, K. Tipper (first as cond.) 5, B. Kercher 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Young 1, Miss K. North 2, G. Lister 3, Miss D. Seal 4, J. Blackwood 5, E. Gosling 6, R. Gotham 7, L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Evensong on St. Matthias' Day.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Montgomery (first quarter) 1, T. Felicity Webber 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, Jane Foster 6. For Evensong.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Statham 1, D. Kingman 2, R. Stretton 3, K. W. Price (cond.) 4, A. Laughton 5, H. Kingman 6. For Evensong, and as a tenth birthday compliment to Anne Kingman.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Bellamy 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. G. Eveleigh 4, Elizabeth Smith 5, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lawrenson (first quarter) 1, H. Lawrenson 2, Miss J. Curtis 3, P. Murduck 4, R. B. Pike 5, F. E. Turner 6, J. Constant 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Matins.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. Holdaway 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, H. Smith 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 18th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,440 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. B. Collins 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, M. D. Atfield 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 21st, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. R. Venn 1, N. D. Deam 2, S. D. Edwards 3, J. Venn 4, P. A. Sharp 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Harris 1, A. H. Gearing 2, C. Coles 3, H. Badger 4, A. J. Adams 5, A. Gammon 6, J. R. Chaundy 7, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Chamberlain 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. Roffe 4, J. H. Bluff 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. First in the method for all except 1 and 8. A compliment to Gilbert Cowlin and Primrose Ridley, ringers at St. Mary's, on their engagement.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hill (first quarter) 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Davis 4, P. Bennett 5, C. Hadley 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Butcher 1, F. Hammond 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Miss J. Carter (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, D. Gaston 6, W. J. Sale 7, Mrs. S. Morris 8. To celebrate the Confirmation this day of six Rotherfield ringers.

ST. MELLONS, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. B. Plumb (first in four methods) 1, R. Simon 2, Mary Pryor 3, D. S. Bishop 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, D. Evans 6. A peal attempt called round. A farewell compliment to the tenor ringer and his brother.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Earney (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, M. Gilbert 6. For Evensong.

SANDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): T. Hatchett 1, D. Saunderson 2, J. S. Dear 3, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Roden.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Webb 1, R. Marchbank (first 'inside') 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Horsman 1, Elizabeth A. Stevinson 2, Jill M. May 3, Pamela A. Hunter 4, L. C. W. Hunter 5, A. E. Hunter 6, D. A. R. May 7, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 2, 3 and 7.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Waller 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison (first in four methods) 5, B. Kercher 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung in 1960.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Hilary Knight 1, F. Davis 2, J. Ranford 3, F. C. Pugh 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For Evensong.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,824 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. F. Bryant 1, Miss L. Gott (first quarter Surprise) 2, P. Woodward 3, G. Hancock 4, T. Tarbatt 5, J. N. Parkin 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (in 10 methods): Myra J. Wilkins 1, H. Taysom 2, I. Smith 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, B. Metcalfe 6. Most methods by all except conductor. Rung after the wedding of Rita M. Webb and William Lampard.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Maureen White 1, D. J. White 2, R. A. Stone 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burbidge 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, J. Linford 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Keeley.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. O. Haythorne 1, W. C. Young 2, Mary White 3, A. E. Clayton 4, B. B. Hullah 5, A. R. Carter 6, D. B. Brown (cond.) 7, M. J. Best 8, R. C. Kippin 9, T. C. Holland 10. First of Caters for 1, 6, 7, 10. For Evensong.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Wardhaugh (first quarter) 1, A. Allison 2, R. W. Leighton 3, T. Bullerwell 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, H. Jenkins 6. For Confirmation service.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Collier 1, Miss K. Avenall 2, F. Cherryman 3, Susan Rawlings 4, R. Tickner 5, C. Slyfield 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, R. Jordan 8. For Matins.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Miss E. F. Basford 1, H. Sutton 2, R. A. Trickett 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. R. Morton 5, W. Smith 6.

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Ringers from the Spalding area wish to express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Jenkins, of Oldham, in her recent unfortunate experience. 1980

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MEETINGS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner. March 9th. Ringing at: St. Benet's 2-3 p.m., St. Andrew's 2.45-3.45. Great St. Mary 3.30-4.30. R. Catholic 5-6, Chesterton 5.30-6.30 p.m. 2064

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, please, at 'Lilac House,' Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1992

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—**Annual meeting**, Saturday, March 9th, at Coleman's Hatch (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex. Ringing in the evening at Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield (6) 7-8.30 p.m. —Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 2027

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Melbourn. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2035

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbledon Cottage, School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Mar. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Central Café.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 2068

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 2051

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. Bird, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Nest, London Road, Spelbrook. 2088

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Annual meeting, Winford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Ball, The Forge, Winford, Bristol. —H. Kingcott, Hon. Sec. 2024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at St. Helen's, St. Helens. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitfield Road, St. Helens, Lancs.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 2084

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, March 9th, Christ Church, Southgate (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Marlow on Saturday, March 9th.—M. R. Cross. 1959

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port (5), Saturday, March 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sage, Norfolk House, Stepney Road, Burry Port. All welcome. 2082

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cropwell Bishop, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2063

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoulton (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2049

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Eight-bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, March 16th, 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Prime. 2081

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Clutton (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2091

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 13th. —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2087

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Thornaby. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 2092

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 16th, Wolvey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2074

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Western District.— Meeting, Saturday, March 16th, Whickham St. Mary, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 2069

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District.— Annual supper and social in Danbury Village Hall, Saturday, March 16th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (6s.) by *Wednesday, 13th, at the latest*, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1967

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Wrotham. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington. West Malling. Special methods: Plain Bob Triples and London S. Major.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2079

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Annual District meeting, Thetford (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Euston bells (5) available in evening. Names for tea to Secretary, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, March 13th. If interested in coach from Ipswich and district contact Sec.—A. E. J. L. 2031

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Chilvers Coton (10), Saturday, March 16th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwicks. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, Prestwold and Wymeswold, Saturday, March 16th. Prestwold (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Wymeswold (6), 3.45 p.m. Service, Wymeswold, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing at Wymeswold in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. Mackley, Brook Street, Wymeswold. NO NAME NO TEA.—Miss V. M. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 2077

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Mar. 16th, Kilworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the White Lion, 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2080

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Bardney (6), March 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Oxford, London Bob, Ockley, Capel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Simpson, 1, Harvey Kent Gardens, Bardney.—S. A. Chambers. 2060

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint practice, March 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing at Isleworth. *All* names for tea *must* be sent to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whitton. No names no tea.—M. E. P., F. T. B. 2076

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, March 16th. Service, All Saints', 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House, 5 p.m. Notify for tea by March 12th, to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. Ringing: All Saints', 3 p.m.; All Saints' and St. Paul's after meeting.—B. C. Castle. 2072

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2086

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Balderton (8), March 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to me.—Mrs. B. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark. 2078

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Limpsfield Chart. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, St. Andrew's and St. Peter's bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2016

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Bolney (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Andover, March 16th. Ringing: Abbot's Ann, 2 to 3 p.m.; Goodworth Clatford, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15 p.m., Church Room, Andover. Further ringing, Andover, after tea. Names to Mrs. T. Tarrant, 34, Corunna Main, Andover.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th at Giggleswick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, by March 12th, followed by business meeting.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2055

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, March 23rd, Great Durnford (5). Bells from 2.30 p.m. It would help local ringers with ordering if names for tea could be sent by previous week, March 16th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Spring meeting, *Pattingham* (buses from Wolverhampton), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 20th, please, to C. M. Smith, Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel. STR 7793. 2004

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 2094

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Everton (Hunts), Saturday, March 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. N.B.—Everton is situated at the southern tip of Huntingdonshire, approx. 3 miles off the Great North Road, at Tempsford, Beds.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2100

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Mossley on Saturday, March 16th. Bells, Roughtown (6), 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Roughtown 5 p.m. Bells, St. George's (8), from 6 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Nield, 151, Stockport Road, Mossley, or phone Mossley 414, by previous Thursday.—Neil Bennett. 2097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 4 p.m. because of weddings. Bring own food.—J. Porter. 2096

MORE OF ALBERT

We've joost 'ad our annual meeting
As comes round this time every year,
With lots of most 'eated discussion,
Like who sells the best pint of beer.

With so many things to consider,
All highly important as well,
We didn't 'ave time for daft riddles
Like when should a belle ring a bell.

Our band are all creatures of habit,
So whether our clock's fast or slow,
Since we're all late at some or other,
We all lack in manner we know.

We didn't 'ave everyone present,
'Cos there'll always be someone can't get,
And they always 'ave excellent reasons.
But our Albert were with us, you bet.

There were keeper and captain to vote on,
And the gent as does make up the books,
There were secretary and 'is assistant.
But t'were captaincy caused all the looks.

Our Albert were slumbering gently,
But were woke by a tap on is knee.
'E struggled to get 'imself upright,
And in clear voice 'e said, 'I agree.'

'I take it that's settled,' said chairman,
Who would rather 'e 'adn't of come,
'I 'ereby declare that h'our Albert
The position of captain has won.'

Old Joe were the first to recover,
And in accents that sounded quite pained,
Said, 'Good Lord, we've elected our Albert,'
And the atmosphere got very strained.

Then Albert rose quickly and quietly,
And with feet both apart made 'is stand,
He said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, this year,
I propose that we raise a new band.

'Since it's obvious that with our numbers,
And the number of bells that ther 'art,
That we can't ring at all without learning,
That we each of us must play our part.'

The others all looked a bit sheepish,
Realising the truth of 'is speech,
'We reckon you're right there, our Albert,
You can't learn if there's no one to teach.'

'And you 'aven't done badly we reckon,
Though you did make a mess of our peal,
If you can call 'em, we'll ring 'em, our Albert,
And that's just about 'ow we feel.'

Our chairman looked really quite 'appy,
That things 'ad now turned out all right,
And 'e ended our annual meeting,
By wishing us all a good night.

M. H.

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LATE NEWS

LONG LENGTH UNSUCCESSFUL

The attempt for the long length of 20,160 Minor at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on March 2nd was not successful. The ringing was stopped after 10,400 changes had been rung in 4 hours 23 minutes as the standard was not good enough, reports Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe. Another attempt is to be made as soon as it can be arranged.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Great Yeldham on March 2nd, when ringers gathered from all parts of the District on a very bright but cold afternoon. The church is one of those Essex jewels, in which pieces seem to have been added at random, and to no perceivable plan, but the end product is surprisingly pleasant. The village was for a long time the home of Mr. Augustine Courtauld, the Arctic explorer, and the interior of the church bears record of his excellent taste.

The bells are a very fine light ring which, despite a long draught, handle very easily; this was evidenced by the quality of the ringing throughout the day. During the afternoon the District striking contest was held, Three teams entered, the result being: 1 Bocking, 2 Sible Hedingham, 3 a mixed band from Feering and Kelvedon. Mr. H. Pratt was M.C., and Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. Alan Syder were judges.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector. During his short address he said how very pleased he was to welcome the Association to Great Yeldham. Tea was served by village ladies, who laid on an excellent repast.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crampion from Leytonstone; there were 52 ringers present. A letter was read from Mr. H. Turner, asking for a tower for the finals of the striking contest to be held on July 6th. It was agreed to recommend Stebbing. Two letters were read from two of our oldest members—one from Mr. Lewis Wiffen, of Braintree, and the other from Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earl's Colne. It was hoped we might be able to meet both these gentlemen in the not too distant future.

The District Master reported that the Surprise practices had been well supported, despite the appalling weather. In a report on the committee meeting at Chelmsford, he thought the officers should look into the position re nominations as it was obvious that the rules needed revising. Finances needed examining and the meetings agreed this should be done in time for the next meeting.

The Master gave notice of the opening of the new ring of bells at Gosfield on April 6th.

The Master thanked Mr. Pratt for acting as M.C., and Miss Snowden and Alan Syder for judging the striking competition, and also the Rector, the organist and the ladies.

Next meeting: Hempstead, May 25th, where the bells have been installed in a rebuilt tower by the doctors of Great Britain in honour of William Harvey, who discovered the circulation of blood. R. S.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held a quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Kingswinford, on March 2nd, which was attended by about 50 members and friends. The service and business meeting were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. F. Woolley, and the ringing was supervised by the Master, Mr. F. G. Handley.

The meeting considered the new rules of the Guild, also the revised form of service. The amendments which resulted from the discussions will be submitted to the annual meeting in September.

Methods rung included Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London, with plenty of the more elementary methods for the less ambitious.

Next meeting: Enville, Staffs, on June 1st, subject to permission being granted.

M. D. F.

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By F. DENCH

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JOSEPH HATCH, BELLFOUNDER

By NICHOLAS DAVIES

JOSEPH HATCH was the son of Thomas Hatch, of Ulcombe, near Maidstone, who cast several bells in Kent at the end of the 16th century. It is probable that Joseph served his apprenticeship to Thomas at an early age for, when his father died in 1601, leaving him in charge of the foundry, he was still a young man. During the 37 years of his working career, however, his business can fairly be described as enormous; in spite of hot opposition from two other local bell foundries, not to mention the Metropolitan and itinerant founders, he must have almost enjoyed a monopoly over his rivals. Thus, of the 210 towers in Kent that at present contain five or more bells, records show that at least 58 have contained specimens of Joseph's work, of which 36 are still represented (i.e., about one-sixth). The fraction would be even greater if one excluded 'modern' rings of bells in churches erected after Joseph's time. Two hundred and five of Joseph's bells have been brought to light through records (doubtless there were originally many more), of which 128 are still giving service; a handful of his bells may also be found in East Sussex.

A diary of the most important events of his working career presents an interesting reflection on this successful business man of yester-year.

Joseph's earliest casting is, without doubt, the third of the four at Waltham, dated 1602, on which he uses his father's trade stamp. Two bells at nearby Egerton, also cast in 1602, are obviously later examples, since they bear Joseph's own circular three-bell medallion.

In 1605 he cast a ring of five for Chartham, all of which remain, and these are five majestic bells that would do credit to any founder. They now form a ring of six (tenor 13½ cwt. in E), a treble having been added in 1728. The same year he may have cast five for Willesborough (tenor 12 cwt.), but the tenors were recast 20 years later.

In 1606/7 the five heavy bells at Cranbrook were recast (tenor probably about 28 cwt.), but none of these remain, having been superseded by a lighter ring of eight. Joseph was obviously far in advance of his time in his business dealings here: the churchwardens were given a period of seven years to settle the debt—a kind of primitive hire-purchase agreement! Also during this year he was commissioned to recast a bell at Canterbury Cathedral, and it may well be that while engaged on this job he met his wife-to-be, for on December 20th, 1607, he married Jane Prowde, of Canterbury, at St. Paul's Church there.

In 1607/8 he cast rings of five at Lydd (tenor 13 cwt.) and, probably, Woodchurch (tenor 15 cwt.); two of the latter remain, but none of the former. Five bells were cast for High Halden in 1609/11, but the tenor was recast in 1620. Three of these bells still ring out from this wooden steeple. 1610 also saw him further afield at Brenchley, where five bells (tenor 18 cwt.) probably materialised. Three of these were still intact until 1925.

In 1612 five mediæval bells at Mersham were recast, and the new bells remain as the back five of the present octave (tenor 13 cwt).*

1620 saw him casting his only ring of six, when the heavy mediæval five at Ashford were recast into six (tenor 23 cwt.); two of these bells still give service. Two years later, in 1622, five bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.) were cast for Sturry, three of which remain.

Two rings of four were supplied by him in 1624, to Wouldham (tenor 9½ cwt.) and Boughton Malherbie (tenor 10 cwt). In both cases three bells remain. Also during this year, Joseph made what was probably his largest casting when he recast the fourth bell of the Arundel ring at Canterbury Cathedral, which weighed about 33 cwt. We can imagine the pride that was in his heart to be honoured with a recasting for such a renowned edifice when we see that he went to the trouble to reproduce the inscription of the old bell, which was dated 1408. In the following year five bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were cast for Sandwich, which, tradition asserts, were hung for many years in the Oxford (S.W.) steeple at Canterbury Cathedral. There may be some truth in this as the present tower at Sandwich is of a much later date than Joseph's bells, but all had been recast by 1779.

The authorities at Sevington had four bells (tenor 9 cwt.) made in 1630, and, apart from the treble, which was recast in 1885, these still render service. In 1631 he returns, probably with some nostalgia, to Waltham, where his first casting is hung (see above), and recasts the other three bells. Perhaps, for the sake of tradition, he deliberately tunes the new bells to sound like the old, for the notes are Nos. 2-5 of an octave.

In 1632 the bells at his local tower, Ulcombe, required attention, and five bells (tenor 14 cwt.) may well have been supplied once again, but only three remain in testimony. At about this time his nephew, William, is taken into apprenticeship, and some of his subsequent bells bear the initials 'W.H.' as well as Joseph's name.

His last complete works materialised in 1635, when rings of four were cast for Fordwich (tenor 8 cwt.) and Reculver (tenor 14 cwt.) All the bells at the former church are still in existence, but at Reculver the church was pulled down c. 1805, when two of the bells were preserved for use in local churches, whilst the others were destroyed.

* These bells were recast on the spot, outside the church.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Great Yarmouth Meeting

RINGING TOURS

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Beccles (10). Redenhall (8). Diss (8) and Pulham Market (8). Arrive back at headquarters at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Cost per person 12s. 6d., which includes tea at an hotel.

WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 9.15 a.m., through Broadland country to ringing at Aylsham (10) and Marsham (8). Hot lunch, followed by ringing at Wroxham (6), the gateway of the Broads. Then a 2½ hour cruiser trip through some of the loveliest Broads, with light tea served on board, landing at Ranworth (6), the Church of the Broads. The party will be met here by the coach, calling at Acle (6) on the return to Great Yarmouth.

Cost per person, including lunch and tea, 21s.

Please send names and remittances for either or both of these tours to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Loddon, Norwich, NOR. 21W, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that options on transport, etc., can be confirmed.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to have peal attempts arranged for them are asked to notify Mr. Barrett, at the above address, as soon as possible. Peals of Minor and upwards will be arranged if required.

E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary.



The Rev. Roger Keeley and his bride, Miss Patricia Sharp, after their wedding at St. George's Church, Harnham, on February 16th. The guard of honour was provided by the Harnham Division of the Church Lads' Brigade. A report of the ceremony appeared in our last issue. [Picture by courtesy of 'The Salisbury Times.'

JOSEPH HATCH—Cont.

By this time Joseph was obviously an elderly man, and must have made more than enough to provide for himself in his retirement, for he also owned much land in many parts of Kent, and he may well have left the management of the foundry to his nephew since no more major recastings are recorded.

In 1635-36, however, the authorities at Canterbury Cathedral decided to have the great 64 cwt. tenor of the Arundel ring recast into two new trebles to make a ring of six, and Joseph was called in once again to supervise the recasting. Doubtless the Dean and Chapter were more than satisfied with Joseph's previous recastings for them, for they also gave him the job of rchanging the augmented ring in a new frame, which he entrusted to his own hanger, one Thomas Crust.

Joseph's last bell is apparently the treble of the ring of three at Stourmouth, dated 1638, but a bell at Herne, recast in 1781, also bore this date. His nephew William's first casting is the singleton at Trottiscliffe, dated 1639, and this may well have been cast when Joseph was still alive.

Joseph died, childless and wealthy, in September, 1639, being buried in the little church at Broomfield (the adjoining village to Ulcombe, where Joseph owned much land) next to the tomb of his mother and brothers. In his will he bequeathed the foundry to William, who kept it going until 1664, while the remainder of his considerable estate was shared in the main amongst his wife, brothers and other relations.

Appreciation

Mr. Tom Roach, of Norman Park, Brisbane, Queensland, writing to a friend, says:

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'When you next enter your tower have a thought for an old Londoner who loves bells.'

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, produced some good ringing, including most of the usual Surprise Minor methods. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Hart-Synnot, and an excellent tea, served by Miss Christine Rimmer and her helpers, was unfortunately not fully eaten as Chris had kind-heartedly catered for the nameless ones who did not materialise. Mr. Penny, in proposing the votes of thanks, said, 'Never before have so few eaten so much.'

In the absence of Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. V. Frost, the Association's president, gave a short talk on the history of St. Stephen's bells. Mr. G. Auton told how he had led the drive to have the old bells restored and then played a recording of them, which was almost drowned by the creaks and groans of the wooden frame.

Mr. J. Cull thanked the speakers, and ringing was then resumed on the new and safe bells.

J. O. C.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Seventy ringers sat down to tea at Ilkeston on February 23rd, when the Ilkeston and Derby Districts held a joint meeting with the Society of Sherwood Youths. The meal had been prepared by Ilkeston ringers and ladies, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Robertson, in his welcome, said it was the first bellringing meeting he had attended.

Mr. D. Carlisle, chairman of the Ilkeston District, presided over the meeting: the Sherwood Youths held a short business meeting after which they departed to the tower.

The Ilkeston and Derby Districts began their meeting with a short talk on bell control by Mr. G. A. Halls, which was afterwards open for discussion: this proved to be a success. It is the intention of the Ilkeston District to have these talks at the monthly meeting.

Since the collapse of the Ilkeston District ten years ago it has been under the management of the Derby District officers and all the meetings have been jointly with their District: now that the District has been reformed and has its own officers, it was decided to hold the meetings separately from the Derby District for a trial period of six months.

Heanor ringers have published a monthly newspaper called 'The Belfry News,' copies of which were sold at the meeting. It is hoped it will be circulated to all Districts of the Association in the near future.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Botolph's, Heene, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Double Nowich Court Bob Major: D. W. Weaver 1, R. Wake 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. C. Weaver 4, B. J. Stone 5, B. G. North 6, L. Stilwell 7, R. P. Wood (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 5, 6. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Stilwell.

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APPLETON FOURTH OF MARCH FESTIVAL

THE 145th anniversary of the opening of the original ring of bells at Appleton was held on March 2nd, and on this happy occasion a larger number of ringers than ever before were present to eat, drink and enjoy themselves.

In the morning the traditional peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but unfortunately 'fired out' after 45 minutes. An inquest was held in the evening.

At 6.30 p.m., everybody having gathered in the Village Hall, the real business of the day began, and over 100 ringers sat down to an excellent supper and to listen to the speeches.

Richard Blackwell, proposing the toast to the Church, paid tribute to the Rector, the Rev. Dr. A. Tindall-Hart, for his unfailing help and support of the ringers. Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of the Guild, welcomed the union of Methodists and Anglicans, and said the addition of Methodist ringers would be most welcome.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, making his 39th appearance at the festival, gave the history of the Appleton bells and spoke glowingly of past and present Appleton ringers. He pointed out that the Appleton Society was unique in that no minute book or other such time-wasting devices existed and yet their traditions were stronger than ever. Appleton still held the Grandsire and Stedman Caters record lengths, and in Frank White they had a wonderful craftsman.

Frank White replied, and said he'd rather make a bell frame than a speech. He thanked the Appleton ringers for their attendance on Sundays and practice nights, particularly the over 70's. The company then stood in silence in memory of Frederick White, who passed away last year, a very great loss to Appleton.

The Rector welcomed the visitors, one of whom came from New Zealand, and the toast was replied to by John Camp, honorary secretary of the Oxford University Society.

After supper came the handbells, and tunes by the Appleton ringers, and what is always the top of the hit parade, a 'lapped' course of Grandsire Caters: four Whites and Fred Sharpe, solemnly sitting with knees together, passing handbells to each other with faultless rhythm. And then the old songs. The first in praise of Appleton bells and ringers, written by the village schoolmaster 145 years ago and sung by Fred Sharpe. 'The Farmer's Boy' by Bill Hibbert. 'There's a hole in my bucket' by Sir Basil Blackwell, 'Old butter and cheese,' which sadly reminded us of Fred White, who used to sing it. 'The ten thousand' and all the rest: ringers' songs with a chorus and harmony, if you can manage it.

A very enjoyable and memorable evening, and so to bed with another Appleton festival over until next year. J. R. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 14th, 1913.—

In mediæval and, indeed, in much later times singular criminals have fallen under the ban of the law. Not only animals but even inanimate objects such as bells have been brought to trial and sentenced to most grotesque punishments.

Bells, for having been tolled at inopportune times, have on more than one occasion suffered, and Rouvel, the famous Rouen bell, was sentenced to many years' silence by Charles VI. The bell of Uglitch, which at the time of the assassination of Demetrius, in 1591, knelled the alarm, was, with all the other actors in that gruesome episode, brought to trial, when it was sentenced to be mutilated, knouted, and sent into perpetual exile. Over 250 years later, in 1847, it was pardoned. Reconsecrated at Irkutsk, in Siberia, by the Bishop, it was, amid general rejoicing, bedecked with flowers.

NOTTS CHURCH GUTTED

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Eastwood, Notts, was tragically gutted by fire on the night of March 5th.

Fire engines from five neighbouring towns responded promptly to fight the blaze, and, with the main part of the church and roof well alight, the firemen worked hard to save the tower. Flames, having consumed the belfry floor, were licking round the clock face, where the fire was brought under control, just before reaching the bell chamber.

There being no resident ringers of late, the bells were used occasionally by the young team from Heanor, Derbyshire, who always conscientiously serviced them before ringing. A peal had also been rung there recently by the Derbyshire Association.

The bells, although in need of attention, did not go too badly, and were undoubtedly the most musical eight in the District. Having been snatched from destruction, it is to be hoped that before very long Eastwood will be hearing them again from a restored St. Mary's. D. J. B.

ENDING THE INCARCERATION

Four car-loads of ringers from four towers in Bath and North Somerset, armed with thermos flasks and shovels, ended the enforced incarceration since Christmas by an outing into Wiltshire on February 9th.

Ringing started on the beautiful ground-floor six at Heddington, followed by Yatesbury, with its cracked third which did not sound at backstroke and gave the ringing a peculiar cha cha beat. Here we were joined by our fifth car, bearing friends from Bristol.

The best ring of the day was thought to be at Broad Hinton, where the church overflowed with flowers brought down from Covent Garden for a recent wedding.

We would prefer to draw a veil over our ringing at Wootton Bassett, except to say that we did manage some respectable Grandsire Triples. However, we seemed to excel ourselves on the easy going, well-tuned six at Lyneham. The last tower, Hilmarton, was reached dead on time. Apart from its lovely altar and chancel, this 15th century church has a beautiful oil-fired boiler and equally beautiful radiators! The 15 cwt. six here are due to be rehung. A fresh young band is starting; we wish it luck.

Much appreciated were the hot pasties and liquid refreshments on the homeward journey. We made new friends at every tower visited, and to them and the incumbents we extend our thanks. M. H.

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

For the 1963 Rag Week tour the University of Wales Society chose the coldest, snowiest week-end in February. We started on Friday, February 15th, with great expectations after a slight thaw the day before, but by dinner time it was snowing hard again. The road to Ebbw Vale tried the nerve of our most stout-hearted drivers, but it was worth it to ring on these beautiful bells.

After travelling the same road back to Abergavenny, in well nigh blizzard conditions, it was decided to forgo a peal attempt at Llanfeigan. A lot of snow can fall in three hours, and nobody relished the idea of digging the cars out after a peal! So we contented ourselves with an hour's ringing on the fine 10 at Abergavenny.

The next day it was decided, with regret, to cancel the first two towers, which were up in the mountains, and to concentrate on the area round Newport. The Aberystwyth contingent arrived rather late at Llanfrechfa, due to the treacherous road conditions, and found that the Swansea contingent had been telephoning the R.A.C. for news of them. A short ring was enjoyed on the lightest eight in Wales and afterwards we were entertained to refreshments, laid on by the local ringers, in the beautifully warm Parish Hall. We were very grateful indeed for their kindness.

A short meeting was held here. Colin Lewis, of Aberystwyth, was re-elected Ringing Master for the session 1963-64, and Christopher Bainham, of Lampeter, was elected secretary. It was noticed with regret that there were no members from Cardiff present.

Then on to Caerleon, where another party joined us, having come from Lampeter and Aberystwyth that morning. These bells are again a light eight and have a sweet tone. By now we had managed to catch up with ourselves and arrived at All Saints', Newport, on time, that is all except one car which took a minor road out of Caerleon and got stuck in a snowdrift! All Saints', Newport, bells are a good eight and Stedman went well here. The bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral are the only ring of 12 in Wales. Here the Society rang its first touches on 12, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and we were pleased with the attempts.

The roads were quite clear by this time and we were not delayed on the way to Usk. Here we found that the local ringers are repairing the belfry themselves and we had an enjoyable ring on the good eight, surrounded by ladders and cement. We shall have to go back and see the finished result next year! The last official tower was Llanover, near Abergavenny. It was dark by then and it took us some time to find the church, which looked very pretty in the snow. We also needed Wellington boots to get to the church; several people got wet feet. The bells are a nice little five and went well to a variety of Doubles methods. Here the tour proper ended and we said, 'Goodbye, until the summer,' but one party managed to ring at Llangattock and Glasbury on the Sunday morning, before their trek over the mountains home.

Perhaps the weather will be kinder to us next year, or perhaps the University will move Rag Week to the summer, but whatever happens we will always remember Rag Week, 1963.

GILLIAN GRANEY.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting on Saturday elected the following representatives to the Central Council, Messrs. D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting, W. H. Viggers and A. C. Hazelden. Mr. C. H. Kippin was elected honorary treasurer of the Guild.

A report of the meeting will appear next week.

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Letters to the Editor

Leeds Society replies to Mr. Dove

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Dove's article on page 109, and Mr. Hodgson's remarks on page 141, I feel that it is my duty, as secretary of the Leeds and District Society, to point out to Mr. Dove that our Society holds no such 'stupid rule' as stated by him.

Our Society rule is: 'That the Society shall meet for ringing on the last Saturday in each month, except December, at any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds, or at one having four or more members.'

Mr. Dove ought to have been aware of the above rule, as the Society's rules were amended on April 26th, 1958, at Leeds Parish Church, the home tower of Mr. Dove.

May I also point out that the ringers of Meanwood are welcome to ring with and join our Society, and the next meeting will be held on March 30th, 1963, at Rothwell; and the April meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on April 26th, on the approval of the church authorities.—Yours truly,

ANGELA M. SKIDMORE.

Batley, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—'The stupid rule' referred to by Mr. R. H. Dove, in his article about Meanwood bells (page 109), is incorrect. The rule states that the Leeds and District Society will visit any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds and any other tower with four or more affiliated members. It is thus apparent that no rule prevents the Society from visiting Meanwood.

If the Leeds and District Society were to hold a meeting at Meanwood, it would, I think, receive little support from the majority of the members, who only attend the meetings held at ten bell towers or the more popular 'eights,' providing, of course, they are not ringing a peal on the same day.

The ideal way of visiting Meanwood would be for the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting at Leeds Parish Church, with Meanwood as an additional tower, say during the afternoon.

However, the Yorkshire Association have already been refused permission once to hold a meeting at Leeds and the Society, which was formed by previous ringers of Leeds with the Parish Church as its headquarters, has been virtually banned from the tower.

One begins to wonder who is Vicar of Leeds—Canon Fenton Morley or Mr. R. H. Dove!—Yours faithfully. IAN NORTH,

Ringing Master,
Leeds and District Society.

The late Sam Hector

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your leading article about my old friend, the late Sam Hector. For five years I was an assistant to a firm of auctioneers and surveyors in Trowbridge, with offices next door to the White Swan Inn, where Sam was the ever-genial host.

Before going to Trowbridge, as an architectural student in London I had done a fair amount of ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Clement's Danes'. It was Sam, however, who really taught me what method ringing I have managed to acquire.

Though it is now forty years ago, I shall never forget the delightful evenings spent in Sam's company. A party of us would bundle into Sam's car, and he would take us out to towers in the neighbourhood—and what glorious churches and melodious bells there are in that part of Wiltshire. Steeple Ashton, Edington, Bratton, Westbury, North Bradley and many others we used to visit. Sam was always the life and soul of the party, a giant in stature, with the warmth and affection of a child.

Looking back to those days, I think my years at Trowbridge were among the happiest in my life, but the most vivid memories that I carried away with me were those evenings spent ringing with Sam. He was a grand fellow, a splendid ringer and an example for others to follow.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. HUBBARD (Rev.)

Melton Malsor Rectory.

Coventry Cathedral Rally

Dear Sir,—I am extremely sorry that the Coventry Cathedral Rally clashes with other meetings of Guilds and Associations, particularly as it affects our near neighbours—Leicester Diocesan Guild, Derbyshire Association and the Gloucester and Bristol Association. I am sure Mr. Rouse will appreciate that it is literally impossible to arrange any meeting so that it would be clear of all other Guild meetings.

Owing to the pressure of visitors to the Cathedral, particularly at the week-end, we have had to accept the date given to us by the Cathedral authorities. May I also point out that the invitation to this rally does apply to individuals as well as Guilds and Associations. The response so far has been very gratifying and tickets will be sent out as soon as possible to those who apply.

Finally, arrangements for ringing facilities will be published later.—Yours sincerely,

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

5, Burges, Coventry.

Congratulations to Sapcote

Dear Sir,—It is good to read in your columns of peals that have been rung by Sunday service ringers in their own towers, and when such a band rings a peal of 24 Spliced Surprise Minor, the ringers can feel justly proud of their achievement.

Congratulations to Mr. Michael E. Brown and his band at Sapcote, Leicestershire.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Quarters

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I read about the accomplishments of the South Wigston band. It may be of interest to the Exercise to know that at St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, 25 quarter peals were rung during 1962. Nine of the band took part, and the conducting was shared between M. J. Kirk (11), J. A. Harrison (9) and E. A. Harrison (6). The majority of the band are under 19 years of age. Methods ranged from 1 to 14 methods. —Yours sincerely,

MARTIN J. KIRK.

Kirkby.

Design of Stays

Dear Sir,—I must agree with Mr. Halls that, in principle, a spring loaded trip on a stay is an attractive idea. However, in view of the large amount of energy to be absorbed, I rather doubt if such a device is realisable in practice. The springs that would have to be used would be very large, and very expensive. Economics, and not technical difficulties, would prevent the general adoption of the idea. One could, I think, buy quite a number of stays before recouping the price of a spring trip.

Another writer on page 141 states, 'Woods other than ash have been tried .... but ash is far superior and cheaper in the end.' While I must admit that, given the size of stay as fixed by the socket, this is true, it does not necessarily hold as a general rule; subject to the not very stringent requirements outlined in my article any wood can be used if the stay dimensions are suitably chosen.

His method of reducing stay breakages has much to commend it; although it increases the breaking load, most stays are so weak that the increase is most unlikely to be dangerous. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. McCLENAHAN.

Christ's College, Cambridge.

Stay Designs

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent J. J. McClenahan ('R.W.', page 100), writing about the design of stays, stated that replacements are required at the rate of one a fortnight in his tower. This can only mean that bell control is not being properly taught.

The purpose of a stay is to enable a bell to be left in the 'up' position when not being rung. It therefore follows that the minimum size stay required is one which will support the small turning moment exerted by the bell when 'set' just over the balance.

This gives the minimum requirement, but for practical purposes (noting the large number of bad handlers that ring, hitting the stay at 'back' and 'hand,' and, believe it or not, even when ringing changes) a stronger stay is necessary, but must still be the first part to fracture.

The safe maximum size of stay for any particular bell is probably best found by equating the kinetic energy of the rotating mass to the strain energy in the stay at the moment of impact. It should be pointed out that when the bell is being correctly rung the kinetic energy is zero at the beginning and end of its travel (i.e., Angular Velocity zero).

Kinetic Energy $= \frac{W}{2g} k^2 w^2$. 'W' is the weight of the rotating parts, 'k' the radius of gyration, 'w' the angular velocity, and 'g' acceleration due to gravity.

Strain Energy $U = \frac{P^2 l^3}{6EI}$ where 'P' is the load on the end of the stay, 'l' the length of stay, 'E' the Young's Modulus of Elasticity, and 'I' the 2nd moment of area.

This strain energy formula is assuming the stay to be a cantilever and of rectangular cross section with a gradually applied load (not strictly true, and the stress may be double that calculated).

From simple beam theory $\frac{f}{y} = \frac{M}{I}$ where 'f' is the stress in the extreme fibres of the material, 'M' the applied moment, 'y' the distance from the neutral axis to extreme fibre, and 'I' the 2nd moment of area. Note $M = P \times l$.

$$\therefore \frac{f}{y} = \frac{Pl}{I} \quad \therefore P = \frac{fI}{yl} \quad p^2 = \frac{f^2 I^2}{y^2 l^2}$$

Substituting in Strain Energy Equation for p^2

$$U = \frac{lBD}{18E} f^2 \quad \left(\text{NOTE: } I = \frac{BD^3}{12} \right)$$

K.E. = Strain Energy.

$$\therefore \frac{W k^2 w^2}{2g} = \frac{lBD}{18E} f^2.$$

From this equation, values of width 'B' and depth 'D' can be determined for any stay if the weight of the rotating parts, radius of gyration and angular velocity of the system is known. (A little guesswork here would assist!)

The foregoing is only intended as a guide to a complex problem, but should give your correspondent a new approach.

The answer to another question is that the Ultimate Tensile strength of bell metal is about 34,000 lb./sq. in., and Young's Modulus of Elasticity 17×10^6 lb./sq. in. I would also like to point out that I would expect my Mild Steel bolts to have a U.T.S. of at least 28 tons/sq. in (commercial quality M.S. to B.S.S.15). Yours sincerely,

T. PAGE.

4, Highfield Gardens,
Aldershot.

HALF PEAL

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Feb. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mark, Glodwick, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Holt 1, J. F. Barlow 2, J. B. Thorp 3, D. Ashton 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260-Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Lewsey 1, R. Rayfield 2, Ruth Perrin 3, C. H. Macve 4, P. J. Milton 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Faircloth (first 'in hand') 1—2, R. G. Crosland (first 'in hand' on working bell) 3—4, A. M. Macve (first of Minor 'in hand' and as cond.) 5—6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Gilbert 1, Stella Rice (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Frances Gilbert 4, Diana Gough (cond.) 5, V. Gough 6. A compliment to Pam (former member) and Ian McGill, on the birth of their second daughter, Fiona Margaret.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Rosalind Hicks 3, H. Baldwin 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6. For Confirmation service, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Lance Kent and Miss Valerie South. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor 1, Anne Collins 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, Rosalind K. Hicks 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6. An engagement compliment to Rosalind K. Hicks and Mr. Edward Benfield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Clegg 1, W. Harrison 2, P. J. Mallock 3, J. F. Barlow 4, D. J. Marshall 5, L. Hill 6, R. M. Edwards 7, F. Shallcross (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong. First quarter peal of Surprise ever rung by a St. Michael's band.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. A. Hilton 1, S. H. Wood 2, D. J. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, F. J. Roberts 5, J. H. Gardner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, R. E. Stoner 8. For the first birthday of Mark, son of the ringer of three, and for the second anniversary of the Rector's induction.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck 1, C. Dear 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Scoot (first as cond.) 4, D. Salisbury 5, E. Buck 6, P. Flack 7, J. S. Dear 8. For Parish Communion.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Miss F. Chester 1, F. J. Jaskson 2, R. A. Smith 3, Miss G. Brown 4, P. W. Brett 5, A. Jewitt (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, with 34 changes of method): S. F. Kimber (cond.) 1, Olive D. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, R. J. Talbot 4, J. Schofield 5, R. E. Finch 6, R. W. Hinde 7, F. E. Darby 8.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cox (first quarter) 1, W. Preston (captain) 2, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 3, E. Cox 4, R. Preston 5, G. Winup 6. For evening service, and to mark the anniversary of the long peal of 8,640 changes rung in this tower by the local company on Shrove Tuesday, 1826, in 5 hours 11 minutes.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Perkin (first in method) 1, Mrs. L. Goodman (first 'inside') 2, G. Goodman 3, R. Hayden 4, W. Aley 5, H. Bird 6, D. Kingston (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung for the baptism of the daughter of the conductor.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Felicity Dickin 1, Janet Somervaille (first 'inside') 2, Janet Cleeve 3, I. Booth 4, L. Pizzey 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Hoodless 1, Mrs. M. Short 2, C. R. Muxlow 3, R. Hunt 4, T. Warrington (cond.) 5, F. Hugh 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Maltby, churchwarden.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, H. Hanson 3, R. Winstanley 4, M. W. Harrison 5, D. Stainsby (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled a token of respect to George Simpson, ringer and chorister for 66 years, who died on February 17th.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): D. A. Smith 1, J. K. Pratley (first quarter) 2, H. N. Pratley (first quarter) 3, Miss D. French 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. D. Cowley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. G. Bletsoe, a churchwarden.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Staveley (first quarter) 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, C. Toyne 3, E. Dalingwater 4, F. A. Staveley 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. McCluskey 7, G. Graham 8. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Staveley (first in method) 1, T. D. Spencer 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, E. Dalingwater 4, F. A. Staveley 5, G. Graham 6, J. McCluskey 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): W. J. Sale (first away from cover bell) 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Betty M. Butler (first in three methods) 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, D. Gaston (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On tFeb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): D. W. Parkin 1, Doreen M. Murfin 2, D. J. Murfin (first of Cambridge 'inside') 3, B. Dawson 4, W. A. Morley 5, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 6, J. A. Dodd 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, P. Felton 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, S. Croft 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Fanthorpe 1, Mrs. D. Metcalfe 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, D. A. Whetton 4, P. Smithson 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. For morning service, and a compliment to ringer of third, on her engagement to Mr. P. Davison.

ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Akroyd 1, Ronda Purkess 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, P. R. Parsons 4, R. Buchanan 5, C. M. White 6. For Evensong.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Poole 1, Miss S. Law 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, S. R. Hucknall.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods and variations): A. Harris 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Floyd 6. A birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Alnwick Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, G. S. Joyce 2, D. P. Treble 3, V. M. Cox 4, R. C. Kippin 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. Wright.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,187 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. E. Cook 1, Elizabeth Holmes 2, J. Vinters (first 'inside') 3, Beryl Stannage 4, T. Relf 5, D. A. Frith 6, C. Maccartney 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. E. Cook (first of Caters as cond.) 9, J. Holmes 10. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Middlesex Bob Triples: Miss D. Colcombe (first of Triples) 1, Miss G. May 2, Miss J. Smith 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. H. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Bull 1, L. Hawkins 2, N. G. Knee (cond.) 3, P. Roynon 4, E. E. Norris 5, T. E. Mallard 6. Rung by Warminster ringers as a 21st birthday compliment to Susan Perrett, of Heytesbury, who is a member of Warminster band.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Lockwood 1, N. V. Coghill (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Murfin 3, D. J. Murfin (first as cond.) 4, J. Ashmore Dodd 5, G. A. Halls 6.

HULL, E. YORKS.—On March 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Ducker 1, H. Gibson 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, J. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell 6, R. Gibson 7, D. S. Johnson (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 3, 6 and 7.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob): E. A. Jones 1, P. Friend 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Wright 1, Margaret James 2, I. M. Hall 3, A. S. Sansom 4, Shelagh R. Collins 5, M. Staley 6, G. Watson 7, D. W. James (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to Michael Staley.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): H. Chadwell 1, R. J. Foster (first 'inside') 2, G. Riglar 3, W. Birmingham 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5, D. G. Rowlands 6. Rung prior to Ash Wednesday service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): Maureen P. Green 1, A. Georgetta Harrison 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Ash Wednesday.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Overend 1, B. Payne 2, D. Massey 3, R. Baker 4, D. J. Withers (first of Minor) 5, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 6. To commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Trim.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Neilson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Miss E. Todd 6. For Evensong.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Grandsire, St. Martin's): J. Omerod (first quarter) 1, C. Carter 2, B. J. Lawes (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain): Jennifer Lees (first quarter) 1, B. J. Lawes 2, C. Carter 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Janet Adams and Laith Reynolds (tower captain), also Mr. Lancefield's farewell quarter.

TURRAMURRA, AUSTRALIA.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Jacka 1, W. Knight 2, W. Smith 3, J. Rainsford 4, J. Watts (first of Minor as cond.) 5, L. McQueen 6. Rung as a welcome to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of their visit to Sydney.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: D. Hawkins 1, A. J. Boyack 2, L. S. Woods (cond.) 3, C. E. Hughes 4, L. Fox 5, B. Downie 6, D. Elisdon 7, M. C. Austin 8, D. Hewitt 9, R. J. Chapman 10, C. E. Willmington 11, J. H. Crampion 12. First of Grandsire Cinques by 1 and 7. For Evensong.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, EAST HARLING

By Dr. Paul Jonason

THE Church, including the tower, of SS. Peter and Paul, East Harling, Norfolk, was built on the site of an older church in 1449—some 47 years before Christopher Columbus discovered the New World.

A church with four acres of land belonging to it is mentioned in Domesday Book. The whole parish was then two miles long and two miles broad. The parish changed hands many times. Earl Warren, as feudal lord, leased the property to the Bigots, of Felbrigg, and from them it passed to the Bournes, of Long Stratton. One of Nicholas Bourne's daughters married Sir Thomas Jenney, and a Margaret Jenney married John de Herling, who died and was buried at East Harling in 1392. The Herlings, after whom the village is named, were living here previous to this date, but only became concerned in the Manor in 1350 owing to the marriage with Margaret Jenney.

Sir John de Harling, knight, her son, married Cecily Mortimer, and their son, Sir Robert Herling, married Joan or Jane, the rich heiress of the Gonvile family. The tomb of this Robert Herling, who died in 1435, is to be seen in the Herling Chapel, concerning which there is still a good deal of mystery.

Sir William Chamberlain, K.G., of Gedding, in Suffolk, married Ann, the only child of Sir Robert Herling, and it is thanks to Sir William's generosity that the church was built into its present magnificence in 1449. He lies buried in the north chapel, in a magnificent tomb, which forms part of the north wall of the chancel.

The tower itself is probably circa 1300, built of flint, with very symmetrical buttresses (clasping buttresses). There are tall niches in the west buttresses at the level of the west window and knapped flint work used here as ornamentation.

The west window, cusped intersected tracery, illuminates the ringing chamber. The belfry openings are cusped-Y-tracery, with a stone watercourse continuously surrounding the tower, reminiscent of an 'eyebrow.' The tower is surmounted by fine freestone ballisters, with the blank shields encompassed by the garter cut in the stones (Sir W. Chamberlain) and the unicorn's head and heraldic bird of the Lovells and Herlings. There are four pinnacles, one at each corner and four central figures looking outward. The whole is surmounted by an oak spire lead covered, arising upon flying buttresses from an eight pointed crown.

DESIGN FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT

This graceful fleche, as it is called, was probably erected in 1475, and is the most unique feature of the tower, being the first object which catches the eye when one approaches the church from whatever direction. From this Mr. Street, the architect, obtained his design for the spire of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, in 1888. In February, 1910, when the Church Council were making plans for rehanging the bells, Mr. A. H. Green, who was then diocesan architect, stated, 'The spire is unique in design for E. Anglia and there is nothing like it in Norfolk. It should therefore claim exceptional care in treatment and restoration in order that its beauty may be jealously preserved and its graceful lines continue to charm the eye.'

The bells were first put in the tower in 1465. Until 1616 there were probably three bells, each considerably larger than the present tenor. On July 6th, 1616, 'one littel bell by weight, £4 10s. a hundred' was ordered to be cast by John Draper, of Thetford, and delivered to Harling. Total cost, including all fittings—£44 18s. The bell weighed 9 cwt. 3 qr. and is the present 5th. In 1677 the then tenor was melted down and recast into two smaller bells, the 3rd and 4th, by John Darbie, of Ipswich, and Christopher Graye.

In 1746, Thomas Gardiner, of Norwich, recast the tenor into two trebles.

Thus L'Estrange records the bells as follows:

6 Bells. Tenor G about 12 cwt.
1 and 2.—Thomas Gardiner Fecit. 1746.
3.—Christopher Graye made me. 1677.
4.—John Darbie made me. 1677.



5.—John Draper made me. 1616. Thomas: Porter: of: Wilbe: Toune, gave me to make: a: pleasant: sounde:

6. — QUABCDE: FGHIKLMNOPQ: QUABCDE: FGHIKLNOP: GHIKLM: symbols of Evangelists on waist.

A BAD CIRCLE

Prior to 1912 the bells were hung in a wooden frame and the ropes did not fall in a circle. Call changes were the rule, and, although several peal attempts were made, owing to the bad arrangement of the ropes even a 720 was a great undertaking.

In 1910, when the tower and spire were surveyed, it was found that not only was the bell frame insecurely fixed but that the spire supports were also in a dangerous condition. H.H. Prince Duleep Singh, then living at Blo' Norton Hall, offered to call in the architect to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and this was gladly accepted. He advised that new timbers should be corbelled into the cills of the belfry windows to support the lantern and spire. Also that a new oak frame for the bells of massive dimensions should be built, the bells quarter turned and rehung with new fittings. The parish magazine at that time records that the following were asked to tender for this work: Messrs. G. Bullock and Son, Ixworth, Suffolk; C. Carr, Ltd., Smethwick; George Day, of Eye; Messrs. Stainbank, of London; and Taylor's, of Loughborough.

George Day, of Eye, presented a most realistic and comprehensive estimate. They advised 'An English oak frame of massive dimensions to be built. The 5th (the one made by Draper in 1616) had lost some of its canons, has a crack in the crown and is not in such good tone as the others, and should be recast.

'The wheels of oak were much too large and heavy and need to be re-wrought and re-rimmed with new stays, sliders and pulleys. They also recommended that the frame should be built to accommodation eight bells, there being plenty of room in the tower for eight on the same level, and that rope troughs should be fixed between the floors to guide the ropes satisfactorily about the ringers' heads, so that the bells could be rung in a good circle.' The cost £170.

In May, 1911, a fund was opened to collect money for the work and by September a total of £165 15s. had been reached. However, the work on the spire and lantern required an additional £100, so that the Church Council decided to hold a fete in the village and to reconsider the estimate. The fete, held the following year on July 11th, 1912, was an unqualified success. The member for the constituency, Mr. Boyle, opened the function, and in one day £113 9s. 2d. was raised.

TAYLOR'S ESTIMATE ACCEPTED

The Church Council then accepted Taylor's estimate as: (a) It was the lowest at £159; and (b) included the latest type of modern iron bell frame. Work was put in hand immediately and the bells were taken down and sent by rail to Loughborough. On arrival at Taylor's, they then informed the Rev. Baseley Hales Grigson, Rector of East Harling, that the bells were not in such good order as had been previously supposed. It was already agreed to recast the 5th, but Taylor's suggested recasting the other five for an additional £61 18s. If this was not possible the 4th should be recast at a cost £12 10s. The Church Council met and in true East Anglian tradition held firm and would only agree to the 4th and 5th being recast. This was accordingly carried out, and the bells were rehung in a new iron frame. Thus the inscription on the bells is now changed. The original wording has been recast on the 4th and 5th with the additional insignia of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and the words 'Recast 1912. Taylor and Co., Loughborough Bell Foundry.'

Today, if one looks at the bells, the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th are excellent castings of nicely shaped bells. The 3rd by Christopher Graye, in 1677, is a very porous casting, and has some cold chisel marks round the mouth. The tenor is still in its original condition as cast in 1550, minus its canons, which, of course, were removed when the new metal headstocks were fitted. The only part of the mechanism which is perhaps regretted is that of the Hastings stays.

The first peal on the bells was rung on December 21st, 1912, by William Duncan (first peal) treble, Thomas Fitzjohn 2, Sidney Annison 3, Alfred Newson 4, Fred C. Burrows (conductor) 5, Charles Carter 6.

On December 19th, 1962, a 50th anniversary peal was rung by James King treble, Paul Jonason 2, Harry Fuller 3, William Duncan 4, Leonard King 5, Frank C. Phillippo (conductor) 6.

The time taken to ring these two peals was identical—2 hours 46 minutes.

THE PEALS

Other recorded peals on the bells are as follows:

1913 May 3rd, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 39 mins., conducted by O. Bullman:
Aug 16th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 42 mins., O. Bullman:
Dec. 20th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 40 mins., O. Bullman:
1914 April 25th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 42 mins., O. Bullman:
May 16th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 44 mins., O. Bullman:
June 27th, Oxford T.B., 2 hrs. 47 mins., F. C. Burrows:
Nov. 21st, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 48 mins., F. C. Burrows;

1920 Oct. 9th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 45 mins., W. J. Adcock;
1922 Aug. 26th. Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 35 mins., W. J. Adcock;
Sept. 9th. Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 40 mins., F. A. Salter;
1923 July 28th, Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 35 mins., F. A. Salter;
1949 July 16th. Five methods. 2 hrs. 47 mins., Nolan Golden;
1951 Aug. 10th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 52 mins., John R. Smith;
1952 Nov. 29th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 58 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1955 April 11th, Oxford & Kent T.B., 2 hrs. 45 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1956 April 2nd, Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 40 mins., W. Saunders;
1957 April 22nd, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 46 mins., W. Saunders;
Dec. 7th. Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 51 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1962 Dec. 19th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 46 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo.

Mr. William Duncan is the sole surviving member of the original peal band, and in 1912 it was his first peal. He was certainly the best and most experienced ringer present in the band, which successfully rang the 50th anniversary peal, and it was considered by all present to have been a privilege to have rung with him.

The band, with the Rector (the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) and Mrs. Riddle, celebrated their success with a well earned dinner as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Jonason, at their home.

Thus the story of East Harling bells is brought up to date. There is still room for two more bells in the tower to complete the octave, but there is even more room in the ranks of the ringers themselves to fill the ringing chamber with eager young men and maidens who are prepared to take part in this peculiar form of worship to the glory of God.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (Glasgow) ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association was held in St. Mary's Cathedral on February 28th. Mr. E. Boumphrey was elected captain, Mr. H. Sargent vice-captain and Dr. D. M. Graham-Service secretary and treasurer.

At this meeting Mr. E. A. Stafford, because of ill-health, tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer. Provost Laming, who was in the chair, spoke very highly of Mr. Stafford's work over the years. He pointed out that Mr. Stafford joined the Association in 1931 and became secretary/treasurer in 1932. He had held the post since then except for a temporary break of about a year and a half.

As a small token of our esteem Mr. Stafford was unanimously elected honorary vice-president of the Association, and was also presented with a bellringer's silk scarf. D. M. G.-S.

CHELSFIELD HAVE NEW BELFRY FLOOR

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Bishop of Rochester dedicated the new belfry floor at Chelsfield, Kent. This new floor shortens the rope draught by approximately 10 ft., and forms a gallery in the north wall of the church. The cost of all the materials for the floor and the labour has been donated by members of the congregation and the balustrade, seen from the church, has been beautifully made by a local craftsman and erected in memory of S. C. Manger, a former ringer and father of the present captain. The bells are much easier to handle and are no longer rung from the choir robing room.

Prior to the dedication service a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung, whilst immediately after the act of dedication a short touch was rung. D. C. M.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED MANN

With the sudden death from influenza of Mr. Alfred Mann, Christ Church, Epsom, has lost the last resident survivor of a family of eight ringers. He had just retired from working in a local hospital, at the age of 68.

Alf started ringing in 1912, when he was 17, and remained a regular ringer until he had to give it up due to his health, just after the war. He also wound the church clock until last July.

He was a very cheerful man, and often recalled with pride an occasion in 1925, when his father, who was captain, conducted a quarter rung by the family. From his house on Epsom Common he often listened to the bells of Christ Church, St. Martin's and Ashtead. D. J. H.

MR. ERNEST STITCH

We regret to announce that Mr. Ernest Stitch, who was well known in South Wales and the Wolverhampton district, died suddenly at his home at 14, Rockfields, Nottage, Porthcawl, on March 10th. He was well liked in all parts of the country, having served for a long period of time as secretary of Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. He had been Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and served that Association on the Central Council from 1939 to 1950.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janice Brown 1, R. Banner 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, B. G. Elliot 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, I. Robinson 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled as last tribute to Rev. J. F. Schaefer.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Dowse (first quarter) 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw (first as cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps 5. First of Doubles 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Angela Keighley (aged 10 years) who died on February 20th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Melbourne, Australia, ringers have had a gay week scoring the first peal of Surprise Major outside Great Britain, a peal of Plain Bob Royal, first since 'The Great Adventure,' and Bob Major 'in hand.' Visitors have included Tom and Margaret Goodyer and Bill Watson, from Sydney, and Brian Cox, for Adelaide. At the Wednesday practice, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung as well as Stedman Caters.

The Shebbear College Society inquire whether their peal at Dolton, Devon, was the first on the bells.

The quarter peal rung at Elstow, Beds, on January 13th was a birthday compliment to the Rev. P. Hartley and Mr. R. Law, and not as printed.

The peal rung by Manchester University Guild at Eccles on February 16th should read: 'A peal of 5,088 Spliced Surprise Major,' and not as printed. The error is regretted.

The band who rang the peal at Barton-on-Humber on February 23rd would wish it to be associated with the memory of Arthur W. Hoodless, captain of the local band, with whom the conductor (Mr. Walter Ayre) had been associated since his youth.

Ringers and friends of St. Mary's, Lewisham, rang Grandsire Caters before the afternoon Evensong at Southwark Cathedral on March 3rd. The Cathedral, like so many Central London churches, has no resident band of ringers and Lewisham ringers hope to make this visit to the Cathedral, to ring for service, a regular event.

We are sorry to learn that Andrew Macve is temporarily indisposed and is condemned to lie on his back for a week or two, although this did not prevent him ringing a quarter peal of Bob Minor 'in hand' recently. We hope he will soon be quite fit and able to resume his ringing again in an upright position.

Mr. A. G. Lancefield left Perth, Western Australia, on March 4th to continue his tour of Australia. A farewell quarter was rung at the Cathedral on February 23rd. In it Jennifer Lees, who started learning to ring in November, rang her first quarter. Mr. B. J Lawes writes that Mr. Lancefield will be greatly missed. He will be welcomed in any Australian tower he visits.

We are asked to state that the quarter peal rung by the Mancroft band was for Mr. Boar's 75th birthday, and not his 80th as published in the issue of March 1st.

Mr. Ronald K. Russ, of Reading, writes that he is not emigrating to Australia in the strict sense of the word, but is going out for three years.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Broadchalke, Wilts, on March 2nd is claimed to be the first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1659. The tenor was cast about 1350.

The following comment was heard after the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells had been successfully completed at Leicester, 'Not bad for kids! Considering also that they are blue liners.'

The band who accomplished the quarter peal of London Surprise Major at Raunds on February 18th regret the absence of Miss Shelagh Collins, who had been in several unsuccessful attempts. The conductor denies that this success is in any way a coincidence.

There are some promising youngsters in the Ashton-under-Lyne area. A peal at Mossley and a half peal at Oldham on the same day were rung by bands of average age 16 years 1 month. Both performances were conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

Mr. Anthony Ager asks us to correct an impression that might be gained from the Henry Johnson dinner, that he was at Birmingham University. He came on accepting a post as brewer at Atkinson's Brewery, Ltd., Aston.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*DOREEN M. MURFIN	*Treble*	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*CYRIL HAYNES	3	GORDON HARRISON	8
MRS. MARION E. KEY	4	JOHN K. SMITH	9
†GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM	5	BRIAN DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First 'inside.' John K. Smith has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Miss Noreen Toon, of Stretton, on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. Keith Atkinson, of Winshill.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN BIBBY	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	6
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	ROBERT WARRILOW	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	DENIS MADDOCK	8
RICHARD WARRILOW	4	IVOR NICHOLLS	9
†FRED JACKSON	5	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal on ten. † First of Cambridge Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAROLD C. LONYON	*Treble*	*C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
*†BASIL JONES	2	NEIL BENNETT	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	8
JOHN ROBINSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
*JOHN WORTH	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal of Redcliffe Surprise Royal. † 513th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*DELIA E. SMITH	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*HILARY MUIRHEAD	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
†CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	8
†ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	9
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method, and first of Surprise Royal. † First of London Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN BRUCE	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
ELSIE CHADDOCK	2	GEORGE S. LEE	7
NEIL DONOVAN	3	STUART ARMESON	8
*DAVID NICHOLS	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
†ALEC HOLROYD	5	PHILIP WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Holroyd (Guy Marcus) and also to Mr. and Mrs. M. Toy (David).

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY G. TYERS	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	7
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	3	ROGER BALDWIN	8
DAVID P. HILLING	4	ROBIN G. LEALE	9
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.
* First peal of Royal.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

REV. CANON G. THURLOW	*Treble*	JOHN COX	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM LOVE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
ROY DUESBURY	4	BERT GOGLE	9
DAVID CUBITT	5	CLIFFORD BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung by past and present members of the Mancroft Guild for the engagement of Mr. David Cubitt and Miss Maureen Stammers.
Composition contains all the 56079's, 658790's and 567890's

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER;
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	ROBERT W. COLES	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE	4	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung in memoriam Wilfred J. Newman, Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Hampton, the latter bells not being available for a peal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD RAPHAEL	*Treble*	W. DAVID WARD	5
DAVID J. ORLEDGE	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	6
RICHARD C. L. BROWN	3	*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	7
RAYMOND BENFIELD	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	7
JACK BRAY	4	*ROBERT T. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.
Rung as a memorial to Canon W. E. Varah, formerly Vicar of Barton for 34 years, and in whose memory the third of this ring was donated by his family.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN	5
RONALD K. RUSS	2	*NOEL R. WAITE	6
BARRY J. DAVIES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	7
SHIRLEY M. DREW	4	PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

SHEILA J. STALEY	*Treble*	PETER M. FLECKNEY	5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	DAVID W. JAMES	6
MURRAY A. COLEMAN	3	*IAN W. HALL	7
MARGARET JAMES	4	SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert	*Treble*	Richard A. Price	5
Geoffrey Bryant	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
*Neil Donovan	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
*Stuart Armeson	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.
A tribute of respect to Dan Smith, of Felkirk (former vice-president of the Yorkshire Association for 15 years), who passed away on February 12th, 1963.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

Alan E. Hartley	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
David G. Wilford	3	William A. Lacey	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Brian J. Bull	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Pauline Fennell	2	Anthony G. Osborne	6
Mary S. Taylor	3	Christopher F. Mew	7
Philip G. Erith	4	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

Arthur T. Shorey	*Treble*	John W. Perkins	5
Michael G. Selby	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Ian C. Maycock	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	*Ernest E. Ludlow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal on eight. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the birth of Joanne Holden, a grand-daughter of Mr. J. W. Perkins.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	†Roger G. Hazell	5
Joyce I. Barton	2	E. Dennis Poole	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	David P. Hilling	7
*Derek Francis	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal on eight. † 25th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5120 LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCH-WYNDROBWLLLLANTYSILIOGOGOGOCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John F. Barlow	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
Richard J. Parker	2	John P. Partington	6
Norman Smith	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
Eric J. F. Wall	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Michael D. Fishwick.

PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 16.34.78
L.H.=2nds -5738264.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,248 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Albert Diserens	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Helen M. Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
*Ronald K. Russ	3	John N. Diserens	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	Barry Corbishley	5
John F. Barlow	2	Fredk. Shallcross	6
Carol Fearnley	3	Giles B. Thompson	7
Derek Ashton	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Frank T. Blagrove	*Treble*	Kathleen M. Higgins	5
Monica M. Blagrove	2	Frank C. Price	6
Jennifer Sceeny	3	J. Keith Ward	7
William Birmingham	4	Frederick R. Scott	*Tenor*

Arranged by Shirley Burton. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel.
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	John F. Barlow	5
Derek Ashton	2	John P. Partington	6
Maryl Crossthwaite	3	Richard Barber	7
Philip Crossthwaite	4	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher C. Clarke	*Treble*	George B. Collins	5
*Peter J. Heritage	2	*Edward R. Venn	6
Harry W. Badger	3	Cyril H. Kinch	7
Edgar J. Smith	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDERSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*C. Alan Friskney	*Treble*	†R. Mark Damerill	5
†J. M. Hadley Hunter	2	†S. Clarke Walters	6
George E. Thoday	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
†Colin Johnson	4	*Theodore A. Getty	*Tenor*

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Plain Bob Triples by all. First as conductor.

ALDERSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
E. W. Tipler's A2/8. 56 x 58.14 x 58 x 36.14 x 14.58 x 14 x 58.
2nds place.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
John O. Freeman	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
John Worth	3	Peter Laflin	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

F. Hector Bennett	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	Richard E. Morris	6
Peter Morris	3	Harry Poyner	7
Michael R. Wycherley	4	Ian Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Ian Friend.
First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey; with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

D. Mary Beresford	*Treble*	Derek E. Sibson	5
E. Jane Langton	2	Colin A. Tester	6
*Olive D. Tester	3	Peter Beresford	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 6-Spliced.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Linda Gott	*Treble*	*Frances Fairbank	5
*Iris Lemare	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
*Patricia Lockwood	3	Richard E. Price	7
J. Neville Parkin	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John F. Murfin	*Treble*	Michael A. Willis	5
*Dennis J. Murfin	2	Michael R. Blore	6
Derek G. Astridge	3	David W. Parkin	7
J. Ashmore Dodd	4	Douglas Derbyshire	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Parkin.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung on the occasion of the Derbyshire Association 11th annual and Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Philip H. Tocock	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
John E. Bibby	3	Thomas Hesketh	7
*Antony R. Kench	4	V. David Jenner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

David Hodgson	*Treble*	James L. Towler	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6
Harry R. Appleton	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Peter J. Came	4	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung for the birth of a son (Timothy John) to Mr. and Mrs. J. West.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Joyce I. Barton	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*Royston Blackler	2	†Roger G. Hazell	6
Roland Biggs	3	Walter Lee	7
Arthur Newton	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Roland Biggs.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	*H. Leslie Pask	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Geoffrey Paul	7
*Walter Tomlinson	4	*Colin W. Reed	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rochester Surprise Major.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Padarn.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter K. Else (Aberystwyth)	*Treble*	Peter F. T. Smith (Ab.)	5
*Richard Hedges (Ab.)	2	W. Gwyn Thomas (Ab.)	6
Gillian E. Graney (Ab.)	3	Colin A. Lewis (Ab.)	7
David W. Beard (Ab.)	4	Donald R. Marshall (Ban.)	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal of Major. First of Treble Bob for the Society.
A compliment to Canon D. H. Lloyd, Rector of Llanbadarn-Fawr, recently appointed Archdeacon of St. David's.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Marion J. Page	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
William T. Beeson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Alexander Page	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
*Bryan C. Burrough	4	*Bernard E. Matthews	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 158).
Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.
* First peal of Painswick.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*Gillian Wiggins	*Treble*	*Alan J. Luxford	5
James W. Priest	2	Dennis G. Blows	6
†Alan D. Elsmore	3	E. John Wells	7
†E. Tyndale Biscoe	4	Roy Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung on the anniversary of the induction of the Rector; also as a compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who is leaving the district.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Brian D. Holt	*Treble*	Geoffrey Nield	4
John F. Barlow	2	Peter J. Malloch	5
Derek Ashton	3	Jeffrey Brannan	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the fifth has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt.

*Garth Porter	*Treble*	Noel D. Deam	3
*Leonard Porter	2	Alec Gammon	4
Roy H. Jones	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal attempt. First peal rung from the new ringers' gallery. A birthday compliment to Noel D. Deam.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*John W. Perkins	*Treble*	*Maurice C. Hughes ..	4
*Ann E. Fellows	2	Ian C. Maycock	5
*Susan Funnell	3	*Peter S. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise Minor on the bells, and as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Rosemary J. Palmer ..	*Treble*	Roger J. Palmer	4
Donald F. Murfet	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	5
Alan M. Barber	3	*John E. Goodwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.

* First peal.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*Vanessa Rodrigues ..	*Treble*	Susan Rawlings	4
†Rosamund Rawlings ..	2	Anthony Bishop	5
*Judith Geiringer	3	Ken Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ken Newman.

* First peal. † First in more than one method. First as conductor.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Shelagh R. Collins ..	*Treble*	David W. James	4
Margaret James	2	Frank E. Crosier	5
Anthony D. Sansom ..	3	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

Arthur F. Ballam	*Treble*	Charles Stannard	3
Mrs. H. Ivings	2	Richard J. Stannard ..	4
John Ivings	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Arthur F. Ballam.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) April Day, (3) Seighford, (4) Old Bob, (5) Kennington, (6) Plain Bob, (7) April Day, (8) Seighford, (9) Old Bob, (10) Kennington, (11) Plain Bob, (12) April Day, (13) Old Bob, (14) Kennington, (15) Seighford, (16) Plain Bob, (17) April Day, (18) Seighford, (19) Old Bob, (20) Kennington, (21) Plain Bob, (22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23) Clifford's Pleasure, (24) Little Aston, (25) St. Columb, (26) Southrepps Pleasure, (27) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Southrepps Pleasure, (29) St. Columb, (30) Little Aston, (31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Plain Bob, (34) April Day, (35) Seighford, (36) Old Bob, (37) Kennington, (38) Plain Bob, (39) Old Bob, (40) Kennington, (41) April Day, (42) Seighford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Rosemary A. Tailby ..	*Treble*	Michael W. Brown	3
David F. Moore	2	N. Roderick Ellway ..	4
Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

First peal in ten methods for all except the conductor.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G sharp.

*George F. Roome	*Treble*	‡Richard J. Danby	4
†Ronald Russell	2	‡Alan A. Paul	5
‡Roger W. Smith	3	‡Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. ‡ First of Treble Bob.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Dixon, on completing 30 years as churchwarden and tower captain at this church.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Harold Worrall	*Treble*	†Ernest Pimlott	4
*F. George Forrester ..	2	Victor Neal	5
John Ryder	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † 75th peal.

Rung as birthday compliments to the conductor and Kenneth Parker.

DOLTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(The Shebbear College Society.)
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher J. Head ..	*Treble*	*David J. Etchells	4
*Philip J. Daniel	2	John L. Queen	5
†Philip C. Plant	3	Roger J. Gay	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger J. Gay.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor for the Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

HULME, MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Marcia M. Nott	*Treble*	*Keith H. Scrimshaw ..	4
Ronald J. Johnston ..	2	*David J. Baker	5
*Mary Browne	3	David W. James	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. James.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on Shrove Tuesday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 28 methods: (1 to 3) St. Laurence, (4 to 6) St. Jude, (7 to 9) St. Crispin, (10 to 12) St. Mary, (13) Plain Bob, (14) St. Simon, (15) St. Albans, (16) Eynsham, (17) Cassington, (18) Elford, (19) St. Martin, (20) St. Paul, (21) St. Peter, (22) St. Leonard, (23) Austrey, (24) Winchendon, (25) St. Miles, (26) St. John, (27) St. Luke, (28) Ryton, (29) St. Nicholas, (30) St. Giles, (31) St. Andrew, (32) Shareshill, (33) St. Thomas, (34 to 37) Plain Bob, (38 to 40) April Day, (41) Seighford, (42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Stuart H. J. Edwards ..	*Treble*	Rupert A. Clarke	4
Michael W. Brown	2	Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	5
David F. Moore	3	*Anthony D. H. Blyth ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

* First peal. Rung on Shrove Tuesday.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*David W. Sweet	*Treble*	J. Yorke Parker	4
*Delphine J. Fuller	2	Colin Johnson	5
A. George Orbell	3	Alan M. Barber	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal.

ADWICK LE STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Florence Chester	*Treble*	Russell Stephenson	4
*Harold Bell	2	*Roger A. Smith	5
Alan Jewitt	3	Fredk. J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. M. Jones, Rector, who is leaving the parish.

BROADCHALKE, WILTSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Anthony E. Clayton	*Treble*	†Malcolm M. Powell	4
Anthony R. Carter	2	Hugh N. Evans	5
*Alan S. Harrison	3	Brian B. Hullah	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1659, the tenor being cast in about 1350.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of The Ascension.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Geoff. Weston (16)	*Treble*	Philip Murduck	4
*Denby Murduck (15)	2	Geoff. Dodds	5
Paul Holmes	3	Michael Holbrook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

* First peal of Minor, and on a working bell.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Wragby, Charlwood; (2) St. Albans, Neasden; (3) College Exercise, Ockley; (4) Norbury, Duke of Norfolk; (5) London Scholars', Capel; (6) Kingston, Sandal; (7) Kent, Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

Elizabeth Peace	*Treble*	*Christopher A. Moxon	4
Susan Peace	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Herman Rusby	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* First peal in 14 methods.

Rung fully-muffled in memory of Daniel Smith; a repeat in the same methods of his last peal, at Wath in 1956.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Jennifer Sceeny	*Treble*	†Brian A. Cracknell	4
*Brian J. Edwards	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal other than covering to Doubles and Triples. † First in seven methods.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	William Birmingham	4
Geoffrey Riglar	2	Robin G. Leale	5
David P. Hilling	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 250th peal of Minor, conducted 151.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 6 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At 1, Rossdale Road.
A PEAL OF 15840 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 22 extents, each called differently (11 callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

John C. Eisel 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4
Nicholas J. Davies 5—6

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpire: Mary S. Taylor.

The longest peal of Minor on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land 1—2 | Brian Bladon 3—4
Anthony R. Peake 5—6

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Mon., March 4, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
At St. Andrew's, Chesterton Lane.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, each comprising Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 188 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 1—2 | H. Hunter (Trinity) 3—4
A. S. Hudson (Clare) 5—6

Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

First peal of Spliced Surprise 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.



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QUARTER PEALS

BROMLEY, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary K. Gates (first quarter) 1, P. J. Spice 2, Sheila Copping 3, Katharine M. Guy 4, F. H. Gates 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6.

HAXEY, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cutforth (first quarter) 1, E. Cooper 2, C. Cook 3, J. F. Underwood 4, P. Cooper (cond.) 5, P. Berry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. R. Stott, who died in office, February 14th. Also on Feb. 22nd 720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob: Miss D. Smith (720) and G. L. A. Lunn (720) 1, M. Rose 2, S. Green 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. F. Underwood 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. G. J. R. Stott, by members of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Lock 1, J. Brake 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, V. James 4, G. Skelly 5, A. Say 6.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): R. J. Bray 1, G. Cole 2, E. G. Cork 3, J. Salway 4, K. Clarke 5, S. Skinner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. White (first quarter) 8.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Hallett 1, A. T. Harris 2, Brenda Boyce 3, R. Talbot 4, S. G. Atwell (cond.) 5, N. Henderson 6. Birthday compliments to Gwen Boyce and Sheila Hallett (ringers) and C. Boyce (churchwarden).

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BIRTH

AGG.—On March 6th, 1963, at home, to Anne and Rex Agg—a son (David Anthony): a brother for Elizabeth. 2118

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—George Harry, who died March 14th, 1960. Remembered with affection by his family. 2139

BIRTHDAY GREETING

ANNO DOMINI. Happy birthday. I shall miss you. The wheels are square and the lane is lonely.—NUPPETT. 2067

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after March 12th the address of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coles will be 41, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Glam. 2107

PERSONAL

The marriage between Mr. John R. Mayne and Miss Rosemary Fleming will not now take place. 2104

'That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.' (Colossians i, 10.)

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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1963

METROPOLITAN PRIVATE HOTEL, Standard Road, Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth.—Rooms available over Whitsuntide period.—Write to the proprietor for particulars. Tel.: Gt. Yarmouth 3774. 2025

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MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL RALLY.—The Guildford Diocesan Guild will be running coaches from Aldershot and Guildford Districts on April 20th. Fair 13s. 6d. Names as soon as possible to Mr. D. May (Master), Wimbledon Cottage, School Lane, East Clandon, or Mr. Russell (secretary), Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash. 2132

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.—There will be no practice on April 3rd or April 10th. Normal ringing resumes April 17th. 2115

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report and magazine for 1962 available (29 compositions, articles, etc.) at 3s. each, plus postage. Copies of earlier reports are available while stocks last at 1s. 6d. each, plus postage: 1961 (32), 1960 (48), 1959 (51), 1958 (50), 1957 (47), 1956 (53), 1955 (44), 1954 (22), 1951-53 (81).—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 2130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting brought forward to **Monday, April 1st,** at 7.45 p.m., at St. John-the-Divine, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Acting Secretary is now Claude Corderoy, 'West-Wynds,' Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, Berks. 2140

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT, 11,456 'Real' Superlative, St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Easter Monday, start 10 a.m. Band: F. Osbaldiston, G. Thompson, John Eisel, B. Jones, J. Robinson, B. Groves, B. Woodruffe, R. B. Smith. **Please take this as confirmation.**

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Everton (Hunts), Saturday, March 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. N.B.—Everton is situated at the southern tip of Huntingdonshire, approx. 3 miles off the Great North Road, at Tempsford, Beds.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2100

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Wrotham. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. Special methods: Plain Bob Triples and London S. Major.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2079

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint practice, March 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing at Isleworth. *All* names for tea *must* be sent to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whitton. No names no tea.—M. E. P., F. T. B. 2076

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Joint meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, March 16th. Ringing: West Bridgford (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Orledge. 2136

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Balderton (8), March 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me.—Mrs. B. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark. 2078

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Bolney (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Andover, March 16th. Ringing: Abbot's Ann, 2 to 3 p.m.; Goodworth Clatford, 3 to 4, Tea 4.15 p.m., Church Room, Andover. Further ringing, Andover, after tea. Names to Mrs. T. Tarrant, 34, Corunna Main, Andover.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 5 p.m. 2106

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Mallett, Saturday, March 23rd. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2127

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Ruishton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2103

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, Woburn. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Crypt at 5 p.m. Names, please, to 8, London Road, Woburn.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 2117

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2105

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, at Etwall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Murfin, 'Holly Farm,' Etwall.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 2133

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Wingerworth on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Blythe, 49, Longedge Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2128

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2124

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting Lacock, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by March 21st to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd. St. George's, Bolton (8), 2.30 until 5 p.m. Holy Trinity (8) 5.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Names for picnic on May 11th essential by that Saturday.—Thornley. 2122

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street (opp. Winter Gardens), Blackpool. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and light refreshments provided.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 2108

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the School Rooms, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 20th, to Mr. P. Gilliver, 19, Main Street, Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, near Melton Mowbray. 2113

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please. Woodbine Treble Bob Minor and Double Court.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, March 23rd, Great Durnford (5). Bells from 2.30 p.m. It would help local ringers with ordering if names for tea could be sent by previous week, March 16th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Regret no afternoon ringing owing to weddings taken at short notice from fire-ravaged Eastwood Church. Tea arrangements cancelled. Bells from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. Please support this evening meeting.—D. J. Beach, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2116

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY
Spring meeting at **Pattingham**
(buses from Wolverhampton),
Saturday, March 23rd.
Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5.15 p.m. **Important:** Please bring **own** tea, cups of tea provided.
—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2135

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Waldron on March 23rd. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please help your new secretary by sending names for tea by March 20th to Ian Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. Thank you.—F. H. Beeney. 2112

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) in Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, 1s. per head. Names for tea to L. F. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, Essex.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 2099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—The annual dinner will be held at the 'King's Head,' Melton, on March 30th, 7.30 p.m. Price 12s. 6d. 2073

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Harlestone on Saturday, March 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost. 40. Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2101

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 27th, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2120

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Battersea on March 30th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by March 27th. Putney bells after meeting. 2111

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 2094

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 18 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, honorary treasurer. Further details next week.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—An annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Full details later.—N. J. D. 2119

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on March 2nd, and the 50 members who attended represented most of the towers in the District. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the excellent eight, and the recent decorations in the belfry added to the pleasure.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Beynon, and Mr. Collen Jones was organist. Tea was laid on in a cosy room in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs. Williams were thanked for their kindness in supplying the meal and for the satisfactory arrangements made.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Guild's Master, Miss Hazel Way. Mr. W. Dobbins was still not well enough to attend, and also Mr. Harry Boyce, who had had a recent eye operation. A suggestion to revive the Guild's quarterly peal was carried, the first peal to be arranged by the Master during the next three months.

The meeting was reminded of the ringing competition in May, and full support was promised from at least four bands. Six new members were elected. After votes of thanks there was more ringing in the tower.

September meeting, Gorseinon; December, St. Mary's, Swansea. A.G.M., J. A. H.

Heanor's Example

We welcome 'The Belfry News,' the monthly newspaper of the Heanor bellringers (4d.), with Mr. G. M. Camm as Editor, and offices at 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys. Commenting on the enthusiasm of the large band of young ringers at Heanor, Mr. Ben Roberts, in a foreword, writes:

'This revival has not been limited to the tower, for they are not content to summon others to worship which they do not intend to share themselves. They almost form a second choir, encouraging the congregation from behind, and lowering considerably our average.

To the distinction of being the only tower in the diocese to have two practice nights a week they now add the production of their own magazine.

'The Belfry News' is a bright production with a strong local interest. There is a feature article on the bells of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Sheffield and District Society at its annual meeting at Ranmoor on March 2nd elected its first lady president—Mrs. D. Kelly. In handing over the office to her, Mr. F. Brunt said that he did not know another lady who was quite so popular among ringers as Mrs. Kelly and how right it was that she should be the first lady president.

Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert was voted president-elect, and Mr. C. Rusby and Mr. Gilbert the new auditors. Apart from these changes the other officers remained the same as last year. A new office, that of peal secretary, was created—an appointment Mr. N. Chaddock accepted with the request that a copy of all peals should be sent to him.

The afternoon's ringing included Bristol, London and Stedman Caters, and in the evening eight Spliced Major. A splendid tea was served in the Church Hall.

Next meeting (provisional), Staveley on Easter Monday. A. M. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A very successful meeting of the Rochester District was held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on March 2nd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed by the service, tea and a lengthy business meeting. About 65 members and friends were present.

Business included the District representative's report on the committee meetings and a discussion on the report by the sub-committee on the Association's finances. The possibility of a District magazine was also discussed, and the District secretary was asked to make arrangements, if possible, to take a party to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. After votes of thanks a return was made to the belfry for further ringing. L. M.

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By NORMAN SMITH

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Rung at Milnrow, Lancashire, on Sunday, February 24th, 1963.

A BROADCAST FROM FROME

In the middle of the B.B.C. Television broadcast on Sunday, March 24th, starting 10.30 a.m., to illustrate the work of the Church, the bells of St. John the Baptist, Frome, Somerset, will be heard and probably some of the ringers seen ringing six whole pulls of rounds.

The ringers are Francis M. Massey treble, Mrs. Hilda M. Massey 2, D. G. Massey 3, B. A. Payne 4, R. J. Baker 5, N. T. Abbott 6, D. H. Flower (captain) 7, H. Vennell sen. tenor. Alan Payne will read the ringers' Collect.

Partly due to lack of space in the ringing room for all the T.V. apparatus, the rounds were not too good. The fifth bell was particularly difficult to handle, as the rope normally falls in front of the door where the T.V. camera had to stand.

The bells were pulled up at 6.45 p.m. expecting to be recorded at 8.30 p.m. after the service rehearsal. By the time other problems were solved the ringers started their part at 10.15 p.m., spending 4 hours in the church.

The recording was outside as well as inside the belfry, and it is expected the outside 'sound' will be imposed on the picture to avoid the noise of rope rattle.

NORTHANTS RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place at Eydon Parish Church, Northamptonshire, on February 23rd of Miss Dorothy Williams, of Eydon, and Mr. Victor A. Perry, of Weedon Bec. The bride and bridegroom are both members of the Culworth Branch and ring at Byfield.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Neville (president, Culworth Branch), officiated. The bridesmaid was Miss Betty Mansfield (Towcester Branch), and the best man Mr. Frederick W. Hutt (Daventry Branch). The organist was Mr. Eric Walker (secretary and treasurer, Culworth Branch).

The reception was held at the Mounts Hotel, Banbury.

In the evening a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Byfield by the local band to mark the occasion.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Branch Striking Competition

In an attempt to emphasise the importance of good striking, the Chew Deanery Branch decided to arrange a striking competition, and the first experimental competition was held at Chew Stoke on February 23rd, when Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, judged the ringing of five Chew Deanery Sunday service teams from a bungalow situated next to the church. The test piece was '120 changes of Doubles or Minor,' preceded by not more than 2 minutes of unmarked rounds.

At the conclusion the 45 ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea in the Village Hall, during which Mr. Sanger placed the teams as follows: 1 Wrington (66 faults), 2 Yatton (70), 3 Portbury (74), 4 Winford (76), 5 Wraxall (100). A scratch team made up on the spot from the spectators, but, of course, not eligible for the competition, scored only 40 faults. The judge, in his remarks, said that the ringing was of a fairly equal standard, but generally he felt it was too slow, with bad backstroke leads and lack of rhythm the chief faults. He hoped that other Bath and Wells Branches would be inspired to arrange similar meetings.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for his co-operation, to Mr. Sanger and Tony for their hard work (they even played all the ringing back with a tape recorder to check the markings) and to those who helped with the local arrangements.

Further ringing was enjoyed at Chew Stoke after tea and later Chew Magna bells were available. M. J. H.

LATE NOTICE

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Ripley (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpe's Road, Heanor, Derbyshire. 2137

QUARTER PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 21st, at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. R. Quinney 1, C. Muncey 2, V. Nutton 3, J. M. H Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, H. Foster 5, R. M. Damerell 6, P. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia Sheldon 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Alice Ward 3, R. Tullitt 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First extent of Treble Bob for 1.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Law 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, Mary Edwards (first 'inside') 3, B. Crisp 4, L. Duffield 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. For the York Nativity Play.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, I. Weatherley 5, A. V. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. Burford 8. For Matins, and for the 20th anniversary of Mrs. E. Weatherley's wedding day.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss P. Drury 2, C. Webb 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss P. Ridley 1, G. Davis 2, Miss W. Hollowell 3, B. Branston 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss P. Ridley and Mr. G. Cowlin (captain of this tower), on their engagement.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Brass 1, Miss M. Miles (first away from the treble) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, T. Pendlebury 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. Lowe, late vicar of Gnosall, Staffs, and a former well loved assistant curate at Rugeley, who died on Febraury 21st.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 16th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, H. G. Keeley 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, L. F. Cobb 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, E. C. Read 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Mussell 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. Roger Keeley and Miss Patricia Sharp, married earlier in the day at St. George's Church, West Harnham.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Fuller 1, K. S. Fuller 2, D. R. Fuller 3, C. M. Fuller 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, P. D. Rees (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of Hazel Dawn Fuller, niece of the third and tenor ringers and cousing of the treble, second and fourth ringers.

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ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

THE ringing chamber of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, contains two records of peals. One, a massive stone tablet placed high on the wall, and possibly filling up a former doorway, records a peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on April 27th, 1861. This peal was at that time the longest length ever rung on 12 bells, and curiously enough it was 'the first peal in that method performed on the bells,' although a peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques had been rung in the tower as far back as 1731. It remained the longest peal of Stedman Cinques until it was beaten at Birmingham in 1881, and was the subject of a song of considerable length which was composed by James Dwight, who rang the tenor to the peal, and which, according to tradition, he used to sing at College Youths' dinners.

The other peal board records a peal of 5,002 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours and 51 minutes, composed by Frederick Dench. This peal was rung silent and non-conducted and was the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung on tower bells. (The information given in 'Belfry Gossip' of March 8th is not quite correct. The handbell peal rung on February 21st, 1903, was the first *silent* peal of Stedman Cinques, not the first on handbells.) The ringers in this peal were Henry Springall treble, Challis F. Winney 2, Harry R. Pasmore 3, Herbert Langdon 4, Henry R. Newton 5, Thomas Faulkner 6, John N. Oxborrow 7, Frederick Dench 8, Alfred B. Peck 9, John W. Golding 10, William T. Cockerill 11 and William H. Pasmore tenor. In accordance with a long-standing tradition, there were two umpires: Henry Dains, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and George W. Wild, of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

There were formerly two other peal boards at Cornhill, but these were badly damaged by fire during the war and have since been removed.

When the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, were restored recently, it was felt that these two noteworthy performances—one 100 and one 50 years ago—should be remembered on the appropriate anniversaries. So it came about that the first peal on the restored bells—5,100 Stedman Cinques—was rung on April 29th, 1961, to mark the centenary of the 1861 peal.

There was no great difficulty about that, but then came the more challenging question—would it be possible to commemorate the silent peal of 1913 by ringing another silent peal? Gradually the idea caught on; the Saturday nearest the original date was fixed for the attempt, and the band—nearly all of whom are regular Sunday ringers at Cornhill—was briefed.

By way of practice, a silent quarter peal of Stedman Cinques was rung for Evensong at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, January 27th. The successful accomplishment of this gave confidence to the band, so that it was with fairly high hopes that it assembled outside Cornhill on the afternoon of February 23rd. The bitterly cold weather was, of course, something that could have been dispensed with, and it is to be hoped that the band of 1913 did not have to cope with such Arctic conditions; but there was nothing much the ringers could do about it, except that fewer sweaters were taken off than usual. The umpires were made as comfortable as possible: a small electric fire was provided for them and they were well muffled up, so perhaps they did not suffer too much.

The preparations having all been made, it only remained to ring the peal. The 12 bells were set going, Mr. Barnett called 'Go' and, after 3 hours and 34 minutes and 5,007 changes, he called 'Stand.' So that was it. It had been as simple as that; not quite so simple, however, for Dennis Randall on the ninth, who was feeling far from well that day, while some of the other 'back-enders' had their share of blisters by the end and were curiously reluctant to ring the following morning!

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GUILDFORD GUILD AND CATHEDRAL BELLS

WHEN the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers held its annual meeting at St. Saviour's Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) told the large gathering how the Guild proposed to take up the Bishop's challenge to meet the cost of the Cathedral bells.

The Cathedral, he explained, was to have ten bells. The Pulling memorial bell had been provided and the total cost of the remaining nine bells and the cost of hoisting and hanging the Pulling bell was £7,250.

Each of their four Districts had agreed to provide one bell at an average cost of £400. The cost had been worked out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the Pulling memorial bell, but as they had not a firm order they rather objected to their figures being published and getting to their competitors.

Although the Bishop challenged the Guild to meet the whole of the cost, the Guild Executive decided last autumn that they could not meet it as they would have difficulty in finding the £1,600 required for their four bells. He met the secretary of the Cathedral Council and it was assumed that the Guild would accept responsibility for raising the money in some way, primarily by an appeal.

It was decided at the next meeting of the Executive that the Guild should issue an appeal. One bell had since been given by anonymous donors in memory of a relative. An appeal letter had been drafted and this had been approved by the Dean and Cathedral Council. It was to all lovers of bells and bell music, and they hoped that some corporate bodies or companies would accept responsibility for a bell.

After discussion, the steps taken by the Executive were approved and it was decided to issue the appeal.

RAISED THE STANDARD

The annual report mentioned that three of the District Ringing Masters had retired—Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), Mr. R. Collins (Chobham) and Mr. H. A. May (Guildford). In his eight years as Ringing Master, Mr. Collins had raised the standard of ringing at the towers under his care to a level which would not have been thought possible a few years back.

A good indication of the progress of the Guild was the quarter peals rung. During 1962, 135 quarters were rung in 40 towers, 17 people ringing their first quarter, 20 their first 'inside,' 71 a new method and 13 a quarter on a different number of bells.

The bells of Thames Ditton had been recast and rehung, and Mr. G. S. Joyce said there was a possibility that Farnborough bells would be augmented from six to eight.

The meeting stood while the deaths of the following were reported: Messrs. Bill Goldstone (Send), Bill Robinson (Epsom), Clifford Hilton (Dorking), Bill Newbury (Ashtead), Harold Harris (Crondall) and George Cook (Ashtead). The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. L. Hunter, seconded by Mr. P. Smart.

Major Bragg, presenting the peal recorder's report, stated that 35 peals had been rung for the Guild—eight fewer than last year. They were rung by 126 ringers in 19 different methods or numbers of methods with 20 different conductors. The long Stedman silence was broken four times—at Aldershot six were ringing their first of Stedman and one his first as conductor. Mr. John Wells conducted most peals (nine) and Mr. Stan Ponting rang in most peals (13).

The badge secretary (Mr. G. S. Joyce) said during 15 years badges to the value of £201 had been sold.

BISHOP COMING AGAIN

Presenting a report on the dinner, which had a record attendance of 217, including the Bishop of Guildford, the Master said it was decided this year to restrict numbers to 180. It would be held at Newlands Corner Hotel on October 12th and the Bishop had promised to attend.

The Guild has few changes in its officers. To the list of vice-presidents the name of Major E. Bragg has been added. The officers

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are: Master, Mr. D. A. R. May (East Clandon); honorary secretary, Mr. S. Russell (Ash); honorary treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin (Fleet); honorary auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash); librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford); peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnborough); liaison officers with Surrey Association, Messrs. F. E. Collins and J. F. M. Mayhrey; Central Council representatives, the Master, Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

During the meeting the following new members were elected from Merrow: Marilyn Adams, Susan Woodthorpe, Hazel Giddens and Dilys Hewitt; juniors, Denise Salter, Stuart Cobb, Frank Duncan and Bryn Davies. Also Mr. H. Holman, Farnborough, honorary member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Master and officers for their services; to the Rev. Michael Hocking for conducting the Guild service at Holy Trinity Church; and to Mr. S. G. Ponting, the organist; to the Rev. W. L. White and the ladies of St. Saviour's for providing the tea. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at three Guildford churches and at Shalford.

A TUNBRIDGE WELLS WEDDING



Left to right: Margaret A. Ladd, Brian E. Jeffrey, Patricia Tompkins, the bridegroom, the bride, Rev. P. N. Bond (best man), Ernest J. Ladd, Elisabeth Tester.
(Photo: M. A. Ladd.

Two well known Kent ringers, Miss Ann George and Mr. Stanley Jenner, were married on March 2nd at Emmanuel Church, Tunbridge Wells. The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of figured brocade and carried a prayer book and white freesias. She was attended by one bridesmaid, her cousin, Miss Patricia Tompkins, who wore a dress of blue brocade, and carried a spray of mixed freesias. The best man was the Rev. Peter N. Bond. The couple were rung out of church by handbells, there being no tower bells, by Margaret A. Ladd, Elisabeth Tester, Brian E. Jeffrey and Ernest J. Ladd.

Later a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Edenbridge, where Stanley was captain, after failure to ring a peal, by D. Cox, P. Smith, E. Tester, R. Sherlock, J. Warner, C. Hancock, B. Jeffrey and E. J. Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner will reside at 2, Sheffield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

According to the March 'News of the Diocese,' for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, boys from the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook, Suffolk, ring the bells at Stutton during term time. Stutton Church is close to the school and has six bells (tenor 12 cwt.). Nearby is Holbrook Parish Church, with six bells (tenor 8 cwt.).

In the clock tower of the school there are five bells cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1932, with a tenor about 25 cwt. They are not hung for ringing, but for the Norwich chimes in the clock tower.

Handbells are also rung at the school and are incorporated in the school's annual carol service.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Great Yarmouth Meeting

RINGING TOURS

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Beccles (10), Redenhall (8), Diss (8) and Pulham Market (8). Arrive back at headquarters at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Cost per person 12s. 6d., which includes tea at an hotel.

WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 9.15 a.m., through Broadland country to ringing at Aylsham (10) and Marsham (8). Hot lunch, followed by ringing at Wroxham (6), the gateway of the Broads. Then a 2½ hour cruiser trip through some of the loveliest Broads, with light tea served on board, landing at Ranworth (6), the Church of the Broads. The party will be met here by the coach, calling at Acle (6) on the return to Great Yarmouth.

Cost per person, including lunch and tea, 21s.

Please send names and remittances for either or both of these tours to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Loddon, Norwich, NOR 21W, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that options on transport, etc., can be confirmed.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to have peal attempts arranged for them are asked to notify Mr. Barrett, at the above address, as soon as possible. Peals of Minor and upwards will be arranged if required.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DERBYSHIRE DINNER

FOR the 11th annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association held on March 2nd at the Midland Drapery Restaurant, Derby, over 200 applications were received for the 160 tickets available! It was mainly due to the great demand for tickets that the venue was changed last year from the Corporation Hotel, but it seems that an even larger venue than the Midland Drapery is necessary!

The large contingent from the Derby and Ilkeston Districts was supplemented by coach parties from the Peak and Chesterfield Districts, led by Alex Richardson and Malcolm Phipps respectively. Ringing prior to the dinner took place at Heanor, Ashover, Ashbourne, Horsley and St. Peter's, Derby, when methods rung ranged from rounds and call changes to Spliced Surprise Major.

After an excellent meal Mr. J. F. Smallwood apologised on behalf of Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, who should have been the guest speaker, but, due to the indisposition of his wife, was unable to be present.

He was, however, pleased to announce that the president of the Association, the Provost of Derby, had kindly stepped into the breach at short notice. Although the Provost was a staunch supporter of the Association, he was assured by Mr. Smallwood that if he exceeded his allotted time of ten minutes he would be shot down in flames regardless.

The Provost, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, congratulated the Association on its record membership of 367, of which over 340 members were fully paid up! The present satisfactory position from the financial as well as ringing viewpoints was largely due to the untiring efforts of a few faithful stalwarts, who were well known to all present. However, he urged members not to become complacent, but to continue to go forward in leaps and bounds and increase the membership even more!

He assured the company that the Belfry Repair Fund would continue to flourish from the subscriptions of over 50 Parochial Church Councils, which, speaking from experience, would still be subscribing to the fund long after the Association had ceased to exist!

BURLEY P. MORRIS HONOURED

This concluded the formalities, and was followed by the evening's highlight, namely the awarding of the noble order of capita magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman in the Derbyshire Association. The Association's general secretary, Mr. Burley Morris, of Ashbourne, was presented with this year's award, the citation being read by Mr. David Marshall:

'It is no surprise that you, Burley P. Morris, have been chosen as your outstanding attributes are prominently displayed for all to see! The secret of your success lies in your popularity amongst your fellow ringers, which you are very careful to maintain by organising ringing to the very last detail.

'This was illustrated last year by a peal attempt at Tideswell, when you decided not to offend anyone by leaving them out of the band and as a result ended up with 16 ringers for eight bells! If anyone knows a way of ringing two peals on one set of bells simultaneously will they please let Burley know! In addition to which your way of arranging of peals is well known. After first writing a letter of invitation to each ringer, you ring them up and tell them what was in the letter, presumably as being postmaster of Ashbourne you know how letters can go astray! Furthermore, you ask each ringer to confirm the arrangements with the other members of the band and then to make absolutely sure you visit each ringer personally.

'Although you have now been in Derbyshire for five or six years we are well aware that you still have strong ties with the Peterborough Guild, as some of the best propaganda for that Guild has been written by you in our Annual Report!'

The Derbyshire Association choir then sang the capita magnissimus anthem before a satire on the recently reformed Ilkeston District was performed to the tune of the 'Ballad of Bethnal Green.' Dancing brought a tremendously successful dinner to a close all too soon. Sincere thanks and congratulations are extended to Gordon Halls, Dennis Carlisle and David Marshall, the only regret being the long wait for next year's dinner! M. P. P.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 21st, 1913.—

Mr. George N. Price, of Watford, has just completed a unique performance by calling a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, from each pair of bells. Mr. Price is the first to accomplish this feat, and in addition he has conducted Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples from each pair. The composition of Stedman Triples called from 1—2 and 3—6 had not been previously rung on handbells. All the peals of Caters and Cinques had the turning courses at the end, thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance, and had it not been for two of the peals of Caters (those called from 1—2 and 9—10) having the same coming round, all would have had different going-off and homing courses both in Caters and Cinques.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The East Grinstead and District Guild held its annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield on March 9th. Although a wet day, members were welcomed consistently throughout the afternoon. The service was conducted by the president, Rev. J. R. Missen, and the Rev. J. R. Collins (Hever), a newly-elected vice-president, read the lesson. The singing was accompanied by G. Fitzhugh at the organ. Members afterwards made their way to the Church House, where a sumptuous tea had been arranged by Mr. J. Ryman, ringers' captain with the help of his family.

With the president in the chair, 48 members attended the annual meeting. Three new vice-presidents were elected, viz. Rev. J. R. Collins, Messrs. Charles A. Bassett and Ernest J. Ladd. Messrs. Albert Relfe and Edward J. Jenner did not stand for re-election to the committee. They were thanked by Mr. Jeffrey for all their support and work. Their places are taken by Mrs. Ann Jenner (it was suggested this would give some feminine support) and Mr. George Fry, remaining officers elected en bloc.

The annual outing was fixed for October 12th, and Mr. Stanley Jenner was asked to make the arrangements, as he had done last year. It was suggested we should go into Hertfordshire. The annual dinner was fixed for second Saturday in January, 1964. Some changes in the rules (printed in 1933) made by the committee were read by Mr. Jeffrey, and agreed to. Three hundred copies are to be printed for sale to members. Seven new members were elected. Thanks were accorded to the president and Mr. J. Ryman. Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch bells were available in the evening. M. A. L.

Handbells at a Music Festival

THE Twickenham and Richmond Music Festival held its 29th annual competition in music, dancing, speech and drama from March 2nd to 9th, and for the first time included handbell ringing in its programme. The festival chairman was Dr. D. J. Neal Smith and the secretary is Mrs. Neal Smith, and it was through them that handbells were included, and I was the adjudicator for these items.

In All Souls' Church Hall, Twickenham, on March 7th, five handbell bands met to ring not less than 250 changes in any standard method, rung two in hand, on eight bells or upwards (Triples and Caters accepted), for a challenge shield presented by the chairman and to be awarded at a prizewinners' concert next May.

As adjudicator, I explained briefly how change ringing differed from the other musical items of the programme and expressed regret that the absence of Mr. J. R. Mayne, through illness, meant that London Surprise Major could not be one of the methods to be heard. That band was, however, fortunate enough to have Mrs. C. Woolley able to stand in at short notice.

Such a very high standard was set by the first competing team that the judging had to be very strict—indeed I had to be extra critical to be able to differentiate between three of the bands and I hope the competitors realised this.

The first prize and an honours certificate went to Mr. T. J. Lock's band, who rang 252 Grandsire Triples—not fast, but so regular in beat that quite minor details like the striking of a bell slightly louder than the others had to be taken into account. 10 faults.

Two teams, Mr. R. G. Leale's and Mr. A. Tyers', each chose to ring 272 Plain Bob Major (not quite the same touch), and when the faults were added up they were found to have 12 each. Both bands started off to a very high standard, which they were not quite able to maintain, but they were excellent performances, either of which could well have won first prize on another occasion. Tie for second place—first class certificates.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow's team tried 287 Grandsire Caters and with this lovely handbell method and the fast and perfect rhythm to start with (my note after two leads was 'if possible to keep it up'), I thought they would do well. Once they got out of the plain course, however, what may have been lack of practice together showed up and they began to pile up the faults. Allowing for a bonus for ringing Caters, 27 faults and fourth place.

The last to compete and to fill fifth place was a new band from the National Physical Laboratory. Three courses of Plain Bob Major (336) was a very brave try and the experience they have gained, added to their enthusiasm, will be no doubt produce results when they have had more practice.

Not one of the bands 'fired out' and, apart from the occasional fast lead due to nerves, the standard was high and the interest shown was great enough to suggest the possibility that change ringing may prove a regular feature of the programme in future.

After this the Ealing handbell ringers (introduced by Mr. A. Fulwell, of St. Mary's, Ealing), the only team to enter this section of the competition, gave their rendering of the march from Handel's Occasional Overture and a Piece for Musical Clock, No. 21, by Haydn. This delightful bell music made a wonderful change from the usual popular tunes heard on handbells. Such perfect timing by a band of ten with some 50-60 bells denotes a mastery of their art only attained by much practice. First prize and a first class certificate. An additional item 'The Ash Grove' was given by the band and delighted the listeners.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Letters to the Editor

Another Grandparent—a Late Starter

Dear Sir,—May I, as a grandfather, add my quota to Lady Mallett's excellent article in your issue of March 8th? I also started ringing **after** my 56th birthday, and—horrible thought—will, in a few months, be eligible for the old age pension!

Unfortunately, unlike Lady Mallett, I cannot claim **not** to have gone up to the ceiling. It happened thiswise: we had been pulling the bells up, and, having completed the operation, stood to for Triples. I, being the dunderhead, was on the tenor (15 cwt.), and proceeded foolishly to take up a few coils. No one noticed my thoughtlessness. Treble's going—she's gone—and so did I! Fortunately I was able to wriggle free without any ill effect, but it taught me a lesson!

There is no doubt the youngsters pick it up much more quickly than we older ones. I have two sons ringing with much more competence than I, and four grandchildren in America, too young to ring yet, but, by jove, if they were in this country we would soon be able to make up a band for Grandsire Triples—the old fogey on the tenor, of course!

Joking apart, I would also like to add my thanks to those most willing tower masters and others, who have given up so much time and patience, and who put up so cheerfully with our peculiarities.

Ringing is a great joy, and a service to the Church of which one can be justly proud—my only regret is that I did not take it up much earlier in life.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD A. FRANKS.

Radlett, Herts.

Oak Stays

Dear Sir,—Are oak stays a Derbyshire tradition?—Yours faithfully,

PETER M. WILKINSON.

Reading.

Cupid V. and the Snogometer

Dear Sir,—This is to say that I deny all responsibility for the Snogometer. My methods are far more subtle.—Yours faithfully,

CUPID V.
U.B.S.C.R.

Ringers' Names

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. Bashforth's letter on ringers' names reminds me that about 30 years ago the late Ernest Morris sent me several sheets of foolscap listing the names of known change ringers, belonging to various ringing societies. Judging by the notes he sent me, he had spent hours in compiling the lists.

The idea was to group the names together in some sort of method, but the task was too much for my limited ability. As an illustration in the food group there were: Pye, Baker, Bun, Tart, etc. The biggest selection was Cocks—every sort from Weathercock to Stopcock. Just at this time I moved home and the lists were lost. After many spring cleans I have given up the idea that they will ever turn up.

Now, you researchers, have a go!—Yours, etc,.

A. FLAT.

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—The correspondence which has appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the above and allied headings, together with communications received personally by us, indicates that our fears were correct, and that there is a large amount of support for the views expressed.

What puzzles us, in the light of the admissions by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, is that the Standing Committee was not consulted as to the wisdom of going to Great Yarmouth at all, particularly in view of the importance of the occasion, viz. the triennial elections. Canon Thurlow admitted that the accommodation position was known immediately after his return from Cardiff. His attitude is like this, 'You can come to us for the week-end, but we cannot put you up. You should write to the local tourist bureau, to see if they can help you!' The situation as revealed by both Canon Thurlow and Mr. Barnett surely justified consultation with the Standing Committee.

Some years ago, Oxford was turned down reluctantly, because of the reported accommodation difficulties. Further, it was requested that the visit to Ireland should not clash with the triennial elections, because it was feared that distance would prevent the usual numbers travelling. This year we have both hotel accommodation difficulties and triennial elections. Yet we **must** go to Great Yarmouth! Why?

Our letter may have implicated that we were castigating the Norwich Association. Perhaps it is our Irish way of putting things, but let it be said that we did not intend to offend Mr. Barrett and his committee, who are doing so much, perhaps against great odds, to make the visit as pleasant as it can be in the circumstances. We do appreciate their efforts and are pleased to note that the usual tours are being planned.

Our grumble is in regard to hotel accommodation. We would have liked to have had some guidance about suitable places outside Great Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea, where the same difficulties do not arise. To us Great Yarmouth is just a place on the map, about which the local tourist propaganda gives the same 'boost,' as do other resort tourist boards. Local guidance would have been helpful to those who know nothing of Great Yarmouth and would probably never have heard of it but for the fact that our vice-president is its Vicar.

We have to thank Mr. Wilson for his good and wholesome advice. When we can 'see the light' about our own travel arrangements, we shall certainly follow his example and write to a number of places in the hope of getting one suitable reply, so that we can as usual go along and enjoy ourselves.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.
JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Peals at Wick St. Lawrence

Dear Sir,—On page 164 a peal of Plain Bob Doubles, rung at Wick St. Lawrence, Somerset, is recorded and the caption reads. 'Believed to be the first peal on the bells.' This is not so.

I conducted a peal on these bells on April 13th, 1932, and that was the first **known** peal to be rung on them.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. BLACKER.

Malmesbury, Wilts.

P.S.—We thank other correspondents for replying.—Ed.

Design of Stays

Dear Sir,—It is over 70 years since I started to pull a bell in a three bell tower. Later, on a Sunday evening, I visited a six bell tower. I was asked to ring the tenor and I remember the peculiar way of one of the ringers, who let his bell go over and give the stay a good bump and bounce back.

Some years later this ring of six was overhauled and put in an iron frame. I then got to know the ringers better and went over on practice nights. I asked about the peculiar ringer, and was told he never came to a practice, but on a Sunday, and broke a stay every time he came. He always rang the treble.

Later two trebles were added and the original treble was now the third. I was given permission for a peal attempt and had to go into the bell chamber to splice the rope of the third, before we could start. I put my hand on the stay; it felt very cold and, behold, it was an iron stay!

Now there were two brothers who were blacksmiths in this tower, and they always took on the job of replacing the stays free of charge. They decided to put an end to this stay breaking and put an iron band from the top of the stay right down and under the headstock and up to the top of the stay again.

A few years back this ringer presented himself at our tower. I felt like asking him to leave, but instead asked him if he would like a pull. He said he would, and he was placed on the treble. After three or four pulls I shouted, 'Stand.' I went across the belfry to him and said, 'If you are going to ring that bell in that way you cannot ring here. You will throw the bell through the louvres. Stays are put there to rest the bell on not to be knocked off.' I never saw him again.

Where stay breaking is rather high do not leave young ringers on their own. Show them the bells and explain what the stay does. Do not leave them on their own too soon.

There are other things to help to keep the stays safe, such as seeing that the little catch on top of the stay works freely; also see to the slider, put a spot of oil on and keep it bright and clean. The rope just below the wheel gets very stiff in damp weather. If it does not run freely over the pulley rub the rope with a little soap. When replacing a stay make sure you have it straight and the right length, as it does not take much to make the bell drag. If you do get a stay a shade too long, take the ratchet off, get a red hot poker and make the bolt hole a little lower.

If you experience any trouble in getting the bolts out after a stay is broken, get a file and shave the edge of the bolt on two sides. Then when you want to take it out again drive your screwdriver in on one side of the bolt. As the nut gets very fast with rust, this prevents the bolt from turning.—Yours sincerely,

E. C. GOBEY.

(Other letters on page 189)

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By T. B. WORSLEY

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Rung at Skipton, Yorks, May 21st, 1932.

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Misunderstanding over Dove Controversy

Dear Sir.—I fear that Mr. Dove has misread my letter on page 141. I did not write anything about the Yorkshire Association being 'invited to the tower.' What I wrote was that the Yorkshire Association 'asked permission to hold a meeting at a tower,' so it is pointless to remind someone of something that never was.

I doubt if there are any Associations who never hold a meeting except where they are invited to go. Nor are many peals rung at churches where there has been an invitation extended to the peal ringers. It is well known these events are usually as a result of a request from the visiting ringers.

I wonder what would be the state of ringing throughout the country if Associations waited for invitations to hold meetings at towers, but all the towers were manned, fully or partially, by ringers who were not sympathetic towards Associations.

I regret I cannot agree with Mr. Dove that 'the local ringers do not as a rule attend Association meetings.' Had he said local meetings I would probably have agreed with him, but by virtue of the fact that I have seen the same locals at ringing meetings in the neighbouring counties of Derbyshire and Durham, the statement is a little misleading.

I also regret that I cannot agree with Mr. Dove on the matter of the rules of the Leeds and District Society. According to my copy of the rules, rule 3 states, 'That the Society shall meet for ringing on the last Saturday in each month, except December, at any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds, or at one having four or more members, i.e. an affiliated tower.' To me this does not prevent the Leeds and District Society from holding meetings at any tower in the Leeds area, whether there are members or not at that tower.

I appreciate that in paragraph three of Mr. Dove's letter the word **ringer** may be a printer's error for the word **right,** but I fail to see where I have given any impression that Associations hold meetings at any place as a right. In fact, I have the greatest difficulty in determining what is a right. I think it is right to kill a rat, but I also think that the rat doesn't think it right.—Yours faithfully.

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Dear Sir,—I would appear to have incurred the displeasure of the Leeds and District Society since both the secretary and the Ringing Master take up the cudgels.

In her reasoned reply, the secretary proves me to be wrong and I stand corrected—the Society did in fact have the stupid rule of which I complained, as I showed in my recent letter, but I must have been five years behind the times, as I was unaware that the rules had been revised.

Dragging the proverbial skeleton from the cupboard and then rattling its bones for all and sundry to hear, the Ringing Master strays from the point and raises matters which have no bearing.

For instance, what connection has an isolated instance of the Yorkshire Association not being able to come to Leeds Parish Church with my remark (mistaken as has been shown) that the Leeds and District Society excluded itself from holding a meeting at Meanwood?

Furthermore, his 'crack' at the Vicariate of Leeds is neither apt nor even funny.

I do not consider the columns of the 'R.W.' a suitable place in which to ventilate a dispute of a purely local nature and a trifling one at that, and it was for this reason that I did not refute the quite untrue report which appeared in your columns a couple of years ago, as to why the L. & D. could not hold its annual meeting at the Parish Church.

Since the Ringing Master again raises the issue I feel bound to correct him by saying that on no occasion has the Society been banned from the tower.

The behaviour of the Society the last time it came to Leeds left much to be desired and it is true that I was not at all enthusiastic when they asked to come again the following year, when there was no Vicar, but when the Precentor did in fact grant permission, but was obliged to withdraw it on account of a musical festival being held the same day, and the secretary was well aware of this fact.

As the Society has not applied to come again it is difficult to see how it can be said to have been 'banned,' although the Ringing Master's letter is scarcely calculated to improve the Society's prospects in the future.

—Yours truly, R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Handbells in School

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to other ringers to hear of the activity of the children of St. Lawrence's Primary School, Gnosall.

As part of their musical training, children of three age groups are learning to ring handbells, reaching varying stages of proficiency.

Two sets of eight children, in the lower classes, aged 7 to 8, can ring simple tunes within the range of one octave from Tonic Sol-fa.

The second group of 12 ringers, aged 8 to 9, ring well known national tunes and hymns in two three and four part harmony, also from Tonic Sol-fa, accompanied by a Glockenspiel and a Victorian bell toy, also played by children.

Twelve children from a third group, aged 9-10, ring well known and national airs, from Staff Notation as well as Tonic Sol-fa. They also ring call changes, and a course of Original on eight bells.

We hope to go on in the future to more advanced work both in tune- and change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

E. MARION KEY.

Gnosall.

Southgate Surprise Major

Dear Sir.—Further to the recent correspondence on composition of peals of Southgate, I enclose a peal produced by the late John L. Morris, about six or seven years ago.

—Yours sincerely, IAN H. ORAM.

Orpington, Kent.

5,088 by J. L. MORRIS

23456	W	5/4	M	H
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24536		X	—	
43526		X	—	—
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53246	—	X	—	
32546	—	X	—	
45236		X	—	
62534	—	X		
35264		X	—	
52364	—	X	—	
23564	—	X	—	

Repeat twice, but in other parts call H for bracketed courses.

Practical Help—and Long Eaton Bells Ring Again

THE tower of St. Lawrence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, is rather small and the light ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 10¾ cwt., is of necessity set in two tiers of four. Since the tower is set several yards to the south of the centre of the nave, the ground floor ringing chamber opens on to the south aisle. Rope guides and squeaking pulleys provide the usual rattling accompaniment to the bell sounds, which are difficult to hear from the ringing chamber.

Both treble bells, when rung separately, sound rather like buckets, but the eight, when rung briskly as they can be when properly maintained, are quite pleasing.

FAMOUS BAND

In pre-war years, Long Eaton church boasted a strong band of ringers capable of ringing Surprise Major at a time when this was quite rare. The Midland Counties Association report of 1908, for example, lists 18 ringers, all members of the Association, at Long Eaton. Of these, at least two, Joe Bailey and Dick Drake, are well remembered names in the area, even today. The first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples, was rung on October 16th, 1883, and subsequently an average of one peal per year was achieved.

Since the last war, as at many churches, the picture is quite different and there has not been a good band to maintain the tradition. For the last two years the bells have been silent until quite recently.

Quite often at churches when the enthusiasm for bell ringing has waned and proper maintenance has not been carried out for a number of years, the bells are reported to be unsafe to ring; so was the case at Long Eaton. Because of this, the two local consultants of the Derbyshire Association Bell Repair Fund, Gordon Halls and David Marshall, communicated with the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Blyth Martin. It ensued that Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, had inspected the bells and found the fittings in a poor state. The bearings were badly worn, several bolts were missing and the headstock of the fourth bell was infested by woodworm. He could not therefore guarantee that the bells would continue to be safe for ringing.

FIVE VOLUNTEERS

Our two consultants offered the help of the Association towards getting the bells into a ringable state and to train ringers to man them. The Vicar gladly accepted these offers. So on February 26th, a working party comprising Messrs. Halls, Marshall, Carlisle, Geary and a useful recruit from Long Eaton (Claud Beswick) assembled in the tower. They found that the doubtful headstock had woodworm, but careful probing revealed no serious cavitation; so this and all the other headstocks were treated with cuprinol and then painted liberally with creosote. Several missing bolts were replaced and all the nuts on the fittings and frames were tightened and locked where necessary. Several pulleys and clapper bushes were badly worn and needed replacing. All the clappers, pulleys and main bearings were then well lubricated.

This first attack occupied the five volunteers three hours of solid hard work, but the next time the bells were rung for Evensong their efforts were well rewarded by the improvement in 'go.' The bells are now rung at regular intervals for Evensong by spare ringers from Sawley and Sandiacre without sacrificing ringing on their own bells.

RECRUITS WITH CHARLIE

A full report on the condition of the bells and the work done was sent to the Vicar, who replied expressing his gratitude, together with a cheque for two guineas, to the Bell Repair Fund. In addition, the Vicar has found two recruits, rounded up two earlier recruits, who can already ring, and reinstated old Charlie Geary as Ringing Master. This latter action was very just because Charlie is one of the most likeable and lively characters as well as being one of the most faithful ringers in the district. He regularly attends practice at Sawley, Sandiacre and Breaston, rings twice at Sawley and once at Long Eaton on Sundays as well as ringing often on a Saturday. His difficulty is now where to fit in a Long Eaton practice. Up to the last two years Charlie had very little experience of Surprise ringing, but now he has added Cambridge Major, London, York, Carlisle and Surfleet Surprise Minor to his repertoire, which is fair going at 76 years of age.

So the present position at Long Eaton is that the bells are safe to ring, although there is quite a lot yet to be done to them. The nucleus of a band is already in existence and the Sawley ringers are helping to train them. Let us hope that in a few years' time there will be eighteen competent ringers, all members of the Association, as there were 55 years ago.

D. R. CARLISLE.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

MINUTES of the Third Session of the Twenty-fourth Council (65th annual meeting), held in the City Hall, Cardiff, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 12th, 1962.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman Dr. C. E. Bence), the Lord Bishop of Llandaff (Dr. Glyn Simon) and the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association (Mr. T Stephens). As a memento of the Council's first visit to Wales, the Bishop of Llandaff, on behalf of the Association, presented the Council with a visitors' book. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the president.

PRESENT

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

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Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, H N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. T. Wingate and G. T. Cousins.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association: Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and E. Nobles.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. Newton and H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford and F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley and L. W. G. Morris.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens and E. H. Lewis.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The honorary secretary reported that 59 Societies were affiliated with 162 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were eight life members, making a total membership of 194. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. A. Acres, H. O. Baker, E. C. Birkett, P. N. Bond, J. E. Chilcott, J. D. Clarke, J. W. Clarke, W. E. Critchley, P. Crook, F. J. Cullum, C. W. Denyer, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, E. H. Edge, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, E. J. Ladd, G. J. Lewis, N. Mallett, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, J. R. Mayne, H. Miles, D. H. B. Millward, G. S. Morris, R. Overy, R. W. R. Percy, G. W. Pipe, Mrs. A Richardson, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Miss R. J. Seabrook, D. J. Smith, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, B. A. Sollis, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, L. Stilwell, T. H. Taffender, J. J. Webb, Miss N. G. Williams and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. E. Billings (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), G. T. Cousins (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) and R. Warburton (St. David's Diocesan Guild).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. S. Burton was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick (in the absence of Mr. P. J. Staniforth), and formally seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett in place of Mr. Warwick, but did not secure the necessary two-thirds majority.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Douglas Hughes in place of the late Mr. A. Walker. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. L. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Mr. F. E. Haynes was also appointed on the proposition of Mr. P. I. Chapman, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members, the assembly standing in silence: Mr. H. Baxter (Peterborough Guild), Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Guild), Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Rev. R. P. Farrow (Midland Counties Association), Messrs. G. W. Jeffs (Peterborough Guild), A. King (Bedfordshire Association), Rev. J. Kingdon (Chester Guild), Messrs. E. Morris (Leicester Guild), S. F. Palmer (Yorkshire Association), A. Walker (life member) and C. Willshire (Winchester Guild).

Mention was also made of the death of Mr. H. J. Eldred, who, for a number of years after it was acquired by the Council, kept the books of 'The Ringing World.'

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 23rd, 1962, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. The president thanked Mr. E. H. Lewis for a further gift of books, including 'Tintinnalogia,' printed in 1668, which it was agreed should not be sent out on loan. Mr. B. G. Warwick mentioned that the late Mr. E. Morris had bequeathed a number of books to the library.

Arising from the report, it was agreed on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, to reappoint the committee responsible for the preparation for the Beginners' Handbook, with power to co-opt.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 22nd, 1962, page 406)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that as from January 1st, 1962, no charge would be made against the Publications Account for the advertisement in 'The Ringing World.'

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. The Council's thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes for his work in maintaining and demonstrating the machine.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that the Standing Committee at its meeting the previous night had considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations which would be placed before the Council. He moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and carried.

Mr. C. G. J. Watts was elected trustee of the Rolls of Honour on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. B. D. Threlfall, in place of Mr. H. N. Pitstow, who felt it would be more appropriate for Mr. Watts, who turned a page of the Rolls each week, to be the official trustee.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 405)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. A discussion took place on the finances of the paper, during which it was suggested by Mr. V. Bottomley, that future investments might more profitably be made in Building Societies than in Defence Bonds. Dr. D. N. Layton questioned the desirability of continued reliance on donations. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION
(June 22nd, 1962, page 406)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. Mr. D. A. Bayles was added to the committee in place of Mr. N. Chaddock.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 407)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 409)

Section I (Film on Ringing). The committee's recommendation that the Council should not undertake the production of a film on ringing was accepted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Section II (Residential Courses) was adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Section III (Theological Colleges) was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. B. Lufkin, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Approval was given for bound volumes of four Council publications to be presented to college libraries.

Section IV (Miscellaneous). Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Mr. D. A. Bayles proposed, and Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded, that the interest in the Clement Glenn Fund should be used by the committee. An amendment proposed by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee for examination, was carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, subject to the omission of a peal of Treble Bob Minimus, of which there is no true plain course, and to the inclusion of any handbell peals of Minimus rung between January 1st and May 23rd, 1961, which conformed to the Council's decisions at that time.

The honorary secretary stated that the Standing Committee deprecated the ringing of peals of Spliced Surprise Minor which do not contain at least one plain lead of every method.

RECORDS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 410)

Adopted, subject to the inclusion of 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods, rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild, on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE
No report was received.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 411)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. E. Feirn, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Thanks were accorded to the committee for their work on the Collection of Stedman Compositions, and to Mr. W. Barton for his help to the committee in proving peals.

METHODS COMMITTEE
(June 29th, 1962, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. T. Blagrove, with four votes against.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 29th, 1962, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. B. Austin. Mr. H. J. Sanger was added to the committee.

AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS

On behalf of the Standing Committee, Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright seconded, that the third item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' in Section D(1) of the Council Decisions be amended by substituting the following for the existing wording:

'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'

This was carried.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Dr. D. N. Layton, seconded by Mr. A. V. Davis, and carried:—

'That this Council acknowledges the successful efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to ensure a higher standard of ringing broadcasts by the B.B.C., but regrets the fact that the programme entitled "Christmas Bells" broadcast on Christmas morning has been a recording on the last two occasions, and asks the Broadcasting Committee to try to persuade the B.B.C. to revert to a "live" broadcast of actual ringing to mark the Christmas Festival.'

(b) Proposed on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mrs. A. D. Barker:

'That this Council asks all affiliated territorial societies to consider

(i) whether non-resident life members' subscriptions should be uniform throughout the Exercise, or

(ii) whether without further payment membership of one affiliated territorial society should entitle a ringer to non-resident membership of all other such societies.'

The motion was lost.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

No specific invitation had been received and the Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting should take place in London. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow stated, however, that the Norwich Diocesan Association would welcome the Council when they wished to come.

It was decided by a majority to hold the meeting at Great Yarmouth.

OTHER BUSINESS

Canon Thurlow mentioned that the president would be visiting the United States after the 1963 meeting by invitation of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The Council expressed its pleasure at this gesture.

The honorary secretary announced the reconstitution of the New South Wales Association as the Australia and New Zealand Association. The members welcomed this important step.

On the instructions of the Standing Committee the secretary drew attention to the recommendation of the Nomination Committee in 1956, that normally the president and vice-president should hold office for six years. He stated that nominations for these offices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by him not less than two calendar months previous to the next meeting.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said that this was the first meeting that Mrs. G. W. Fletcher had missed since her election to the Council in 1915. It was agreed that the good wishes of the Council should be conveyed to her.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff and the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association for their welcome; to the Vicar of Cardiff, Canon W. E. Thomas, for the use of his church for Holy Communion, and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to Messrs. F. J. Hannington, D. J. King, T. M. Roderick and Miss M. E. Ridyard of the Diocesan Association for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

The Association were also thanked for their kindness in providing tickets for a concert at Ferndale on Whit Sunday.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the City Council at tea.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	29	63	–
Partly represented	24	54	37
Not represented	6	–	8
	59	117	45
Life members		4	4
Honorary members		13	6
		134	55

NORTH WEALD

North Weald, Essex, at an annual meeting on March 12th reported that many young people came forward to learn to ring and could ring call changes, but as soon as they were required to think out methods they faded away. Despite this some of the learners were doing well. Seven new members were elected, and Mr. Sidney King captain and Mr. Harry King honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. Sam Blatch thanked Mr. Harry King for his good work. A ringing tour is planned for June and a seaside outing on September 7th.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Personal.—J. C. Eisel 2s., M. J. Austin 5s 6d., M. C. Cloke 6s.

Peals.—Peterborough 3s., Cowbridge 4s., Usk 4s., Gnosall 5s., Wrenbury 2s. 6d.

Quarter Peals.—Kirby Wiske 5s., North Curry 4s., Edmonton 2s. 6d., London 2s. 6d., Brent Pelham 3s., Lane End (2) 12s., Chew Magna 3s., Warwick 3s., Cossington 3s., Cambridge 2s. 6d., West Meon 3s., Epsom 3s., Wareham 2s., Gorseinon 2s. 6d., West Hoathly 2s. 6d., Bridgwater 4s., Wembdon 3s., Walkington 3s. 3d., Bishop's Cleeve 2s. 6d., Bentley Common 2s. 6d., Asfordby 3s., Leyland 3s., Greenwich 2s. 6d., Stratton 4s., Southampton 2s 6d., Hughenden 2s., Nuneaton 3s., Beverley 4s., Putney 2s. 6d., Watford 5s., Henley 3s., Cannock 4s., Marhamchurch 3s., Llanfrechfa 3s., Caversham 3s., Romsey 2s., Putney 4s., Consett 4s., Heston 3s. 6d., Derby 5s., Alton 4s.

QUARTER PEALS

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Bell 1, G. Avent (first of Stedman) 2, R. G. Bell 3, R. G. Smith 4, G. W. Seaman 5, D. Laud 6, W. G. Paul (cond.) 7, S. Laud 8. For Evening Prayer.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. Paul 1, R. Bell 2, D. Bell 3, Jennifer Bunyan 4, R. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, Kathleen Baldwin 7, G. Seaman 8, R. Baldwin (cond.) 9, S. Laud 10.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wylde 1, D. G. Miller 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, C. T. Clarke 4, M. J. Stone 5, G. R. Marchant (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Reed 1, Mrs. H. Morrish 2, Mrs. A. E. Jenkins 3, W. Stevens 4, L. Morrell 5, P.C. David Head 6. Conducted by C. J. Stevens. First quarter 1 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

First Peal on Warnford's Recast Bells was for Dead Rector

Warnford, a tiny Hampshire village in the Meon Valley, had its bells recast and rehung three years ago and the church and tower restored through the enthusiasm of the Rev. Charles A. Millen, who was Rector of the parish for 17 years. It is pathetic that the first peal on these bells on February 16th, the third anniversary of the bells being rung, was an in memoriam tribute to the Rector, who died on January 31st.

Conducting the peal was Mr. R. T. Jones, now of the Salisbury Guild, who for two years was captain of Warnford belfry. He started a band from scratch; there had been no band in the village for 55 years.

The church stands in the centre of a private park and is approached through massive iron gates. The Norman tower was thought to have contained three bells at the time of the Edwardian Inventory (1552), but this cannot be verified, as the Hampshire records of the inventory are now lost. Dates of a later ring suggest that they may have been recast in 1598.

FOUR BELLS OF JOHN WALLIS

In the 17th century the tower contained six bells. The tenor (12½ cwt.) was cast in 1603, with the inscription, 'Prayse the Lord.' The fifth (8¼ cwt.) was cast in 1600, similarly inscribed. The fourth (6¼ cwt.) was cast in 1598, inscribed. 'Prayse God.' The third (5¼ cwt.) was cast in 1599, bearing the inscription, 'Tho. Culle Qui Obit 4 Maii.' These four bells all carried the founders mark I.W., and were cast by John Wallis, of the Salisbury Foundry. A complete ring of four bells by John Wallis is very rare, and this instance may even be unique. The two other bells—the second (4½ cwt., inscription 'Feare God') and the treble (3½ cwt., inscription 'Love God')—were cast in 1635 by Wallis' successor at Salisbury, John Danton. They bore the founder's mark I.D., and the Neale Arms, and were probably given by Thomas Neale, the author (who had inherited the Warnford Manor at the age of eight), to mark his coming of age.

These six bells were removed from the tower in 1950 and laid on the floor of the church, where until 1958 they were objects of much interest to visitors.

Meanwhile the work of restoring the tower was put in hand. Behind the 18th century brick parapet the top was strengthened and locked together by steel and concrete reinforcement, upon which was rested a new oak roof, covered with the old lead recast. A similar girdle of reinforcement was made halfway down, and massive new floor timbers were locked into it. When the ruinous belfry was cleared away, original beams from two earlier belfries were disclosed, and being only slightly affected by beetle and decay, have been treated and preserved in position. For this reason provision was made to site the new bell frame just above them, and the steel joists on which it was to rest were also designed as part of the scheme to brace and strengthen the tower. While all this was in progress the interior masonry of the tower was thoroughly repaired.

By 1957 the work (which had been done in stages as the money came in) was advanced enough for consideration in detail of what could be done about the bells. Two of them (the tenor and fourth) were known to be cracked. It was estimated that to recast these, to tune the others and to replace them all in modern fittings would cost £1,200. Two generous benefactors paid this sum into the Restoration Fund earmarked for this purpose. So in 1958 the bells were removed to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where on closer examination the third was found to be cracked also.



WARNFORD CHURCH

INFERIOR TONAL QUALITY

Moreover, it was discovered that the three sound ones, particularly those of 1635, were of such inferior tonal quality, due to their having been cast on such a thin scale, that retuning could only be very limited. It was clear that if the three cracked bells were recast down to the same scale of thinness, and the three sound ones retuned as far as possible, the result would be poor indeed and musically unsatisfactory. The foundry therefore advised recasting all six. The fifth bell was retained as a service bell, replacing it with a new one, and recasting the other five. This decision increased the cost somewhat.

Five of the original bells were recast with all marks and inscriptions copied facsimile, with the addition of the Whitechapel mark and the words, 'Recast, 1959.' The new fifth was made, bearing only the Whitechapel mark and the date, 1959. The cast-in staple from the original fifth was cut out and a centre hole drilled through the crown, by means of which it is fastened to a timber deadstock, supported on the main bell frame on the south side. This bell thus fixed is now rung on the clapper, and is a great convenience for use as a sanctus bell and for weekday services.

The new bells were blessed by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth before being hoisted into position, and the work of erecting the new belfry was completed in the tower in just over a fortnight. The final cost of restoring the bells was £1,760. In all, and excluding the bells, some £4,000 has been judiciously spent on this tower in the last ten years. The population of Warnford is 250.

C. E. B.

5,040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

By C. K. LEWIS

23456	M	In/5ths	W	H
42356	—	X	—	—
63254	—			—
26354	—	X	—	—
35264			—	—
23564	—	X	—	—

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By GEOFFREY DAVIES

5/4 H 23456

5	—	42356
4	—	25634
2	—	25346

Contains ten combination course-ends.

Rung at Broughton, Staffordshire, on Saturday, January 5th, 1963.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. E. Roberts (first attempt quarter) 1, F. J. Roberts 2, J. Leppard 3, B. W. Parke (first of Doubles) 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, T. D. Kershaw 6.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Mooring 1, G. Wiggins 2, P. Bird 3, D. Sykes 4, A. Luxford 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Confirmation service.

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The Story of a Remarkable Suffolk Ringing Family

THE BAILEYS, OF LEISTON

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

THE Baileys of Leiston. They are but a name to the present generation of ringers, but the older ones will remember the performances of this extraordinary family. There were eleven brothers. There have been eleven brothers in a family before, there may be again perhaps, but the remarkable thing about this one is that nine of them became ringers, and good ringers too.

They were natives of Leiston, a small town of about 4,000 inhabitants, some two miles from the Suffolk coast. It was in those days—50 or so years ago—a place with just one industry, the engineering works of R. Garrett & Sons, who employed most of the male population of the place, including most of the Baileys. The older ones were ringing peals around the turn of the century, and as the younger ones came to maturity so they came to ringing. Doubtless it was always an ambition to ring a peal with eight brothers and this was realised on October 21st, 1911, when 5,024 Plain Bob Major was rung by the following, the first ever by a band of brothers:

Allen F. Bailey, 1896	Treble
Frederick W. Bailey, 1894 ..	2
Leonard P. Bailey, 1892 ..	3
James M. Bailey, 1890	4
Norman R. Bailey, 1887 ..	5
Ernest S. Bailey, 1882	6
Charles F. Bailey, 1879 ..	7
Edgar H. Bailey, 1877	Tenor

It will be noted that they stood in order of seniority. Another was rung before the start of the 1914 War, which put an end to all things.

With the return of peace and the brothers' gradual release from war service, they were soon back to ringing, and on February 14th, 1920, rang a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Norman dropping out of the Bob Major band and Wilfred W. ringing the treble. This was followed by Superlative Surprise later in the same year, Stedman Triples in 1921 and Cambridge Surprise in 1922, all by the same band.

MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS

Handbell ringing also came into the picture, and before the war Plain and Kent T.B. Major and Royal had been rung; the Maximus of each followed in 1920, Oxford T.B. Major and Royal the same year, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in 1921, and Double Norwich C.B. Major in 1923. I give the band which rang the Maximus and Cinques:

Allen F. Bailey	1—2
Ernest S. Bailey	3—4
Charles F. Bailey	5—6
James M. Bailey	7—8
Frederick W. Bailey ..	9—10
Edgar H. Bailey	11—12

It is rather surprising that they should have rung Cinques and Maximus, as they had no opportunity of practice on 12, nor do I think at that time they had rung a peal on 12 tower bells. The total of peals rung by the brothers is: On tower bells, Plain Bob Major 3, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Superlative S. 1, Cambridge S. 1; on handbells, Plain Bob Major 5, Royal 10, Maximus 1, Kent T.B. Major 15, Royal 7, Maximus 3, Oxford T.B. Major 4, Royal 3, Double Norwich C.B. Major 3, Stedman Triples 7, Caters 14, Cinques 2; all conducted by Charles. He was always the leader and conductor, and had the distinction of conducting 100 consecutive peals on Leiston bells, in one short period calling eight different Surprise methods, from eight different bells. He also rang the tenor and conducted 11,040 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Leiston, 1909.



EDGAR. CHARLES. ERNEST. NORMAN. JAMES.
ALLEN. FREDERICK. LEONARD.

Ringing was not their only love, for all the brothers took part in some form of athletic activity, football and the like. Charles was a good bowler and played for his county, as did Wilfred at football.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS

With their colleagues—George Wilson, James Rumsey, Frederick Smith and others—of the Leiston band, they gave an impetus to the ringing of new Surprise methods, then coming into fashion, and so much in evidence today. Eighteen were rung, including the first of Camdon, Dublin, Edinburgh, Essex, Rochester, Suffolk and Waveney. It is worth noting that these were all composed by Gabriel Lindoff, himself a Leiston man.

Now all are scattered and gone, excepting for Ernest and Leonard, who alone remain at Leiston, but they had their day, and put up records which in all probability will stand for all time: of them surely it can be said: 'Take it for all in all we shall not look upon their like again.'

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The new Vicar (the Rev. T. Dearing) presided at the Barnsley District Society's meeting at Silkstone on March 9th, at which 13 towers were represented. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Daniel Smith, who had been secretary of the Society for over 20 years. One new member, Miss Jeannette Maclean, of Royston, was elected. It was decided to visit North Yorkshire for the annual outing on May 18th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Burgess, of Friezland, and the Vicar, in reply, said he did not know ladies did ringing.

Next meeting: Cawthorne, April 13th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Ashchurch on March 2nd. The six bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m., but very soon after commencing a rope broke. This naturally curtailed the ringing period. The Rector (Rev. C. P. Willis) conducted the service, and afterwards joined the members at an excellent tea, provided in the Village Hall.

During the business meeting two junior members were elected to the Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Hope, of Hasfield, were elected associate members. M. A. B.

Invited to give a talk to the pupils of Northampton Town and County Grammar School, on bells and their history, and the art of ringing, Mr. P. Amos willingly accepted. Result: many inquiries to know more, and a desire to see around a bell foundry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

At the quarterly meeting at Shaftesbury on March 9th, some 30 members were present. Methods up to Cambridge Minor, including rounds for beginners, were rung under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute. The Rector, the Rev. G. K. Horlock Jones, conducted the Guild office, at which a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells by C. Longridge 1—2, R. Longridge 3—4, C. Dunster 5—6.

After tea, provided by the Shaftesbury Mothers' Union, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore. J. Batten, of Bourton, was elected a junior ringing member. A suggestion for a branch outing to some Somerset towers was discussed. Double Court Minor was suggested as the special method for the next meeting.

Ringing continued up to the customary hour, both at Shaftesbury and at Motcombe.
R. N. L.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The West Lindsey Branch held a meeting at Lea on February 23rd, when, despite difficult road conditions, there was a good representative gathering.

Full use was made of the bells of St. Helen's and many Doubles and Minor methods were heard. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Knight, while the Rev. Mansfield-Williams, himself a ringer, gave the address.

Tea followed, and the business meeting was short, but opportunity was taken to pay silent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Stott, Vicar of Haxey, a friend of the Guild, whose sudden death was a tragedy.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mrs. G. L. A. Lunn for providing an excellent tea concluded the business, and ringing was resumed.

Next meeting: May 18th, Corringham with Sandall; Double Court special methods.
H. C. R.

THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 94)

THE MANSTONE MEETING

Old George decided to go by himself.

After all, he had rung his first peal at Manstone, nearly 50 years ago, and he always enjoyed ringing on these fine bells. The Smith family were away (due back later the same day), and nobody else from Hexworth appeared to be going to the Manstone meeting.

He got off the bus, almost opposite the church, and crossed over the road to enter through the lich-gate. He made his way to the belfry door, which was outside on the north side of the tower.

A young man in his early twenties was pushing a cycle past the west door, examining the church and tower with interest. He wore corderoy shorts and an open-necked shirt, and had the bronzed appearance of a person accustomed to outdoor life. Espying the belfry door he propped his cycle against the tower plinth and made his way towards the opening, reaching it at the same moment as Old George, whom he had not previously noticed.

He stood back to allow the older man to enter first. He was a stranger to George.

'Nay lad, up tha goes. Th'art younger than me and will be at t'top afore I've risen half a dozen steps.'

The young man thanked him and disappeared through the doorway.

George enjoyed several touches before tea, twice ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples (for as you must know there are eight bells at Manstone). He saw the Ringing Master, John Chappell, talking to the young man, whose Christian name George discovered was Edward, but who preferred to be called 'Ted.' He rang several times during the afternoon and once, after being pressed, called a touch of Stedman.

Now, Old George, who even by his own estimation is 'no angel,' has one besetting sin—he is a pun addict! In the Hexworth tower he is given no encouragement, although even there he is subject to occasional outbursts. Unfortunately, David Walker, of Whetherton, was at the Manstone meeting and he was, I am afraid, fond of aiding and abetting George.

The spasm started innocently enough. Someone asked: 'What's the next tune?'

And David answered, indicating Old George, 'Ask "Grandsire" there!'

To which George replied, pointing at John Chappell, 'Nay, don't ask me; he's "Stedman" here!'

All would have been well if the company had ignored them. Some thoughtless person, however, gave a childish giggle, a mistake that provided the two with the necessary impetus.

After the next touch had finished someone asked George Whitford, the local head ringer, what key the bells were in.

'A flat,' he replied.

Whereupon the following exchanges ensued:

Old George: 'Ah, not a "natural" peal.'

David Walker: 'You are "sharp" to notice that.'

O.G.: 'Shouldn't we "bar" musical jokes?'

D.W.: 'They certainly "seemphunny" to me.'

O.G.: 'What a "bass" suggestion.'

D.W.: 'I suppose you think now that "alto" the line.'

O.G.: 'Unless you have got "violin tensions"!'

And so they went on, chuckling at their own feeble jokes in the manner of puerile punsters, whilst the remainder stood aghast at this debasement of their native tongue.

Fortunately David Walker left during the next touch.

There was a short service, before tea, which Old George attended, not, it is feared, with any degree of enthusiasm. Afterwards at the tea table, being a safe distance from the parson, he expressed his opinions on the subject of services on meeting days.

'"Taint right,' he said, 'when I've travelled a long way to a meeting an' have to travel a long way back, to snip half an hour from the middle o' the arternoon in order that some parson can get a dig at me for not staying to the service, when I've finished ringing. Tea an' business meeting take up enough time as it is without wastin' any more.'

'I suppose,' said 'Ted,' who was sitting next to him, 'it is the only chance that the parsons have to encourage some of us to stay to church.'

'Parsons is parsons,' said Edgar Pettigrew, of Redbank. 'They have a job to do like you and me, and, like you and me, most of 'em try to do it properly. I'm a painter and like to see a nicely finished job; Jimmy there is a mechanic and makes sure that all his nuts are tight and his valves properly ground in; this young fellow, turning to "Ted") is a .....'

'A cobbler,' volunteered the young man.

'A cobbler,' continued Edgar, 'and likes to see a worn pair of shoes turned out like new ones. If a workman's worth his salt he likes to see a good job well done.'

'The Vicar at our church,' said David Thomas, of Ross-on-Ooze, 'is one of the understanding type and never pesters us. On the other hand he has nothing to complain about as most of us try to stay to service at least once every Sunday, which is at least equal to most of the churchwardens!'

'I think that most parsons are fairly reasonable,' remarked Ted, 'if you give them reasonable treatment. There are very few that lay down hard and fast rules to the ringer about church attendance—and it must be pretty galling to see sometimes, as I have seen, more people slipping out at the back than are staying to the service!'

'Mebbe so, mebbe so,' growled Old George, 'but some o' these young 'uns come from school or college, or whatever it is, wi' big ideas on little stalks, an' try an tell me what I ought to do. All parsons ought to be made to learn how to ring before they're fully qualified; they might appreciate the amount o' work that we ringers do that nobody ever hears about. We're due for a new curate at Hexworth; I'd like to see him telling me what to do!'

And he glared round the room as though he expected to see the curate walk through the door.

They all laughed. The idea of anyone dictating to Old George was too funny for words.

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The Hexworth band were in full force the following (Sunday) morning as the Smiths had returned from their holidays. During a pause in the ringing the door opened and the Vicar entered, followed by a young man in clerical garb.

'Good morning,' said the Vicar brightly, 'the bells sound nice this morning. May I introduce the new curate, Mr. –er– Hepplewhite. He informs me that he has been initiated into the mysteries of campanology, so perhaps you will allow him to join you sometime.'

He led the young man across to Joe.

'This is Mr. Smith, our head ringer.'

As they shook hands he left them and went down the steps saying: 'I leave him, I know, in good hands.'

Old George recognised his stranger of yesterday, in spite of the difference that his cloth made to his appearance. He came across to George and shook hands.

'I think,' he said, 'we have met before.'

Old George eyed him carefully.

'A cobbler?' he demanded.

The curate smiled.

'An apprentice cobbler at any rate,' he said. 'I hope in time to become, by God's grace, a proficient mender of broken "souls"!'

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Jim Mitchell rang his first quarter at Kettering after a gap of 30 years. His son is a keen recruit, and this has brought Dad back—he used to ring at Isham.

Oxford University Society officers for Trinity Term, 1963: Master, J. E. Camp (Jesus); secretaries, Miss C. C. Macnair (L.M.H.) and M. D. Atfield (Christ Church); treasurer, R. Ashmore (Oriel).

Mr. A. V. Bennett has resigned the secretaryship of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association after 13 years in the office. His successor is Mr. D. John Hunt, of the Cathedral band.

We are asked to state that Mr. T. Briggs, who rang in a quarter peal at Asfordby, lives at Somerby and not Asfordby, as submitted in the copy. He was included in the quarter because Mr. H Cook was incapacitated through 'flu.

St. Perpetua, whose name is given to a new Doubles method, has her festival on March 7th. She was a young African who lived in the third century—because she and her companions refused to give up Christianity they were thrown to the lions in the amphitheatre at Carthage, at the public games celebrated under orders from Emperor Septimius Severus for his birthday (A.D. 203).

HOW TRUMPINGTON WAS SAVED BY HER BELLS

The snow falls thick, the snow falls fast,
It covers field and lane.
On the fair town of Trumpington
The snow it falls again.

The roads were blocked, the wires weer cut,
The drifts were deep and wide.
'O, what shall we do for food and drink?'
So loud the good folk cried.

'No bread have we, no milk or tea,
No hay for horse or cow.
A message really must be sent
To Cambridge town. But how?'

Then up and spake good Thomas Brown,
The tower captain was he.
'I have a plan, I have a plan,
So listen carefully!'

'We'll ring a peal upon the bells
That Cambridge town may hear,
And they will come with their snow ploughs
And make our roadways clear.'

'But that will never do,' said one,
'Poor Henry Bull is ill.'
He is the lad that rings the third,
And lives beyond the mill.'

'Bartholomew,' another said,
'As broken of 'is arm.
'E slid upon an icy patch
That's 'ow 'e came to 'arm.'

O, many a man was lying ill;
O, how poor Tom did grieve
For all the lads who rang the bells
On Sunday morn and eve.

Then up and spake old Albert Hayes,
Full eighty years had he.
'When I was young I used to ring;
I'll ring that peal, you'll see!'

'That's good, that's good!' cried Thomas Brown.
'We each two bells can ply!'
And a fine peal of Bob Minimus
Reached Cambridge through the sky.

The bells were heard! The ploughs were sent,
The bread and milk were found,
And the fame of good old Albert Hayes
Was heard for miles around.

A CAMBRIDGE 12 YEAR OLD.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST STITCH
1884-1963

The sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch, briefly reported in our last issue, took place on Sunday, March 10th. On the previous Thursday he had a blackout; was ordered to rest by his doctor. He had another collapse on March 10th, while preparing for the doctor's visit and died just after the doctor arrived. So passes another of the old ringing stalwarts of South Wales. A man of humility, full of loyalty and faithfulness, he was much loved by all who knew him, and they must be very many.

The funeral service was at the Parish Church, of Newton Nottage, on March 14th, and was conducted by a fellow ringer, the Rev. Derek Ford. The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was represented by Mr. F. J. Hannington and Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, and the Swansea and Brecon Guild by Mr. Arthur J. Hoare and Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis. They were supported by a goodly representation of the ringers of South Wales. Cremation afterwards took place, and the ashes will eventually be interred in the churchyard. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

Mr. Stitch commenced his ringing with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aberavon Church on July 5th, 1919, composed and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman. He rang his 500th peal on the same bell, to the same composition and conductor, on May 10th, 1957, it being their 149th peal together. Mr. Stitch had been secretary of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild for 27 years, from its formation until 1950. He was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in 1938 and represented this Association on the Central Council, 1939-1950.

On his retirement from work in 1950 he moved to Wolverhampton, where he continued his ringing until the end of last year, when he returned to Wales to settle at Porthcawl.

He rang 564 peals in all; 259 for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, 200 for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, 56 for the West Wales and Swansea and Brecon Guild, with a further 49 shared amongst eight other Societies. His last peal he called in the church where his funeral service was held, when the priest who conducted the service rang the tenor. This was three weeks before his death. As a conductor, Mr. Stitch will be remembered chiefly for his ability in calling Holt's Original of Grandsire Triples, which he had done on many occasions, from each bell except the tenor. He noted in his records that no less than 87 different people rang in this composition with him. He had circled the tower in most of the churches in Glamorgan, in some many times. Bridgend, for example, eight times in 84 peals on the bells.

T. M. R.

AN APPRECIATION

The announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch came as a great shock to his many friends in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ernest was a welcome visitor to many of the belfries in the district, and especially to St. Giles', Willenhall, where he rarely missed a practice often arriving before starting time, in all kinds of weather. When a learner was introduced, Ernest was in his element and would soon have him handling a rope and would not hesitate to replace a broken stay or mend a rope.

When we knew that he was arranging to return to Wales, our Vicar, Rev. A. G. Bond, in making a presentation of a table lamp, thanked him for his patience and perseverance in all that he had done for St. Giles'. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

C. W.

HIS PEALS

Grandsire.—Doubles 15 (conducted 13), Triples 130 (49), Caters 31 (3), Cinques 5. Total 181 (65).

Stedman.—Doubles 2, Triples 46, Caters 72, Cinques 24. Total 144.

Plain Bob.—Minor 27, Triples 1, Major 62 (5), Royal 16, Maximus 1. Total 107 (5).

Treble Bob.—Kent: Minor 16, Major 35, Royal 11, Maximus 2; Oxford: Minor 2, Major 7, Royal 1; Combined: Minor 4, Major 3. Total 80.

Doubles.—2 to 4 methods 4, 12 methods 1. Total 5.

Minor.—2 to 6 methods 18, Cambridge Surprise 3, London 1, York 1, Seven Surprise 1. Total 24.

Triples.—Oxford Bob 5, London Bob 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Grandsire 1, New Grandsire and Grandsire 1, St. Ippolyts and Oxford Bob 1. Total 10.

Erin.—Triples 2, Caters 1. Total 3.

Spliced Triples and Major.—Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1. Total 2.

Major.—Little Bob 1, Forward 1, Double Norwich 4, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 1. Total 8.

Grand total 564 (70).

MR. FRANK OAKSHOTT

With deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Frank Oakshott, captain of the ringers at Christ Church, Epsom, and Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, on March 15th, after an operation at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Hammersmith.

The funeral service was at Christ Church, Epsom on March 21st at noon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Canon K. W. H. Felstead writes apologies to Mrs. Hall for omitting her name from the Loughborough Bell Foundry peal list (31 as Miss Forster, 39 as Mrs. Halls. Pleading that he had not realised that they were the same person, the Canon adds, 'Not being a real conductor, I am not immediately aware when anyone changes course in a peal!'

From distant Stratton, Cornwall, was rung a quarter in honour of the wedding of Stanley Jenner and Ann George, in Kent, in appreciation of their help to the locals on the occasion of their many visits.

On March 9th, Charlie Sangwin took his band to Appledore and rang a quarter of Grandsire. They were not so successful with Stedman at Bideford owing to the limited time before service. In consequence the ringing had to be pushed and there was a 'blow-up.'

Babbacombe, Torquay, bells are now at the Loughborough Foundry and are expected to return about September. Practices are being held regularly in the District, and holiday visitors can keep in touch through notices on the belfry door.

With reference to the silent peal at Cornhill, we should point out that the handbell peal rung at Leicester in 1903 was the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques and not the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, as stated.

Higham-on-the-Hill Sunday service band have blossomed into the limelight by ringing a quarter peal, the first for about 20 years, and it was done without the presence of the Ringing Master! They have now hopes for a peal, which would be the first for about 30 years.

For the first time handbell ringing, and to changes too, was included in the Twickenham and Richmond Music Festival, of which Dr. D J. Neal Smith is chairman. So successful was the venture that the chairman is determined not only to include handbells but also tower bells in the next contest, which will be in the first fortnight of March, 1964.

It was a great joy to Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, that one of his sons and also a grandson, who is secretary of the Bristol Rural Branch, are members of the Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. It is believed that this is the first time that three generations of one family have held office in the Association. The youngest Branch secretary—A Crawley, aged 14½ years, of Gloucester—is also there.

The band who rang the peal of Rutland Surprise at Bradley, Staffs, on March 2nd offer their good wishes to John Grinsell and June Maclachlan, of the local company, who are to be married on March 23rd.

Calling his first peal at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on March 9th was Derek Ashton, who is only 14 years old. The average age of the band was 16 years 9 months. Good luck, Derek.

A £26,000 restoration appeal has been launched for St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. This church has eight bells with a tenor of 28½ cwt. in D and is close to the Cathedral (10, 30 cwt. in C sharp), where a very large extension scheme is going on.

The quarter peal in six Minimus methods rung on March 9th at Bishopthorpe, Yorks, was accomplished on what as, as far as known, the heaviest ringable ring of four bells in Yorkshire. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. Has a quarter of Minimus been achieved on a heavier four?

For several years a band of Kent ringers have met on the third Saturday of each month for a peal attempt. When Stanley Jenner, a member of this company, was married on March 2nd, the 'survivors,' plus Andrew Corby, rang a peal at Withyham in honour of the occasion. The ringers were grateful to Mr. F. I. Hairs and the Rector of Withyham, for kindly allowing the attempt, and, in view of the occasion, agreeing that the peal should be credited to the Kent County Association.

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On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Harold McDonald	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
*Monica E. Collins	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	*William D. Watson	7
*Graeme W. Heyes	4	*John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major outside Britain.
Rung in honour of the Royal visit to Melbourne.

On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Kenneth J. Minchinton	*Treble*	*Cecil H. Pearson	6
Monica F. Collins	2	‡Thomas W. Goodyer	7
†Diana M. Pipe	3	*Graeme W. Heyes	8
‡William D. Watson	4	*John J. F. Roper	9
*Brian R. Cox	5	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Royal on tower bells. First tower bell peal of Royal in Australia by a resident band.

On Sun., March 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

William D. Watson	1—2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5—6
*Margaret Goodyer	3—4	George W. Pipe	7—8

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First 8-bell peal. First 'in hand' as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Town Hall,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Ronald J. Johnston	*Treble*	*John C. Baldwin	7
*Cynthia M. Warrilow	2	*John H. Soanes	8
*Robert J. Warrilow	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant	9
*Brian A. Tomlinson	4	*David W. James	10
*Margaret James	5	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	11
Basil Jones	6	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Surprise Maximus rung for the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the A.G.M. and dinner.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Raymond Benfield	2	W. David Ward	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	‡Richard C. L. Brown	8
†Malcolm D. Barsby	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
Edmund Shuttleworth	5	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	*R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare)	2	†J. W. McClenahan (Christ's)	7
*P. J. Bryan (St. John's)	3	*I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	8
C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	4	J. R. Hough (Jesus)	9
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	5	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by J. Richard Hough.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Edmund Shuttleworth	*Treble*	Richard A. Shekelton	6
Denis Frith	2	*Ian G. Smith	7
David J. Orledge	3	J. Keith Ward	8
W. David Ward	4	David W. Friend	9
Richard C. L. Brown	5	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*Janet Warwick	*Treble*	John C. Baldwin	6
*Edna M. Poulter	2	†‡David W. James	7
†Margaret James	3	*John H. Soanes	8
†Brian A. Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	9
Derek Ogden	5	*§Edward F. P. Bryant	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. ‡ 25th peal for the Guild. § 50th peal. This is the 50th peal rung for the Guild, and the first of Surprise Royal rung for the Guild.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Reginald Woodyatt	*Treble*	†Cathleen S. Heaney	6
R. George Morris	2	†John E. Whittall	7
Martin D. Fellows	3	Denis R. Morris	8
Clifford Skidmore	4	Allen Morgan	9
*Michael J. Fellows	5	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Raymond Benfield	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Brian G. Warwick	2	*W. David Ward	7
*Richard J. Clifton	3	*Richard C. L. Brown	8
*Malcolm D. Barsby	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
*Edmund Shuttleworth	5	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Denis R. Carlisle	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	6
Peter Marriott	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Derek G. Astridge	3	David J. Marshall	8
Edmund Shuttleworth	4	Denis A. Frith	9
John F. Murfin	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First peal of London Royal by all except the ringer of the fourth. First of London Royal for the Association, and on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5088 QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Denis Woods	*Treble*	Albert W. A. Leggett	5
John E. Allen	2	Raymond Daw	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method.
With congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, of Chester, on the birth of a son (Paul).

QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 1458 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 38 x 36 x 38. L.E. B. F.C.E. B.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHRIS. L. BELL .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. WARD 5
*DONALD F. MURFET 2	PETER M. FLECKNEY 6
COLIN JOHNSON 3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 7
ALAN M. BARBER 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* 100th peal for the Association.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD RAPHAEL .. .. *Treble*	W. DAVID WARD 5
DAVID J. ORLEDGE 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 7
RAYMOND BENFIELD 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

CHRISTINE J. HART .. .. *Treble*	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 5
*MALCOLM E. WADE 2	DAVID F. MOORE 6
†DAVID G. FARRAR 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
RUPERT A. CLARKE 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal. † First in the method.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. *Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
MURIEL REAY 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FREDERICK H. COLLINS .. *Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by JOHN A. ANDERSON.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 FOLKESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DENIS WOODS .. .. .. *Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
RAYMOND H. DAW 4	RONALD C. NOON .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all (Corrigan, 130).
With congratulations to Veronica and David Stainsby on the birth of a son (Jonathan Martin).

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM .. .. *Treble*	DON C. EXELL 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
ROGER S. ALGATE 3	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 7
KENNETH J. RIDER 4	PETER BRIDLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HOBBS.
First peal as conductor.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE GUILD CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN CIRCUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative; with 130 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. *Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
*E. JANE SIBSON 2	†JOHN C. EISEL 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	*DEREK E. SIBSON 7
†PAUL CATTERMOLE 4	ALAN J. FROST .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of 6-Spliced for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to Roger Keeley and Patricia Sharpe, who were married on February 16th.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 STEYNING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*	†EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
E. JANE SIBSON 2	†RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
*WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. † 50th peal together. First in the method (Corrigan, No. 298).

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. *Treble*	*IAN C. MAYCOCK 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
*PETER S. BENNETT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
E. JANE SIBSON 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias; also as a compliment to John E. Young and Pamela Chilmaid, who were married at Lower Beeding on February 23rd.

BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ALAN A. ELSMORE .. .. *Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
EDMUND MALIN 2	*JOHN H. ALLEN 6
*BARNABAS G. KEY 3	RODERICK J. LEES 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).
Conducted by RODERICK J. LEES.
* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*JILL RILEY .. .. .. *Treble*	ANN E. FELLOWS 5
†PAMELA M. TURNER 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES 7
LINDA M. HUGHES 4	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Linda M. Hughes and Martin C. Faulkes.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DAVID F. MOORE .. .. *Treble*	JOHN K. SMITH 5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Bart.
Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

STEYNING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 x 56 x 36.14 x 14.58 x 16 x 58. L.E. 12. 4ths place bob.
F.C.H. 24365.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN K. SMITH	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*C. RICHARD DAFT	*Treble*	DAVID W. FRIEND	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	2	W. DAVID WARD	6
†DAVID J. ORLEDGE	3	J. KEITH WARD	7
†RAYMOND BENFIELD	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 110 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
IAN H. ORAM	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
*ANDREW J. CORBY	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 25th peal, and first of Spliced 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the marriage earlier this day at Emmanuel Church, Tunbridge Wells, of Stanley Jenner and Ann George.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	ROGER KING	5
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	2	ROGER G. HAVARD	6
RUTH HAVARD	3	BRYN A. TAYLOR	7
JOHN OWEN	4	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method on the bells, and by all except the treble ringer.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

DEREK OGDEN	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	2	JOHN H. SOANES	6
MARGARET JAMES	3	DAVID W. JAMES	7
JANET WARWICK	4	JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.
Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
A 21st birthday compliment to David J. Baker.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DENNIS PEPPER	*Treble*	HILARY MUIRHEAD	5
DONALD F. MURFET	2	IAN M. SMITH	6
*COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEOFFREY PEARSON	7
*JOHN W. McCLENAHAN	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the third

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*RONALD J. JOHNSTON	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
BASIL JONES	2	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	*BARRIE HENDRY	7
*JOHN ROBINSON	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JUDITH M. WHITE	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
MARIA E. KIRBY	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	6
KENNETH J. RIDER	3	ANTONY R. KENCH	7
†C. MARTIN FOSTER	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal on eight. † First of Plain Bob.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	5
H. GEORGE HART	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
PATRICIA HOLMES	3	ROBIN HODGSON	7
VERNON GREEN	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS, BULWELL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN G. HALLETT	*Treble*	DAVID J. ORLEDGE	5
ROY R. TIFFIN	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	6
ROBERT E. DAY	3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	7
MICHAEL ARROWSMITH	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	IAN G. SMITH	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	FRANK CHAMBERS	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Lane, of Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
THOMAS SONE	2	†JOHN W. COLEMAN	6
*TREVOR A. CROSS	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
MONTY W. GILBERT	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 350th peal. † First of Major in the method.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
CELIA F. HUGHES D'AETH	2	RUTH M. FOREMAN	6
JOHN HILL	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
*IAN F. GARVIE	2	PETER BORDER	6
†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	7
†DAVID J. ALLEN	4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
ROBERT E. HARDY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
*MICHAEL T. STIMSON	3	ROLAND H. COOK	7
*ARTHUR J. STIMSON	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
* First peal on eight bells.
An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Somerby, Leicestershire.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*PETER A. KIRKBY	*Treble*	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*ROGER J. LUMLEY	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*DAVID G. ROWLANDS	*Treble*	RICHARD E. DEAN	5
*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
*D. KENVYN WALTERS	3	GEOFFREY RIGLAR	7
GEORGE COUSSINS	4	*ARTHUR D. BOARDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.
* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	2	MICHAEL BISHOP	6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	3	JOHN H. NAPPER	7
DOUGLAS JORDAN	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. NAPPER.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Hibbert.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MARGARET E. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	6
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	†LESLIE G. BRETT	7
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* 25th peal. † 500th peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

KENNETH J. RIDER	*Treble*	PETER BRIDLE	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	DON C. EXELL	6
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
ANTONY R. KENCH	4	BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. MORRIS. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Major in the method. First of Major in the method on the bells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Wendy Riddington and Trevor Cracknell.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

CHRIS. L. BELL	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	2	RAY H. DAW	6
ALAN M. BARBER	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
DONALD F. MURFET	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Canon A. Morris, who recently completed 25 years as Vicar at this church.

LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	RAYMOND E. FINCH	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
OLIVE D. TESTER	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	7
ROBIN J. LEE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER COXALL	*Treble*	†MICHAEL CRICKET	5
VICTOR DRAPER	2	ERIC COOK	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	*HORACE GROUNDS	7
*FRANK BENTHAM	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung in memoriam Canon W. S. Mellor, Rector of Standish 1938 to 1956, and Mr. C. Wallwork, late churchwarden.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JENNIFER E. MEE	*Treble*	SPENCER G. KEAR	5
DAVID L. TAYLOR	2	DAVID J. HUGHES	6
GEORGE H. KNIGHT	3	DAVID J. KING	7
FRANCIS A. HOBBS	4	LIONEL JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Rendle L. Davies.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON .. .. .. *Treble*	ALAN M. BARBER 4
JOHN E. GOODWIN 2	CHRIS. L. BELL 5
PATRICK J. BRYAN 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise (70 Major, 30 Minor).

HICKLING, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*†RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON 3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 2	†MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
†SYDNEY ADAMS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 25th peal. † First in seven methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung under Arctic conditions, the ringing chamber floor being a sheet of ice, following the bursting of the church heating system caused by the severe frost of this period.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*BRIAN C. LAW .. .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL W. BROWN 4
RUPERT A. CLARKE 2	DAVID F. MOORE 5
*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* 25th peal together.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and April Day, and 40 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

CHARLES J. WATKINSON .. *Treble*	JOHN WEAVER 4
C. BARRIE DOVE 2	ANTHONY E. STAMP 5
STUART J. CORSON 3	*PETER LOUTH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal at first attempt.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newark Parish Church Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. *Treble*	HAROLD STEVENSON 4
MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 3	*DENNIS SIMPSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* 25th peal.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. *Treble*	DAVID SWIFT 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	RON CARTER 5
CELIA HARRIS 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's and six 240's. Tenor 17 cwt.

E. MARION KEY .. .. .. *Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
PAMELA E. KEY 2	IAN FRIEND 5
ANTHONY TALBOT 3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Harry Lowe, Vicar of Gnosall, who was laid to rest earlier this day.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five plain methods: an extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

J. ALAN BALL (14) .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
JOHN K. SMITH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SEDLESCOMBE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. *Treble*	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 4
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
DAVID STAPLES 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

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

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. David.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ANTHONY D. H. BLYTH .. *Treble*	†KEITH ROBINSON 3
†STEWART H. J. EDWARDS 2	BRIAN C. LAW 4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First 'inside.' First of Plain Bob Doubles by the band except the ringer of the fourth, who has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for St. David's Day.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 45 methods and variations: (1) Southrepps, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) St. Columb, (4) Clifford's Pleasure, (5) Costessy, (6) Little Aston, (7) St. Giles, (8) St. Nicholas, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Andrew, (11) Norwich, (12) Shareshill, (13) St. Miles, (14) Winchendon Place, (15) St. Luke, (16) St. John, (17) Walsingham, (18) Ryton, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Kennington, (21) Old Bob, (22) April Day, (23) Besthorpe, (24) Seighford, (25) St. Simon, (26) St. Albans, (27) Cassington, (28) Eynsham, (29) Shropham, (30) Elford, (31) St. Martin, (32) St. Paul, (33) St. Peter, (34) St. Leonard, (35) Milcham, (36) Austrey, (37) All Saints and Rushall, (38) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (39) Grandsire and Newborough, (40) Marchington, (41) Fortune, (42) New Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD J. WALTERS .. *Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
JOHN HOPE 2	COLIN SMITH 5
ROBERT HATCHER 3	E. CHARLES BIGGS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.

First peal in 45 methods and variations by all the band, and for the Guild.

Rung for St. David's Day; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin A. Lewis.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD
(Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE .. *Treble*	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 4
PETER J. BROWN 2	*PETER L. BILL 5
J. ROGER NIBLETT 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* 25th peal.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. David.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. *Treble*	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 4
ALISON M. MANN 2	BRIAN J. BULL 5
MARGARET E. FORT 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob.

*GILBERT F. COWLIN	*Treble*	*BERNARD J. BRANSTON	4
†HERBERT GOAKES	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	*RAYMOND H. DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal in six methods. † 100th peal.

A compliment to the ringer of the treble and Miss Primrose Ridley, both ringers at this church, on their engagement. Tenor 8 cwt.

SCALDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. DAVID'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (three variations). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
RICHARD J. DANBY	2	ROGER W. SMITH	4
ALAN A. PAUL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

First peal in the method by the Guild, and thought to be the first ever on tower bells.

All except the ringer of the third are between 14 and 20 years of age.

Rung following St. David's Day (March 1st).

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER BAILEY	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
ALFRED HONEYWOOD	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung to welcome Sally Jean Millatt, born on February 5th, 1963.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Bourne and Netherseale (12 changes of method); (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet (14 changes of method); (4) York; (5) Cambridge and Primrose (12 changes of method); (6) London; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY E. REES	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
†GERALD PENNEY	2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in ten methods.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings).

STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	JOHN WEAVER	3
*DAVID BARKER	2	ANTHONY E. STAMP	4
C. BARRIE DOVE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung after meeting short; also as a compliment to Miss D. Schofield and Mr. J. Stephenson, who were married at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on February 26th. Tenor 8 cwt. 22 lb. in G sharp.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT D. MARSH	*Treble*	RUTH BLACKSHAW	4
JOHN SHONFELD	2	C. RICHARD DAFT	5
RAYMOND BENFIELD	3	MAURICE HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. RICHARD DAFT.

* First peal (aged 14). First villager to ring a peal on these bells. First as conductor.

Rung for George Wheatley—50 years as church chorister.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SODEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4
BERTRAM J. COGGINS	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
BRIAN W. HALL	3	THOMAS W. TIMMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung to celebrate the birth of sons to the ringers of the third and fourth on February 23rd, 1963.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Wells and York, and two each of Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

PETER WOOLLVEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. DYER	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for 17 years; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods, viz.: (1) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Cambridge and Ipswich; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 84 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN WATKINS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	BRIAN BURROWS	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

BRIAN D. HOLT	*Treble*	JOHN F. BARLOW	4
*C. JOHN CLEGG	2	JEFFREY BRANNAN	5
*MARGARET WRIGHT	3	DEREK ASHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK ASHTON.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID SWIFT	4
CELIA HARRIS	2	*ARTHUR FLETCHER	5
VALERIE LACEY	3	RON CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Judy Exon and John Tickle on their engagement; also to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fletcher on the birth of a daughter.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

FELICITY POCOCK	*Treble*	*MICHAEL BANGHAM	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	†DAVID C. BROOKES	5
ALISON MANN	3	†DAVID W. STRUCKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor.

Rung after meeting short for Hereward Bob Major.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PATRICK J. BRYAN	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
ALAN M. BARBER	2	CHRIS. L. BELL	5
COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clements', (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	ROGER D. BAILEY	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	KEITH R. DAVEY	5
DEREK E. DAVIES	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PERPETUA DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (three variations).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ROGER W. SMITH	4
ALAN A. PAUL	2	GRAHAM C. PAUL	5
PERCY AMOS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL (aged 17).
The conductor's 25th peal of Doubles. First in the method.
Rung for the Festival of St. Perpetua and her companions in martyrdom, March 7th.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden, Chester, Carlisle.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

REGINALD CHALLINOR	*Treble*	DENNIS LATHAM	4
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	WALTER SHERRATT	5
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.
First peal of seven Surprise Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.
S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 3—4
V. NUTTON (Selwyn) 5—6
Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.
First peal of Surprise 'in hand' for all the band. First of Cambridge Surprise in Cambridge for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10
Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal on ten handbells, and of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*GORDON W. LAND 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Pauline Lansley.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT SYCAMORE COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 1—2 | DAVID HODGSON 3—4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5—6
Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
RUPERT A. CLARKE 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.
A token of respect to Mr. Pollard, a master at the school, who died suddenly the previous day.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE 7—8
Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 3, 1963, in 4 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 10440 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10
Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Witness: MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
This is the longest peal of Surprise to be rung on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Sandal Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Spliced Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
GORDON W. LAND 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being one extent of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Plain, one of St. Clement's, Childwall Bob and Plain, and five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
DAN S. PONT 1—2 | RUPERT A. CLARKE 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

DATE TOUCH

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,963 Grandsire Doubles: E. Metcalfe 1, A. Bashforth 2, A. G. Dalton 3, W. H. Johnson 4, E. Hudson (cond.) 5, J. Winram (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, on the first anniversary of his institution, and after meeting short for a peal attempt.

ALTON, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. White 4, K. Waller 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Halford 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On March 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. T. Newman 1, F. C. White 2, J. Drewitt 3, E. Drewitt 4, W. Coles 5, J. Camp 6, F. Sharpe 7, F. J. Nelson 8, B. R. White (cond.) 9, F. A. White 10. Rung for the 145th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On March 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Rippon 1, Beryl Astridge 2, Geraldine Piper 3, J. T. Symonds 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, Diana Prynn 6, J. L. Hayns 7, M. H. Harbott 8. First of Major 1 and 2. For Evensong. Rung 'open' in thanksgiving for the life of George A. Cook, late tower captain and steeplekeeper, who died on February 9th.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Poynor 1, Christine Sanders 2, Mary Kinchin 3, Marie Davenport 4, D. Farrar 5, Sandra Chesterton 6, T. Roper 7, J. Kinchin (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 1 and 7. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Christine Staples (first quarter) 1, Christine Sanders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. Farrar 1, Christine Sanders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 in front): Kathleen Barnes (first quarter) 1, C. M. Barnes (first quarter) 2, Judy Bowen (first of Grandsire) 3, H. Ballard 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. J. Barnes 6, I. V. J. Smith (25th quarter as cond.) 7, G. Prodger 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 4th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: F. E. Darby 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, J. Schofield 5, R. E. Finch 6, R. W. Hinde 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On March 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. T. Taylor 1, Jill Riley 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. G. Kemp (first on 10 bells) 4, Janet I. Porter 5, F. C. Hobson 6, R. H. Rogers (first on 10 bells as cond.) 7, A. G. Osborne 8, M. C. Faulkes 9, G. Braithwaite 10. First of Grandsire Caters 'inside' 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, A. A. Paton 4, L. Sheasby 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

BISHOPTHORPE, W. YORKS.—On March 9th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): R. Aldington (first quarter away from a 'cover' bell) 1, A. King 2, E. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, D. E. House 2, Kay Hollingsworth 3, H. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, J. R. Faithfull 5, B. J. Harvey 6. For the Dedication Festival.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Clark (first quarter) 1, L. G. Goodman 2, P. Chappell 3, H. J. Trigg (first quarter) 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. By Sunday service band for Evensong.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Comer (cond.) 1, S. Body 2, J. Walton 3, I. J. Burrough 4, P. W. Hamm 5, C. York 6, H. Ball 7, J. Creber 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Lewis 1, P. J. Spice 2, Sheila Copping (cond.) 3, F. Gates (first in method) 4, Katharine Guy (first in method) 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. Foster 7, J. Smith 8. Rung for birth of a niece to the ringer of 1.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Doreen M. Murfin (first on ten) 1, W. J. Leach 2, C. Haynes 3, G. Roobottom (first 'inside') 4, D. J. Murfin (first on ten) 5, J. F. Muffin (cond.) 6, G. Harrison 7, J. K. Smith 8, B. Dawson 9, G. Lanfear 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church, on March 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Muncey 1, C. R. F. Muncey (first in method) 2, B. Clare Webster 3, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, H. Foster 6, A. J. Griffin 7, S. C. Walters 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss B. Clare Webster and Mr. Alan J. Griffin.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Baker (first of Triples) 1, Lynda Roberts (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Shelagh Guthrie (first of Triples) 3, G. Bradbury (cond.) 4, Margaret Guthrie 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker 7, E. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Fowell, aged 84, whose funeral took place earlier in the day. A ringer for over 70 years.

CARDIGAN.—On St. David's Day (March 1st), 1,260 Mixed Doubles (three methods): S. Evans 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, A. Walters 3, R. Pateman 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. Thomas 6.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Padley 1, Mrs. T. Lanaghan 2, Miss J. Padley 3, T. Lanaghan 4, R. Harris 5, H. Osborne 6, E. Busby 7, W. Sidwell (first as cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 3. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Mason 1, Hilary Martin (first of Surprise) 2, N. J. Martin 3, D. L. Parker 4, J. S. Barnes 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the new belfry floor by the Bishop of Rochester.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Yeates 1, C. Hall 2, H. Knight 3, H. Ball 4, C. York 5, S. Smith 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, D. Dando 8. For evening service, and a welcome to Paul Orchard, first grandchild for the local captain (Mr. C. Hall).

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. Sherratt 1, P. Atkins 2, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 3, W. Sherratt 4, D. Latham 5, B. Corbishley 6, H. Dowler 7, R. Worrall 8.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodyatt (cond.) 1, A. White (first quarter) 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, J. E. Whittall 4, H. Homans 5, A. Morgan 6. All are members of the Sunday service band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Pitt (first on eight) 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, N. Avis 3, J. Avis 4, E. P. Duffield 5, D. Whent 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. P. Duffield 1, N. Avis 2, A. R. Andrews 3, W. Arnold 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, G. Button 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. Rung after a peal failure, as a compliment to the conductor on the arrival of his third daughter.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Margery Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, D. Errington (cond.) 6. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Zvegintzov 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. Oliver (cover) 7.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Parfitt 1, Audrey M. Short 2, R. D. Short 3, H. Best 4, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Langdon 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. T. Mogg, captain of this tower for many years. The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 were bearers.

DERBY.—On March 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bailey 1, S. Fraser (first quarter) 2, Miss Foulk 3, A. Mould 4, M. A. Willis (first as cond.) 5, W. Allsopp 6, S. P. Walklate 7.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cooper (first quarter) 1, I. M. Holland 2, A. Wilson 3, D. Peers 4, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 5, D. Fidler (first quarter) 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On March 3rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: B. A. Shackleton 1, Miss P. E. Hibbert 2, J. W. T. Hibbert 3, J. W. Wilson 4, E. J. Hitchins 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on March 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Fentiman 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, W. J. Munton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Mann, for 33 years a ringer and a recent clock-winder at this church.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, Christine Bowen 2, D. Bowen 3, M. W. Coleman 4, T. Hawkins 5, D. Belcham 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Bailey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Reed (first on ten) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, J. L. Bell (first on ten) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.—On March 5th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): P. Jones 1, S. Thomas 2, R. Dobbins 3, G. Thomas 4, Reg. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. T. Wiliams (cond.) 7, R. Evans 8. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. John Trevor Evans.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smallman (13, first quarter) 1, Lucy A. Key (13) 2, Pamela E. Key 3, I. Friend 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, A. Talbot 6. Rung half-muffled at the memorial service to the Rev. H. Lowe, late Vicar.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On March 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Walker 1, Miss K. Guy 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, Miss B. Leigh 4, J. Ball 5, I. Dafters 6, M. Ferrier (cover) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Brown, verger and parish clerk, interred this day.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Pettitt 1, G. H. Austin (first of Major) 2, W. T. Holmes 3, R. A. Cochrane 5, P. L. Baycock 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle (cond.) 7, A. F. Cull 8. For Evensong, and a 75th birthday compliment to W. T. Holmes.

HATHERN, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Stanton (first quarter) 1, C. Harris 2, V. Lacey 3, D. Swift 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, C. L. Bell 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on March 3rd, 1,440 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, P. Woollven 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. F. Taylor 1, R. E. Kersey 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, A. R. Bridges 4, P. Bedford 5, N. F. Whittell 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band except 2, 7 and 8.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Baresel 1, G. Golding 2, Miss C. Andrews 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, Miss F. Pocock 5, D. Boniface 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Preb. F. W. Ferraro, previous Vicar.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On March 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Wright 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, Miss S. Staley (first of Cambridge Major) 3, W. Whitmore 4, I. Hall 5, P. Fleckney 6, A. Gibbs 7, M. Coleman 8. Rung after peal failure.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Green (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield (first 'inside') 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HUNITON, DEVON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Broom 1, C. Manley 2, W. Baker 3, R. Watts (first 'inside,' aged 14) 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, D. Salter 6. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. H. Worboys 5, A. Grainger 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Haynes 1, R. Newton 2, D. Cornwall 3, Miss J. Barton 4, E. Wilcox 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Hall 1, R. E. Churchill (cond.) 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, Elizabeth Cotchin 4, I. N. Pett 5, Christine Templeman 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. Bache, also Mr. and Mrs. R. Churchill.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. F. Wallet 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shedel on the birth of a daughter.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On March 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jeannette Felton 1, P. N. Felton (first of Major as cond.) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, June Creak 5, S. Croft 6, N. F. Felton 7, H. W. Rogers 8. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mitchell 1, W. Lawrence 2, R. Turner 3, Miss S. Collins 4, L. Toseland 5 I. Hall 6, A. Idle (cond.) 7, B. Spring 8. For Evensong.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Winram (first away from tenor) 1, E. Hudson 2, A. Bashforth 3, C. Bell 4, E. Metcalfe (first as cond.) 5, S. Bowler (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled and preceded by the whole pull and stand in memoriam Harold W. Greensit, churchwarden.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goodchild 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, R. Hazell 5, C. Hagger 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss K. T Nash, once a ringer at this church, who died January 23rd. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Meakes (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Hazell 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, J. Goodchild 6. For Confirmation.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Newman 1, H. Read (first of Minor) 2, Miss B. Jones 3, W. Woodyatt 4, Rev. J. Homfray 5, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, D. Marsden 2, L. Walmsley 3, G. Moll 4, R. Crowe 5, J. E. Sumner 6 For Evensong, and as a tribute to Mr. J. G. Nelson (conductor's father), on his retirement as Sunday school superintendent after 26 years.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. James 1, Mrs. A. Bruten 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, D. J. Hughes 4, D. Pike 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. James, on his election as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Lampard (first quarter) 1, R. Barks (first 'inside') 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Ballam 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Lampard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombs 3, June Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Venn 6. First in five methods for 1, 3 and 6. Rung for Ash Wednesday service.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on March 1st, 1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: Margaret Fort (first of Surprise) 1, Alison Mann 2, M. J. Bangham 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. D. Leach 5, D. C. Brookes (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. For St. David's Day.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss P. Fennell 1, Mrs. D. E. Sibson 2, Miss E. Erik 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, M. J. Fellows 5, D. M. Sawyer 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8, M. D. Fellows 9, J. C. Eisel 10. First of Surprise Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9. For Evensong.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, with 4, 6, 8 covering): H. Heath 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, E. Player 4, L. K. Grey 5, P. Paginton 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, R. Woodward 8. Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Mr. W. T. Tucker, a Malmesbury ringer, and Mrs. N. M. Day, at Christ Church, Paignton, Devon.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): P. Langton 1, Molly Tilbury 2, R. Lee 3, A. Palmer 4, D. Feck 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Sherwin 1, E. Ford 2, R. J. Hicks 3, H. Trewin 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Julia Medland, secretary of the tower, and also for her engagement to Colin Prouse, a ringing member of the tower.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On March 9th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): F. Welch 1, K. E. Pinney 2, J. Cornelius 3, H. E. Turner 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, A. C. Best 6. First in two Minor methods by all except treble. A 71st birthday compliment to James Stenner.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Bellamy 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. Budd 3, A. Eveleigh 4, Elizabeth Smith 5, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Budd.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-Part): S Skinner (cond.) 1, G. Coles 2, F. Wills 3, E. G. Cork 4, Miss J. Barnett 5, G. Skinner 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, G. Luxton 8. A birthday compliment to G. Skinner.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. H. Langley 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, W. H. Tarr 3, J. E. Brewer 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Caseley 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Gale 8. In memoriam W. G. Giff (died February 18th, 1962).

QUARTER PEALS

NORTON, HERTS.—On March 4th, 1,264 St. Clement's Bob Major: Miss J. Sanderson 1, D. Sanderson 1, E. G. Buck 3, T. Hatchett 4, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 5, L. B. Scoot 6, P. Flack 7, J. S. Dear 8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Clayfield 1, I. Merry 2, P. Gilliver 3, Jennifer Broadgate 4, A. Blackmore (first as cond.) 5, W. Beebe 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Saw 1, Miss J. Woodman 2, Miss C. Withell 3, T. H. S. Smith 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Cherry Withell.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. D. Holdaway 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss V. Mathews 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Peel (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, Marilyn Bird 3, A. J. Adams 4, J. H. Gardner 5, N. I. Allnatt 6, D. F. Roaf (cond.) 7, H. J. Pratley 8. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: Mary S. Thurling (first of T.B. Major) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, I. C. Maycock 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. First of Rutland by all the band. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. F. Wheeler 1, J. W. Perkins 2, F. E. Day 3, H. W. Milford 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, A. W. Myers 6 T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Goodliffe 1, Jennifer Brake 2, V. James 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, G. Shelly 5, A. R. Saye 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, Alison M. Mann 2, C. F. Mew (first of Stedman as cond.) 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. J. Bull 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, M. S. Swatton 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Sheila Staley 1, H. Richardson 2, M. Coleman 3, I. Hall 4, W. Whitmore 5, J. Sherritt 6, P. Fleckney 7, G. Watson (cond.) 8. First by all except conductor.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Flanagan 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. A. Reading (first as cond.) 3, Miss G. Martin 4, J. Hobbs 5, M. J. Bew (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John the Evangelist Church, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Atfield (aged 12, first quarter) 1, A. Shelton 2, D. West 3, F. Streeter 4, K. Game 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Northrepps Bob Doubles: R. Hill 1, Joan Gainey 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, B. Spiers 5, C. Halling 6. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, F. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Hadley 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Fred Hyde. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, Anne Broxton 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, Christine Hawkes 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Debra Greenlaw (first quarter) 1, Audrey Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, H. J. Page 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. Deverill 6. For Confirmation.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Mrs. M. Burns 2, D. Nichols 3, N. Donovan 4, I. N. D. Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Armeson 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on March 10th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Ann Carden (first of Stedman) 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Shirley Slade 4, Kathleen Darvill 5, R. W. Darvill 6 S. P. Darvill 7, C. E. Slade 8, H. V. Frost (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. First of Stedman Caters for 4, 5 and 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. E. Sutherland, the verger's wife, who died the previous week.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,200 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Beard 1, E. Coode 2, J. Sims 3, T. Culver 4, P. Braund (cond.) 5, A. Trigg 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertie Aldridge, who died on February 7th.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: R. W. Turner 1, R. J. Vaughan 2, P. J. Daniel 3, C. G. J. Head (first as cond.) 4, D. J. Ley 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. First of Minimus for all.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Copley 1, B. Sissons 2, D. Sheppard 3, R. Warford 4, J. Potts 5, A. Grundy 6, A. Sheppard (cond.) 7, W. Stoker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. W. McLane, former Vicar, who died at Goathland the previous Monday.

SHERE, SURREY.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Hunter 1, Pamela Gough 2 D. M. Hughes 3, Cherry White 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, K. Sansom (first as cover) 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SHIPTON MAYNE, GLOS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Paginton 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, L. K. Grey 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, R. Woodward 6. For Evensong, and a welcome to Nicholas Richard, infant son of the tenor ringer, and Andrew David, second grandson of the conductor.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. F. Olney (first quarter) 1, T. R. Harris (first 'inside') 2, P. J. Lawton 3, G. M. Pickwell 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, B. A. Martin 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs 1, R. H. Cook (cond.) 2, A. J. Stimson 3, Mrs. I. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. C. Tyler 6. A compliment to Mr. Briggs, on his 85th birthday. He afterwards entertained his young friends to refershments at the Three Crowns.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,344 St. Clement's College Bob Major: N. R. May 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. First in the method by all except conductor. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, K. H. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, B. M. Smith 5, June E. Wood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. R. May 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Brinkley 1, Janet Groves 2, Ann Edwards 3, P. Brown (first quarter) 4, I. R. Panton 5, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 6. A compliment to Pat Jackson and David Day, on their engagement.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Leonard (first quarter) 1, Jean Preston (first 'inside') 2, B. Bartlett 3, M. Loveday 4, M. Bartlett 5, R. Wiggins (first as cond.) 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Pearce 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge 8. Rung for the wedding of Stanley Jenner and Ann George.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Payne 1, F. Hodson 2, F. Ingle 3, P. Leggett 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): Kathleen Clarke 1, B. Pickering 2, G. Pickering (cond.) 3, P. Wright 4, I. Pickering 5.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, L. J. Cox 2, E. E. King 3, A. F. Lee 4, J. W. Isaacs 5, S. Davis 6. For Ash Wednesday service.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain and Little Bob Minor Spliced: Pat A. Teal 1, Eileen M. Haynes 2, G. E. Drew 3, Joan Gray 4, Shirley J. Wight 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First Spliced Minor for all except conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd. To commemorate the 4th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. R. H. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, R. G. W. Robertson 2, M. J. Young (first as cond. in two methods) 3, C. A. Bull 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. W. Young 6. In thanksgiving for the successful Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 10th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 25th quarter together 3 and 4.

WARWICK.—On Feb. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Randall 1, J. Susan Smith 2, G. P. Hammond 3, R. D. Hart 4, W. Male 5, A. R. Wright 6, D. J. Allen (cond.) 7, G. Pratt 8.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting brought forward to **Monday, April 1st,** at 7.45 p.m., at St. John-the-Divine, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2131

ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—Practice night has been changed from Monday to Thursday (6.15 to 8 p.m.).—A. Bridges (Sec.), 'East Wing,' St. Andrew's Churchyard, London Road, Derby. 2142

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—There will be no practice on March 27th, owing to the annual church meeting. 2153

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Ruishton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2103

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Waltham-on-the-Wolds, March 23rd. Owing to unforeseen circumstances ringing will now start at 6 till 8.30 p.m., as service, tea and business meeting have had to be cancelled. —M. Stimson, Hon. Sec. 2147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please. Woodbine Treble Bob Minor and Double Court.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Practice at Caversfield (5) on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 2164

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Spring meeting at Pattingham (buses from Wolverhampton). Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Important: Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided.—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2004

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Waldron on March 23rd. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please help your new secretary by sending names for tea to Ian Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. Thank you. —F. H. Beeney. 2112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, March 27th, 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2158

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 30th, at Hathersage. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2154

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting Arksey (8), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) in Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, 1s. per head. Names for tea to L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, Essex.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 2099

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of new treble bell, Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 27th, to L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds (5297). This is most important. Thank you. 2152

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting at Much Wenlock (8), Saturday, March 30th, 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2171

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice meeting at Woolhope (6), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 6 to 8.45 p.m. —R. G. Powell, Hon. Sec. 2138

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, the 27th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2172

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on March 30th. Regret no afternoon ringing is possible, but bells available 5-6 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex 2163

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting. Next meeting at Rothwell on March 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. M. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 2083

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Spring meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2165

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bradden on March 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2149

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 27th, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2120

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Berrington, March 30th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 2058

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Monthly evening practice meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 2070

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Battersea on March 30th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by March 27th. Putney bells after meeting. 2111

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Wolverton bells from 2.30 to 3.45. Service in Kingsclere Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 26th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 2166

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Key, 'The Vicarage,' Campsall, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, by Thursday, March 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2102

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting at Gressenhall on Wednesday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 2169

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 2094

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at West Ham, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 4th, to J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 2161

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—The dedication of new ring at Gosfield Church by the Bishop of Colchester will take place on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the ballroom at Gosfield Hall afterwards. Please send names immediately if you wish to attend. Accommodation in church limited; tickets being issued. S.A.E., please, for return of tickets.—Hilda G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex. Tel. No. Halstead 2442. 2155

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holcombe Rogus, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, previous to G. W. Hollis, 'Roseneath,' The Avenue, Tiverton. 2143

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penshurst on April 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, by previous Wednesday.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 2174

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Kingston-on-Soar, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Crewkerne, Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 2162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 15 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston,' Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Luncheon tickets 9s. each. Reduced prices for children of members. Please state age of children when applying.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Annual festival,** St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, **Saturday, May 11th.** Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before **May 6th,** obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2.30-4 p.m. and after meeting; Hodnett (8), 2-3.15; Cheswardine (8), 2-3.15; Broughton (8), 2-3.15 p.m. (Hodnet, Cheswardine and Broughton towers will be opened after meeting by arrangement.)—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

The annual dinner of the Manchester Guild was held on March 9th. After a very satisfying meal the company was entertained by a selection of speakers from points as far distant as London and Durham. Nick Davies, secretary of London University Society, proposed a toast to the Guild. In doing so, he congratulated the Guild on their 'great effort' that afternoon—a peal of Yorkshire Maximus at the Town Hall. He also hoped that the following year a football match could be arranged between Manchester City and Fulham. So that again he could travel at less than single fare! Replying, David Baker refuted allegations that the character 'Og' in this year's Rag magazine had any connection with the Guild's president. He drew attention to the numerous romances among members and was contemplating renaming the Guild the Marriages Guild.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by David James, a Past Master of the Guild, to which Brian Pattison (Master of Durham University Society) replied. During the more serious part of his speech he commended the hospitality of North-Easterners to those who might be contemplating a move there.

The A.G.M. followed. The Master, in his report for the year, recorded 16 peals, of which the highlight was one of 6-spliced to mark the retirement of Canon Hussey as Rector of Sacred Trinity, Salford, the Guild's tower. Derek Ogden and Edward Bryant were re-elected president and Master respectively and Jean Allen was elected secretary/treasurer for the following year. The meeting decided to hold the dinner on a fixed date every year in future, and the first Saturday in March was agreed upon.

Proceedings continued informally in the bar until 11 p.m. and afterwards in the lounge.
B. W. B., J. C. B.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH

The visit of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Christchurch, New Zealand, was marked by excellent ringing on the Cathedral bells. Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, writes:

On Saturday, February 16th, the Cathedral bells were rung to welcome the royal visitors to Christchurch at 1 p.m., and ringing continued until 1.30 p.m.; Grandsire Triples and rounds on the full ring of ten being rung. Later an attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'heavy eight' was made, but failed, so for the remainder of the afternoon Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

Sunday, February 17th.—The royal visitors attended divine service at the Cathedral at 11 a.m. This was a State service and the sermon was preached by the Archbishop of New Zealand, the Most Rev. N. A. Lesser; the first lesson was read by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Holyoake; the second lesson by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

This was an historic day for the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers in that it was the first time that the bells had been rung for a State service, with a reigning sovereign attending. A picked band was chosen to ring touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds on the full ring of ten, and was conducted by the Master, Mr. R. H. Idle. The ringers rose to the occasion and excelled themselves; in all the years I have rung at the Cathedral, I have not heard better striking, it being almost perfect and was a treat to listen to. The Society was congratulated on the high standard of the ringing on the day and letters of appreciation were received from the Dean of Christchurch (the Very Rev. A. Pyatt) and the Cathedral Chapter.

RINGING RECTOR'S WEDDING

The Rev. Cyril Munt, Rector of Cherlton, Folkestone with Newington-next-Hythe, is to be married to Miss Dorothy Aldworth, at Biddenden, Kent, on Wednesday, April 17th, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Munt and his sister, Mary, are both ringers and have greatly helped a struggling band of mostly young ringers at St. Martin's. In addition, thanks to the Rector's enthusiasm and drive, considerable restoration work has been undertaken in the tower. The light ring of eight (7¼ cwt. tenor) has been underpinned by massive concrete girders, a new ringing chamber has been formed at first floor level and the vestry space doubled at ground level. The bells have been overhauled and new ropes fitted. Some work still has to be done to the tenor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, as this bell has a loose crown staple.

Naturally, the marriage of the young and popular Rector is quite an important event in the life of the parish. A party of parishioners, including the choir and some ringers, will be going to Biddenden on the great day.

Mr. Munt was formerly a curate at Ashford (Kent) Parish Church and later priest-in-charge at Ranmore, Dorking, Surrey. He is well known to local ringers at both places.

Miss Aldworth, who is a teacher at St. Martin's Primary School, is well known in Biddenden Church circles. She often deputises at the organ there during the school holidays. She is already a frequent visitor to St. Martin's belfry and it is hoped that she, too, will take up ringing.

5,024 STEYNING SURPRISE

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	W	B	M	H
26435	—		—	2
32654		1		2
63425	—		—	3
63254		1		—
42635	—		—	—
62534			—	
53624	—			—
53246	—	1		3
52436	—			2
35426	—			3
23456	—			3

First rung at Steyning on February 23rd, 1963.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (B.67)

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
25634		—		3
53246	X			
23645		—		
34256	X			
24653		—		
24536	X			—
32546			—	
54326			—	—
25346			—	
42356			—	
36524		—	—	2
62345	X			
63425			—	2
32654	X			
62453		—		
43526		—	—	2
52436			—	—
42635		—		
23456	X			

6th extent in 6ths.

First rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry, August 22nd, 1960, conducted by Brian G Warwick.

5,201 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By BRIAN DOWNES

		23456789
	1-5	32457968
A	1-2-3	2345
	1-2-3	4325
	1-2-3	2435
	1s	5432
	2-3-4	4235
	1-2-3	3425
	1s-2-3	42397568
	A	2439
	1s-2-4	42356978
	A	2435
	1-3-4	42356879
	A	2435
	1s-4	32486957
	A	2348
	1s-3s-4	32495768
A (omit last course)		3429
	1-3s-7-8-9	43265978
	A	3426
	1-3-4	43265879
	A	3426

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

B	M	W	H	
X			—	23564
		—	—	56234
—			3	26435
X				63254
		—	2	62534
2X				34256
	2	2		52436
		—	2	54326
—			—	63425
X				32654
		—	3	53624
—			2	34625
X				42356
		—	—	35426
		—		23456

Contains no 82's or 83's.

First rung at Sawley, May 17th, 1962.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On March 10th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge and Ipswich, 552 Norwich), at St. Michael's: Jane B. Tuffin 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, C. M. Foster 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—On March 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary the Great, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. H. Pigg 1, Hilary Muirhead 2, H. Muncey 3, C. Muncey 4, S. C. Walters 5, H. Hunter 6, J. W. Ward 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, H. Foster 10, P. Bergdahl 11, H. F. Brown 12. First of Maximus 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Fison, on his appointment as Bishop of Salisbury.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, Elizabeth A. M. Tester 4, C. W. Hancock 5, J. E. Warner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. P. Smith 8. A compliment to Miss Ann George and Mr. Stanley Jenner, who were married at Tunbridge Wells earlier this year. Also a birthday compliment to C. W. Hancock.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. H. Worboys 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. McPhail 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in method for 1 and 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: A. R. Millidge (first of Grandsire as cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, B. J. Bull 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, M. J. Uphill 5 and 6. Umpires: Mary Ayton and J. H. Gaze. First on handbells for all the band.

WARWICK.—On March 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. D. Hart 1, G. P. Hammond 2, G. W. Randall 3, E. J. Gower 4, W. Male 5, A. R. Wright 6, D. J. Allen 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (Stedman, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place Bob): D. J. White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller (30th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris 1, G. Prescott 2, R. Ballam 3, Mrs. M. Thirkettle 4, Mrs. D. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, D. Ruddall 8. To welcome the Rector, Rev. Preb. B. J. W. Turnoak, on his return to clerical duties after a recent illness.

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A CITY SET ON A HILL

WELL, not a city in the common sense of the word, but the City of God in one small piece of Devon, and it certainly cannot be hid, standing over 1,100 feet above sea-level on an upward thrust of the granite steep on three sides and sheer to the west—St. Michael de Rupe (St. Michael on the Crag), Brentor, must be one of the most dramatically-situated churches in the Kingdom.

Churches dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, the Prince who cast down the old Serpent, are believed often to bear that dedication in token of their having been built on the site of ancient pagan shrines, and the summit of Brentor is just the sort of place for a pagan to worship at. It probably began as a very tiny church, built simply to Christianise a heathen sanctuary, but the story of the present church's building is as dramatic as its situation.

In about the year 1140, a sea captain, Robert Gifford, was coming home up-channel with the hold of his ship full of valuable cargo, when a furious storm sprang up. Standing on the poop in a waste of raging Channel water, he vowed that if he brought his ship safe to port he would build a church on the first point of land he sighted. It seems incredible that he should first have sighted Brentor, 20 miles inland and close to much higher hills, but with the lower land obscured by storm-wrack and the cloud base as it often is at about 1,200 feet, it's by no means impossible, and I know one seaman who has had the very same experience. Anyway, the church stands on Brentor to testify to the fact that Robert Gifford did reach port in safety, and that Brentor was indeed the first land he sighted, for he fulfilled his vow and built the church there at his own cost.

It is a tiny building—of necessity, for the top of the Tor is not big enough for a tennis court. A simple rectangle with no aisles and a tiny porch on the north side, it can be reached only on foot; there is no chancel, and the interior is simple under a low timber roof. At the west end is a tiny tower, only 12 feet square outside and hardly more than 30 feet high, with a battlemented parapet; the bell chamber is only 7 feet square and the ground floor ringing chamber even less, yet here is a ring of five bells.

There were formerly three bells here, and until 1890 two of them were late-14th century bells, cast probably by John Langhorne, of London; they were certainly London bells, and one wonders however they were brought here. In 1890 they were rehung and the treble recast by Mears, and in 1910 a new ring, with a tenor of 5¾ cwt., was cast by Mears and Stainbank and hung by William Aggett, of Chagford. They are a pretty five, and the fourth bears the inscription from the ancient second: 'Gallus vocor ego; super omnia sono'—'I am called the Cock! I sound above all.'

The tenor hangs immediately above the ringing chamber by herself. Six feet above her, and very close under the roof, are the rest, packed into less than 50 square feet on plan and with their clappers barely clearing the roof beams. They are hung in a cast-iron frame and fitted at present with Aggett's 'Patent Ball-bearings,' shortly to be replaced, and not a moment too soon. The foundation girders were replaced two years ago, the original ones being rusted through at the ends; the new ones had to be brought in through holes cut in the outer walls.

The village of Brentor, over a mile away, has a modern church now, more accessible for the parishioners, but services are still held in St. Michael de Rupe throughout the summer, and the bells are rung regularly by the local band, who ring during the winter on the nearby five at Coryton. They have a long, stiff climb to get to their summer ringing, as does anyone who goes to the church; but at least they are rewarded with one of the most spectacular views in Devon. To the east Dartmoor rises, fold upon fold, tor and clitter and heather slope, to High Willhays and the lonely peat bogs round Cranmere Pool; to the west, across the Tamar, Dartmoor's Cornish cousin makes its rugged skyline; to the north the long ridges sweep across from North Tawton to the North Cornish coast; and southwards, beyond Tavistock and the hazy sprawl of Plymouth, lies the sea where, on a little battered vessel eight centuries ago, Robert Gifford prayed to his God, and found mercy.

J. G. M. S.

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LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT — GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, the University of Bristol Society are to attempt a peal of 24,119 Grandsire Caters at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing will commence at 6 a.m. The composition, by Albert M. Tyler, is appended. The conductor will be Tudor P. Edwards.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. BIRD.

Bristol.

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24,119 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By Albert M. Tyler

23456789					
32456987	1 3 4		34295678		
25436	2 3 4		24536978	1 4	
42536	1 2 3		45236	'A'	
64235	1 2 3S		54236879	1 3 4	
23495678	3S 4		42536	'A'	
			52643	1S 4	
52394	1 2 3S		26543	'A'	
45293	1 2 3S		62543978	1 3 4	
34592	1 2 3S		25643	'A'	
53492	1 2 3		65324	1S 4	
25394	1 2 3S		53624	'A'	
			35624879	1 3 4	
42593	1 2 3S		56324	'A'	
54293	1 2 3		36452	1S 4	
25493	1 2 3		64352	'A'	
32594	1 2 3S		46352978	1 3 4	
			63452	'A'	
43295	1 2 3S		43265	1S 4	
24395	1 2 3		32465	'A'	
32495	1 2 3	'A'	23465879	1 3 4	
53294	1 2 3S		34265	'A'	
45392	1 2 3S				
24593	1 2 3S				
52493	1 2 3				
35294	1 2 3S				
43592	1 2 3S				
54392	1 2 3				
35492	1 2 3				
23594	1 2 3S				
42395	1 2 3S				
34295	1 2 3				

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Following the success of the first annual dinner at Cardigan last year, the St. David's Diocesan Guild decided to hold a second dinner, this time at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, on February 9th.

In spite of the Arctic weather nearly 50 members and friends were able to attend, many of them from the remote corners of this large diocese.

The guest of honour was the Bishop of St. David's, who proposed the toast to the Guild, and gave an amusing glimpse into his early days as a ringer. The Master of the Guild, Major R. Pateman, responded.

Mr. Gwyn Thomas proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and this was replied to by another of our guests of honour, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who had travelled from Oxford through the snow to be present.

The evening concluded with the showing of the film 'Ringers Required.' R.C.W.

Burry Port

The first quarterly meeting for 1963 was held at St. Mary's, Burry Port, on March 9th. About 40 members attended, and the five bells were kept ringing through the afternoon.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Thomas, officiated at the service, and also presided at the business meeting. Among the topics discussed was a visit to Coventry for the Festival in April. In view of the great distances involved it was decided to take no action.

A splendid tea was provided and served by the local members, and Mr. P. G. T. Lewis, of Llandovery, thanked them for their effort.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing. R.C.W.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 6



FREDERICK SHALLCROSS,
Lancashire Association.

The Lancashire Association brings into the Exercise a young ringer full of action and enthusiasm. One who suggests that his activities would be more fitting to a title such as 'Unrelated Events.'

Frederick Shallcross, affectionately known to his friends as 'Ricky,' whose home is at Ashton-under-Lyne, was born on September 4th, 1945. His education started at the early age of four, when he was sent to the Parochial School, Ashton. After passing his eleven plus he entered the Co-ed Grammar School, Ashton, where he is at present studying mathematics, physics and chemistry at 'A' level, after having passed five subjects at 'O' level.

At the age of ten, Ricky joined the Parish Church choir, and soon after became interested in ringing. He became a pupil of Miss Joan Carter—now Mrs. William Harrison—who was and still is doing such a tremendous lot of hard work, teaching youngsters. For the first six months progress for Ricky was rather slow, but he had plenty of opportunity for ringing, as service ringing on Sundays was from 9 to 10.30 a.m. and 5 to 6.30 p.m. The weekly practice often lasted three hours. It is not surprising then that after jumping the first hurdles he soon began to make excellent progress.

On a certain Sunday, soon after he had learned to ring, Ricky turned up for service ringing at 9.30 a.m. In the absence of other ringers he decided to chime the tenor. All went well until a very agitated and angry verger burst in and informed him that he had started an hour too soon and was causing great annoyance to the Rector, who was half way through the Communion service.

On May 4th, 1958, at the age of 13, Ricky rang his first peal, together with four other first pealers. He rang the third of the middle six at Ashton Parish Church to Grandsire Doubles, which, incidentally, was Miss Carter's first peal as conductor. A very noteworthy record.

Two years later he rang his first peal as conductor. This was Yorkshire Surprise Major, and the same year he believes he created a record by having conducted a peal of London Surprise Major and turned the tenor in to a peal of Surprise Maximus at the age of 15.

After a rather slow start Ricky's peal list grew rapidly and the total to date stands at 167, of which he has conducted 23. Of this total his most interesting peals are Londinium, Lambeth and Brigstow Surprise Maximus, London and Redcliffe Surprise Royal, Spliced Surprise Royal in 2, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 12 methods, Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods, and is very proud to say that Mr. D. Mottershead and many other excellent ringers in the north took part in these peals. Ricky is to be congratulated on such a fine collection of peals rung in so short a time.

He has a great respect for Mrs. Harrison, his tower leader, who, in spite of great difficulties, has for the past six years maintained a very high standard of regular Sunday service ringing.

He is proud of his membership of the Rambling Ringers, which he considers contains some of the finest personalities in the whole of the Exercise.

Ricky's ringing ambitions are to call Mr. Pitman's odd bob Stedman Triples and Scientific Triples. His favourite composer is Mr. Stephen Ivin, who, he says, brings out all the best music in his compositions.

NORVING.

WILF'S TOUR, No. II

For the second year the weather was kind and in bright sunshine we assembled for our day's ringing in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. At the last moment it was learned that Harry De Combe had been taken ill, and it took 45 minutes and some fast driving to find a sixth ringer.

At last we were off, with Ken Tipper, Keith Sanson, Brian Kercher and Wilf Davison from Petersfield, David Hughes, of Liss, and Ken Waller, who fortunately stepped in at the last minute, from Warnford.

Some 70 miles and 90 minutes later we arrived at our first tower, Bourton, the most northerly church in Dorset, where we were met by Rev. R. N. Longridge, Ringing Master of the Guild, and Jim Ralph from Gillingham. David Hughes called a successful quarter of Bob Minor, in spite of a 'Bob-I-mean-single' call, and after a short touch of Bob Doubles we moved on to Maiden Bradley, across the border into Somerset, where, according to the stone fountain, the water runs 'Quite a mile uphill.' A second successful quarter, this time of Grandsire and conducted by Ken Tipper, put us in great spirits, which were sustained by the excellent lunch of turkey salad, washed down with ale at a nearby hostelry.

Stourhead was our first tower after lunch, and this famous beauty spot looked strange with the lake frozen and snow covering the lawns and trees. Keith Sanson called a quarter of Doubles in three methods (Stedman, Bob Doubles and Grandsire), and as we were now in Wiltshire we had rung quarters in three counties. The quarter at Stourhead was, incidentally, the first to be rung there since the bells were rehung in 1960.

Our fourth tower was Sutton Veny, with a pleasant little church tucked away in the Wiltshire Downs. But our attempt for a quarter failed after about 20 minutes, and after a short touch of Bob Minor we were entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. D. V. Evening, Rector of Sutton Veny, before travelling to Wylye.

So far, the ringing had been good and all the bells had been a pleasure to ring, but at Wylye things began to change. Maybe we were getting tired. The ringing chamber was on ground level and after moving, with some difficulty, the bier from the ringing chamber into the main aisle, we attempted to ring a touch of Grandsire, but the bells didn't go at all well and the striking was shocking. We were soon bringing the bier back into the ringing chamber, and shortly afterwards inspected the horse bells, ancient pistols and other trinkets in the pub close by.

On the way home we dropped in at a practice meeting at South Newton. We travelled in all 180 miles, but the long day was really worth while. W.D.

We welcome to our quarter peal columns Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, and wish her the same success and happiness in ringing as her parents have had.

ODD-STRUCK BELLS

THERE has always been some mystery about the causes of odd-struckness of bells. Recently, in the Derby area, we have made some effort to understand odd-struckness a little better and to improve some of our bells in this respect.

An odd-struck bell is one whose clapper strikes earlier on one stroke than on the other when pulled off from the balance with the same effort. Such bells can be a nuisance since they need extra concentration and physical effort to strike them accurately.

It rests on the experience of ringers to determine the degree of odd-struckness of a bell because to measure it would require fairly elaborate apparatus. There is usually some disagreement about this, but one could conclude that if several experienced ringers could not agree as to whether a bell was odd-struck or not, then the amount of odd-struckness would not be worth worrying about.

In this area, as with most, there are several bells which are notoriously odd-struck; for example, the third at Matlock and the third and fourth at Duffeld. In addition many towers have bells which are slightly odd-struck. The fourth at Sawley and the third at Sandiacre are typical. All the bells at these towers mentioned have been examined recently and clapper distances measured. The method employed was to let the bell hang down freely and the weight of the rope taken off the bell. The distances between the impact points of the clapper faces and the bell lip were measured accurately by cutting stiff copper wire to the right length on both sides. Quite a good correlation between the difference in these distances, with the observed odd-struckness, was obtained and we have formed the opinion that this eccentricity of the clapper is the primary reason for odd-struckness. As little as ¼-inch eccentricity of the clapper can account for noticeable odd-struckness.

One rather amusing result was obtained at Sandiacre. Everyone knew that the third was odd-struck because it had to be pulled in at backstroke more than its neighbours, but the measurements showed that the third was the only one correct and that all the other bells, particularly the fourth, were odd-struck. I might add that all these clappers had been removed and refitted by our own ringers some time ago, when we were less informed.

This introduces another point. Since we ring with open handstroke and closed backstroke leads, it would be a distinct advantage to have all the bells, particularly the heavy bells, slightly odd-struck, so that they naturally strike quicker at backstroke. An example of this sort of thing happened at Sawley. These bells have always been rather slow, and a time of 3 hours for a peal of Major was quite common when one would expect a 10 cwt. tenor to be turned in much quicker than this. The local experts have always said that this is because the tenor is fitted with a large wheel, but the wheel, of course, is quite normal and if it was large surely this would make it easier to ring rather more quickly. On examining the bells it was found that the tenor was odd-struck the wrong way: that is, it was rather slow to strike at backstroke.

It was not found possible to rectify this by moving the clapper over so the clapper was turned round. For some reason this made the bell noticeably odd-struck the other way, and this has had the quite marked result of enabling the bells to be rung much more quickly. Peals of Major can now be rung easily in less than 2 hours 45 minutes.

It is unusual for bells to be odd-struck when they are first installed by the bell founders, so that it is likely that odd-struckness develops by poor maintenance or accidental bending of the clapper bolt. Tightening the clapper bolt and lubricating the bush is an important maintenance requirement.

Most cases of odd-struckness can be rectified if there is plenty of clearance in the headstock bolt hole by pushing the clapper over using metal shims.

I would be interested to know the views of others on the causes of odd-struckness and how to cure it. D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derbys.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

A very happy meeting was held at St. Giles', Balderton, on March 16th, the first since the bells were augmented to eight, last October.

Unfortunately, two weddings curtailed the afternoon ringing, though this meant that two smiling brides had the bells rung for them. Almost 60 ringers were present in the tower at some time, and the fact that the ringing room was still crowded well into the evening was proof of the pleasure everyone found. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

The Vicar, Rev. G. Springett, conducted a short service, before joining everyone for a very enjoyable tea in the Church Hall. He was afterwards made a vice-president at the business meeting. Three ringing members were also elected, Mr. and Mrs. T. Webster (Balderton) and Miss Susan Moxon (Sutton).

It is intended to hold the District competition for the Crawford Cup in the evening of the next meeting, and it was proposed that Mr. W. L. Exton be asked to act as judge.

B. N. R.

SUSSEX TOWER HAS NEW RINGING CHAMBER

On March 10th, prior to Evensong, the Vicar, Rev. D. Manners, dedicated the new ringing chamber at St. Mary's Church, Felpham, Sussex.

As many visiting ringers will know, the bells were rung from a sloping ground floor and, coupled with the extremely long draught, even experienced ringers found the bells very difficult to manage.

The new ringing chamber, which is situated at the west end of the church, is very well lit and has an attractive oak balcony, over which the ringers can look down into the church. With the existing beautiful stained glass window in the west wall, the whole effect seen from the church is very pleasing. The ropes are now shorter by 12 feet and, coupled with the well-constructed level floor, has made ringing considerably easier. The local craftsmen who carried out the work are to be congratulated on a job well done.

The work was made possible by the late Mr. Horace Davis Alford, who made a very generous bequest to the church. Prior to the dedication service the local ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, and as the Vicar made his way back to the chancel, after the dedication service, the bells were rung down in peal.

The Western Division of the Sussex County Association are holding a practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, April 20th, when it is hoped that visitors will take the opportunity to see for themselves what a wonderful difference the new ringing chamber has made.

R. W.

Oxford University Society Dinner

The annual dinner of the Oxford University Society was held on February 2nd. Once again, to the delight of any visitor, the following large number of towers—all within easy walking distance of each other—was open some time during the afternoon: Carfax (6), St. Mary Magdalen (6), St. Cross (6), Merton College (8), the Cathedral Church of Christ (12), St. Thomas the Martyr (6), New College (10), Magdalen College (10), St. Martin and All Saints' (8), St. Mary the Virgin (6) and St. Ebbe's (8). Most of the familiar methods were rung, and, while not of the highest quality, the ringing seemed to be enjoyed by most of the company present.

The service was held at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The Vicar (the Rev. P. Martin) and the Rev. D. Rydings officiated, while the president, Canon C. E. Will, and the secretary, Mr. J. E. Camp, read the lessons. Over the past few years the dinner has been held in New College, but unfortunately this year our usual location was no longer available and the dinner was held in the 'Wheatsheaf Inn,' High Street. We were served with quite a pleasant meal, although perhaps it kicked a little of the decorum and atmosphere of previous dinners in New College.

After the loyal toast Mr. J. E. Camp proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He welcomed Dr. A. T. Hart, the Rector of Appleton, and then went on to speak of the problems of ringing in the University and of the part it could play in bringing others to the Christian Church.

Dr. A. T. Hart replied for the Church, with some ideas on how the Church could make great strides forward in adapting itself to the present state of the world, as it had found necessary to do in the past. He left us with the quotation:

'Ring out wild bells across the snow.
Ring out the old, ring in the new.'

The president, Canon C. E. Wigg, then called upon Mr. D. Roaf to speak on behalf of the visitors. In welcoming the senior member, Dr. Sutton, he said that he was probably the least active of the members of any Society. He went on to outline the purposes and values of a University Society such as ours, particularly with regard to teaching learners and providing experience for future tower captains. Mr. D. Roaf also welcomed Mr. P. Walker, secretary of the Oxford Society, Mr. R. Hough, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and other visitors from Bristol and Reading. Mr. P. Walker replied for the visitors. He remarked on the fact that the Oxford Society had had meetings under that very same roof in the 1930's, although subsequently they had been held elsewhere. The University ringers were always welcome, he said, but at the same time he reminded the gathering of a remark made to him some time ago, on the very same topic, namely: 'Keep an eye on them, for they will get in and we shall not be able to get them out!'

Those at last year's dinner may remember that Mr. R. Hough spoke on behalf of the Cambridge University Guild, in his capacity as secretary, the then Master being unable to come. We were happy to have him speak to us again this year, only this time as Master.

The Master of the O.U. Society, Mr. F. J. Nelson, concluded the proceedings by saying, among other things, how pleased he was to see again the familiar faces of old members and guests. He was indeed as true as his word—short, brief and to the point.

Informal talking and drinking then continued for the rest of the evening.

D. G. N.

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Letters to the Editor

Valueless Compositions

Dear Sir,—Once more one of these Surprise Major compositions 'with no 82's or 83's' has been duplicated ('R.W.' page 138). Several times in the past few months this has happened; on one occasion, the composition was in the C.C.C.!

I do not pretend to have an advanced knowledge of composition; surely, however, anyone with but a little knowledge of change ringing can see how relatively little scope the Yorkshire/Superlative group has for original compositions of peal length. The restrictions placed by the F.C.E. 24365 (to take the above mentioned group) are bad enough, but to keep the second and third out of sixths place must make things far, far worse. This has not stopped these ghastly things being sent in, with unfortunate duplication.

Although the scope of these arrangements (even that word is not satisfactory) is even less than that for Plain Bob, I am sure the Editorial Committee would not publish a corresponding composition of Plain Bob, as there would be grave doubts as to its originality. Can it be, perhaps, that the earlier arrangements referred to bear the magic name 'Surprise'?

For Surprise Royal 'compositions,' especially those rung at the Bell Foundry, no words are possible. Anybody who knows anything about figures at all can see, on looking at these compositions, how simple they are. Of course, as I said earlier, this fact is overlooked because of the words 'Surprise Royal.'

No one can deny, especially myself, that, as compositions for peals, they have their use. But as for publishing them in the 'R.W.'—what **possible** good are they to the Exercise at large? For one thing, 99 per cent of these new Surprise Royal methods will never be rung again, and become a name in the C.C. records, another peal for so-and-so to put in his book, and send in at the end of the year as a 'leading peal ringer of 1963.' The value of the peal to the ringing fraternity will cease at that point.

Even disregarding this, very few conductors will ever look at the compoistions again. The fact is that, instead of seeking new material for Surprise Major and Royal compositions (almost impossible anyway), we would do better to make do with the conventional stuff handed down to us, and using these as starting points for respectable, worth while compositions, with, say, the tenors parted.

For goodness sake, let us have no more of these unearthly 'no 82's or 83's' abortions, having instead something like C. J. Sedgley's peals of Cambridge Major, with the tenors parted. Then we might have something original, and worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

Llanfair P.G.

Dear Sir,—So another peal of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major has been rung! I should think it could now be referred to as simply 'Llanfair P.G.,' especially as its complete spelling seems to cause so much difficulty—both times it appeared in this week's 'R.W.' an 'r' was omitted, changing 'chwyrn' (fierce) to 'chwyn' (weeds)!

The meaning of the whole unwieldy name, by the way, is: 'St. Mary's Church (Llanfair) of the pool of the white hazel (pwll gwyn-gyll) near the fierce whirlpool (goger y chwyrn drobwll)—St. Tysilio's Church (Llantysilio) of the red cave (gogogoth).—Yours faithfully.

Aberystwyth. PETER SMITH.

Note.—Let it be Llanfair P.G. in the future. —Ed.

A Precedent for the Recognition of Durham

Dear Sir.—May I suggest that the controversy over the extension of Durham Surprise Minor be resolved by the addition of the following sentence to the Report:

'If it can be established that a method on a high number of bells contracts to a certain lowest stage, then the higher stages shall be regarded as extensions of the lowest stage, even though they may contain one type of subsection which is missing from the lowest stage.'

This would recognise that the contraction process is the identical reverse of extension, which is surely self-evident, and would give approval to the extensions of Durham Surprise Minor, which have been rung, to quote one case in particular. It would also confirm the exactness of the extensions of Bristol Surprise which were rung by the Leicester Guild some years ago. These extensions of Bristol were recognised by the Council, so there is a clearly established precedent; the extensions of Bristol also contain a type of sub-section which is absent from the lowest stage.

It is quite easy to establish that one stage of a method is a contraction of higher stages. All that is necessary is a bit of arithmetic on the various blue lines, to discover whether the features of the method become less frequent in an arithmetical progression as the decreasing number of bells gradually limits the scope of the method. (In the case of Bristol not only does this happen but the pivot bells alter in an arithmetical progression as well.)

A study of the contraction of Durham Surprise Maximus through the Royal and Major down to the Minor shows that the Minor **does** belong to the family. Even though the Minor fails to contain a complete subsection of backward hunting in 1-2-3-4, backward hunting is not entirely absent, for it appears in the first part of the sub-section with the treble in 5-6.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY POYNER.

Ordsall, Retford, Notts.

East Harling

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' convey my thanks to Dr. Paul Jonason for giving us the history of SS. Peter and Paul's, East Harling (pages 174-5). I well remember the day the first peal was rung, as I was the spare man. It was a cold and miserable day and much to my disappointment I had to listen.

I knew all the band personally—T. Fitzjohn and C. Carter from Thetford: S. Annison and F. Burrows (Kenninghall); W. Duncan and A Newson (West Harling). T. Fitzjohn, captain of St. Peter's, Thetford, taught me to handle a bell in early 1910.

This history has recalled the names of men and places, who and where I used to ring. They were happy days, even if the only transport was a bicycle. The alternative was to walk.—Yours, etc., F. A. SALTER.

Nottingham.

Bell Identity Wanted

Dear Sir.—Can any reader tell me who was the founder and anything relevant about the casting of a small bell (approx. ¼ cwt.), with the inscription J. B., 1871, and the head and tail of two coins, about the size of a sixpence, let into the surface. The bell was last used as a calling bell, high on the roof of a mansion near Reading, about 10 years ago. —Yours faithfully, STANLEY G. STOTT.

Easthampstead.

No Ringing Bells at Madras

Dear Sir.—As I always have a copy of 'Dove's' with me on my travels, it was with interest that I noticed a ring of bells at Madras, when looking through the pages upon learning of this ship's intended visit here.

As the dedication of this particular church is not given in 'Dove's' I set out in a taxi to visit the most likely looking churches in turn. The first stop was at St. Thomas' R.C. Cathedral, and upon ascending the fine looking tower in the presence of the verger, I found it possessed two bells (8 and 10 cwt.) and a ting-tang.

Instructing the taxi driver to take me to another English church we set off again, expecting a large robust-looking tower like the first, and it wasn't with the highest hopes that I entered St. George's Anglican Cathedral. But this proved to be the church I was seeking, by the eight ropes in an Ellacombe chiming frame in the bottom of the tower. Ascent of the tower is gained by, firstly, an internal wooden staircase and then by an outside ladder to the louvres, which swing open. There are no other fittings on the bells, other than headstocks and bearings. The bells hang in four pairs between beams—Nos. 1 and 4 hang above Nos. 5 and 8 in an east-west direction. All the bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, in 1871; the tenor measures 47 inches diameter and sounds to be in E flat. None of the bells possess clappers.

Later that day I was assured by an English Vicar, who lives in the Cathedral grounds, that this was the only church in Madras to possess eight bells; he was in charge of the only other Anglican church in the city and that only boasted of one bell.

So it looks as though Mr. Dove's list of overseas **'rings'** of bells is now one less.—Yours sincerely, H. FLEMING.

P. & O. M.V. 'Cannanore,'
at Madras, India.

Ringers' Exhibition at Brighton

Dear Sir,—Early this summer I hope to hold an exhibition of illustrated material connected with ringing. My collection is a small one and I should welcome gifts or loans of humorous or satirical cartoons, caricatures, advertising posters, or handbills: written jokes would also be acceptable.

Since it will take some time to prepare this display I do not think the material could be returned before the autumn, though, where especially valuable items are concerned, I would be prepared to photocopy them, and return originals as soon as possible.

There must be a great deal of humour expended both for and against the Exercise, and with your help I should like to present some of it to a wider public.—Yours, etc.,

V. SHEPPARD.

The Art Gallery and Museum,
Church Street, Brighton 1, Sussex.

Grandsire Doubles

Dear Sir,—In the past few weeks the Luppitt ringers have been ringing Grandsire Doubles using an alteration of hunts as given by Trollope in 'Grandsire,' page 19. While doing some paperwork, in preparation for the quarter peal on March 3rd, a curious fact came to light. With each bell taking the whole hunt there are two half-hunt (observation) bells. They are as follows:

Whole Hunt	Half-hunts
1	3 or 5
2	1 or 5
3	5 or 2
4	2 or 3
5	4 or 1

Could someone please explain why the 5th seems to be taking the place of the 4th in the second column?—Yours faithfully,

Luppitt. F. J. SAGE.

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STAY BREAKING—SOME NEW PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—I think others will agree that the most common immediate cause of a bell going over is some ham-handed youngster missing the sally. (Competent ringers sometimes miss it, too, but as experience brings economy of effort, the result is not so spectacular.) It would be a help to those of us who instruct if Mr. Page could use his wonderful formulæ to translate into comprehensible terms, such as the lifting of a weight, the effort needed to ring a bell exactly on balance—a bell on ball bearings that goes reasonably well, perhaps, for weights of 1, 5 and 25 cwt.

If the stay is of average strength and resilience whether or not it breaks would seem to depend mainly on the extra pull above that needed to bring the bell to balance. It would be interesting to know the ratio of pull to the overpull which just breaks the stay for various weights, as well as sample figures, since the same amount of overpull has more effect on light bells.

Children, who can manage only these light bells, are taught more frequently nowadays, for if one waits for strength to develop they are either working for exams or have found other interests. A grown man has a pulling-length of a good 4 feet, an 11-year-old, reaching up, might manage 3 feet, so to ring the same bell the junior has to pack more work into each inch of his pull. He cannot always pack enough if the wheel is small and the sally stroke short, and so tends to pull the back-stroke too hard in compensation.

That the strength of muscle increases as the square of the length probably comes in somewhere here, also that no one can pull a bell harder than the force necessary to lift his own weight off the ground. Some formula, including these factors and connecting the weight of the ringer with that of his bell, will show, I think, that a youngster is using a much higher proportion of his total strength (apart from wasted effort, due to lack of skill). Anyone who remembers cracking Christmas almonds and Barcelonas will know that greater effort brings less accuracy of control.

In theory these awkward youngsters should never be given the opportunity to break a stay. In practice how are they to know they will be clumsy and slow to learn till they try? Some make the grade eventually, and there may be good reasons why others should be encouraged to feel they belong to the church through the responsibilities of service ringing, though they may never get beyond covering. To say that bad teaching is the only reason for broken stays shows a limited appreciation of the problem.

If one has to pay a carpenter to make a new Hastings stay, following the card provided and the broken one for measurements, replacement costs about 15s. After this has happened several times the stay tends to shrink in width till it rattles, or grow till it won't fit in the box, or in length, so that the dingle runs over the stop, or binds on top of the slider. The dingle nut may even unwind and drop off, followed by the dingle, during ringing. One gets on quite well without the top bolt, since the hole is always in the wrong place if making it while fitting cannot be arranged, its only use seems to be to provide a weak place for the stay to break next time. On top of all that, if, on rehanging, one wants to avoid these troublesome and unsuitable objects (at least for a light ring, on which learners must be taught), one has to pay extra! If one could select and discard learners freely (and how many of us would have been discarded at the outset?) stays need never be bumped. As things stand a simple, economical and time-saving design is the one needed.—Yours faithfully,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome.

Stays in Two Portions

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested in a simple device for the replacement of stays subjected to misuse.

Make the stay in two portions with a 15-inch bridle joint, the fork part starting about four inches above the headstock, and fastened together with a half-inch loose fitting bolt to act as a hinge. Three inches from the top bore through and drive in a $\frac{3}{8}$-inch diameter beech dowel rod.

On receiving a heavy blow the rod will shear, allowing the stay to collapse, then the rope can be rethreaded and a new dowel driven in, knocking out the broken parts. If the holes are bushed with steel tubes a cleaner break will result.

Some experiment may be necessary, according to the weight of the bell, but a satisfactory size of dowel will be found to be surprisingly small.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. ARMSTRONG.

Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rev. Murray MacLeod, Vicar of Christ Church, Southgate, extended a warm welcome to a large number of members and friends of the North and East District to his church on March 9th, and during the course of his address suggested bellringers could be likened to the television stars who advertised various products on the little screen at home, in that they were advertising agents of the Church in calling people to worship, Sunday by Sunday.

This beautiful church, which recently celebrated its centenary, has had a major overhaul of its ten bells carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry, and now has a ring of which it can be justly proud.

Following tea in the Walker Hall, Mr. H. G. Hart, who took the chair at the business meeting, extended a welcome to Mr. John Jelley, of Leicester. Two new ringing members were elected, Miss Helen Davey, of the local band, and Miss Valerie Ware, of Willesden, whilst the provisional elections of Mr. Jeremy Salter, of Brixton, and Mr. L. Fox, of Leyton, as non-resident life members, were confirmed. Miss Enid Town, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was transferred to non-resident life membership, as she is shortly leaving the district.

The chairman thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, the Rev. Arthur Wiggins, the organist, and Mr. S. G. Peck, who read the lesson. The ladies who were responsible for the catering arrangements were also thanked, together with Mr. Peck for attending to all local arrangements. E. H. K.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers from Beverley, Cottingham, Hull University, Holy Trinity, Hill, Kirk Ella, Sutton and Walkington spent a pleasant day on March 16th ringing on some of the finest bells in their area. John Pilkington, of Church Kirk, Lancs, and Terry Hargreaves, of Curdridge, Hants, also joined the party.

We arrived at Selby Abbey, at 10 a.m. and were joined by some of the local ringers for some good ringing on the fine bells. On descending the tower we enjoyed listening to the local band ringing for a wedding and would like to compliment, in particular, the many young ringers of the Abbey on their excellent striking.

Ringing across lunchtime took place at Holy Trinity, Hull, where we rang a variety of methods, including a course of Stedman Caters. A late lunch was then enjoyed in the nearby 16th century Olde White Harte Inn.

The highlight of the afternoon ringing on the fine octave at Hedon was a well struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Afternoon tea was then enjoyed in a cafe at Beverley, before the long ascent to the Minster ringing chamber. Ringing here ranged from well struck rounds to Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal.

At St. Mary's, Beverley, the last tower of the day, we did not really do justice to this majestic ring. However, good courses of Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters were rung. The ringing throughout the day on these heavy rings was on the whole very commendable, especially in view of the large proportion of youthful ringers present. We should particularly like to compliment the younger members of the Walkington team on the excellent way in which they handled the bells and on the rapid progress and enthusiasm of this band generally.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers for allowing us the use of their bells and to David Johnson for making the necessary arrangements. I. N. G.

An Evercreech Example

To mark the 14th anniversary of the dedication of the present ring of ten at Evercreech a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on March 17th, prior to morning service. This also marks the completion of 14 years' unbroken service ringing for both morning and evening services, and also for the great festivals of the church.

Although Evercreech is a country parish, and young ringers invariably leave when school days end, Mr. Harry Sanger informs us that the strength of the company has always been maintained at at least 15 regular attenders.

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THE SPLICING OF ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS

By H. CHANT

I hope to deal with certain aspects of splicing not touched upon in the recent C.C. Collection (which does not, after all, profess to be a handbook on this subject) and so place at the disposal of Minor ringers many interesting extents which should be within the scope of quite a few bands. It is impossible, without going to inordinate lengths, to cover all aspects of splicing these methods, nor is it possible to give complete 720's in all cases for the same reason. I hope, however, that the explanations given and information supplied will enable many ringers to compile their own extents.

1. ORDINARY ALLIANCE METHODS

Study the two leads given below.

Cromer. A2. Reverse Bob. P. 1a.

123456	
214365	
241635	123654
426153	216345
462513	261435
645231	624153
642513	**642513**
465231	**465231**
642531	**642531**
465213	**465213**
462531	456123
645213	541632
654123	514362
561432	153426
516342	
153624	135246
135264	

Here the four middle changes are removed bodily from Cromer leaving a lead of Reverse Bob. The rows removed are transplanted between two half-leads of Crayford Little Court which are taken from *different parts of the same course*. If the remainder of this course is altered so that the complete course is now Reverse Bob then four extra leads of Cromer will have to be turned into Reverse Bob. This will give us ten leads of Reverse Bob where we originally had five leads of Cromer and five of Crayford. The transposition required to achieve this metamorphosis is 23654 as can be seen from the figures.

Perhaps the following will make this clear.

Course of Crayford		Course of Reverse		Five leads of Cromer changed to five leads of Reverse
23654		23654	⟷	23456
45632		53426		53624
54362	Changed to	35246	⟷	35642
26345		45632		45236
62435		54362	⟷	54263
53426		64253		64352
35246		46523	⟷	46325
64253		26345		26543
46523		62435	⟷	62534
32564		32564		32465

In the early stages at least, it is wise to write out both lead-head and lead-end; I always do this when splicing. Note that the five leads of Cromer are taken from five different courses. Any of the leads of Reverse may be changed to Canterbury so long as its partner (at the opposite end of the double-ended arrow) is also changed to Canterbury. The second-place variations of the Alliance and Reverse methods are available with the same transposition.

It is worth noting that if *one complete course* of a 6th place method is substituted for another, as in Crayford and Reverse, the initial lead-heads and final lead-ends will be identical. This is true of 2nd place methods also, although these will be different from the 6th place method, e.g.:

	6th place methods	2nd place methods
Initial lead-head	23456	23456
Final lead-end	32546	24365

This applies to any method.

TABLE No. 1

A complete Course of Little combined with five separate Leads of Alliance.

	Alliance Method		Little Method		Method Left		New Plain		Transposition*
(1)	Cromer, Steventon, Chalfont, Tibenham	La	Crayford	M(a)	Reverse	L	Reverse	L	
					Canterbury	L	Canterbury	L	23654 (23654)
	Walsingham, Lammas, Fulmer, Olney	Hb	Little	J(b)	Double	H	Double	H	
					Fulbeck	H	Fulbeck	H	
(2)	Stratton, Stanhoe, Mitcham, Blaxhall	Na	Crayford		London Bob	N	Reverse	L	
					Lytham Bob	N	Canterbury	L	
	Sharnbrook, Hayes, Ringstead, Stonehouse	Kb	Little		Double Ox.	K	Double Bob	K	65234 (45632)
					Thelwall	K	Fulbeck	K	
(3)	Ellacombe, Finchley	Na	Crayford		College	N	College	N	
					Wavertree	N	Wavertree	N	43256
	Buxton, Iver	Kb	Little		St. Clement's	K	St. Clement's	K	(43256)
					Childwall	K	Childwall	K	
(4)	Snodland, Swancombe	Mc	St. Lawrence	H(c)	Loch Lomond	M	Windermere	G	
	Allesley, Wrentham	Jc	"	"	Roydon	J	Windermere	G	63254 (34652)
(5)	Stapleford, Merrow, Clandon, Rothwell	Gc	St. Lawrence		Frodsham	G	Frodsham	G	
					Windermere	G	Windermere	G	32456 (32456)
(6)	Tonbridge, Mendelsham	Nc, Kc	Belvedere	G(c)	Killarney, Horsmonden	N, K	Killarney	N	26453 (26453)
(7)	Tonbridge, Mendelsham	Nc, Kc	St. Lawrence	Hc	Kilarney, Horsmonden	N, N	St. James	J	26534 (25643)
(8)	Isham	Jc	Belvedere		St. James		Killarney		25643 (26534)
(9)	Isham	Jc	St. Lawrence		St. James		St. James		25436 (25436)

* In all the Tables the transposition is that used when working from the first column. The transposition in brackets is that used when working in the reverse direction.

It is owing to this factor that if it is required to have the full complement of 2nd and 6th place variations of both Alliance and Plain methods in the extent, it will have to be arranged in most cases to have the 2nd and 6th variations of the Alliance and Little methods before altering operations are begun.

For example, extent No. 335 (p. 129 in the C.C. Collection) is suitable for Groups (1), (2) and (3) in Table 1, although Groups (1) and (3) *could* be managed with only one type of Little.

Extent No. 325 (p. 128) is suitable for Group (4), and extent No. 321 (p. 127) for Groups (5) and (6). To be continued.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 29th, 1913.—

Peals of 6,000 and odd changes are not taken so much notice of in these days as once was the case, but it is noteworthy that we record this week the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung on handbells. This was a 6,063 rung by the Middlesex Association last Saturday.

Another peal of more than passing interest is the 7,325 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Monday. It is the longest length on the bells since 1858. Painswick has been the scene of many noteworthy performances, and it was there that the record length of Treble Twelve was rung, and which stood for many years until beaten in 1911 at Ashton-under-Lyne.

NEW QUARTER NEXT WEEK

Already a number of new postal subscribers have been enrolled for the quarter which starts next week. When renewing your subscription why not another for the tower? See advantageous terms on centre page for additional copies.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

Although the monsoon season seemed to have started this did not deter members from attending the District meeting, held at Creswell on March 9th. On the contrary the attendance of over 45, representing some 15 towers, was the best for some years for a meeting arranged solely for the Chesterfield District!

In spite of an unfortunate incident, when over a dozen ringers were accidentally left out in the pouring rain, the standard of ringing during the day was well above average and even included Bristol and London.

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, Miss Verena Simpson, of Staveley, was elected a member, and the details of the proposed District outing to the A.G.M. at Derby on April 20th were approved. After discussion it was decided to organise a striking competition for the District and to include rounds and call change ringing bands in the teams.

These new ventures are designed to stimulate interest in the District, and it is hoped that they will be supported to the full. The details will be circulated to all the towers in the District as soon as they are available.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. S. Jephson, and to the local ringers and their wives for preparing such an excellent tea was proposed by Mr. D. Cooper, and further ringing concluded a very successful meeting.

Next meeting: Staveley on Easter Monday, joint with the Sheffield and District Society.

M. P. P.

Abingdon School has a very keen band of ringers, who ring for all the school services held in the town Church of St. Helen. For the 400th anniversary of the school's refoundation in 1563, by John Roysse, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung. The School Society hope that this is just the prelude to more meritorious performances.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT HOARE

With the recent passing of Mr. Herbert Hoare, at the age of 72, Woodstone, Hunts, lost a lifelong churchman, choirman and bell-ringer. Herbert had been verger at Woodstone for 26 years, following both his father and grandmother in this position. He had also been tower captain for 25 years.

Over the years, Herbert taught many learners how to handle a bell and the art of change ringing—including two now famous lady ringers, Mrs. Rupert Richardson and the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

In the evening, after the funeral, an 'in memoriam' quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled.

R. H. D. & H. G.

MR. E. STITCH
APPRECIATIONS

It was a great shock to me to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch. We had been ringing friends for so many years, and while he was attached to Aberavon tower he was a great help to all the ringers. He was captain there for several years. We did quite a lot of ringing together, and he helped to fix up many of my peals in the days when I was available. We missed him very much when he left us to live at Wolverhampton.

I extend my sympathy to his wife and his relatives. A. J. P.

It was a shock to all ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, to learn of the passing of an old friend and colleague, Mr. Ernest Stitch.

Ernest was a great help, especially in the training of young recruits, and a fine example to all who knew him for his untiring devotion to Sunday service ringing and regular worship in our church.

When he left Penn to go to his old surroundings it was difficult for all to say goodbye, especially Ernest, who himself said he was going to miss the happy comradeship he had enjoyed.

Before the half-muffled quarter on Sunday, March 18th, our captain and conductor called us all to prayer, and concluded with the words, 'May God give his soul eternal rest.'

C. F. W. E.

MR. FRANK OAKSHOTT

There was a very representative gathering at the funeral of Frank Oakshott at Christ Church, Epsom, on March 21st. Ringers from all parts of the diocese and county came to pay their last respects to an old friend, whose happy smile, walking stick and limp will be greatly missed, not only in Surrey but all over the country, for he did not let his disability prevent his enjoying his ringing or any other of his many interests.

Before the service a mixed band from St. Martin's, Epsom, Ewell, and Christ Church, Epsom, the three towers from the borough in which he spent all his life, rang 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. W. Munday, of Ewell. The Guildford Guild, of which Leatherhead Branch he was District Master, was represented by the General Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, and Mr. C. W. Munday (District secretary). The Surrey Association was represented by the Northern District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, and the secretary, Mr. W. Parrott, and the local ringers by three of his pupils, Messrs. D. Herschell, R. Fentiman and J. Munton. Other organisations represented were the Masons, Epsom Bowling Club and the Post Office, of which he was superintendent postman until his retirement a few years ago.

Interment in the family grave in Epsom Cemetery followed the service.

Quarter peals in his memory at the three churches in the borough were planned for that evening, and a peal attempt at Christ Church for the following Saturday morning.

MR. W. C. RHODES

A few hours after practice with the Coleshill ringers, 'Bill' Rhodes passed away in the early morning of March 6th.

For many years he had been a member of the St. Martin's Guild, and well known in the Birmingham area. His interest led him to many towers in many districts, and he was as happy when ringing with a band of learners as when joining in with the more advanced.

During 20 years as one of a small nucleus of the Coleshill Ringers' Guild, he had seen many dozens join, learn and pass to other areas. As the need arose he acted as captain, secretary and steeple-keeper; and at the age of 62 was looking to a retirement from his employment which would enable him to participate even more fully in ringing activities. He will indeed be missed.

The following quarter peals were rung half-muffled at Coleshill, in memoriam: On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Ensor 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, E. H. Hill 3, L. L. Willis 4, D. L. M. Hooper 5, K. Lane 6, G. H. Lane (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Also on March 15, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Morgan 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, Miss A. C. Richards 3, G. H. Lane 4, M. Edwards 5, R. C. Ingram 6, K. Richards 7, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5. The latter was also in memoriam Mr. A. Willis, chorister and server. D. L. M. H.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Buck 1, C. Dear 2, J. I. Dear 3, P. Salisbury 4, M. Hopkins 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. S. Dear 8. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Harwood 1, D. Salisbury 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine 5, E. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, P. Flack 8. Both rung half-muffled in memory of Canon L. P. Smith, former Rector, who died on March 14th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

His many ringing associates will be delighted to learn of the continued good progress back to full health of Mr. Henry Stalham. He has for two months been confined to his room, but has now returned to his much-loved St. Nicholas' belfry. He was present before his birthday peal attempt, and, sitting in the church, heard the homing courses of the peal rung to honour his 91st birthday.

Comments Prof. Dodge on 'Metal Strips for Stays': 'Like the ones my granny used to wear.'

Miss Florence E. Wyman has a few vacancies for her Northern Ireland tour, starting on July 14th.

The Editor acknowledges the gift of £1 for Guildford Cathedral Bells Appeal from 'Just one of your friends.'

An all-ladies' peal had been planned for Moreton Corbet, Shropshire, on March 16th, but in the end Mr. Harry Poyner was called in and, needless to say, called it successfully.

The seventh bell at Littleham, South Devon, which cracked last year has been recast and rehung and was rededicated on March 14th. Local ringers are hoping for a revival of interest now the octave is complete.

Congratulations to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on ringing their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It was not achieved at the first attempt; in fact it had been one of the Association's ambitions during the past two or three years.

The Rev. Eric B. Wood, formerly curate at Leatherhead and a popular member of the Clerical Guild, has rung his first peal on the bells of his new parish, Mepledurham, Oxon. He rang the third to ten Minor methods on March 16th.

A correspondent, who has had a long association with Trysull, Staffs, where he rang four peals, questions the accuracy of the footnote of the peal rung there (see page 163). He writes: 'If Arthur Wharton died in 1949, I spent eight years ringing for Sunday services with a most amiable and substantial ghost.'

Mr. Alan Carveth, the genial president of the Truro Guild, some time ago completed all the ringable towers in Cornwall, and now guards the cherished hope that he may one day score a peal on all the rings. Helston, however, seems to be strangely difficult to overcome. On March 9th his fifth attempt failed there. With Parker's Twelve-Part chosen for safety it must have been rather mystifying to see from the tenor seven old hands let you down with only the last quarter to go. Attempt number six has been provisionally arranged for 'one evening in the summer.' May luck be with Alan!

We are asked to state that the handbell peal on page 164 was rung at Swithland, and not Rothley as printed.

A correspondent asks for a list of bell records or recordings. Could any reader oblige?

The peal at Hemingford Abbots on page 203 was Beverley Surprise Minor, and not Major as published. Regrets by all concerned.

Spalding (Lincs) ringers visiting Suffolk in search of peals on March 16th would like to thank Mr. J. E. Allen for being 'trapped' into two peals in a day, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brett for the arrangements and tea, and commiserate with Mr. R. C. Noon, who missed the jaunt through illness.

The Rev. H. Oxley, chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has left to go to Lerwick, Shetland Islands. His successor, elected on March 16th, is the Rev. Peter Wilkins, Vicar of Cassington.

Owing to his duties as churchwarden preventing him from fully participating in the service ringing at Farnham Parish Church (he misses the last quarter of an hour), Mr. C. W. Denyer has resigned the captaincy of Farnham (Surrey) tower. His successor is Mr. Richard North, with Mr. Dudley Elsmore as vice-captain. There is a new secretary in Miss Ann Sweeney, formerly of Southampton, who is a child welfare officer at Aldershot.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

*†ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Treble*	*‡GEORGE S. DEAS	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*W. NORMAN PARK	8
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	*KENNETH LAWSON	9
*CHARLES N. LEA	4	ROLAND PARK	10
*KENNETH ARTHUR	5	BRYAN PATTISON	11
*ROBIN G. TURNER	6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 100th peal. ‡ 200th peal. First of Cambridge Maximus as conductor. First of Cambridge Maximus by a resident band of this Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

GEOFFREY HARRISON	*Treble*	JOHN SIMMONS	6
ROYSTON BLACKLER	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
DENNIS KNOX	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	8
DEREK FRANCIS	4	DAVID P. HILLING	9
A. JAMES GLASS	5	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
First peal on ten as conductor.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 48 lb. in E.

*CAROLYN VIBERT	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS	2	†RAYMOND HAINES	7
ANN M. COX	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	8
†JOHN R. FAITHFULL	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK DARBY. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Surprise Royal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Jessie M. Kippin.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

J. RICHARD WILSON	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	6
LEONARD STILWELL	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	BERNARD G. NORTH	8
*ANGELA M. WRIGHT	4	JOHN A. HOWARD	9
†BERNARD J. STONE	5	†ROBERT WAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal. † First of Royal.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the 91st birthday of Henry Stalham.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

*DAVID G. WILFORD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. HARDY	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	A. JAMES POYNER	7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	8
ALAN E. HARTLEY	4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	9
*G. BARRY BROWN	5	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

DAVID K. PUTNAM	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*ERNEST J. LADD	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	MONTY W. GILBERT	7
MARGARET A. LADD	4	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.
* 25th peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*ALISTAIR MACFADYEN	*Treble*	MONTY W. GILBERT	5
MARTIN L. HOWE	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
†CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
DAVID K. PUTNAM	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.
* First peal. † First of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

MALCOLM M. POWELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
JACQUELINE A. HOBBS	2	DAVID J. FORDER	6
*HUGH N. EVANS	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Arranged and rung for the ringers of 2 and 5, on honeymoon.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	BARRY E. SAUNDERS	6
MARGARET A. WILSON	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
DAVID BURBIDGE	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

P. J. BRYAN (St. John's)	*Treble*	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5
S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	2	C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel)	6
I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse)	3	A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	7
D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse)	4	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*JANE B. TUFFIN	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
JUDITH M. ATKINSON	2	HENRY TAYSOM	6
*†JANET D. PHILLIPS	3	ANTONY R. KENCH	7
C. MARTIN FOSTER	4	PETER BRIDLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.
* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.'

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARGARET M. JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
JOSEPHINE D. HARDY	2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	6
PAULINE FENNELL	3	JOHN C. EISEL	7
ANDREW J. CORBY	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER (modified).
Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first ringing on the eight bells, which took place on Monday, March 14th, 1763. The first peal on the bells (5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours 23 minutes, conducted by James Barham) was rung on March 15th, 1763.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 HAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	PETER J. COLES	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.
A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
FRANCES LOW	2	†DAVID P. HILLING	6
CYRIL F. LOW	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
PHILIP H. D. JONES	4	*J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Arranged by S. BURTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	WALTER RUFFLES	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	CYRIL R. BURRILL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS	*Treble*	A. DAVID LEACH	5
*JUDITH M. GEIRINGER	2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE	6
ALISON M. MANN	3	MICHAEL J. BANGHAM	7
†MARGARET E. FORT	4	DAVID C. BROOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DAVID C. BROOKES.
* First peal on eight. † First on eight 'inside.' First as conductor at first attempt.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	3	RALPH W. BICKERS	7
WINSTON S. GIRLING	4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WALTER W. MILLAR	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	CYRIL R. BURRILL	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

CEDRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	*PETER J. BROWN	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	7
RAYMOND SMITH	4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in memoriam Henry Hubball, a ringer at this church for over 55 years, who was interred in Netherton churchyard the Saturday previous; also Ernest Stitch, of Wolverhampton and South Wales, who died on March 10th. Both were members of the Guild for many years.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	5
DAVID SHEPPARD	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	6
RONALD R. WARFORD	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*JOHN POTTS	4	ALAN SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 75th peal.
A birthday peal for the conductor's daughters, Katharine and Penelope.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

CHARLES J. TURNER	*Treble*	CYRIL C. DEEM	5
JACK ARBURY	2	JOHN QUICK	6
KENNETH T. CLARK	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
COLIN C. TURNER	4	CHARLES W. GLANVILLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
Rung as a compliment to Louis A. Wilson for his 87th birthday.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., March 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYRIAC AND JULETTA,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 106 lb. in G.

JEAN M. BARNETT	*Treble*	CAROLYN VIBERT	5
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal in the method on the bells, and for the Guild, and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*DAVID OSENTON	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CHARLES BLACK	*Treble*	RAY H. DAW	4
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in seven methods.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Ronald W. Gibbons	*Treble*	Albert W. Stone	4
Carol Urry	2	Peter J. Hawcock	5
Michael R. Bennett	3	†Aubrey G. Eveleigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.
* 25th peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a 96th birthday compliment to Mrs. Sansome, of Church Lawford.

BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 28 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2 and 3) St. Simon's, (4 and 5) Eynsham, (6 and 7) Cassington, (8 and 9) St. Albans, (10 and 11) St. Martin's, (12 and 13) St. Leonard's, (14 and 15) St. Peter's, (16 and 17) St. Paul's, (18 and 19) St. Nicholas', (20 and 21) St. Andrew's, (22 and 23) St. Thomas', (24 and 25) St. Giles', (26 and 27) Winchendon Place Bob, (28 and 29) St. John's, (30) St. Luke's, (31) St. Miles', (32) Plain Bob, (33) April Day, (34) Old, (35) Kennington, (36) Norfolk, (37) Dedworth Bob, (38) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40) St. Columb's, (41) Southrepps Pleasure, (42) Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Christopher C. Clarke	*Treble*	Barry J. Davies	3
*Robert A. Reeves	2	*Edward R. Venn	4
Michael W. Coleman	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal in 28 Doubles methods/variations. First in 28 methods/variations as conductor. Most methods/variations yet rung on the bells.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*George Brandrick	*Treble*	A. Maxwell Lindsey	4
Michael E. Brown	2	John Watkins	5
Brian L. Burrows	3	William Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

*Christine M. Fuller	*Treble*	*Philip Pope	4
*Jill M. Lenham	2	Thos. M. Barlow	5
*Rosemary Earl	3	Alan R. Baldock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Plain Bob. First of Minor by all except the conductor. First of Minor as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*Derek Peers	*Treble*	Geoffrey N. Goodall	4
Leonard Goodall	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
Eileen J. Osborne	3	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal. First of London Minor by all.

HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Florence Chester	*Treble*	Alan Jewitt	4
†William Brett	2	*Roger A. Smith	5
Alec Wilson	3	Fredk. J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fredk. J. Jackson.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Warburton ond Miss J. M. Brett.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	†Michael Hart	4
*Linda M. Hughes	2	*John K. Foot	5
Pamela M. Turner	3	‡Ian C. Maycock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise. ‡ First in the method.
A 62nd birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Sabin, a ringer at this church.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being the following extents: (1) Reverse Canterbury, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) St. Clement's.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Michael W. Coleman	*Treble*	Barry J. Davies	4
Ronald K. Russ	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Rev. Eric B. Wood	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Gwen M. Newman	*Treble*	Margaret M. Roden	4
†Marian Cotton	2	Mary C. Poyner	5
Cynthia Warrilow	3	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

PANGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*Susan Burt	*Treble*	Ronald K. Russ	4
Barry J. Davies	2	Howard Oglesby	5
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael W. Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal attempt. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise; 39 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	4
Sidney Hough, jun.	2	Alexander Richardson	5
Ivor Jenkins	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
A farewell peal for the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Chapman) and Mrs. Chapman.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Hart	*Treble*	Ian C. Maycock	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	John K. Foot	5
Linda M. Hughes	3	Maurice C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
A wedding compliment to Robert Hughes, local Ringing Master.

ST. MARTIN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Bryan Schofield	*Treble*	†Ernest Pimlott	4
*F. George Forrester	2	Harold Worrall	5
John Ryder	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in two methods away from treble. † 75th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and seven of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

*TIMOTHY R. WHITTOME..	*Treble*	†KENNETH G. WALLER ..	4
RAMON A. STONE	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ..	5
MARY E. WHITE	3	*L. J. MARTIN SMITH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. Most methods to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

F. GEORGE FORRESTER ..	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT..	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
BRYAN SCHOFIELD	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 3—4
V. NUTTON (Selwyn) 5—6
Conducted by VIVIAN NUTTON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild. First as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, London Scholars', College Exercise, Oxford, and one Spliced extent each of Sandal and Oxford, and Sandal, London Scholars' and Oxford.
Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The most Treble Bob methods yet rung to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	*ANTHONY R. MANN.. ..	7—8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major 'in hand.'

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
(The Humphrey Perkins Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., March 18, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 34, SWITHLAND LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 20 methods: (1 and 2) April Day and Seighford, (3 and 4) Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston, (5 and 6) Eynsham and Elford, (7 and 8) St. Andrew and Austrey, (9 and 10) St. Leonard and Shareshill, (11 and 12) St. John and Ryton, (13 and 14) Plain Bob, (15 and 16) Kennington, (17 and 18) Old Bob, (19 and 20) Southrepps, (21 and 22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23 and 24) St. Columb, (25 and 26) Plain Bob, (27 and 28) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (29 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL W. BROWN.. .. 5—6
Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

HALF PEALS

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 28th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. L. Squires 2, T. A. Relf 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, J. R. Holmes 5, H. R. Woods 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Relf.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On March 16th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Susan Ellenor (first of Major) 1, D. J. White 2, B. R. Walton 3, Mary White 4, Cherry White 5, K. Sansom 6, D. M. Hughes 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On March 15th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Clubley 1, C. Carter 2, M. Hodge 3, T. Paige 4, R. W. Ellaway 5, C. Rowson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Society for the school quater-centenary year.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. D. Faircloth 1—2, R. G. Crosland 3—4, A. M. Macve (cond.) 5—6. First quarter in two methods 'in hand' by all the band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Diana Gough (cond.) 2, Frances Gilbert 3, Susan Waterhouse 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. Gilbert (first on tenor) 6. First in method for all the band. Rung as a farewell to Roger and Frances Gilbert, former members of the band, who have now moved away from this district.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. W. Robinson 1, H. E. Turner 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, A. C. Best 4, S. A. Turner 5, F. Welch 6.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Fright 1, Josephine Hardy 2, M. Betty John (first quarter) 3, Margaret Jones 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. White 6. For Evensong. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first ringing on the eight bells, March 14th, 1763. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (68 behind): Betty John 1, Margaret Jones 2, Rita Gould 4, Josephine 5, D. Rundle 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. For morning service. The conductor's 50th quarter (conducted 15).

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 2, C. W. Ottley 3, J. A. Hales 4, A. J. Hampton 5, E. E. Dodds 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. E. Foot 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Wood 1, P. Philps 2, F. Goodearl 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, Dence 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On March 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gillian Webb (St. Hild's) 1, L. Pizzey (St. John's) 2, R. Roff (Bede) 3, Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) 4, J. Kennett (University) 5, P. Newing (St. John's, cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and the birthday of the ringer of the third.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, S. C. King 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Froley 8. Rung as a tribute of respect to Mr. Ernest Stitch, who had a long association with this tower, having rung 80 peals on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 17th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (4 methods): B. Baverstock 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, Janet D. Phillips 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, D. M. Sawyer 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hancock 1, G. W Holland 2, A. Stanton 3, J. Linnell 4, R. A. Vickers 5, D. Burbidge 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8.

BURITON, HANTS.—On March 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maureen White 1, A. S. Bishop 2, K. Sansom 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton 5, D. J. White (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull (cond.) 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in memoriam George Hollingsbee, aged 82, a former Horley and Burstow ringer.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: C. Woolley (cond.) 1, R. Rowley 2, Jennifer Green 3, T. Clark 4, H. Timms 5, V. Green 6, P. Windley 7, J. Rootes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. W. Clark, father of the ringer of the fourth and formerly for many years churchwarden; also for Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On March 11th, at 39, Titian Avenue, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Woolley 1—2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Sara K. D. Woolley (first quarter) 5—6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On March 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Lambert 1, M. Chowns 2, K. Stubbs 3, E. R. Lambert 4, J. Linnell 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. J. Boultbee 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Dr. L. E. Wear (first of Surprise) 4, K. E. Pinney 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, Church, on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Osborne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Osborne (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Beavers 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Hitchins 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, J. W. T. Hibbert 3, W. H. Coles 4, W. Hibbert 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton 7, H. R. Wells 8. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of Miss Patricia E. Hibbert.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke Parker 2, D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. Ivings 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7. For morning service, preacher Bishop of St. Edmundsbury.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary March 1, Marion Andrews 2, Bridget Sanger 3, A. J. Sanger 4, D. M. C. Hills 5, M. V. White 6, J. R. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. For morning service, and to mark the 14th anniversary of the dedication of the new ring of ten.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, R. Broadest 2, A. V. Davis 3, D. Wilson 4, R. Sheppard 5, F. Southwood 6, R. Haines (capt.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8. Also on March 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Baverstock (first on eight) 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, A. V. Davis 3, E. Mould 4, R. Sheppard (first of Bob Major) 5, A. Price 6, F. Southwood 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Clarke 6.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Fromm (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, Susan Wilson (first 'inside') 3, R. P. Woods (cond.) 4, L. Stilwell 5, D. Weaver 6, J. R. Wilson 7, H. Weaver 8. For Evensong.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, W. J. Marlow 2, B. Garrett 3, H. E. Balaam 4, J. Chesterman 5, J. Weaver 6, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 7, J. J. Hill (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John B. Woodley, for many years a ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Andrew's, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: I. M. Smith 1, Claire Dillamore 2, R. M. Damerell 3, P. J. Bryan 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, S. C. Walkers 7, J. R. Hough (cond.) 8. Also on March 3rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. E. Bishop 1, Clare Dillamore 2, I. M. Smith 3, P. J. Bryan 4, V. Nutton 5, R. M. Damerell 6, C. H. Rogers 7, J. R. Hough (cond.) 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Clements 1, D. A. Burt 2, T. Gray 3, Miss K. Russell (first quarter) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, G. J. Sheppard 6, P. W. Weeks 7, A. E. Sheppard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Fields, local ringer, interred this day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Robinson 1, P. D. Pope 2, F. H. Beeney 3, G. Beeney 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, H. C. Goldsmith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Blackman, 50 years a ringer, 25 years captain of this tower and grandfather of the ringer of 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 April Day Doubles: Jane Dowse 1, J. Heaps 2, R. D. Marsh 3, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong, and for the christening of Karen Longley. Also on March 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Barker (first quarter) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hatchett 1, C. Rimmer 2, D. Saunderson 3, R. Castledine 4, E. Edmundson 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7. First in method 1 and 3. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

LEICESTER.—On March 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Block 1, Christine Sanders 2, D. McLeod 3, M. G. Swift 4, J. E. Cooke 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the University Society to the respected memory of Prof. A. G. Poole, B.Sc., Ph.D., late Professor of Economics at Leicester.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ellisdon 1, T. Earle 2, Miss P. Fox 3, A. Faulkner 4, Miss V. Hester 5, A. White 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, F. Mills 8. First in the method 4 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. Mack (cond.) 1, J. West 2, P. Gatter 3, J. Gatter 4, R. Gatter 5, F. Williams 6, H. West 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to E. A. (Ted) Piper, a member of the tower for over 50 years and who died on Feb. 26th.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, R. Barks 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, S. Lewis 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. T. Sawyer and Miss J. Parkman, both Sunday school teachers and choristers at this church.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (alteration of hunts, each working bell taking 2 extents): J. Sage 1, T. J. Thorne 2, Miss M. Sage 3, E. W. Broom 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5, A. W. Sage 6.

MANCHESTER.—On March 10th, at 80, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Baldwin 1—2, E. F. P. Bryant 3—4, N. J. Davies 5—6. Non-conducted.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. G. Chester (first quarter) 1, M. Brown 2, A. W. Johnson 3, J. Fuller 4, R. A. G. Inglis (first as cond.) 5. Rung on the middle five.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): J. F. Statham 1, R. J. Stretton 2, D. Kingman 3, K. W. Price (cond.) 4, A. Laughton 5, H. Kingman 6. First in two methods for 3, 5, 6. For Evensong, and St. Patrick's Day.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,320 Plian Bob Doubles: Helen Henderson 1, I. J. Page 2, Anne Cowling 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, J. J. Roper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hill (first quarter) 6. Rung to honour Archbishop Mannix, on the occasion of his 100th St. Patrick's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, A. E. Morgan 2, V. Hubble 3, W. Davies 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6, C. F. Jukes 7, R. J. Chance 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Henry Hubball, for more than 55 years a ringer at this church, who died on March 4th.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie J. Wilson 1, Eleanor Rose 2, D. Pritchett 3, J. R. Pratchett 4, Margaret E. Chilton (first as cond.) 5, D. Simpson 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On March 17th, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: R. E. Talkis sen. 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, M. S. Hart 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Frost 1, B. T. Ford 2, C. Griffiths 3, H. Griffiths 4, J. A. Roden 5, A. S. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Stitch, a member of the band before moving to Porthcawl.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on March 2nd, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, J. Bird (first in method) 3, J. Roffe 4, J. H. Bluff 5, G. S. Bush (first 'inside') 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary White.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,272 Stedman Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, F. E. Day 3, J. W. Perkins (first of Stedman Caters) 4, D. R. Bould 5, A. W. Myers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Millidge (first on eight as cond.) 1, C. F. Mew 2, B. H. Coatsworth 3, L. W. Allen 4, Alison M. Mann 5, Margaret E. Fort 6, M. J. Uphill 7, D. C. Brookes 8.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Roughley 1, P. J. Henry 2, T. D. Roughley 3, J. Ellison 4, C. Blackburn (cond.) 5, T. Singleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. Taylor, Vicar of this parish for 15 years until his retirement in 1961, who died on March 2nd.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, M. Sinden 6, A. House 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Kathleen Yardley 1, Pamela Cox 2, M. J. Keyworth 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Florence Keyworth, and also Mr. F. Bishop, lately president of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild and one time tower captain at this church.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, Cynthia Webb 2, W. Simpson 3, C. Geary 4, D. Camm (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. F. Bowler 1, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 2, F. R. Scott 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, D. K. Walters 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. D. Rivers 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward 10. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Yvonne Patheyjohns 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, J. F. Bowler 3, W. Birmingham (cond.) 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward 6, D. P. Hilling 7, A. D. Rivers 8. First in the method 1 and 3.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. For morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the churchwarden's wife, also 16th birthday of Penelope Stacey, daughter of the conductor.

HOLY WEEK

Will readers please note that notices for Holy Week must reach 'The Ringing World' Office by Saturday, April 6th? Publication is being advanced that week by one day.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, A. M. Johnson (cond.) 3, D. Brock 4, D. M. Boniface 5, P. V. Cranham 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, J. Thorne 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, H. Shires 4, E. Edmondson (cond.) 5, F. Bailey 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the former Rector of Tewin, Rev. Derrick Burke.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Jan 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Jennings (first quarter) 1, Mary Marshall 2, T. Price 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, T. Price 2, A. Stacey 3, R. Rex. 4, W. Butler 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Christopher (first on treble) 1, Mary Marshall 2, A. Stacey 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler 5, T. Price (first as cond.) 6. Also on March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck 1, R. Rex 2, J. Pares (first of Major) 3, Mary Marshall 4, P. Murduck 5, G. Weston 6, R. Christopher 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On March 16th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: S. C. Walters 1, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 2, C. H. Rogers 3, J. W. Ward 4, P. J. Bryan 5, C. J. Rees 6, R. M. Damerell 7, A. S. Hudson 8. First in method for 2, 5, 6. Also 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. M. Damerell 1, C. J. Rees 2, P. J. Bryan 3, J. M. H. Hunter 4, S. C. Walters 5, C. H. Rogers (first in method as cond.) 6.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. S. Moore 1, J. M. Morley 2, H. Thomas 3, R. Clarke 4, D. Moore (cond.) 5, W. Smalley (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day before Evensong.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Stubbs 1, Miss M. Viner 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, E. Goater 4, K. Harrison 5, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate K. Harrison and Miss M. Viner, on their engagement on her 21st birthday.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Kathleen Fuller 1, R. J. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, D. R. Fuller (25th quarter) 5, J. W. Evans 6. First in the method by all.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. J. Butcher 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, Betty M. Butler 3, A. W. Fuller 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Strange 1, Miss V. Rees (first 'inside') 2, D. A. Smith 3, S. Howard 4, Rev. N. J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Cox 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung by candlelight during a power cut as a wedding compliment to Miss B. C. Neal and Mr. R. L. Harbut, both members of the band, who were married at West Tarring earlier in the day.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Percy 1, B. Linacre (first of Minor) 2, Janet Biscoe (first of Minor) 3, G. Pullinger 4, Janet Percy (first as cond in method) 5, R. Percy 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to the mother of the ringer of the third. First of Minor by Sunday service band.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Killamarsh T.B.: P. W. Hawcock 1, J. C. Shonfeld 2, C. R. Daft 3, R. Benfield 4, P. J. Hawcock 5, P. Humphrey (first as cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. Birthday compliment to C. R. Daft. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Benfield 1, M. Poppleston 2, S. Poppleston (first quarter) 3, E. Shuttleworth 4, S. Humphrey 5, J. C. Shonfeld (first as cond.) 6.

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LEWIS—SNELL.—The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr. A. Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis, of Hartlepool, and Rachel, elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Snell, of Wolstanton, Staffs. 2185

DEATHS

CAMP.—George, late ringer Fryerning tower. Funeral service at Fryerning Church, Saturday, March 30th, 10.30 a.m., followed by cremation (private). 2218

COCKEY.—On March 23rd, 1963, at St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, very peacefully, Annie Gordon, beloved wife of J. E. Lewis Cockey. Funeral was at Christ Church, Swindon, March 28th. 2216

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Basil W. White is now Dunster, 9B, Burwood Road, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Telephone No. Walton-on-Thames 25548. 2208

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A FEW vacancies for Northern Ireland tour, July 14th to 21st, 1963. No peals.—S.A.E. to F. E. Wyman, 73, New Farthingdale, Dormansland, Surrey. 2199

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—Practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2215

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will any member interested in joining the cycling (August 10th-17th) or sailing (Norfolk Broads, August 17th-24th) holidays, please communicate with J. C. Baldwin, 80, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester 16, not later than April 15th. 2217

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS.—The summer tour will now terminate in Exeter, and not Plymouth as originally planned. Twelve-bell men, please note.—D. G. A., Sec. 2183

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—First practice next term, April 23rd. All members wishing to receive Whit tour (Leicestershire) details when the latter materialise should contact me if they have not already done so.—N. J. Davies, Medical College, Turner Street, E.1. 2178

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MEETING POSTPONED

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting arranged for New Romney, April 6th, **postponed**, owing to illness. 2195

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 30th, at Hathersage. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2154

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) in Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, 1s. per head. Names for tea to L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, Essex.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 2099

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on March 30th. Regret no afternoon ringing is possible, but bells available 5-6 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. 2163

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2209

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Spring meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2165

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Wolverton bells from 2.30 to 3.45. Service in Kingsclere Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 2166

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Key, 'The Vicarage,' Campsall, near Doncaster, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2102

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, Monday, April 1st, at St. John's-on-the-Wall. Bells (6) 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 2200

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 1st, 7 p.m. 2176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting at Gressenhall on Wednesday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 2169

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in April, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral; 16th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2207

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Yatton on Tuesday, April 2nd, 7 p.m. start.—H. Kingcott. 2198

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Brighouse on April 6th. Names for teas to Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. 2167

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moorlinch, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 2220

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Upper Weston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss E. Anstey, 3, Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath, by April 3rd, please.—Alan Lee, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting, Harrold, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: College Exercise and St. Clement's. Names for tea, please, by April 3rd to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Beds.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by showing of film 'Ringers Required.' Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. Agenda for Extraordinary Business Meeting includes amendment of Rules and other matters referred from annual meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at Burwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2202

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at West Ham, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 4th, to J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 2161

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stone (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

GOSFIELD ESSEX.—The dedication of new ring at Gosfield Church by the Bishop of Colchester will take place on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the ballroom at Gosfield Hall afterwards. Please send names immediately if you wish to attend. Accommodation in church limited; tickets being issued. S.A.E., please, for return of tickets.—Hilda G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex. Tel. No. Halstead 2442. 2155

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, April 6th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2182

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holcombe Rogus, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, previous to G. W. Hollis, 'Roseneath,' The Avenue, Tiverton. 2143

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock on April 6th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcomed.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Mill Way, Bushey 2204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, joint with LADIES' GUILD, Kent Branch, annual meeting at Penshurst on April 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, by previous Wednesday.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 2174

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness & Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, April 6th. 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby. 2219

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cupts of tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Please note: closing date for competition entries is April 1st.—J. Pilkington. 2189

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithey Lane, Aughton. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2170

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, April 6th at Evington. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Room. Names for tea to Miss R. Tailby, 34, Earlswood Road, Evington, by April 3rd. Thurnby bells (6) available 6.30 p.m.—A. J. Poynor. 2109

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, April 6th, Edmonton. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2177

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, April 6th, Alton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 3rd, to Mr. T. Swinson, Gallows Green, Alton, Stoke-on-Trent. **No names no** tea.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2144

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice. Old Bradwell, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 5.45 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2151

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, April 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2212

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Orlingbury (5), April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Pytchley (5) afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. B. Butler, Orlingbury, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 2206

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Boldmere on April 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2197

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 6th, Warminster. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1826

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2214

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Kingston-on-Soar, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2172

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, April 3rd, to E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. T.N. 438. 2186

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—A. F. Balkam, Dis. Sec. 2203

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Section.—Meeting, Glasbury, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon. —M. R. T.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Corporate Communion, Thursday, April 11th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's, Broad Street, 7.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—Alan Lee, Sec. 2160

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Kislingbury, Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea, not later than previous Tuesday, to Mr. D. West, 18, Sandy Lane, Kislingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 2201

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells available 1 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 A.G.M. 5.30 p.m.

Imperative that those requiring tea inform Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland, on or before April 11th, as there will be no other means of obtaining refreshment. 2184

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Crewkerne, Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 2162

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Staveley, Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 13th, **please,** to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Derbys.—M. Phipps, J. Seager, Secs. 2190

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon, Easter Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements—Route 1: Woodston (6) 10 to 11 a.m., Stanground (6) 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Whittlesey St. Mary (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Whittlesey St. Andrew (8) 12.30-1.45, Warboys (6) 1.30-3, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 3.45-4.15 p.m.; Route 2: Somersham (6) 10-11.30 a.m., Holywell (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon, St. Ives (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Fenstanton (5) 1-2, Hemingford Grey (6) 1.45-2.45, Hemingford Abbots (6) 2.15-3.15, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15, Huntingdon All Saints'. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with stamped, addressed envelope, from Gen. Sec. Huntingdon St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon All Saints' and Brampton (6) towers open after tea. Ringing Masters will be in every tower.—H. S. Peacock, General Secretary, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2194

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 15 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston,' Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Luncheon tickets 9s. each. Reduced prices for children of members. Please state age of children when applying.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963. Bells 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Cathedral bells and St. John's, Cardiff, available after meeting. Numbers for tea, **please,** by Tuesday, April 9th, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 2129

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, July 6th, 1963, advance notice of arrangements as they stand at present. Bells: Rushmere (6) and St. Matthew's (6), 10-11 a.m.; St. Lawrence's (5) 11-11.30 a.m.; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Clement's (6), 1.30-2.15; St. Mary at Quay (6), 2.15-3; St. Margaret's (8), 3-4.15; St. Clement's and St. Mary at Quay 6.30. Also two evening tours to six other towers, beginning at 6.30 p.m. (own transport necessary). Committee meeting 1.30. Tea and business meeting 4.45 in Garrett Memorial Hall. Service 4.15 p.m., St. Margaret's. Everybody welcome.—A. E. J. L. 2196

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LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

There was an extremely good attendance at the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Thetford on March 16th, when 1¼ hour's ringing preceded the service in St. Peter's Church.

Tea, in the British Legion Hall, was followed by the business meeting, with a rather lengthy agenda. The retiring officers were re-elected, and the arrangements for the Guild annual meeting discussed.

After the meeting the majority of those present went to Euston, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. Our thanks go to the Rev. H. R. Mumford, of Thetford, Mr. H. Fuller and Mrs. Ivings, for their help in making the meeting so successful. A. E. J. L.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Winford on March 9th, when the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. R. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Kingcott. Two new members from Wrington were also elected.

It was agreed to have a joint quarterly meeting with South Wales District in October. Subject to confirmation the other quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: June, Somerton: December, Radstock; and the annual at Blagdon in March. Evening practices, also subject to confirmation, were arranged for: April, Yatton; May, St. Mark's, Bath; July, Colerne; and August, High Littleton.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Penny, who gave an interesting talk on bells and their uses. Mr. York and his lady helpers provided an excellent tea and afterwards the vice-president thanked everyone for their co-operation. J. K.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The Marlborough Branch met at Mildenhall on March 16th for its first monthly meeting of 1963. Due to the recent severe weather and the consequent difficulty in travelling in this somewhat scattered area, both the January meeting at Ramsbury, and the February one at Collingbourne Kingston had been cancelled.

A fairly good number gathered at Mildenhall, and welcome visitors were the Rev. A. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips, of Manningford Bruce, and representatives from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. This light and easy going ring of six was raised in peal and kept going in methods and rounds until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild service was held, conducted by the Rector of Mildenhall (Rev. E. G. Courtman). Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, was the organist. Tea was afterwards enjoyed in the Garden Room.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Newman presided, supported by Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary), and all present stood in silence in memory of two members who had died in the interval, Mr. W. Farmer, of Chisledon (former Branch secretary), and Mr. A. Hedges, of Ramsbury.

A statement of accounts, presented by Mr. Palmer, showed a loss on the year's working of just over £1, due to unforeseen expenses at a monthly meeting. There was, however, a healthy credit balance at the bank. The accounts were adopted.

Suggestions as to the venues for the next three meetings resulted in Ramsbury, Chisledon and Collingbourne Kingston being selected subject to permission.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks, moved by the chairman, the Rev. E. G. Courtman said that he thought it was the parishes themselves, with a ring of bells but no regular Sunday service band, who ought to thank the Guild for coming, as the sound of the bells was widely appreciated.

Ringing was resumed in methods ranging through Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Stedman and Bob Minor, with rounds for the learners.

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JUNK

I RECENTLY acquired a load of junk. How and where I got it doesn't really matter, but there was enough of it to fill the back seat of the car, almost obliterating the rear window, whilst some overspilled on to the floor. I called at the local grocer's shop and begged a couple of large cardboard boxes with a combined capacity of about a dozen cubic feet. When I arrived home I persuaded the junk to go inside the boxes and the boxes to go inside the house. Quite an operation.

For several days the boxes stood in the hall, one on top of the other, looking a trifle unsteady; they bulged at the sides, particularly the bottom one. When I found that I had a couple of hours to spare I decided to sort out the contents. I underestimated. It took several sessions of two hours. I remembered by instructions:

'You have more right to them than anyone else; keep what you want and burn the rest.'

There were church magazines, brochures and pamphlets from all the churches north of a line from Bristol to the Wash (and a few south of that line) at which various people had called to ring. There were dozens of old Association reports going back to the year 'dot.' Many of these were duplicated and bore signatures of different ringers. Among the books there was a 'Thackrah's,' almost falling to pieces, and a 'Troyte's' in slightly more respectable condition; Sottanstall's meaty tome, held together by string; the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 'Among the Bells,' in the pink of condition. Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors' was rubbing shoulders with a 1907 edition of the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, with several editions of 'Standard Methods' in close attendance. A solitary bound edition of 'Church Bells,' 1881, with its name misspelt on the outside, occupied more room than was justified, by the information contained on the inside.

Other books there were of varying degrees of condition and interest.

Among the photographs I unearthed were some that I had forgotten but on which the most vacuous and inane-looking face peering out from a crowd of ringers was, much to my surprise, my own! Could that little brat with the clean white collar and long knee trousers and the cherubic-looking face, who was holding a couple of hand-bells, be me?

To describe in detail all the items of interest that I discovered would be a task of immense proportions, though I trow the reader would tire before the writer, so I will content myself with selecting one or two items of interest to myself and hope, though care not overmuch, that they will prove interesting to others.

There was a 'Ringing Book,' beautifully written in copperplate by a Wath-on-Dearne ringer named William Finch, and dated 1825. This was nine years after the long peal at that tower, and the book contained all the 21 methods included in that peal. Each method showed two or three leads and then the lead-ends and lead-heads required to produce the 720. A veritable treasure house!

The book also contained particulars of a prize ringing contest held at Silkstone in 1832, and some information concerning, apparently, one of William's illustrious ancestors, a 'Colonel Savile Finch . . . of Thribergh . . . son of the Hon. John Finch, second son of the Earl of Ailsford, by Elizabeth, his wife . . . heiress of Thribergh.' The book boasted a short poem, entitled 'A Comparison,' with a familiar ring, of which I quote the last verse:

'I grieve not for the sweets that fade,
Since He in whom I trust,
Shall here protect with heavenly aid,
And rais me from the dust.'

Hidden away in a bundle of old papers I discovered a rule card of a 'West Riding Association,' a Society extinct now for over 85 years. Names of the officials caught my eye, having seen some of them inscribed on an earthenware jug recording a peal rung at Barnsley in 1879. The late J. R. Brearley, whose uncle was in the peal, once wrote to me when I was making some enquiries: 'I well remember George Tyas, a gaunt man, evidently a collier, who bent nearly down to the floor at every stroke—very tall and thin. "Bob" Sparks—short and fat, very red face—I believe he was a barman at a local pub.'

The 'Objects' of the Association fascinated me:—

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No wonder the subscription was 2s. 6d. per quarter!

And what can one say about the bulging, black-backed notebook of A.G.? I suppose it is typical of hundreds that have been compiled up and down the country over the years, most of which have disappeared, although occasionally odd ones turn up here and there. Each one represents the condensed ringing experience of a lifetime. All the peals are there; in this case 198 of them, together with compositions, news cuttings, photographs and odd snippets of information. And comments.

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL ALL-ENGLAND RALLY

Ringing arrangements for this rally are published separately in this issue.

It is important that all who have received tickets for the Cathedral service should confirm that they do require tea, as all teas ordered have to be paid for by the Guild. Tickets for tea will be sent to those applying. Those who have ordered tea already will receive tickets in due course. The tea will be in the Municipal Staff Canteen in Derby Lane, which is situated 50 yards west of the Cathedral, and is next door to the Public Library, and will be available from 4 to 6 p.m. To help the stewards, will you have 3s. 6d. ready to speed up the service.

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CARS.—The West Orchard Car Park for several hundred cars is situated just off Broadgate. This is only 150 yards from the Cathedral. Cost 1s. for the whole day.

THE CATHEDRAL SERVICE.—Please be in your seats before 2.45 p.m., as the general public will be admitted to fill any empty seats. This will help the stewards with their job of seating you.

The response to this rally has been tremendous so any help you can give to make it run smoothly will be much appreciated by the undersigned.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

5, Burges, Coventry.

BACK FROM ANTARCTICA

A great welcome has been accorded Dr. Christopher Brown, the Wareham and Bristol University Society ringer, upon his return from the Antarctic.

While there he had an alarming experience of falling more than 50 feet into a crevasse, and breaking a rib and spraining his left ankle. With other scientists and technologists, he arrived at Southampton in the Danish ship, Kesta Dan. A picture of his welcome by his two daughters, Frances and Clare, appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph.'

Dr. Brown is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Donald G. Clift and Mr. Wilfred Williams being responsible for his election.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

One of our younger ringers, Mr. N. R. Webber, of the Lord Weymouth School, Warminster, has been experimenting with Grandsire Doubles and points out that 240's with the 120 changes at hand- and at back-stroke can be obtained by calling alternate bobs and singles at every third lead. While this is not original and does not, we think, come within the definition of 240's acceptable by the Central Council for peals, some of our readers may find it useful for practice.

We would say, however, that a 240 can always be obtained by starting one of the standard ten 120's, then ringing another one and then completing the first one. As these arrangements and the recognised 240's by Morris and Pitman are all round blocks, they can be varied by starting the calling at any position. There is therefore a large number of 240's already available and we think that our young enthusiasts would find it more rewarding to experiment on the lines referred to in the letter from Mr. Sage (page 212—varying the hunts) which, by coincidence, appeared in the same week.

FORTY YEARS' RINGING AT HASLEMERE



MR. F. BOWDEN has completed 40 years as a Sunday service ringer in his native town, Haslemere, Surrey. He was taught to ring on the old eight at Haslemere by Mr. Richard Hayes.

The bells were recast and, at the opening ceremony in October, 1923, by the Rector (the Rev. W. Wragge), Mr. Bowden took part in the first touch. He was in another opening touch on November 16th, 1927, when the ring was augmented to 10. A peal he takes a just pride in was that of Grandsire Caters on Haslemere bells on January 28th, 1928, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon. This was the first peal of Caters for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Bowden has another 40th anniversary—of being a continuous subscriber to 'The Ringing World.' In that long period there was only one copy he missed—May 7th, 1926, the week of the General Strike. He has been captain at Haslemere since 1945, when Major John H. B. Hesse left for Wrington.

Mrs. Bowden has been ringing at Haslemere for 36 years, being taught to ring by Major Hesse. Her marriage at Haslemere Parish Church was on February 2nd, 1929.

In the photograph we reproduce, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden are the first two on the left of the seated ringers. It was taken on one of their summer outings, and contains no fewer than 14 of the over 60 pupils they had taught to ring at Haslemere.

COPENHAGEN BELLS

Those who have visited Copenhagen on holiday, and been privileged to worship in St. Alban's C. of E. Church, along the Esplanade, may have heard its bells. When heard last summer they were not being 'change rung,' but a hymn was being played, calling the people to worship.

Most of the Copenhagen churches appear to have one or more bells, but all—where multiple—were 'jangled' by British standards, or tune rung.

One church, where we were able to actually see the bells, was the Church of Our Saviour—the largest church of 'old Copenhagen.' The Reformation appears to have given particular impetus to church building in Denmark—judging by its capital. This particular church was consecrated in 1696. Above the clock (1699) hang two historic bells and three large 'peeling' bells, tuned in the Te Deum-motif: c-e flat-f. Seven big and 33 small bells in the lantern make up the carillon, which was erected 1717-34, at the request of the then organist. This number was later increased, and now totals 47 bells. The 'tenor' is dated 1931—and appears to be perhaps 30-35 cwt.

Copenhagen proved to be a happy holiday centre, but one which would not satisfy from the change ringing aspect—but, then, outside the United Kingdom, few places can!

N. D.

TWYFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE

The bells of St. Mary's, Twyford, Berks, were first rung on Easter Sunday, March 23rd, 1913. To celebrate the jubilee, a peal board, recording the first peal on the bells by a local band, was dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, March 24th, by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Hartley.

A number of parishioners, local and visiting ringers attended. These included Miss M. R. Cross, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose home tower this is.

Touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung after the ceremony.

H. S.

JUNK—*Continued from front page.*

Some of A. G.'s are both enlightening and edifying; not all are complimentary. I wonder what a famous conductor would have said to the opinion: 'Not very good ringing for Treble Bob'? One could write a series of articles on this notebook alone, but I cannot leave it without glancing once again at the footnote he added to the first peal of Major rung on the augmented bells of his home tower:—

'I am including this peal in my list of treasures.' And then the poignant addition: 'Should have liked to stand in.'

I remember he was unable to ring because of an accident at work: I know because I rang in his place. As I said at the beginning: I recently acquired a load of junk.

H. CHANT.

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Letters to the Editor

Quedgley Surprise Royal

Dear Sir,—I am afraid the footnote to the peal of Quedgeley Surprise Royal rung at Loughborough Foundry on March 4th ('R.W' page 197), claiming it as the first peal of Royal in the method, cannot be allowed to stand. Quedgeley was first rung to Royal at St. Michael's, Southampton, on September 1st, 1962: the peal was reported on page 618 of the 'R.W.' for that year.

I should also, as conductor of the first peal rung in the method, like to correct the spelling of the name. In the three peals in the method reported in the 'R.W.' for March 22nd, the names was spelt as 'Quedgley,' omitting the second 'e.' Having several times myself misspelt the name when submitting reports of peals rung at Quedgeley, I had an awful feeling that it may all have been my fault, but a quick look through back numbers of the 'R.W.' reassured me.

Incidentally, am I correct in believing that the peal of Folkestone Surprise Major rung at Edenham, Lincs, on February 18th, was the first peal in the method, although not claimed as such? I have no record of any previous peal in the method, although I believe a Kent band was considering ringing one at Folkestone some ten or more years ago.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

Dear Sir,—Mr. B. G. Warwick appears to have made an error in the reporting of one or both the peals which he conducted at the Bell Foundry Campanile during the first week of March (reported in 'R.W.' of 22/3/63). The peals in question are: (i) 5,056 Quedgley S. Major rung on March 2nd, and (ii) 5,040 Quedgley S. Royal rung on March 4th.

At first sight it would appear that it is merely a case of Mr. Warwick's spelling being at fault again (shades of Llanfair P.G.), and that the method actually rung in both cases was the variation of Yorkshire which has the name QUEDGELEY. Secondly, had the above peal of Major been in a new method called Quedgley, I feel sure Mr. Warwick's footnote undoubtedly would have claimed it as such. The only claim made, however, was one of 'First in the method by all, on the bells and for the (Midland Counties) Guild.'

To the above peal of Royal is added the footnote, 'The first peal of Royal in the method.' If we assume that the method rung was in fact QUEDGELEY, then I fear that this footnote is the one which is incorrect, since the first peal of Quedgeley S. Royal was rung on September 1st, 1962, at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Perhaps Mr. Warwick can shed some light on the matter, if only by appending the place notation for an extension when he thinks he has rung it for the first time, a minor variation of 'old faithful' though it may be.—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton.

Note.—We thank D. T. Matkin and D. J. Forder who have also replied.—Ed.

Heaviest Four

Dear Sir,—With regard to the inquiry in 'The Ringing World' (page 196), if there has been a quarter peal of Minimus rung on a heavier ring of bells than Bishopthorpe, Yorks, tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb.:

I would like to point out that at Evington, Leicestershire, tenor 17 cwt. approx., a number of quarter peals have been rung by the local band.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN C. LAW.

Blaby, Leics.

Mr. Stuart Edwards, of Evington, writes: 'During the past six months we have rung five quarter peals and one half peal on Evington bells. The most recent quarter was on March 25th in 37 minutes (a record on the bells), in which eight methods were rung.

Central Council Proceedings

Dear Sir,—Just in case the Central Council meeting is accused again this year of being a bunch of old pals on a tower grab, it may be of interest to hear one ringer's views on the Whitsun scramble. Certainly committee members have very little chance to see much of the countryside, as a lot of the last-minute business is conducted on the Sunday and Monday. If this is fully thrashed out then, the full session on Tuesday should, in theory, go through rapidly, most of the controversial matters having been resolved.

Of course, this is rarely so and the president has his time cut out to keep the discussion to the point, and to move through the agenda in all too short a time. Reading the report in 'The Ringing World,' one is left with the impression that, after allowing for condensation in reporting, the business could not possibly take more than three hours, with perhaps half-an-hour for official welcoming.

On the other hand, the representatives come away with the impression that some items could have had more discussion, but had been virtually guillotined for lack of time. How then are the six hours spent and is any of it wasted (apart from the decisions with which one personally disagrees)?

Representatives reading 'The Ringing World' report notice that the opening speeches are considerably curtailed. This is so with nearly all routine speeches elsewhere (except in Hansard). There is one item which is not published in full—losses by death during the year of past representatives, when their names are read out and all stand in silence as a mark of respect. Then follow tributes to their memory by friends and officers of their Associations and Guilds. This is all much as occurs at almost any Guild A.G.M. The only difference is that it is on a much larger scale; in fact, anything up to three-quarters of an hour of tributes, many of which have already been made in 'The Ringing World' during the year.

No one would wish to prevent such tributes being paid to old and respected friends, but is there some way round using so much limited business time without causing offence? Would perhaps publication of names and subsequent tributes in 'The Ringing World' suffice as they occur?

Every three years large numbers of newly elected members are sponsored by older representatives, who introduced their charges to the president. This Parliamentary procedure is completed surprisingly quickly, due to very efficient organisation. Are there any other items of business which could be streamlined without loss of dignity or opportunity for full discussion?—Yours, etc., R. E. P.

Handbell Ringing—'A Good Advertisement'

Dear Sir,—The recent letters published giving details of handbell teams, mainly in the North of England, shed some light on one of the most interesting yet, I feel, sadly neglected branches of our art of ringing. This is certainly a pity as there is no doubt all that it is the **only** branch of ringing that is **always** appreciated.

Mention was made on page 156 of the tune ringing team I run at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School. Like the team at Eccles-field Grammar School we have been ringing for the last four years, during which time we have played 'in public' on some couple of dozen times—often in school (Christmas parties, school fairs, etc.) and also locally (for such organisations as the National ETAO parties, school fairs, etc.), and also locally (for such organisations as the National Children's Homes, Inskip League, Rotary Club, etc.). The pleasure given to the various people, especially those in hospital, is something I don't think the girls themselves appreciate to the full.

Just as tower bell ringers receive help from neighbouring towers so we have received help from handbell ringers in the district. Your correspondent, Mr. Thomas Ogden, of Shaw, Oldham, has always been most helpful, especially in providing us with handbell music (anyone requiring 12-bell music should definitely contact him). Similarly, Mr. Norman Wilkinson, of Oldham, has arranged various tunes, especially for our 17 bells. Visits have been made to hear the Hazel Grove handbell ringers, and on a number of occasions to hear the Moorside handbell ringers (and, incidentally, we have even visited Loughborough Bell Foundry!). To all these people I would like to say a personal 'Thank you,' at the same time inviting any passing ringer to join in our practice at 4 p.m. most Tuesdays.

The reason for my writing in such detail is mainly to draw attention to a branch of ringing which is a good advertisement for ringers and ringing in general, and, after all, this is something that ought to be encouraged. Possibly we ringers in the teaching profession can help by forming tune ringing teams—and I can vouch that enthusiastic tower bell ringers can be found through this introduction to ringing.

I was most pleased to read of other school bands—possibly we could have a 'get together' sometime? If any other schools are interested then please contact me, and if there are enough interested I am quite willing to organise such an event.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

23, York Street, Heywood, Lancs.

RINGERS' NAMES, AND OTHERS

Dear Sir,—'Have a go' says 'A. Flat,' and no doubt Wilfrid Pickles would be 'tickled to death' to read a few of the names that appear from time to time in 'The Ringing World,' as in some of the Directories, too—not only of ringers, but of places, such as Giggleswick, Stratton Strawless, Swineshead, Isle of Muck (off Scotland), Merry Town, Tarts Barn, Willoughby Waterless, Appletree, Edith Weston, Pityme, Wallop and Nether Piddle, to quote a few that come to mind.

Then, in 1931, thede was a peal rung by eight ringers, all the names of a colour—Fred White, William Brown, Albert Green, Robert Black, Alan Pink, Harold Hazell, William Rose and Nolan Golden.

I've both read and known of others, such as Edward Beir, Maurice Stout, Mansfield Ginn, Fred Larger, Bertram Waters; Agnes Duck, Michael Chicken, Maurice Hen, Albert Gooseman, Harold Peacock, Joshua Partridge, Frank Rabbit, Phyllis Hare (later Mrs. Poole), Frank Fox, Geoffrey Badger, Ronald Deer;

Frank Sparrow, Reginald Finch, Anthony Hawk, Philip Nightingale, Ron Dove, Joseph Linnett, Samuel Bunting, William Wren, Harry Crow, Ralph Bird, Cecil Swan;

John King, Anthony Queen, Albert Prince, Fred Dukes, Stanley Earl, Albert Lord;

Anthony Head, George Brain, Michael Foot, Harry Tooth, James Legge, Septimus Tongue, Walter Bone;

Jack Cock, Robert Haycock, Harry Hitchcock, Wilfrid Tilcock, Alice Allcock, Edwin Glasscock;

Robin Baker, Reginald Butcher, Tony Brewer, Harry Cook, Harry Plumber, Fred Leadbeater, James Seaman, Albert G. Driver, John S. Goldsmith, Albert Ploughman, George Gardiner, Maurice Setter, Charles Chandler, Roland Carpenter, not forgetting, of course, Terence ('Dusty') Miller;

Betty Spice, Thomas Pepper, Frank Curry, Harold Peppercorn (and the name of the borough treasurer in the town of my birth is Leslie Salt), David Ginger;

Finally, I've seen together on one platform a George Nutt, with a Peter Bolt, in addition to having met a Percy Spokes, George Rivett, Mary Tack, Gordon Staple and a Rev. Rust.

Somebody said to me a fortnight ago (a name that has been in your journal a lot these last three issues) that 'The Ringing World' needs gingering-up, that it is getting boring and dull. So now 'A. Flat'— beat the above—if you can. 'CRESCENDO.'

THE SPLICING OF ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS

(Continued from page 214)

In certain Alliance methods the four middle rows when removed will fit directly into a Little method to form a Plain one. The two halves of the Alliance method which are left will not join directly together; if, however, the middles are removed from a complete course of Alliance the ten parts left will form a complete course of Plain, e.g.:

Norwood Alliance		Stedman
123456		
214365		
241356		145263
423165		412536
243615		421356
246351		243165
423615		**423615**
432651	→	**432651**
342561	→	**342561**
324516		**324516**
235461		234156
234516		321465
324156		312645
231465		136254
213456		
124365		163524
142635		

Here is a list of methods that can be so treated:

TABLE No. 2

A complete Course of Alliance combined with five separate Leads of Little.

	Alliance Method		Little Method		Method Left		New Plain		Transposition
(1)	Norwood	Oa	Crayford	Ma	Lytham	N	Stedman	M	45263
			Little	Jb	Thelwall	K	Stepney	J	(46235)
(2)	Kimberley	Oa	Crayford	Ma	Stedman	M	Stedman	M	63245
			Little	Jb	Stepney	J	Stepney	J	(43562)
(3)	Winterton	Gb	Crayford	Ma	Canterbury	L	Stedman	M	43625
			Little	Jb	Fulbeck	H	Stepney	J	(53264)
(4)	Farleigh	Oc	St. Lawrence	Hc	Loch Lomond	M	Bala	H	62354
					Roydon	J			(34652)
(5)	Beltring	Oc	Belvedere	Gc	Loch Lomond	M	Brentford	G	56432
					Roydon	J			(65423)

It will be noted that although the original Alliance method is without a 2nds (or 6ths) place partner the rearranged parts are in all cases capable of two variations. If, therefore, both these are required, preparation must be made beforehand in order to obtain them.

Ringers can, of course, prepare their own arrangements if they wish, but it will be found that 720 No. 335 is suitable for Groups (1), (2) and (3), and 720 No. 325 for Groups (4) and (5).

The following procedure will serve as a guide.

1. Place Alliance in the courses which bear their group letters.
2. Place the Plain method in place of the Alliance in the remaining courses.
   N.B.—The Plain method will have the same Capital Group letter as the Alliance which it is replacing.
3. Make the alterations in the Little methods to allow for this substitution of Plain methods for Alliance.
4. Choose one of the courses of Alliance and change to Plain, making the necessary adjustments to the Little.

Here is Group (1) after the first three steps have been taken:

23456	Oa Alliance	(Norwood)
S 64253	Little J (b)	Leads altered to
64532	,, M (a)	Plain as per
64325	,, J (b)	transposition.
S 35624	Plain K	(Thelwall)
63542	Oa Alliance	(Norwood)
P.L. 42356		

The extent should now be written out in full, one of the Alliance courses altered to Plain and the necessary changes made to the Little.

Here is the 720 so treated; it should serve as a model for the other extents in the Groups (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Table 2:

23456		Norwood All.
24365		
42635		,, ,,
46253		
S 64253		Stepney
35246		
32564	(I)	
46523	(H)	,,
64532		Crayford L.C.
23546		
32456		Stedman
65423		
56243		,,
34265		
43625		Crayford L.C.
52634		
25364		Stedman
46352		
64325	(A)	Stepney
52346	(J)	
53264		Little Bob
46235		
42653		Stepney
35624		
S **35642**	(A)	Thelwall
62345	(B)	
63254	(C)	,,
24653	(D)	
26435	(E)	,,
45236	(F)	
42563	(G)	,,
53462	(H)	
54326	(I)	,,
36524	(J)	
63542		Norwood All.
65324		
56234		,, ,,
52643		
25463		,, ,,
24536		
42356		Norwood All.
43265		
34625		,, ,,
36452		
S 63452		Little Bob
25436		
24563		Stepney
36542		
63524		Stedman
42536		
24356		,,
65342		
56432	(G)	,,
23465	(F)	
32645		Crayford L.C.
54623		
45263		,, ,,
36254		
63245		Stepney
54236		
52463		,,
36425		
34652	(B)	,,
25643	(C)	
S 25634		Thelwall
64235		
62453		,,
43652		
46325		,,
35426		
34562		,,
52364		
53246		,,
26543		
62534		Lytham Bob
54632		
45362		,, ,,
32465		
23645		,, ,,
65243		
56423		,, ,,
43526		
34256		
34256		Lytham
26354		
S 62354		Little Bob
45326		
43562		Stepney
26534		
62543		Crayford L.C.
34526		
43256	(E)	Stedman
65234	(D)	

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Splicing of Alliance Minor Methods—Cont.

56324 42365	Stedman
24635 53642	"
35462 26453	Crayford
62435 53426	Stepney
54362 26345	Little Bob
23654 45632	Stepney
45623 63425	Thelwall
64352 32654	"
36245 25346	"
23564 54263	"
52436 46532	"
64523 65432	Norwood All.
56342 53624	" "
35264 32546	" "
23456	

The middle course of Norwood All. is changed to Lytham, otherwise the 720 is the same as the 3-part given above. The transposition to change the Little methods into Plain is 45263, and as an example of its use I have shown in detail the first course of Thelwall with identifying letters. The remaining Thelwall and the Lytham are similarly treated. Without the Lytham the extent would be a regular 3-part.

(To be continued)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the Southern District was held on March 16th, at Limpsfield and the Chart.

Ringing started with a happy touch to a bride and bridegroom as they left the church, to be followed by a varied programme, which included Cambridge Surprise Minor, until Evensong in the church. The tea was kindly provided free of charge by local ladies.

A sad note was struck by the secretary announcing the sudden death the previous day of Mr. Frank Oakshott, a loyal member of the Association. The company stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. The election of four new members was the only other item of note. Ringing continued in both towers until 9 p.m.

Next meeting (quarterly), Old Coulsdon, June 22nd. K. G.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE second annual dinner of the Liverpool University Society was held on March 2nd. In the morning, members of the Society attempted a peal of Bob Major at Oxton. Although this unfortunately came to grief, owing to the conductor missing out a course, two out of the three visitors' peals attempted were successful. In the afternoon, there was general ringing at four towers on the Wirral. The standard of this ringing was surprisingly high, with methods ranging from London Major to Grandsire Doubles. A couple at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, were pleasantly surprised to hear the bells pealing out on the occasion of their wedding.

The dinner was held at the Prenton Hotel, Birkenhead, at 8 p.m.; 54 members and friends attending. After an excellent meal, the president (Mr. M. Pilgrim) having welcomed the visitors, especially those from Birmingham, Bristol, Hull and Nottingham, proposed the loyal toast, followed by that of 'The Church.' The Rev. E. A. Owen, Vicar of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, replied to the latter saying that he was not accustomed to making entertaining speeches, but rather those which the congregation seemed to regard as a time to regain lost sleep. Ringing was the traditional art of calling people to church, and he hoped that this was in fact true for campanologists, and not as in China, where bells are used to drive away evil spirits. He concluded by saying that he hoped that the Society would carry on its service to the Church with pride.

After the toast of 'The Visitors' had been proposed, Mr. Philip Tocock proposed that of 'The Society.' He said that as he was a soldier he had been stationed in many parts of the country, and had thus seen the work that universities did in manning silent towers. He was glad to note that that Society did its share of this work. After relating stories of students' high spirits, he registered his surprise at their ability to think about two things at once; a talent, which he said could be quite useful whilst ringing. Assuring the Society that it was always welcome at Liverpool Parish Church, he hoped that it would go from strength to strength, and produce, one day, a conductor who did not miss out courses.

In reply Mr. Roger Shea thanked Mr. Tocock for his remarks and advice. He gave details of the Society's achievements and remarked on the keenness of the learners. He hoped members would make more major peal attempts, and also widen the circle of their friends at the annual dinners and on the annual tours.

Handbells and good fellowship concluded the evening.

On Sunday, ringing took place at St. Nicholas', St. Francis Xavier's and Liverpool Cathedral, with the help of the local bands. The Society would like to thank the visitors for making this dinner such a success, and also the local ringers for the warm-hearted welcome that they gave to the visitors, both on Saturday and Sunday.

H. A. A. & C. K. C.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On March 2nd the Western Branch held a meeting at Kempsey, where the six fine bells were rung to methods up to London Surprise. The Vicar, in his address, told us that although often our homes, churches and bells were secondhand we must take care that our religion was not, and it was only by regularly taking part in the church services that our religion could be thoroughly first hand.

The tea and business meeting took place in the comfortable surroundings of the Vicarage. At the beginning of the meeting tribute was paid to the late Mr. Fred Hyde, and the company stood in silence. It was agreed that the next quarterly peal be associated with his memory. The gap which has been left by his passing will be hard to fill, and it is a tribute to his efficiency as Branch secretary to say that before his death he had competed arrangements for this meeting.

During the meeting, Bishop C. E. Stuart and Rev. C. J. Kay, Vicar of Welland, were elected clerical vice-presidents, and Mr. Arthur Jopp secretary. The perennial question of General Fund versus Belfry Repair Fund again reared its head and, despite impassioned support for the latter, a collection was made for the General Fund. (One muttered remark, overhead during the discussion, suggested that since the Belfry Repair Fund appeared to be in such a strong state, it should subsidise the straightening out of the apparently square wheels on Crowle bells to stop their slipping rope.)

On our return to the tower, ringing ranged from rounds to London, and even included a course of Worcester Surprise. P. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

Despite a stormy afternoon, there was a warm welcome at Cassington for a good number of ringers who attended the annual meet- of the Witney and Woodstock Branch on March 16th. The ringing was of a higher standard than usual.

The Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg), who conducted the service jointly with the Rev. Peter Wilkins, Vicar of Cassington, commented especially on the quality of the service touch. Mr. David Smith read the lesson, and the Vicar gave a short address.

Mrs. Wilkins and her helpers excelled themselves in the tea enjoyed by a company of 45. Canon Wigg was in the chair for the business meeting. The accounts, presented by Mr. Graham Orme, showed that funds had increased by over £9. A report on Branch activities from the honorary secretary stated that two peals and 17 quarters had been rung in the Branch in 1962. The only changes in the officers were the Rev. P. Wilkins as chairman and the Rev. H. P. Hudson as vice-chairman.

Mr. Alec Cantwell spoke about the proposed rehanging of Northmoor bells; about £800 was needed, including a new frame. The Branch decided to give £40.

Evening ringing was at Cassington, Eynsham and Stanton Harcourt.

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Ashford Parish Church—200th Anniversary

ON Saturday, March 16th, history was remembered when a peal was rung by eight members of the Kent County Association to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first ring on the eight bells, and the first peal thereon.

The first definite mention of bells occurs in 1552, when 'V great bells, one lytell bell' are recorded in the inventory of church goods of this year. These may well have been given by Sir John Fogge, who rebuilt much of the church and raised the great central tower to its present height of 120 feet at the end of the 15th century; the latter was destined to become one of the most famous landmarks of the locality.

In 1620 at least three bells were recast by Joseph Hatch, who added a new treble to make six; it is more than likely, however, that the old bells were exchanged for a new ring of six, although the third bell of this ring was recast by Joseph in 1633, and the second by his nephew, William Hatch, in 1651. The inscriptions on these six were recorded as:

Treble.—IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT 1620.

Second.—WILLIAM HATCH MADE ME O 1651.

Third.—IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT O 1633 W.H.

Fourth.—IOSPEHVS HATCH ME FECIT O 1620.

Fifth.—PETRVS PARRIS CW IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT O 1620.

Tenor.—IOHN ASHERST CW IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT 1962.

For the dimensions of the other bells the tenor was probably about 19 cwt., somewhat lighter than the present tenor.

In 1762 two new trebles were cast by Lester and Pack, and the augmented ring was rehung in a massive wooden frame of the traditional 2—4—2 design, with 3, 4, 7, 8 hung in the middle row. A board in the ringing chamber depicts that the 'First ringing of the eight bells was on Monday, 14th March, 1763,' and the first peal on the bells was rung on the following day by a band from Leeds (Kent); this was 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 23 minutes, conducted by the famous James Barham. The first peal by the local company was in 1765, and the present peal boards record performances in a variety of methods during the next few decades: there were even one or two remarkable peals of over 6,000 changes.

In 1795, the tenor bell sustained some injury; it was taken to Whitechapel, where it was recast by Thomas Mears I, and came back in 1796, weighing about 24 cwt.; possibly the previous bell was a little thin and weak compared with the rest of the ring.

In 1878 it was noted in the vestry minute book that the 6th bell was cracked in the crown, but nothing seems to have been done to rectify this for 20 years.

In 1885 the old chimes, which had been originally made by a local craftsman and had made Ashford famous, were completely restored by Gillett and Co., who also placed a new clock and striking mechanism in the tower. The new chimes necessitated the addition of two extra semi-tone bells, and these are fastened 'dead' to a beam above the main ring.

In 1898 the bells were thoroughly overhauled and rehung with new fittings throughout by Taylors, who recast the sixth bell, which was quite useless by now. The old bell weighed 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb., while the new bell weighs 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb., and is tuned on the Simpson 5-tone principle.

Finally, in 1924, the cannons were removed from the bells, which were hung with new (wooden) headstocks, clappers and ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston, who estimated the tenor as weighing 23 cwt. in E flat.



THE TENOR BELL OF 1796.

The bells at present are generally regarded as a good 'old-style' ring, and they go very easily, although one or two are somewhat odd-struck. This is remarkable when one considers that the bells have never been tuned together as a ring, and that they are still hung in the original framework of 1763. The chimes were regularly heard until the last decade, but they are now in need of a thorough overhaul; the clock, however, still gives good service, and is hand wound every day.

By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Granville Sharpe) eight members of the Kent County Association were privileged to attempt a commemoration peal. At 4.30 p.m., after the local press had taken photographs, a start was made for 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major. This was stopped after a course of indifferent ringing, and Bob Major was substituted in an attempt to reconcile good striking with a method more familiar to the band. Accordingly a good peal was rung in the quick time of 2 hours 48 minutes. N. J. D.

A VISIT TO LANCASHIRE

On March 23rd, one of the first fine days that Yorkshire has seen this year, five ringers from Leeds Parish Church and one from All Saints', Pontefract, had a tour of Lancashire.

At St. Mark's, Preston (a rough-going six), we found the rope of the third just protruding through the ceiling. Nothing could be done about this, and we were reduced to ringing five, and adding the third with the Ellacombe chimes.

An excellent eight was sampled at Walton-le-Dale and at Leyland Parish Church we regretted the smallness of our numbers, when confronted with the majestic ten, and had to be content with the back six. Three of the local band joined us at St. James', Moss Side.

The 'go' did not match the tone of the bells at St. Michael's, Croston, but at Eccleston we felt we did justice to the bells. At Chorley and Adlington we were disappointed in not getting a ring, nevertheless, the day was enjoyable, and we thank Mr. C. Barrie Dove for organising the tour. J. W.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On March 16th the St. Albans District visited the Houses of Parliament to see Big Ben. Even we ringers found the steps a few over the eight, but the view from the belfry was tremendous. We knew he (Ben is male, isn't he?) had a crack, but it looked more as if mice had been at him.

On regaining terra firma, just after the hour, we were conducted round the historic chambers where our destiny is decided. Our congratulations to our guide who had been doing a grand job for exactly 43 years.

After ringing at two London towers, there was singing, etc., on the coach, the tunes coming from Harpenden, while most noise came from one particular member from Wheathampstead. J. D. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' April 4th, 1913.—

At last four peals have been rung in a day by the same band, and the honour falls to the six-bell men of the Kent Association. They accomplished this performance on Easter Monday, when four separate 5,040's were rung each in seven Minor methods....

This performance recalls an episode in Sussex about 14 years ago, when four ringers took part in five 5,000's, which were completed in less than 31 hours.

CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

On March 29th, the bells of Cirencester Parish Church were rung by members of the Grammar School's Ringing Society, before the annual Founder's Day service. Such an event has now become a well established part of the Society's activities.

The first time the bells were rung for the Founder's Day service was on the occasion of the school's quincentenary celebration, when a band was formed consisting of past and present ringers from the school. Now the school is able to form a band made up entirely of pupils from the school.

This year, to everybody's horror, a photographer from one of the local papers appeared in the tower, claiming that he had been sent by the headmaster. Despite protests, especially from one of the fair sex, who claimed that having been caught unawares she was not looking her best, a photograph was taken. The visitor then left to go and worry the choir. The remainder of the band, presumably having been warned of the presence of the photographer, then arrived and the back eight bells were rung to Triples. M. D.

OLD ALBANIAN SOCIETY

On March 23rd five past and five present members of St. Albans School spent an enjoyable afternoon in Northern Hertfordshire. Ringing up to Surprise Minor took place at four towers, this being the first outing of the Society.

At Hinxworth, a quaint church with lovely bells, the rail to the ringers' gallery seemed to be better arranged to trip one up than for safety.

Wallington will always be remembered as the place where one driver didn't notice the duck pond until too late. The Master had to tow him out. J. D. C.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at St. Peter's, Arlesey, on March 9th. There was ringing during the afternoon before a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Edgell. An excellent tea was provided in St Peter's Hall by lady church workers, and a short business meeting followed, with the Rev. E. Edgell in the chair.

Ringing continued after tea until 8.15 p.m. and the standard of ringing was moderately good.

Next meeting: Silsoe, April 20th.

MRS. LEWIS COCKEY

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. J. Lewis Cockey on the death of his wife. Mrs. Annie Gordon Cockey, which was very peaceful at Stratton Hospital, Swindon.

A native of Holmsdale, Sutherlandshire, Mrs. Cockey (nee Bruce) was a distant relative, on her mother's side, of the late President Grant, of the U.S.A. She met Mr. Cockey while serving as a student nurse in Sheffield, and served much of World War I in the Army Nursing Service. Her marriage was on July 22nd, 1919, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, the Bishop of Moray (the Rt. Rev. A. J. McLean) being the officiating clergyman. The Second World War saw her again in service, this time as a warden at Ealing, where her nursing experience was of much value in a number of incidents.

Although not a ringer, Mrs. Cockey took a great interest in bells and loved to entertain people after peals and other functions. There was a welcome for everyone at her home at Dore, near Sheffield.

In 1955, when she was ailing somewhat, she had a great desire to be with her daughter in Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Cockey emigrated and intended to live there permanently. Unfortunately, after a time, she suffered a seizure and became so weak that it seemed better to return to England. Her last few happy years were spent at Swindon near relatives. A further seizure necessitated her removal to Stratton Hospital, where she was quite happy and normal except for great weakness.

APPRECIATION

His ringing friends will have seen with great regret the notice of the death of Mrs. Annie Gordon Cockey, wife of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, of Swindon, and formerly of Ealing and Dore. She will be remembered by us because of her interest in ringing and her kind hospitality on many occasions after ringing, and we would assure Mr. Cockey of our sympathy in his loss. W. G. W.

OBITUARY

MR. W. C. RHODES

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Rhodes will be missed by many over a wide area. He assisted the ringers of Kingsbury from call changes to Surprise Minor, attended most practice nights and apologised if he could not come. He was always ready to assist in a peal, ring for weddings, or go on outings. Indeed, we at Kingsbury have lost a very dear friend. G. H. L.

MR. WILLIAM SHARPE

Ringers in the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild heard with great regret of the death of Mr. William Sharpe, of Hose, on March 18th, after a long illness. He was born in 1877 and had been a ringer at St. Michael's, Hose, for 60 years, and for over 50 of these tower captain. He was the oldest member of the Framland Association; a member of the Midland Counties Association and the Leicester Guild.

Mr. Sharpe was the leading figure in getting Hose bells rehung in 1898, and again in 1928, when they were all recast. He conducted the only peal on the old five in May, 1927, in which his old friend, Mr. Ernest Morris, took part. A very good Ringing Master, he insisted on good striking and belfry discipline. But above all this, he was a great churchman, and had held many offices in the church, having been Vicar's warden for 25 years.

Many friends attended the funeral on March 21st, which was conducted by the Rev. A. Willcock. Messrs. Edward Tinsley, R. Caunt sen., R. Caunt jun., E. Caunt and J. W. Kirton represented the ringers. Wreaths were sent from the Framland Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

In the evening, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire) were rung half-muffled by R. Caunt 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, E. Tinsley 3, H. Clayton 4, R. H. Cook 5.

ST. VEDAST'S CHURCH—ONLY TWO PEALS

The recent two peals at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, London, are the first on the bells. 'As far as can be ascertained,' writes Dr. D. E. Sibson, 'the bells had not been rung this century up to when the church was damaged in the war. For many years there had been eight bells in the tower, although originally it was a six-bell tower. Where the other two came from is apparently unknown, but they were put in in such a way as to make it impossible to ring the original six. Neither Canon K. W. H. Felstead nor Mr. F. T. Blagrove knows of any other record of a peal having been rung at this church, beyond the two recent peals.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal that is published under the title Stormy Weather Surprise Minor is a very old one and was formerly known as College Bob V, but this name has been replaced, and the correct title, writes Mr. Frank T Blagrove, is Luton Surprise Minor. It is an irregular method and not related to the regular method, Luton Surprise Royal.

The band who rang a peal of Durham Surprise Minor at Wigston, Leicester, have now rung Durham from Minor to Maximus!

We regret that the peal of Warwickshire Surprise Major rung at Shepshed on February 16th and published in the issue of March 22nd was a duplicate of a peal published on March 15th.

In connection with the peal at Rowde, Wilts, on March 16th, Mr. R. J. Purnell, of Chippenham, asks us to thank the Vicar and Mr. Amor, the tower captain, for making the necessary arrangements.

This year's Grantley Hall (Yorks) Bell-ringing Course will be from Friday night, October 25th, to Sunday, October 27th, and will be limited to 30 students. Details will be advertised in due course.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield, of Bradford, Yorks, rang their 50th peal together at Liversedge on March 23rd. It was called by their daughter, Gillian, and Barry was also in the band.

In ringing his 120th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Ashtead, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon informs us that this is the first time he has duplicated a tower for a peal in this method.

Will readers please ignore the composition of 5,201 Grandsire Caters by Brian Downes on page 207. Unfortunately the first line under bracket A, 1-2-3 2345 is out of place. It should be the last line in the bracket. The error is regretted.

Capt. N. Denson, C.A., after a spell in Germany, has been posted to the R.N. Air Station, Lossiemouth, Morayshire. While on the Continent Capt. Denson kept a watchful eye for bells and contributes to our column an article on Copenhagen bells.

Mr. George E. Fearn rang his 1,250th peal for the St. Martin's Guild on March 2nd. It would be interesting to learn whether the late Mr. Ernest Morris rang more than 1,250 peals for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He certainly rang more than 1,250 in Leicestershire, but the Leicester Guild was not formed until 1946, and its predecessor, the Midland Counties Association, of which Ernest was secretary for 21 years, was then also divided between Midland Counties Guild, Derbyshire Association and Southwell Diocesan Guild.

The youngest member, of Godalming, Surrey, 12-year-old Nicoli Stroud, has called her first quarter of Grandsire Triples—and faultlessly, too, writes her mentor.

Owing to leaks in the balancing tank at St. Albans Cathedral, caused by the severe winter, the tank had to be emptied and it was only considered safe to ring the front bells. Rumour has it that dexterous use of large quantities of chewing gum has now committed all the bells to be rung again.

In a tube train between Charing Cross and Euston, via Victoria, High Street Kensington, Paddington, Edgware Road and Baker Street, on March 6th a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung 'in hand' by Mary Taylor 1—2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3—4, J. C. Eisel 5—6. Umpires: Pauline Fennell and Yvonne Edwards. This is believed to be the first 'in hand' on an underground train, and possibly the first mobile quarter in London. It was rung during London University Rag Week.

Old Tom Dexter, one of the leading bell founders of his day, has a fine testimonial to his work at Leeds Parish Church. Despite a long draught, a very rocking tower and great weight, no trouble was experienced by a band, which included five minors, in scoring a peal of Bob Major on the back eight after meeting short for Royal. Tom Dexter, writes R. H. D., hung the present ring in 1932, and the tenor again in 1949. Strangely, he was not a ringer in the true sense, but he raised and set the 42 cwt. bell by the wheel, to the amazement of the spectators.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edward W. Colley	*Treble*	Charles A. S. Webb ..	6
Muriel Reay	2	*George E. Fearn	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	David J. Purnell	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	4	John A. Anderson	9
Frederick Ross	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.
* 250th peal of Royal, and 1,250th peal for the Guild. First in the method for the Guild, and by all.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	6
*Susan Funnell..	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Frank E. Haynes	3	David J. Purnell	8
*Edward W. Colley ..	4	Charles A. S. Webb.. ..	9
Frederick Ross	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Frederick Pearson ..	*Treble*	Terence M. FitzGerald..	5
†Dennis R. Jones	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	6
John R. Lunham	3	Thomas W. Hesketh ..	7
Robert L. Larkey	4	Harry Moorcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* 25th peal. † First in the method.
Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. W. Larkey.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Padarn,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter K. Else..	*Treble*	Peter F. T. Smith (Aber.)	5
(Aberystwyth)		W. Gwyn Thomas (Aber.)	6
*Richard Hedges (Aber.)	2	Colin A. Lewis (Aber.) ..	7
Gillian E. Graney (Aber.)	3	Donald R. Marshall ..	*Tenor*
David W. Beard (Aber.)	4	(Bangor)	

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal of Major. First of Treble Bob for the Society.
A compliment to Canon D. H. Lloyd, Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr, recently appointed Archdeacon of St. David's.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Paul Cattermole	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis ..	5
*C. Gay Williams	2	John C. Eisel	6
*E. Jane Sibson..	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Peter H. Langton	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5024 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Pamela R. Gough	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting.. ..	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
William T. Beeson	3	George Francis..	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*Susan Funnell	2	Charles A. S. Webb.. ..	6
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	Frederick Ross	7
Edward W. Colley ..	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 20).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*James T. Stevens	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*D. Paul Smith..	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Frederick J. Cullum ..	4	John W. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.
Birthday compliments to Arthur G. Mason and Frederick J. Cullum.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
John Pinfold	2	Norman J. Goodman ..	6
Charles A. S. Webb ..	3	John A. Anderson	7
Frederick Ross	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln; with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

Ann Jenner	*Treble*	*Stanley Jenner	5
*Doris E. Colgate	2	*Ian H. Oram	6
*Arthur S. Richards ..	3	Thomas Cullingworth..	7
*Ralph Bird	4	*Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of 9-Spliced on this plan.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting.. ..	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Robert Wake	3	George Francis..	7
William T. Beeson	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 102).

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Margaret Wright	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
†Edna M. Poulter	2	John Robinson..	6
‡Derek J. Marshall ..	3	§Jeffrey Brannen	7
†Derek A. Ashton	4	Derek Butterworth ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. § First of Major, and of Surprise.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Frederick Ross..	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Norman J. Goodman ..	6
Susan Funnell	3	Charles A. S. Webb.. ..	7
Edward W. Colley	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*WILLIAM J. DAY	*Treble*	*CHRISTINE L. MASON	5
JOHN E. LLOYD	2	HARRY M. WINDSOR	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	JAMES DRAYCOTT	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal attempt, aged 16 years.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	6
*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	3	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ALAN R. PATTERSON	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † 50th of Cambridge, and 150th peal as conductor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 34¼ cwt.

MARGARET BURNS	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
ELSIE CHADDOCK	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
*NEIL DONOVAN	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
†STUART ARMESON	4	RICHARD A. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Cambridge Major 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. John Taylor as Bishop of Sheffield this day.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

IAN FOSTER	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	6
ANDREW S. HUDSON	3	JAMES L. TOWLER	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of London. First of London on the bells.
Rung for the birth of a daughter (Clare) to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., March 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 57 lb. in A flat.

MALCOLM M. POWELL	*Treble*	RAYMOND HAINES	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
PAULINE FENNELL	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	7
CAROLYN VIBERT	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

JOHN W. EUSTON	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
*GERALDINE C. PIPER	2	DEREK G. ASHRIDGE	6
*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
*JOHN L. HAYNS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B.

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x 58 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 38.14.56 x 78. L.-e. 18674523.
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BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, 768 Bristol; with 124 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	†DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
†ANDREW J. CORBY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 50th peal together. † First of 6-Spliced.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ROGER J. LUMLEY	*Treble*	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	BARRY SULLIVAN	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
*PETER A. KIRKBY	4	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Lumley, parents of the treble ringer.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	†WILLIAM S. SMITH	5
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	†ANGUS DIXON	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First of Major.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PERCY W. TOMPKINS	*Treble*	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	†DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	6
*RAYMOND J. FULLER	3	GEOFFREY W. MAYES	7
JACK S. DEAR	4	MARTIN MAJOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor, first attempt. Tenor 11 cwt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Lewis H. Bywaters.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	MONTY W. GILBERT	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as birthday compliments to Joanne Elizabeth Needs and George Howe.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

HUBERT A. ASHLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PRATT	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
DAVID J. ALLEN	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
PERCY STONE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all except the ringer of the second.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*MARTIN POWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR BERRY	5
*CATHLEEN HEANEY	2	REGINALD J. WOODYATT	6
*JOHN E. WHITTALL	3	ALLEN MORGAN	7
GEORGE EVENDEN	4	PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* First peal of Major.
The quarterly peal for the Western Branch; rung as a welcome to Rev. J. C. Cunningham, Rector of Hanbury.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	James Linnell	6
Vernon Green	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
H. George Hart	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. John-the-Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Richard F. Wilkins	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Charles A. S. Webb	3	Anthony Ager	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Angela M. Skidmore	*Treble*	B. Gillian Schofield	5
*Mrs. H. B. Schofield	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
S. Barry Schofield	3	*Harold B. Schofield	7
†Shirley A. Mudd	4	Roger J. Lumley	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by B. Gillian Schofield.
* 50th peal together. † First of London. First of London as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Hubert Richardson	*Treble*	Frederick Pearson	4
Thomas W. Hesketh	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
V. David Jenner	3	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents: eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, four each of Plain Bob, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place, and six of Grandsire.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Mary S. Taylor	*Treble*	†Peter J. Bushell	4
*Pauline Fennell	2	John C. Eisel	5
Paul Cattermole	3	Nicholas J. Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' First on the bells, a ring of six since the 17th century, and recently restored after war damage.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Durham, (2) York, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Henry Taysom	*Treble*	Brynley A. Shackleton	4
Reginald G. Hooper	2	Don C. Exell	5
D. John Hunt	3	Anthony R. Kench	*Tenor*

Conducted by Don C. Exell.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Hobbs and Jacqueline A. Reason.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of London Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

John D. Faircloth	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
D. Paul Smith	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Thomas Cullingworth	3	Ian H. Oram	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Guthlac and Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Brian Harris	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	4
Dennis Woods	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	5
George W. Massey	3	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by Cyril R. Burrell.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

Robert L. Larkey	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	4
Frederick Pearson	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	5
V. David Jenner	3	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being five extents of April Day, 15 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Kenneth J. Tyler	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe	4
*John F. I. Turney	2	Michael V. Powell	5
Joy Smith	3	Anthony E. Stevens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael V. Powell.
* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

OSSINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 STORMY WEATHER SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt.

Colin W. Chaulk	*Treble*	Frank McMee	4
Peter Hulme	2	Clement Atkinson	5
Steven W. Merton	3	T. C. P. West	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. C. P. West.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*Richard Lovelock	*Treble*	Frederick Box	4
†David Nibbs	2	Robert J. Drewett	5
Phillip S. Gaisford	3	Robert J. Purnell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'
For the wearing of the green (St. Patrick's Day).

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x 3.4 x 1.4 x 1.2 x 3.6 x 1.2 x 5.6 x 1.2 x 3.6 x 1.2 x 1.4 x 3.4 x 1.2

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SANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, St. Vedast, New, Huntspill, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Osmund, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

TERRY R. HATCHETT	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	3
DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4
PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

First peal of Doubles in 14 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

A compliment to Miss A. Roden, a ringer at this church, on her 21st birthday.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., March 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VEDAST, FOSTER LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hexham, Berwick, Hull, Norfolk, Primrose, Annable's London and Norwich.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

PAULINE FENNELL	*Treble*	JOHN C. EISEL	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Beverley and Surffeet, (6) Primrose, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TAYSOM	*Treble*	ANTHONY R. KENCH	4
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	DON C. EXELL	5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DON C. EXELL

* 100th peal together.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods, being the following extents: (1) Chester, Munden, Newcastle and Alnwick; (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) York and Durham; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich; (6) Primrose; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JENNIFER M. DYE	*Treble*	JOHN A. WARNER	4
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

* First peal in 15 methods.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*LEONARD M. RAPHAEL	*Treble*	*PETER M. SHIPLEY	3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	2	MICHAEL J. PARKER	4
†RICHARD C. L. BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles. † 50th peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*ALLAN ROBERTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. COOPER	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	JOHN C. EISEL	5
†CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	4
JAMES E. DICKINSON	2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	5
JAMES E. BURLES	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Beryl Mayor and Mr. Lawrence Clement, married this day at Kendal Parish Church.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	TONY FORTIN	4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	4
PETER WOOLLVEN	2	DENNIS E. PEPPER	5
JOHN E. GOODWIN	3	*ALAN M. BARBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* 25th peal for the Association.

WOODFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

PAULINE FENNELL	*Treble*	*CAROLYN VIBERT	4
MALCOLM M. POWELL	2	*JOHN R. FAITHFULL	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBERT B. SMITH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

RUPERT A. CLARKE	1—2	DAVID F. MOORE	3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6		

Non-conducted.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., March 17, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, Shareshill, St. Miles, Winchendon, St. Luke, Ryton, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Seighford, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Little Aston and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
MICHAEL WHITE	5—6		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

For St. Patrick's Day.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 17, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT 29, MANOR ROAD, WIGSTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6		

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal of Durham Minor 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild. All the band have now completed peals of Durham from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

HALF PEALS

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 22nd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Haycock 1, I. W. Hall 2, G. Wright 3, D. Loake 4, Miss S. Feakin 5, B. Yeomans 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. A. Loake 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Tailby.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on March 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Philips 1, J James 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, R. Smith 4, C. Bainham 5, L. Bainham 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, R. Owen 8. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. A. A. Jones.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Brindle 1, T. Turner 2, Pauline Turner (first 'inside') 3, K. Stainton 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Blyth 1, D. Phillips 2, Freda Willgress 3, R. Cullington 4, W. Dumolo 5, J. Pumphrey 6, D. Pardon 7, B. Willgress (cond.) 8. Rung for the Confirmation of boys from Burebank School by the Bishop of Norwich.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. I. Dear 1, S. Bonnett 2, L. Scoot 3, M. Hopkins 4, E. Buck 5, P. Flack 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8. Rung to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bonnett, mother of the ringer of 2nd.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. R. Cox 1, Miss B. M. Foster 2, Miss P. A. Turk 3, K. D. Pearce 4, K. Medhurst 5, Miss M. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. A. D. Morris, on his appointment as Vicar of St. Mary's.

BRAY, BERKS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda R. Harris 1, R. A. Blewitt 2, Sylvia Woods 3, Diana L. Harris 4, D. T. Young 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, J. W. Blackwood 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung as a compliment to Diana L. Harris, upon her engagement to Mr. Francis D. Cartman.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. P. Cowling (first quarter) 1, J. B. Crowe (first 'inside') 2, Marion R. Panton (first 'inside') 3, M. J. Cowling 4, G. Nicholls 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Mothers' Day.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Rumbold (12) 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Barbara Rumbold 3, Alice Ward 4, A. Harman (cond.) 5, P. Ede 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Oakshott.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Farrington 1, E. Newnhan: 2, D. King (cond.) 3, E. Pickett 4, R. Durrant 5, D. Billimore 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Bedford.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, B. Shingler 2, Mary Russell 3, R. Preston 4, D. Roberts (cond.) 5, G. Roberts 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On March 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Staveley (first of Major) 1, H. Scott 2, E. Dalingwater 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, G. Graham 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

DOWNE, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Lewis 1, Mavis E. Kirby 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. G. Foster (cond.) 5. First of Doubles for all except ringer of 4th.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on St. Patrick's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. R. McCormack (first quarter) 1, H. W. Jones 2, R. I. George 3, W. H. Wilson 4, C. J. Reede 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. A wedding compliment to Viscount Elveden and Miss Miranda Smiley. Rung on the light eight in the ring presented by the first Earl of Ivcagh, grandfather of the bridegroom.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Pat Rix (first quarter) 1, D. Langdon 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, H. Howson 4, E. Beaucham (cond.) 5, T. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob: Miss S. Law 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, S. R. Huckle 3, M. Marriott 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday. Correction: Elstow (page 173), Miss F. Prole 1. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. R. Huckle, and not as printed.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Blyth 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, J. Munton 5, D. Herschell 6, W. Parrott (cond.) 7, Adrienne Gibson 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the Sunday service band in memoriam Frank Oakshott, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret E. Taylor 1, Angela M. Wright 2, Jean M. Warner 3, D. P. Snoswell 4, B. J. Stone 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor and a 91st birthday compliment to Harry Stalham, by a visiting band from St. Peter's, Brighton.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Stroud (first of Triples) 1, Nicolai Stroud (first of Grandsire and Triples as cond.) 2, Rachel Betton-Foster (first 'inside') 3, R. J. C. Hagley 4, J. W. Hagley 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, A. C. A. Hunter 7, P. G. Stroud 8. For Mothering Sunday. Called faultlessly by the 12-year-old conductor, who is still the tower's youngest ringer.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. R. Davey 1, Mrs. J. Wells 2, P. Woollven 3, Miss J. Davey 4, A. J. Davey 5, P. E. Wells (first as cond.) 6, G. W. Henson 8. First quarter 1 and 4. A compliment to Margaret Carter and Richard Seale, married at this church the previous day.

GOOLE, WEST YORKS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, James Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, R. Stephenson 4, E. Thorley 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, G. Waud 8. Rung for the enthronement this day of Lord Bishop of Sheffield.

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HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. J. Hesketh 1, Miss H. Simmons 2 J. H. Wilton 3, V. A. Jenner 4, H. Richardson 5, J Robinson 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, F. W. Currie 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Houghton, Richard Winstanley and Mrs. E. Robertson.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs E. Weatherley 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, I. Weatherley 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. Burford 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Baker 1, Mrs. R. Tappenden 2, A. K. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, R. Tappenden 6, S. G. Waters 7, B. Stevens (first quarter) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, Miss G. May 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, D. Leach 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Chinnery 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sawtell 1, D. Nibbs (cond.) 2, J. Stillman 3, K. Jones 4, G. Carter 5, J. Beaven (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the Ides of March.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Friend 1, W. T. Hill 2, J. J. Wallet (cond.) 3, C. E. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, B. Read (first of Triples 'inside') 2, A. Newman 3, D. Newcombe 4, H. Read (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. Homfray 6, C. Wratten (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Susan Ellenor (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Betsworth 3, B. R. Walton (cond.) 4, D. M. Hughes 5, M. P. Rogers 6. 25th quarter together 4 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gwen Storer 1, Gillian Graney 2, Janice Williamson 3, P. F. T. Smith 4, W. G. Thomas 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, P. K. Else (covering) tenor. Rung before the University College of Wales Arts Festival concert held in this church.

LONDON.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. G. Pett 1, Gillian Sewell 2, R. Powell 3, J. C. Eisel 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung for Sung Mass.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. G. Yeo 1, P. C. Wright 2, V. G. Roberts 3, M. Press 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, P. Bridle 6, R. G. Edwards 7, P. Mehew 8.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On March 24th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Gibson 1, Miss K. North 2, E. R. Gotham 3, Miss D. Seal 4, J. Blackwood 5, E. Gosling 6, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday service, and as a compliment to Mrs. Gosling, mother of ringer of 6th, on her 87th birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's, on March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morlidge 2, H. Lomas 3, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 4, M. M. Mottershead 5, J. Smith 6, G. Earles 7, D. Wright 8, G. Owen 9, J. Taylor 10, V. J. Norbury 11, F. Yates 12. By the service band for evening service, and to mark the retirement of the treble ringer. First in the method for all except 4, 11 and 12.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. Stopps 5, W. H. Yates 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Herbert Jones (92 years), a ringer at this tower for over 70 years.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Mooring 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin 5, A. D. Leach 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Pollard 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn Handley 1, K. Sansom 2, C. Bassett 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison (first as cond.) 5, B. Kercher 6. For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—On March 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. B. Sissons 1, G. W. Dyson 2, J. R. Harker 3, Miss D. M. Hawley 4, F. Gledhill 5, E M. Bradley 6, J. Potts 7, J. Weaver (first as cond.) 8.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Eccleston 1, C. Jenkins 2, S. Hough jun. 3, D. Welch 4, I. Jenkins 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung at the farewell service for the Rev. E. A. Chapman, who is leaving for Thurston, Suffolk.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Thomlinson (first quarter) 1, P. Copley 2, A. Sheppard 3, J. Potts 4, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 5, B. Sheppard 6. For Confirmation service.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on March 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Diana Belcham 1, Pamela Miller 2, Monica Moore 3, W. Wainwright 4, S. G. Peck 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 2 and 4. Rung for the annual Mothering Sunday children's service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, Monica Moore 3, W. Wainwright 4, M. Stanyon 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On March 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Verna Rix 1, Audrey Alexander 2, D. Saunderson 3, P. J. Staniforth 4, M. D. Staniforth 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Confirmation service. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Goodwin 1, M. D. Staniforth 2, D. Saunderson 3, Audrey Alexander 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, R. V. Webb 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Burling 1, F. Pickering 2, W. Green 3, F. Brunt 4, B. Heppenstall 5, G. W. Pilkington 6. Conducted by 5 and 6. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Right Rev. John Taylor as Bishop of Sheffield.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Butler (first quarter) 1, C. E. Bassett 2, Mary White 3, R. A. Stone 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sally Holland (first on ten) 1, G. W. Seaman 2, W. G. Paul 3, G. Avent 4, Jennifer Bunyan 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. D. Bell 7, D. Laud 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, S. Laud 10. A compliment to Pam and Peter Pratt on the birth of a daughter, also to Angela and Ted Pascoe on the birth of a son, a grandson for the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Green 1, W. A. Yates 2, F. Vickers 3, R. A. Vickers 4, Major D. Satow 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. For morning service.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Casley 6, H. Young 7, F. Eastman 8. Rung as a 94th birthday compliment to Mrs. Stone, the oldest inhabitant of Wivelscombe.

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VETERANS' MEETING, London, June 29th at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16 2232

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Minehead, April 6th, 7 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Carhampton, April 20th. Numbers for tea by the 15th.—A. R. Tudball. 2253

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at Burwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2202

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at West Ham, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 2161

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, April 6th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2182

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock on April 6th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcomed.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Mill Way, Bushey 2204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, joint with LADIES' GUILD, Kent Branch, annual meeting at Penshurst on April 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 2174

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, April 6th, Edmonton. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Old Bradwell, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 5.45 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2151

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Boldmere on April 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Ettwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2197

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to F. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. T.N. 438. 2186

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec 2203

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Section.—Meeting, Glasbury, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon.—M. R. T.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, Saturday, April 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify, not later than April 10th, Mr. Herman Rusby, Darton Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 2246

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea by 10th to Mr. A. Wilson, Old Post Office Street, Everton, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 2245

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Crewkerne, Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to General Secretary. Bells available: Haslebury Plucknett (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Merriott (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 5.30-8 p.m., Winsham (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 5.30-7.30 p.m., Crewkerne (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon and 5.30-8 p.m., Hinton St. George (6) and North Perrott (6) 5.30-8, Broadway (5), Dowlish Wake (5), Chaffcombe (5), Chard (8) 6-8, Kingstone (6), Seavington St. Mary (6), Ilminster (8), Shepton Beauchamp (8), South Petherton (8) and Norton-sub-Hamdon (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 2244

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells available 1 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 A.G.M. 5.30 p.m.

Imperative that those requiring tea inform Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland, on or before April 11th, as there will be no other means of obtaining refreshment. 2184

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Staveley, Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 13th, **please**, to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Derbys.—M. Phipps, J. Seager, Secs. 2190

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon, Easter Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements—Route 1: Woodston (6) 10 to 11 a.m., Stanground (6) 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Whittlesey St. Mary (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Whittlesey St. Andrew (8) 12.30-1.45, Warboys (6) 1.30-3, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 3.45-4.15 p.m.; Route 2: Somersham (6) 10-11.30 a.m., Holywell (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon. St. Ives (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Fenstanton (5) 1-2, Hemingford Grey (6) 1.45-2.45, Hemingford Abbots (6) 2.15-3.15, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15, Huntingdon All Saints'. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with stamped, addressed envelope, from Gen. Sec. Huntingdon St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon All Saints' and Brampton (6) towers open after tea. Ringing Masters will be in every tower.—H. S. Peacock, General Secretary, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2194

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 15 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, 'Kenhston,' Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Luncheon tickets 9s. each. Reduced prices for children of members. Please state age of children when applying.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963. Bells 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Cathedral

bells and St. John's, Cardiff, available after meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, April 9th, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 2129

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 15th. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. (Coffee available after the meeting if possible.) Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m., St John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6) 2.15-4.30, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30, Powick (6) 2.3.30, Leigh (6) 2.30-4, Hallow (8) 3-4, Grimley (6) 3-4.30, Ombersley (6) 3.30-4.30, Claines (10) 2.15-4.30. Tea at the Old Pheasant Inn, New Street, at 5 p.m. (5s.), for those who notify me **before Thursday, April 11th.**—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 2226

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, West Tanfield (6), Easter Monday. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Johnson, Station House, West Tanfield, Ripon, by Thursday, April 11th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 2249

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Cathedral Festival, April 20th. Ringing arrangements:

Route 1.—Salford Priors 10-11 a.m., Bidford-on-Avon 10.30-11.30, Stratford-on-Avon 10.45-11.45 a.m., Warwick (St. Nicholas') 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Warwick (St. Mary's) 1-2 p.m.

Route 2.—Brailes 10-11 a.m., Tysoe 10.45-11.45, Butlers Marston 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Harbury 12.15-1.15, Leamington Spa 1-2 p.m.

Route 3.—Atherstone 10-11 a.m. Nuneaton 10.45-11.45, Chilvers Coton 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Bulkington 12.15-1.15, Bedworth 1-2 p.m.

Route 4.—Dunchurch 10-11 a.m., Newbold 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Monks Kirby 12.15-1.15, Brinklow 1-2 p.m.

Also Wootton Wawen 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Rowington 1-2, Stoke and Allesley 1-2.30, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh 1-2.15 p.m.

After tea: Church Lawford 6-7, Newbold-on-Avon 6.30-7.30, Willoughby 7-8, Stoneleigh 6-7, Kenilworth 6.30-7.30, Whitnash 7-8, Sherbourne 6-7, Snitterfield 6.30-7.30, Wellesbourne 7-8, Berkswell 6-7, Coleshill 7-8, Stoke, Allesley 6-8, Warwick (St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's) 6.30-8.30, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton and Stratford-on-Avon 7-8.30 p.m. One or two more towers may be available by next week.—H. M. Windsor. 2240

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at Oxted (6), 3.15-4.45 p.m. Limpsfield (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify B. E. Jeffrey, 34, Hever Road, Edenbridge, by April 18th. 2256

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Henbury, Saturday, April 20th, at the Manor School 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, Blaise Castle Tea Rooms, 4s., which must be paid in advance to Mr. J. Tyers, 80, Crow Lane, Henbury, Bristol. Association service 6 p.m. Towers open: Warmley and Thornbury, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Mangotsfield and Olveston, 11 a.m.-12 noon: St. Ambrose's, Winterbourne and Coalpit Heath, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Almondbury and Filton, 12 noon-1 p.m.; Henbury 10.30 a.m. onwards. Nominated to be Master, The Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A., B.Sc., M.Ed., Rector of Bromsberrow.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 2235

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general, Derby, Saturday, April 20th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8), 2-3.15 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3.15-4.15; St. Peter's (8), 4-4.15 and after meeting. Service in St. Peter's Church at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by April 18th, please.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, by the previous Wednesday. 2241

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Berkhamsted on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall, followed by business meeting. Notice of resolution (Rule 2): That the annual subscription of Ringing Members shall be five shillings. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. G. Rees, 23, High Ridge Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Thursday, April 18th. Ringing arrangements: Flamstead (6), 9-11 a.m.; Sarratt (5), 9-11; King's Langley (8), 10 a.m.-12 noon; Redbourn (6), 10 a.m.-12 noon; Great Gaddesden (6), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Hemel Hempstead (8), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Tring (8), 2-4; Apsley (6), 2-4 and 7-8.30; Berkhamsted (8), 3-4.30 and after tea until 8.30; Northchurch (8), 7-8.30 p.m.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 2222

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Eggbuckland, Plymouth, on April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th, to Miss Y. Porter, 17, Hillside Road, Saltash, Cornwall. Gentlemen welcomed. 2227

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Willingham-by-Stow, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. G. Bingham, Grange Farm, Willingham-by-Stow, near Gainsborough, Lincs. not later than Tuesday, April 16th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Leicester, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30-3 p.m.; Leicester, All Saints' (8), 2.30-3.45; Humberstone (6), 2.30-3.45; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-4.10; Leicester, St. John-the-Divine (10), 7.30-9. Service, Leicester Cathedral, 4.15. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tea (adults 3s., juniors (under 16) 2s.) at 5 p.m., in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's), which is adjacent to Cathedral. The meeting will follow. Important business includes election of TWO vice-presidents, and alterations to rule relating to peal fees. For full agenda see annual report for 1962. Cars may be parked in Alderman Newton's Boys' Schoolyard (west side of Cathedral), entrance in Peacock Lane, opposite bus station. Accommodation for tea limited to 140. Names must be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester (Tel.: Leicester 823140), by Wednesday, April 17th. **No name no tea.**—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Rochford and Skillington, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 15th, to the Bishop of Grantham, Stoke Rochford, Grantham, Lincs. Special methods: Original and Reverse New Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2252

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 17th, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2234

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Doddington, April 20th. Important business. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. C. Sharpe, Glebe Farm, Great Doddington. 2247

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 20th. St. Clement's, 2.30 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.; St. Lawrence's, 2.15 to 3; St. Mary-at-Quay, 2.15 to 4; St. Margaret's 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary-le-Tower, 7 to 9; St. Matthew's, 7 to 9. Service, St Margaret's, 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Manor House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, by Friday, April 19th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 2248

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester and Southampton Districts.—Combined meeting, Saturday, April 20th. Bells: Owlesbury (6), 2 p.m.; Twyford (8), 6. Service 4.15, Twyford. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, followed by business meetings. Names for tea by April 15th to Miss I. Jetten, 2, Park Lane, Twyford, Winchester. 2242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Bacup, April 27th, 1963. Towers available: Christ Church, Bacup (8), 11 a.m. to 3.15 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Bacup (8), 11 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.; St. Nicholas', Newchurch (8), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; St. James', Waterfoot (6), 1 to 3.15; St. Mary's, Rawtenstall (8), 1 to 3 p.m.; St. James', Haslingden (8), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in St. Saviour's Church at 3.45. Preacher: Rev. J. A. Slater, B.A. Tea 4.30 (4s. 6d.) in St. Saviour's School. Names for tea, together with money, to Mr. H. Parkinson, 7, Holme Street, Stacksteads, Bacup, by Friday, April 19th. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their tower and to send a stamped, addressed envelope with their request. Meeting to follow at approximately 5.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's School. 2223

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Grenville Morgan (Vicar of Market Drayton). Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before May 6th, obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting; Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after the meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. David's, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting following. Other dates: 14–9–63 and 14–12–63. 2237

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

11,552 Superlative Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of the Vicar and local ringers of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 11,552 Superlative Surprise Major on Monday, April 15th, 1963. Ringing will commence at 10 a.m.

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The composition we were going to ring was 11,456 'Real' Superlative by Thos. B. Worsley. However, following the preliminary notice in the 'R.W.', I have been given this composition. The first part was composed by Thos. B. Worsley, the second by Mr. John Segar, and another course has been added by inserting two singles by Mr. Richard F. B. Speed.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough, Leicestershire.

BLABY, LEICS.—On March 24th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, Jean Endall 2, R. A. Cobley 3, J. H. Wale 4, B. C. Law (first as cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday service.

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EASTER PRAISE

By the Rev. CANON C. C. COX

THE church bells call people again to rejoice in the victorious Truth of Easter. Notwithstanding the multitudes who know nothing and care nothing about the religious significance of the Festival, its message will be no less for them than for those who do know and care. The convinced Christian, like St. Paul, has only one aim, 'that I may know Him, the Redeemer, and the power of His Resurrection.' Yet, like St. Paul again, he will not stop there but labour to pass on his conviction to all who live without hope and without God in the world.

The Christian ringer handles his or her rope with that intent. He or she may not have the eloquence of the trained missionary, but the bells ringing out from the church towers can do so much to draw the attention of the multitudes to the solace and triumph of Christ's gospel: to the message that death is now the gate to life, and that the Church doors are open for men to flock in and learn the way of freedom, hope and praise.

No one, we know, is exempt from physical death, and the fear of it with many is, after all, a natural fear. But Easter throws the light upon that. It reveals something of the mystery of death. What fallen man has brought upon himself Jesus the Son of Man has suffered on the Cross to overcome. What man is tempted to regard as an end the Lord Jesus Christ transforms into a new beginning. Even Nature itself affirms that nothing passes away without becoming the channel of some new breaking forth. And though the effect is apparently the same every spring it brings no impression of monotony. It is accepted with relief and joy, giving fresh hope, and encouraging men to face all the labour of preparation for another fruiting time. This principle in Nature is not to be idly ignored in any contemplation of the progress of mankind. It is the background of all struggle; of the confidence that something must and will survive, more shapely, more productive; yes, through all experience of sorrow, pain and loss.

We may liken the process to the recasting of an old, and perhaps unworthy, bell. There is a better, stronger note of praise to be drawn from it. It has served its purpose for a time, but must lose its former weakness to take on a new identity in keeping with a larger environment of scientific and artistic knowledge.

It is the Christian Faith which assures us that we are not the puppets of a blind, relentless Fate. If that were so there would be no incentive to praise: our bells then would give only meaningless sounds. Rather, it assures us that we are the spiritually-endowed creatures of a purposeful God Who holds our destiny in His Hand here and BEYOND DEATH: inviting us to express ourselves every Easter morning in some such way as Milton concludes Adam's Morning Hymn:—

> 'Hail, Universal Lord! Be bounteous still
> To give us only good; and if the night
> Have gathered aught of evil, or concealed,
> Disperse it, as now Light dispels the dark.'

The joy of Easter ringing is the joy of proclaiming the crowning evolution of all created things; the crowning truth of man's emancipation. For the glory of the Creator. The hand of death as it passes over all can never now leave only mortality and grief in the world. We cease to glory in earthly sepulchres which, as we know, can be disintegrated in a moment. They represent only skulls and skeletons, the miseries and ugly effects of evil in Time. They can become the whited, soulless structures of the unthinking and unbelieving: the static expression of materialistic ignorance and, maybe, defiance. We bring the Easter message to bear upon them and defy them in our turn. So that the picture is not now of any fenced-in cemetery, but of a world-wide boundless garden where the flowers bloom again, and yet again: where men walk and labour and lift up their hearts in the Light and Life of the Risen Saviour Who leads them out of the temporal into the eternal realities of the Kingdom of God.

Good will it be to echo Whittier's 'Laus Deo' in and from our belfries today:—

> 'Ring, O bells!
> Every stroke exulting tells
> Of the burial hour of crime.
> Loud and long, that all may hear,
> Ring for every listening ear
> Of Eternity and Time!
>
> Let us kneel;
> God's own voice is in that peal,
> And this spot is holy ground.
> Lord, forgive us! What are we,
> That our eyes this glory see,
> That our ears have heard the sound!
>
> Ring and swing,
> Bells of joy! On morning's wing
> Send the song of praise abroad!
> With a sound of broken chains
> Tell the nations that He reigns,
> Who alone is Lord and God!'

FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR ON ADELAIDE BELLS

On February 20th, the local band at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, brought round the first peal on the bells, the method being Grandsire Triples. On Mothering Sunday, March 24th, the first peal of Major was rung, a 5,040 of Plain Bob, the band this time including three Melbourne ringers, George and Diana Pipe and Jack Roper.

The occasion was the last visit of the Pipes to Adelaide, before their return to England, and the week-end was thus tinged with regret. But it was a good opportunity for George to achieve yet another of his Australian ambitions, and the recent successes of the peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and Bob Royal in Melbourne were rounded off with a peal of Bob Major on the 41 cwt. tenor at Adelaide. Those who took part are filled with admiration at his handling of this big bell.

Like all other centres of ringing in Australia, Adelaide will miss the Pipes, not only personally but also because of the tremendous impetus their presence amongst us has given to ringing in this country over the past seven years. We can only hope that perhaps one day they will return to Australia.

W. B. P.

MOTHER TELLS OF WILFRID'S AMBITION

'The Hereford Times,' in calling attention to the week-end course for bellringers at the Hereford Training College, at which Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton will be one of the lecturers, gives an insight into Wilfrid's early days by quoting an interview with his mother.

Mrs. Moreton said: 'Wilfrid always wanted to go up into the tower at Pencombe, but his father wouldn't let him do so because it was dangerous. But when we came to Hereford, Mr. Sadler, who was a well known ringer at All Saints'—he used to cycle from Leintwardine every Sunday to ring—taught him to ring, and later Wilfrid taught his brother, Michael, who now rings at St. Paul's, and also Westminster Abbey on special occasions.'

WOODHOUSE RINGING MACHINE

Mr. Gordon W. Thwaites, who has spent the past five years rebuilding the Woodhouse ringing machine, demonstrated it recently at a Model Engineering Exhibition at Kendal.

'The Westmorland Gazette' stated that this exhibit attracted most attention and interest to the extent of being surrounded by a crowd two or three deep throughout most of the two hours the exhibition was open.

'Although of particular interest to bellringers, of whom Mr. Thwaites is one at Kendal Parish Church, anyone with an eye for working devices could hardly fail to be fascinated by the ingenious and complex selection mechanism which comprises one unit of the two unit construction. The bells are housed in a box without sides, the two units being connected by an electric cable.'

The machine will be officially handed over to the Lancashire Association at the annual meeting at Bacup on April 27th. It will then be housed in Preston, and demonstrations will be arranged there, and also in the various Branches of the Association.

C. C.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Sadowska 1, Miss M. Jackson (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, G. R. Drew 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, A. A. Paton (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers was held in the Hall of Selwyn College on March 9th. It was raining, of course, but it always rains on Dinner Day and so probably no one was surprised. But this year it was windy as well.

Quite apart from the weather, the day got off to a slightly uncertain start. It seemed that the Postmaster General had not been entirely efficient (at least, that is who the Master *said* it was) and had failed to give the peal band adequate warning of what was required of them, where, and when. After several anxious telephone calls, enough people struggled from their beds to Eaton Socon to abandon wild thoughts of five- or six-spliced, but to ring a respectable peal of Rutland.

The afternoon's programme began, as usual, at St. Bene't's and St. Andrew's; at the former, ringing got as far as Cambridge Minor, while at the latter a first-class touch of Stedman was all that seemed to stick in the organiser's memory.

TENOR MISSING

At Great St. Mary's, those who fought their way up the spiral staircase through a noisy flock of young ladies of foreign extraction found an enterprising novelty in that the clapper of the tenor was missing. It was interesting to note how many suddenly developed principles about ringing on the front ten when they realised that it was just about teatime anyway. The mysterious thing was that the clapper reappeared in the bell the following morning, and it is strongly rumoured that this was a diabolically-contrived plot to keep out the older members. Indeed, only one turned up on the Sunday morning!

Ringing at the Roman Catholic Church was as mixed as usual, though after the fortification of tea and crumpets a good touch of six-spliced was achieved. The day's second novelty transpired to be a game of hunt-the-key at Trumpington, which was substituted for ringing at Chesterton. This game was lost by the Guild.

In the evening the party met for sherry and an admirably swift election before proceeding to dinner in the Hall. After dinner, the president, Mr. W. J. Ridgman, welcomed the guests and non-resident members, and said that apologies and good wishes had been received from several well-known members and friends, including one young lady who had set out from Oxford the previous weekend.

'A WHOLESOME PASTIME'

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Douglas Birkenshaw. He confessed that having rooms even in the very shadow of St. Bene't's had not made him a ringer, and that it was some 20 years after Cambridge that he had taken to the Exercise. He found it a satisfying pursuit, partly because it was a service to the Church and partly because it was a thoroughly wholesome pastime, the like of which was sorely needed in a nation of watchers. The duty of a University Guild was to supply good ringers, teachers and composers to the Exercise, and no less to preserve a good standard of ringing manners in our towers. Although outnumbered by Oxonians at Kilburn, Mr. Birkenshaw was proud to congratulate the Guild on its 84-year record and to give it the warmest of good wishes for the future.

In his reply the Master, Richard Hough, gave account of his charge of the Guild. Since the last dinner 25 peals had been achieved, 12 being handbell and 13 tower peals. This was the largest peal total since 1958 and could largely be attributed to the manic enthusiasm of some of the junior members. Bob Royal had been secured at Bury St. Edmunds, conducted by Henry Lewis. Andrew Hudson had conducted peals of 32-Spliced Minor and 9-Spliced Plain Major methods on consecutive days. He had also conducted a peal of 6-Spliced Minor 'in hand.' With a nine-tenths undergraduate male band, Grandsire Caters had been scored at Mildenhall and, to offset the Guild's firm antipathy to ringing peals in Lancashire, a second visit to Great Yarmouth produced something for Brian Threlfall's alchemy to turn into a peal.

Sunday service ringing had, despite repeated mechanical failures at Great St. Mary's, improved, but there had been a drop in the number of learners. Besides helping to fill the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' the Guild had contributed scholarly monographs on stay design by John McClenahan and on simple callings for handbell peals of Major by Andrew Hudson.

'MORE MODEST DEMANDS'

In conclusion, the Master made the seemingly heretical suggestions that ringing should not be taken too seriously, and that the enthusiasts might be more modest in their demands on the more rational members of the Guild. The secretary had achieved some distinction in the course of the year by becoming locked in his room instead of taking charge of ringing at Great St. Mary's, to which problem the resourcefulness of the Fire Brigade had been called. The laughter of the residents suggested that they had more information about this than the Master disclosed to the gathering.

The toast of 'The Guests' was ably proposed by the secretary, Andrew Hudson. He could not, at that stage in the proceedings, share the feeling of ease and wellbeing to which Mr. Birkenshaw had earlier referred. He drew an ingenious, if risky, analogy between the clergy and manure, but got out of it in good order and wished Canon Fison well for Salisbury Plain. His welcome to the Vicar of Great St. Andrew's was not entirely disinterested, he confessed, as he wanted the bells for a peal the following Thursday. The other guests were warmly welcomed from Oxford, London and the Cambridge Youths. Concerning the last-named, the secretary said he had been disturbed to read an account in 'The Cambridge News' headed 'Delinquency among Cambridge Youths,' and saying that the authorities were at a loss as to how to deal with them. Mr. Ward and Mr. Muncey were, however, extremely well behaved on this occasion.

John Nelson, Master of the Oxford University Society, replied on behalf of the guests to thank the Cambridge Guild for their hospitality. He corrected the secretary on the source of one of his quotations, but admitted that Oxford hearts sank at the sight of Cambridge's peal records.

As a fitting end to the dinner, the loving cup, the Guild's memorial to Canon A. C. Blyth, was circulated, and then the party returned to sherry and handbells in the tower room.

The Sunday dawned a fine and sunny day, but the residents were largely left to their own devices on the augmented 11 at Great St. Mary's. None the less, the occasion was its usual success, and all those who took part must be grateful to the officers and resident members who made the arrangements.

P. B. H.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' April 11th, 1913.—

The Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) is intent upon increasing the number of bells at his own church of Titchfield, Hants, from six (tenor 12 cwt.) to eight. He has a young band of keen ringers, and with a complete octave some good work might well be expected. At the Easter Vestry meeting consent was given to the raising of funds by the Vicar and ringers to add two new trebles.

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'Church Bells' Story of St. Paul's Cathedral Bells

Readers may remember two previous series of extracts from the Victorian penny weekly publication 'Church Bells.'

These came from the volumes Advent, 1872–3, 1875–6 and 1879–80, and appeared in 'The Ringing World,' April–July, 1957, and January 6th to September 8th, 1961, under titles 'Ringing in England Eighty Years Ago' and 'A Potpourri from "Church Bells".'

'Church Bells' dealt with Church matters generally, one, two, three or four columns only being devoted to bells, ringing and ringers.

I have now gone through two more volumes (I wish all had been loaned to me in chronological order!), and the following extracts come from Volume VIII (Advent, 1877 to 1878) and Volume XI (Advent, 1880 to 1881). After this I shall have no further volumes to search.

When this series is printed I hope readers may have found interest at least here and there. It is the random nature and location of the items, as they appear, that is partly responsible for the interest, I think.

Though they are nearly a century old now, I find that many of the phrases used and the ringers' arguments in correspondence are very similar to those we find in our 'Ringing World' of the 1960's.

Ringers argue and argue about compositions and are sometimes fierce and not too pleasant!

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe, March, 1963.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON

In 'Church Bells,' of January 5th, 1878, an article, reproduced from 'The Standard,' included: 'It so happens that our present St. Paul's Cathedral is wanting in the special feature which, according to trustworthy testimony, its predecessors possessed and which the majority of its contemporaries now possess—a ring of bells . . . . On all festival occasions in the city the want of a ring of bells in St. Paul's has been sorely felt as, for instance, on the visit of our own Sovereign, or of foreign potentates, to our capital, or on the occasion of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attending Divine Service in the Cathedral. But never in immediately modern times was the want so nakedly apparent as on the memorable day when the Queen and all the Royal Family went to St. Paul's to return thanks for the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a terrible illness. On that occasion, of almost all the sacred edifices in London, St. Paul's was the only one which could not peal forth a strain of rejoicing from its towers . . . .

'The movement set on foot after Thanksgiving Day culminated in a meeting at the Mansion House during the mayoralty of Mr. Alderman Stone and a committee . . . . It was decided that the bells should be English in fashion and manufacture . . . total cost about £5,000 . . . the cage about £1,000. The bells are being cast at the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the makers of the bells at Manchester Town Hall, supposed to be the purest of tone in England . . . .

On August 31st, 1878, 'Church Bells' announced: 'We learn . . . that these bells are now being hung in the N.W. tower in a massive oak cage. An article in the "Church Times" states that "none of the largest bells are to be swung but will be rung by means of a turning V wheel fixed in the front of the bell, and in the groove of the V the rope will pass and be attached to the clappers. By this means the largest bells can be rung easily by one man". 'Church Bells' asks: 'What do our ringing friends and others think of this new dodge?'

This quickly brought an answer: Charles A. W. Troyte wrote: 'I have very great pleasure in stating, on Messrs. Taylors' authority, that the extract from "Church Times" in your issue of last week is entirely founded on some misapprehension of facts. The new bells at St. Paul's are all to be hung for ringing: in fact the tenor has already been "pulled up," and is reported to go very well.' Next week the paper confirmed that the tenor had been 'pulled up' and rung by two men.

The twelve were rung for a short time on October 4th, 1878, by College Youths—'a private trial . . . to test the tones of the bells, to enable the committee (who were present) to give a certificate as to their efficiency, etc. According to a report in "The Globe," a few minor alterations are necessary before the public opening, which is expected to take place on All Saints' Day.'

Particulars of the bells are given as follows:—

1.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
2.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.
3.—10 cwt. 3 lb. in D.
4.—11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.
5.—13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
6.—14 cwt. 4 lb. in A.
7.—16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.
8.—22 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.
9.—28 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.
10.—30 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.
11.—44 cwt. 2 qr. in C.
12.—62 cwt. in B flat.

Total weight: 271 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

DEDICATION DAY, ALL SAINTS', 1878

'Church Bells' records that the November air was keen and chill, there was a general stir around the Cathedral, and inside people were packed closely together for almost the whole length of the nave. Evensong was sung; then, for the actual dedication, Dr. Stainer, the organist, led the way to the Geometrical Staircase, as Mr. Hodge, who had taken over the organ, played 'The March of Priests,' by Mendelssohn. The Bishop of London and his chaplain, the Archdeacon of London, the Dean, eight canons, Dr. Stainer and the choristers (apparently thirty in number) 'threaded their way in surplices up the narrow, winding staircase, and formed a group in the centre of the ringing chamber.'

Here there was quite a lengthy service—versicles and responses, four psalms chanted by the choir, The Lord's Prayer, versicles and prayers, the dedication, the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies,' the Collect for St. Paul's Day; then, finally, the Bishop 'gave the Blessing to the little kneeling congregation, above which rose the stalwart forms of the ringers leaning on their ropes . . . .

It is difficult to know exactly how the ringers could 'lean' on their ropes because, earlier in the report, it was stated that, during the sermon at Evensong 'the bells were being rung up with clappers lashed and set at back-stroke for the opening peal.' However, the record shows that, after a slight pause, following the Blessing, the Bishop of London gave the world 'Go' to the circle of ringers, and 'thirteen pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert and down came a shower of music, bright, soft and mellow.' Rounds only were rung, and the conductor called 'Stand.' '"Well stopped," exclaimed Dr. Stainer with delight; but it was a premature congratulation for the tenor hesitated in the hands of his two ringers . . . and spoke twice alone, breaking the neatness of the first performance but giving the thousands of listeners an opportunity of hearing his voice clear of competition.'

FIRST RINGERS

Then followed over an hour of Stedman Cinques. Hundreds stood listening in St. Paul's churchyard on this fine, clear night.

The first ringers were all College Youths and stood as follows: H. W. Haley, sen., H. Haley, jun., W. Cooter, J. Pettit, G. Mash, R. Haworth, G. Ferris, J. Dwight, E. Horrex, G. A. Muskett, M. A. Wood, J. M. Hayes, with G. Dorrington, S. Reeves and W. Jones. (These last three apparently took turns at strapping.—C. R.) Among the ringers present were Mr. Troyte, Rev. R. Cattley and Rev. Augustus Sutton.

On Saturday, November 9th, 1878, Lord Mayor's Day, touches of Stedman Cinques were rung by the same band as rang at the dedication; first between 1 and 2 o'clock, when the procession passed the Cathedral, and again at 6 o'clock, when the Lord Mayor's guests passed. 'Thousands were present to see and to listen.'

The Rev. H. R. Haweis was a severe critic of the new ring, and in succeeding issues of 'Church Bells' there were long letters of argument between him, Dr. Stainer and others, including Sir Edmund Beckett, an author of books on church building, clocks and bells.

Mr. Haweis would have preferred a carillon of Belgian bells. He said: 'Peal ringing, . . . although a healthy British exercise, in large towns is barely tolerable even for a quarter of an hour before Divine Service. Had there been a carillon at St. Paul's the mute crowd below, instead of melting away beneath the scourge of treble bobs, would be rapt in wonder . . . .'

Sir Edmund Beckett, referring to the effect of bellringing and bell frames on towers, said that St. Paul's bell tower walls are ten feet thick, and it is 'probably the only tower in the kingdom that does not even vibrate under the ringing by its own elasticity.'

Referring to Rev. Haweis' remarks about bells being rung and carillons being played, he said: 'The English public think much more of the full sound of a fine peal of bells rung in changes than of the comparatively feeble tunes played on them by the very best machinery. So far from thinking a little bellringing before church "intolerable," the accidental omission of it is generally resented by a vast majority in any town that is used to it, as we in the north are more than those in the south, where men are generally too lazy to ring proper changes, varying at every round according to scientific rules. But the ringing at St. Paul's last Saturday [probably the Lord Mayor's Day's ringing.—C. R.] was the best I have heard on twelve bells. Generally they sound worse than ten . . . . The tenor bell of St. Paul's has been rehung, in conformity with the principle I have been advocating for many years against the practice of what is called "tucking-up" or putting a good deal of weight above the pivots or gudgeons, and that it now sounds well over the others, which it did not at the first two trials. And, on the whole, this is the grandest ringing peal in England and, therefore, in the world though, for aught I know, somebody may yet be able to make a better.'

W. Warskitt wrote saying that he was a practical church-bell tuner of more than forty years' experience, and he disagreed with Dr. Stainer who had said that the ring was in tune. He maintained that the treble was too sharp for the second and the second too sharp for the third, also that the tenor was too flat for all the others.

'An old College Youth' thought St. Saviour's, Southwark, twelve were better than St. Paul's and that the two trebles at St. Paul's were not only 'too sharp for the others' but 'wild in tone and out of tune.'

Rev. Richard Cattley, of Worcester, described these two trebles as 'particularly bright and telling . . . a matter of much importance in a ring of this magnitude.'

Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon, and Mr. Rob. Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, wrote letters, so did 'A Soundbow,' who said that the ring was 'simply magnificent.' But the controversy in 'Church Bells' and in 'The Times' too, it seems, went on for weeks and developed into opinions on stress and strain on towers, bell frames, canonless bells, and so on in places far from St. Paul's.

(To be continued)

RECORD LENGTH COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Three new record lengths of Surprise Major are now ready to be sent to anyone interested.

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JOHN SEGAR.

Skegness, Lincs.

Letters to the Editor

Odd-Struck Bells

Dear Sir,—I hope all conscientious steeple-keepers will have read the article by Denis R. Carlisle, page 211.

It is high time a discussion took place on the subject of odd-struck bells, for nothing is more maddening than slow blows at back-stroke. Just as there are many causes and remedies for bad going bells, so there are many reasons and cures for odd-struck bells.

Bells with independent crown staples are easily corrected of falseness by unscrewing the centre castle nut, allowing the clapper to drop, say, a quarter of an inch, and stuffing a piece of packing between the inside of the crown of the bell and top of the clapper, on the garter hole side, and then tighten up. This will make the bell strike quicker at back-stroke, and, of course, the opposite side has the opposite effect.

To cure bells without independent staples, the cause may be the distance between garter hole and pulley. Lengthening the distance between garter hole and pulley will have the effect of slowing the handstroke blow and quickening the backstroke blow. Ideal for perfect leading.

This will mean putting in a new garter hole, say, eight inches above the present one, or moving the pulley nearer the bell. The stay or slider must also be adjusted.—Yours, etc.,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Carlisle's article. A simple and effective way to cure an odd-struck bell, where the clapper is bolted through the headstock, is to use a taper washer.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

Enthusiasm at Salisbury, Rhodesia

Dear Sir,—I should like, through your paper, to express my appreciation of being able to join the enthusiastic band of ringers at Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia.

They certainly have a fine ring of bells, and there is no doubt that they will soon be extending their range of methods, particularly if enthusiasm is any criterion.

Fortunately, on the first Sunday I was in Salisbury, there was a special service in the afternoon, so that I was able to take part in some ringing both for this service and later on for Evensong. On the following Wednesday I was able to join them again for their ringing practice.

I am sure any ringing visitor to Salisbury will be very welcome and, for the record, their present practice on Wednesday extends from 5 o'clock in the afternoon till nine at night, with a break from seven to half past. The first two hours, when I was there, were spent in handbell ringing and silent tower ringing, and after the break open tower ringing was practised.

Many thanks to a very delightful band of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

Birmingham. J. R. COTTERILL.

Tonne Bell at Bocking

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Shepherd, the Tonne bell at the Deanery Church, Bocking, I wrote about is indeed the bell that was once housed in the turret, but people who have examined it since it was taken down and re-hung in the tower feel that it was never a sacring bell, as it is too large. It is believed to have been always a clock bell.—Yours fraternally,

R. SUCKLING.

Braintree, Essex.

Other Views on Compositions

Dear Sir,—One reads with interest Mr. Pladdys' letter in a recent 'R.W.' It is true, as he says, that there is little scope for composition in the 00065 F.C.H. methods, except, I think, where the location of the falseness is unusual (as in Cassiobury, Southgate, Hinton, etc.).

It is a rule of the C.C. that compositions used for new methods should be published, so this would seem to explain why they appear in the 'R.W.'

To say that there is no new material for composition in S.M. and S.R. is complete tripe, and as for using existing compositions (Old Masters) as starting points for tenors parted peals you won't get very far. The thing is to start from scratch.

It is interesting to read Mr. Pladdys' letter and then look at his own peal of Stedman Triples (on the twin-bob system!), which he published in 'R.W.' some time ago. What scope is there in twin-bob S.T.?

Perhaps Mr. Pladdys' principle of living is 'If the cap fits pretend you don't like to colour.' I certainly find it useful at times. —Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—I have found, on looking through my records, that there is already a Quadring been pealed; figures are as follows:

x58x16x12x38x14x38x56x18 l.e. 18

and, as can be seen, these are different to those of the Quadring pealed at Donington. Perhaps the name could be changed to avoid any misunderstandings.

I also find the same problem with Acton and Nettleham, figures as following:

Acton—38x58. 14x12x16x14x38. 16x16. 58 l.e. 12
Corrigan's No. 262 Ripon.
38x58. 14. 58x58. 16x12x58. 16x16. 78 l.e. 12
Corrigan's No. 2 Acton.

Nettleham—x38x14x12x16x12x1258x16x38 l.e. 12
x58x16x12x38x34x58x14x58 l.e. 12

Finally, can anyone also supply the figures of the following methods: Wirral, Birmingham, Hereford, Kensington, Warnham, Plymouth, Trowbridge, Crewe, Neasden, Cheshunt, Imberhorne, Kirklington, Saxlingham, Horsham, Stoughton, Portsmouth, Enfield, Moorside, Zennor, Fordham, Netherton, Southport, Jaffay, Weatheroak, Rugby, Longney, Kilburn, Umberslade, Ladywood, Hanslope, Houghton-le-Spring, Totternhoe, Ripplesmere, Sawley, Digbeth, Queslett, Cotswold, Wellington, Aldridge, Southwell, Ploughley.

Thank you for your help.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID E. BELCHAM.

17, York Road,
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JOSEPH BURGESS.

West Lodge,
62, Manchester Road,
Greenfield, near Oldham.

DEDICATION

A NEW TREBLE AT HARTEST

Through the generosity of a veteran Whepstead ringer, Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe, a treble has been added to the ring of five at All Saints' Church, Hartest, Suffolk.

This bell was dedicated by the Ven. H. R. Norton, Archdeacon of Bury, on March 30th, and those wending their way across the village green that afternoon could hear the old five bells summoning them to be present at the dedication service. The five bells were rung by Messrs. G. Garwood, M. Willoughby, Richard J. Seabrook, S. Honeyball and R. Truin.

The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. I. K. Hamel Cooke, and the lessons were read by him and Major Weller Poley. The Archdeacon's address was very appropriate to both ringers and other members of the congregation.

The first ring on the six bells was by a local band, who rang 720 Plain Bob Minor. They were G. Garwood 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, M. S. Willoughby 3, R. J. Seabrook 4, S. Honeyball 5, M. Rose (conductor) tenor.

Next to take the sallies were six ladies, who rang 240 Oxford Treble Bob. They stood in the following order: Miss June Wright 1, Mrs. Palmer, of Fordham (conductor), 2, Mrs. Ivings, of Euston, 3, Miss D. Reeve, of Hockwold, 4, Miss Alice Lester, of Needham Market, 5, Miss Hilda Snowden, of Halstead, tenor.

Tea was served in Hartest Village Club by the Rector and helpers. The Rector thanked the donors and ringers for their part in the day's proceedings. A cheque for £5 5s. was presented by Mr. L. Wright, of Bury St. Edmunds, to the Rector from the Suffolk Guild Bell Fund.

An opportunity was given to Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe to speak, and he mentioned that he first rang in 1902 and rang his first peal of Grandsire in 1907. Since that date he had rung many bells and peals. Tribute was opportunely paid to Mr. Rolfe's service to ringing in training many recruits in Suffolk during the past 50 years.

There was a big assembly of ringers in the belfry after tea, when many Minor methods were rung. Visitors came not only from Suffolk but from Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Middlesex and Hertfordshire, and were greeted by the Rector. G. R.

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Place of the Elderly

Dear Sir,—There is a lot more to bellringing than merely pulling a rope, and while I admire the efforts described recently in 'The Ringing World' of elderly novices in mastering bell handling and elementary change-ringing (being one of them myself), I think our relative maturity can be better employed in teaching and encouraging youngsters and keeping a band together.—Yours sincerely, H. L. ROPER.

Adderbury, Banbury.

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15th CENTURY WILLIAM UNDERHILL—The 'ffounder'

By T. A. BEVIS

A WELL known mediæval bell foundry was that at the Metropolis producing bells under the somewhat 'shy' trade name of one 'William ffounder.'

The works of this man-of-metal (who has left us but little information in respect of his activities) are found in many parts of the country. Several bells by him are—or were—adorned with beautiful initial lettering, and have shields with intriguing designs.

It is thought that 'William ffounder's' business was established between the years 1410-1420, and his wares were in great demand. William often placed his trade mark on his bells in the manner depicted by illustration 'D,' and the shield 'C,' the arms of Underhill, was also frequently employed in the adornment of his creations. Consequently it is generally accepted that 'Underhill' was the founder's surname. This particular shield (a chevron between what would appear to be three trees), together with the maker's name, occurred in one instance on a bell at Southelmham St. Peter's Suffolk, thus providing irrefutable evidence in support of the founder's actual surname.

Underhill's popular emblem, however, took the form of a shield displaying a chevron between three ewers ('A') and this does imply that the bellmaker, in common with a good many of his fellow craftsmen, enjoyed an additional occupation, in this case, possibly as a silversmith or similar.

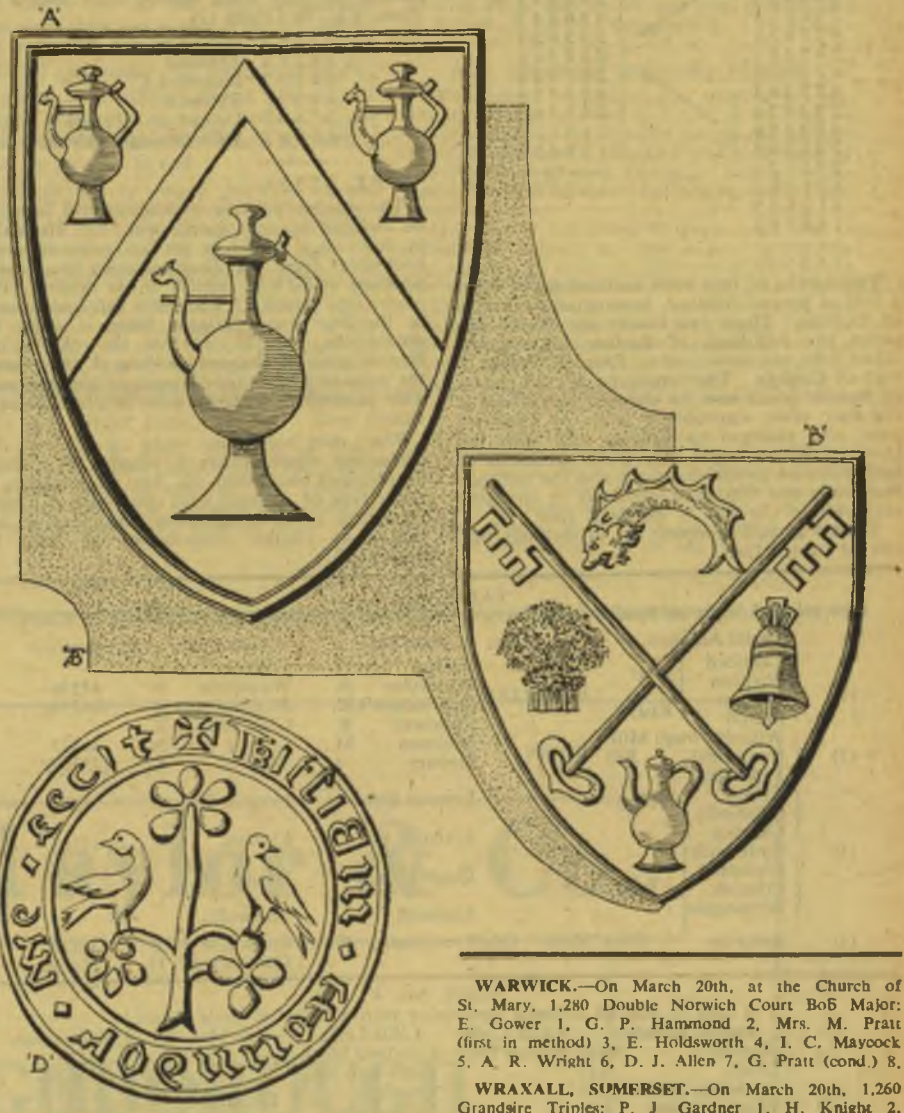
It is possible that Underhill had connections with another foundry business. The illustration 'B,' of a shield bearing a dolphin, wheatsheaf, bell and an ewer and crosskeys, although somewhat mystifying, lends the impression that our founder was directly or indirectly concerned with another mediæval establishment.

William devised a weird and wonderful initial cross for his bells and the design adhered strongly to Oriental inspiration.

The three bells at Bartlow, Cambs, are excellent examples of 15th century bell founding and although they can hardly be attributed to Underhill, in the absence of his obvious foundry marks, it is thought that they have a connection with him for they display the shield 'B' and, in addition, have a second shield with a monogram containing a T.

A similar connection occurs at St. Botolph's Church, Cambridge, and also at West Wickham; the shield 'B' also occurred on a former treble at Chardstock, Devon.

However deeply enveloped in the mists of time, the 'ffounder' emerges for the duration of a twinkling of an eye, and indelibly records in the annals of posterity, through the medium of his captivating bell marks, his friendly, Christian name.



WARWICK.—On March 20th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Gower 1, G. P. Hammond 2, Mrs. M. Pratt (first in method) 3, E. Holdsworth 4, I. C. Maycock 5, A. R. Wright 6, D. J. Allen 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Gardner 1, H. Knight 2, H. Bird 3, Mrs. Simmons 4, S. Smith 5, A. Gould 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Confirmation service.

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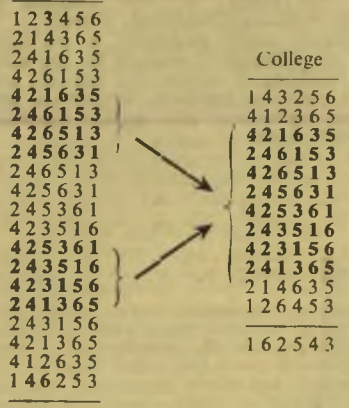
THE SPLICING OF ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS

2. SPECIAL ALLIANCE METHODS

Examine the following two leads:

Chelford Alliance



College

Two blocks of four rows each are taken from a lead of Special Alliance, leaving behind a lead of College. These two blocks are placed between two half-leads of Bastow Little Court *taken from the same course*, forming thereby a lead of College. The remainder of the course of Bastow could now be changed to College if the four other appropriate leads of Chelford were also changed to College. As with the Ordinary Alliance, the 2nds place variations of both pairs are available, as are also the methods Wavertree and Childwall obtained by changing each side of the pair at the same time.

Table 3 gives a complete list of methods that can be treated thus:

Extent No. 332 can be used for Groups (1), (2) and (3), and No. 327 for Group (4). As neither Bastow nor Kent Little Court have a 2nd place variation, however, the 2nd place variation in the New Plain column will be unobtainable in Group (2) and (4) if these extents are used.

If it is desirable to obtain this Plain method then the ever-useful extent No. 335 may, in Group (2), be adapted by substituting 2nd place method for 2nd place and 6th place for 6th. It must be remembered that in the 'Little' section the 2nds place method must always be Plain, e.g., in Group (2).

	2 3 4 5 6	Willesborough Alliance
S	6 4 2 5 3	Thelwall
	6 4 5 3 2	Bastow L.C.
	6 4 3 2 5	Thelwall
S	3 5 6 4 2	Limpsfield Alliance
	6 3 5 4 2	Willesborough Alliance
P.L.	4 2 3 5 6	

The necessary leads of Alliance will have to be changed to correspond with the Thelwall; in this case it would be perhaps easier to work backwards from the Thelwall using the Transposition (4 5 2 6 3), which is, of course, the places into which 2 3 4 5 and 6 fall respectively in the first transposition. Now, in order to obtain the Lytham, one of the courses of Bastow must be changed to Plain (Lytham) and the necessary adjustments made in the Alliance. This is similar in many ways to the 720 previously used.

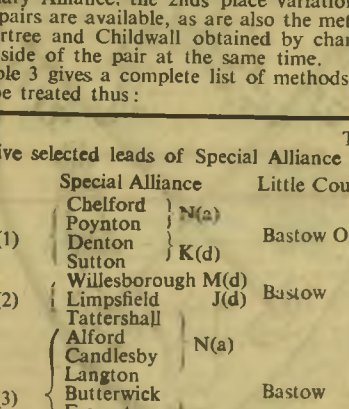
There does not appear to be an extent in the Collection which makes it possible to include Cumberland in Group (4), for this requires a single type of Alliance with two types of Little. Here then is an arrangement which can be accepted as another contribution of mine to posterity!

	2 3 4 5 6	Alliance	Hb Kb Jb Gb	
S	3 2 5 6 4	Little	J(b)	
S	3 5 2 6 4	Alliance	Hb Kb Jb Gb	
S	4 6 2 3 5	Little	M(a)	
—	3 4 6 2 5	Alliance	Hb Kb Jb Gb	
P.L.	4 2 3 5 6		Twice repeated.	

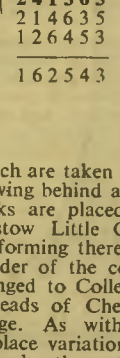
In this extent, the first course of Little in each part must be changed to Cumberland. Any one (or two if desired) of the remaining courses of Little can be changed to Ennerdale. Of course, the necessary leads of Alliance must be altered to Frodsham to allow for these transformations. The transposition, 3 2 4 5 6, in this case is the same whichever way we work so the alterations should not be difficult.

Now let us examine the following:

Algarkirk



Clyst



Here the middle is removed from a lead of a Special Alliance and transplanted between two rows in the middle of a lead of Bastow L.C. A complete lead of Crayford is left behind. This exchange can be effected wherever desired. Table 4 gives a list of methods which can be so treated.

Extent No. 332 will be found suitable for all the four Groups in Table No. 4.

A further point of interest arises in Group (3) of this table as Hampstead is a 'course splicer' with A (9, 10, 21, 24) and A (34, 35, 45, 46), a '3-lead splicer' with A 22 and a '6-lead splicer' with A 17. Moreover, the Special Alliance methods from which it is 'borrowed' is a '3-lead splicer' with S.A 14 (S.A 15) which are among the methods of the previous table from which Plain methods may be obtained. I also have it in an extent which contains Treble Bob methods!

Lack of space prevents a full discussion on the many interesting extents which can be evolved here, but perhaps some ringers may prefer to experiment in this direction with pencil and (half a ream of) paper!

The exchange of rows in Table 5 is similar to that in the preceding one. The 'borrowed' rows do not, however, fit directly in the middle of a lead of Bastow but between two half-leads taken from the same course in a manner that parallels the methods in Table No. 1. Furthermore, the New Ordinary Alliance methods, Darlington and Kelly, are both 2nds place methods, whereas Bastow is a 6ths place method. If, however, the extent on p. 7 is used, the new Ordinary Alliance can be substituted for the first course of the Little in each part, i.e.:—

	2 3 4 5 6	Alliance	S.A 43
	S 3 2 5 6 4	Alliance	A 49
	S 3 5 2 6 4	Alliance	S.A 43
	S 4 6 2 3 5	Bastow L.C.	
	— 3 4 6 2 5	Alliance	S.A 43
P.L.	4 2 3 5 6		

With the necessary alterations in the Special Alliance, Clewer and Kelly may be similarly treated.

The treatment of methods in Table 6 is similar to those in Table No. 4. There is one important difference. Six leads must be selected with one bell fixed. In Groups (1), (2) and (3) it is the 4ths place bell and in (4), (5) and (6) the 3rds place bell. In both cases the fixed bell will be 2nds place bell in the Little Court method. Extent 332 is suitable for adaptation in Groups (1), (2) and (3), and extent 327 for Groups (4), (5) and (6).

(Continued next page)

TABLE No. 3

Five selected leads of Special Alliance combining with a complete Course of Little Court.

	Special Alliance		Little Court	Plain Left		New Plain		Transposition
(1)	Chelford, Poynton, Denton, Sutton	N(a), K(d)	Bastow O(d)	College N, Wavertree N, St. Clement's K, Childwall K		College N, Wavertree N, St. Clement's K, Childwall K		43256 (43256)
(2)	Willesborough M(d), Limpsfield J(d)		Bastow	Stedman M, Stepney J		Lytham N, Thelwall K		46235 (45263)
(3)	Tattershall, Alford, Candlesby, Langton, Butterwick, Frampton, Frieston, Bennington	N(a), K(d)	Bastow	London Bob, Lytham, Double Ox., Thelwall		London Bob, Lytham, Double Ox., Thelwall		43256 (43256)
(4)	Stokesay	G(e)	Kent O(e)	Frodsham G		Ennerdale, Cumberland	L, H	32456 (32456)

TABLE No. 4

A lead of Special Alliance combining with a Lead of Little Court.

	Special Alliance		Little Court	Little Left	New Ord. All.		Transposition
(1)	Algarkirk M(d), Croft J(d)		Bastow O(d)	Crayford M(a), Little Bob J(b)	Clyst	Oa	46235 (45263)
(2)	Wickham Skeith M(d), Hanley Castle J(d)		"	Crayford, Little Bob	Lavington	Oa	46235 (45263)
(3)	Wistaston M(d), Biddenham J(d)		"	Crayford, Little Bob	Hampstead	Oa	46235 (45263)
(4)	Willesborough M(d), Limpsfield J(d)		"	Crayford, Little Bob	Norwood	Oa	46235 (45263)

TABLE No. 5

Five selected leads of Special Alliance combining with a complete Course of Little Court.

Special Alliance	Little Court	Little Left	New Ord. All.		Transposition
(1) Sibsey G(e)	Kent O(d)	Belvedere G(c)	Darlington	G(c)	32456 (32456)
(2) Clewer G(e)	Kent O(d)	Belvedere G(c)	Kelly	G(c)	32456 (32456)

TABLE No. 6

A six-lead splice combination of Special Alliance and Little Court.

	Special Alliance	Little Court	Little Left	New Ordinary		Transposition
(1)	Algarkirk, Croft	Bastow O(d)	Crayford M(a), Little Bob J(b)	Harlington	Oa	46235
(2)	Wistaston, Biddenham	Bastow	Crayford, Little Bob	Balcombe	Oa	6 leads with 4th place bell fixed
(3)	Willesborough, Limpsfield	Bastow	Crayford, Little Bob	Kimberley	Oa	
(4)	Hilperton H(e)	Kent O(e)	St. Lawrence H(c)	Kilndown	Oc	32456
(5)	Haresfield H(e)	Kent	St. Lawrence	Beltring	Oc	6 leads with 3rds place bell fixed (see notes)
(6)	Mathon H(e)	Kent	St. Lawrence	Farleigh	Oc	

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

A wet, wintry day did not deter ringers from attending the Bingham District meeting at Cropwell Bishop on March 9th. Thirty were present during the afternoon, and despite the downpour over 50 during the evening. A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. R. Pleming), after which tea was enjoyed in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting, a proposal by Mr. Hanson to hold a joint meeting with the Melton District at Bottesford on September 14th was favoured. Four new members — Messrs. J. Reader, T. Rawlings (Cropwell Bishop), G. Wells and P. Butler (Lowdham)—were elected. Preliminary rounds for the Crawford cup will be held at Orston. The final will be held in the Bingham district, Cotgrave being selected. If an 8-bell team should reach the final, a different tower will be chosen. The Rev. H. R. Pleming was elected a vice-president.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, and ladies who prepared the tea was proposed by Mr. W. L. Exton. Ladies were asked to volunteer to prepare tea at the Guild general meeting at Southwell on April 27th. R. B.

Splicing Alliance Minor—Cont.

In conclusion, I have two things to say. Firstly, that I have been brief in my explanations; deliberately so, as my intention has been merely to give a lead so that ringers can compile their own extents. In any case the subject has not been entirely covered, and I hope that I have left room for inquisitive minds to extend their own investigations.

Secondly, although I have carefully checked all the figures it is possible that I have made some error or omission in the Tables. I should be grateful, therefore, if anyone discovering such a fault would kindly point it out through the medium of the 'R.W.'

OBITUARY

MR. EDWIN (TED) RUSSELL

AN APPRECIATION

All his ringing friends in the Godstone, Blechingley, Nutfield, Merstham, Redhill and Reigate towers mourn the loss of a good friend in the sudden passing, on April 1st, of Mr. Edwin (Ted) Russell. It was tragic that this should have come just a week after the anniversary of his golden wedding.

Ted's own tower was Merstham, but he was claimed equally by all the others mentioned. Ted was more than just a fellow ringer: he was a good and dear friend to all who rang with him. At his own tower, his enthusiasm was an inspiration to a struggling band of learners. He encouraged them to visit other towers, and it was always a joy when he turned up with a string of his learners in tow.

He will perhaps be missed the most on the local ringers' annual outing on Whit Monday. The stories of Ted's exploits on these occasions are legion, but perhaps the best and most beloved tale is of last year's outing when Ted, who was a little hard of hearing, rang the second to a touch of Grandsire Triples at Hastings. Everyone's exhortations to him to 'strike closer, Ted!' were in vain, because not until the bells came back into rounds was it discovered that the clapper of the second was tied and the bell was mute! This was certainly Ted's own favourite story about himself.

Dear Ted—gentle, kind, and full of good humour—how we shall miss you. The world will be a poor place without you; but knowing you, it is certain that the trumpets are sounding for you on the other side. *Vade in pace.*

N. E. K.

MR. FRED BISHOP

A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1911 and president of the Eastern Branch since 1960, Mr. Fred Bishop, of Kirton, Lincs, died on March 15th, aged 68 years.

From 1912 to 1919 he served with the Lincolnshire Regiment, seeing active service in France, Flanders and Ireland. He then joined the Police Force, and in 1931 went to Saxilby as station sergeant, where he stayed for 20 years. Here he did good service with the ringers. Upon his retirement he came home to Kirton, where he was for many years verger and a ringer.

The funeral service at Kirton was fully choral and was attended by several ringing friends. Cremation followed at Peterborough. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung half-muffled at Kirton on the Monday evening. W. E. C.

MR. FRANCIS (FRANK) DEWEY

With regret we report the passing of Mr. Frank Dewey, of Boston, Lincs, at the age of 78. A ringer at the famous Stump for over 45 years, he was also a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. Owing to ill-health he had to give up ringing about four years ago.

Mr. Dewey had rung 98 peals. He had a wonderful memory for the names of ringers, the number of bells at different churches and the weights of tenors.

The funeral took place on March 21st and was attended by many of his ringing friends. His favourite method was Grandsire, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Boston on the Thursday evening. W. E. C.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. L. Grover 1, Jill M. May 2, Carolyn White 3, P. G. Sherwood 4, R. Walker 5, D. J. Tubbs 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, W. Savill 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Oakshott, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District, who was interred earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A year's exchange of pulpits has brought the Rev. Warwick Aiken, jun., from North Carolina, U.S.A., to St. Botolph's, Barton Seagrave, Northants. Until he arrived in this country he had never heard church bells rung to changes. He immediately requested his ringers that he should be allowed to learn and now, after two months, rings call changes, and is a keen learner.

Visitors to London will be welcome at St. Clement Danes' on Easter Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Will Mr. Philip Day, who recently ordered a copy of 'The Ringer's Handbook' from Mrs. E. S. Powell, please let her have his address?

A fine achievement for the Hereford Diocesan Guild was a peal of 54 methods and variations at Bodenham on March 23rd, conducted by Philip G. Morgan.

With the peal we publish this week, Mr. John Hill has rung Bristol Major, Royal and Maximus. It is believed that this is the first time that it has been accomplished.

It is anticipated that over 1,000 ringers and their friends will be attending the Coventry Cathedral Rally on April 20th. May we repeat that coaches are parked in Pool Meadow, next to the Cathedral, and cars in the West Orchard Car Park, just off Broadgate (150 yards from Cathedral; cost 1s. all day). You are asked to be seated by 2.45 p.m. as the general public will be admitted to fill empty seats.

A recent Saturday in the life of one of the young lady ringers at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. Played in a hockey match as a member of her school's senior team, which they won quite easily; took an advanced pianoforte examination, which she was pleased to hear a week later she had passed; spent two hours outside the Free Library, collecting in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign; went to Emmanuel Church to ring for a wedding; and the week-end home work was not a matter to be treated lightly.

Another peal of greeting to H.M. the Queen and Prince Philip has been rung in Australia. This was at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, and it was the first peal on the bells and in Western Australia. We congratulate Brian J. Lawes, the conductor, and his band. He was the only one who had stood in a peal previously, and this was his first as conductor.

Pipe's Pilgrims, who start their Surrey and Sussex tour with a day on the Island on August 4th, are making their headquarters at the Arun Hotel, Pulborough.

Two of the ringers in the band that rang in the quarter peal at Marshfield, Mon, on March 29th were members of the new band recently formed at the tower. The remaining three came from St. Mellons.

The ringing of a peal of Doubles (14 variations) at Builth Wells, Breconshire, on March 30th was a spcial occasion. A peal had not been rung on these bells for more than 30 years.

Regarding the peal at Trysull, Staffs, on February 9th, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett informs us that there was an error in the printed footnote. Mr. Arthur Wharton died in 1959 and he knew the gentleman for 25 years.

Mr. D. Cooper, of 84, New Bolsover, near Chesterfield, invites any ringers travelling to Coventry from the North or outing organisers to visit Bolsover Parish Church, which has been partly rebuilt and redecorated after a disastrous fire. There is a first class ring of eight, and a pull on these and a look round the beautiful church will certainly be time well spent, writes Mr. Cooper.

At the annual 'Oranges and Lemons' service at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, attended by the children of St. Clement Danes' Primary School, Drury Lane, held on March 28th, members of the London County Association, as has been their custom, rang a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' at the end of the service. It always seems to be an appreciated novelty.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5280 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Derek Sawyer	*Treble*	‡John A. Acres	7
*Sandra E. Chesterton	2	‡Brian S. Chapman	8
†A. James Poynor	3	†Peter J. Staniforth	9
†Alan E. Hartley	4	‡Herrick B. Bowley	10
†John M. Jelley	5	William J. Root	11
Shirley Burton	6	E. Alan Jacques	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Acres.
* First peal on 12 'inside. † First in the method. ‡ First of Maximus in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	A. Robin Heppenstall	7
*Iris Lemare	2	H. Leslie Pask	8
Norah M. Randles	3	George H. Randles	9
Norman J. Goodman	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First 12-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Edmund Shuttleworth	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Brian G. Warwick	2	W. David Ward	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Richard C. L. Brown	8
Malcolm D. Barsby	4	*Keith H. Mildred	9
Raymond Benfield	5	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Composed by Wilfrid F. Moreton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 WHITBY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¾ cwt.

Stuart Armerson	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	6
John J. L. Gilbert	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Geoffrey F. Bryant	3	J. Henry Fielden	8
John F. Bryant	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
W. Eric Critchley	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J Tucker. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal in the method.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*J. Edward Cawser	*Treble*	W. Ernest Rawson	6
Patricia A. Morris	2	Edward W. Colley	7
Beryl E. Cawser	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	8
E. Alan Jacques	4	Russell S. Morris	9
*Frederick E. Wilshaw	5	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together. First of Surprise in the tower.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

*Christopher F. Mew	*Treble*	*Alan R. Millidge	6
*Alison M. Mann	;2	*Brian J. Bull	7
*Susan J. Rawlings	3	*David C. Brookes	8
*Brian H. Coatsworth	4	*Ken Newman	9
*Michael J. Uphill	5	†Alan E. Bagworth	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Royal at first attempt. † First of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung in memory of Frank Oakshott, of Epsom.

WHITBY SURPRISE ROYAL
30—14—50—16—1470—58—56—70—14—3
2nds place lead-end: 1089674523

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Eric Edmondson	*Treble*	John Hill	6
Joan Beresford	2	Jack S. Dear	7
Thomas J. Lock	3	Frank C. Price	8
J. Richard Castledine	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
Dennis Knox	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EATON SOCON, BEDFORD.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	*Treble*	P. K. Williamson (Trinity)	5
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare)	3	P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)	7
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by J. H. Fielden.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Aidan,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Colin Bantock	*Treble*	William Tyson	5
†Harry Aitchieson	2	Norman Errington	6
Richard Oliver	3	Michael Armstrong	7
Michael Maughan	4	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Alan R. Pink	*Treble*	Edward R. Venn	5
J. Robin J. Dyke	2	John E. Drewitt	6
Harry W. Badger	3	Neil L. Allnatt	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Peter A. Sharp	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative; with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Geoffrey F. Bryant	*Treble*	*Stuart Armeson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
J. Henry Fielden	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Norman Chaddock	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Richard E. Fentiman	*Treble*	Frank E. Hawthorne	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Richard C. Stevens	6
Adrienne Gibson	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Albert E. Cheeseman	4	William J. Munton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frank Oakshott, respected leader of this tower, who was interred in Epsom on March 21st.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

*Susan M. White	*Treble*	*Clive W. Simpson	5
John S. Rank	2	*Leonard J. North	6
*Lorna E. Simpson	3	*Bernard E. Matthews	7
*Bryan C. Burrough	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells (March 25th, 1961).

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

D. MARY BERESFORD	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
E. JANE SIBSON	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
Rung to mark the 90th birthday of the wife of the late J. D. Matthews, sometime Master of this Society.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLOUGHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

DON C. EXELL	*Treble*	JOHN H. GILBERT	5
PETER BRIDLE	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	*Treble*	BRIAN R. COX	5
FREDERICK N. SMEATON	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
DIANA M. PIPE	3	JOHN J. F. ROPER	7
*WILLIAM B. PITCHER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung for Mothering Sunday; also as a farewell to George and Diana Pipe.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
*JEFFREY SAWYER	2	JOHN HALSALL	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
†BARBARA GREEN	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	5
*DAVID G. WILFORD	2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	6
*ROBERT E. HARDY	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
*BARRY BROWN	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. the Annunciation of the B.V. Mary.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

FREDERICK ROSS	*Treble*	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	5
NORMAN ERRINGTON	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
Specially arranged to celebrate the birth, on March 18th, 1963, of Martin Ramshaw, first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. N. Errington.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. PARKER	5
*ANTHONY HELLIWELL	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
†MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	7
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal. The ringers of treble and second have now 'circled the tower.'

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

*JOSEPHINE P. SADLER	*Treble*	†BERNARD C. SADLER	5
HARRY SMITH	2	‡GERALD BACON	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	PHILIP A. SADLER	7
JANET ROWE	4	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.
* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Major. First of Major as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Gerald Bacon.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
*EILEEN J. OSBORNE	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	3	H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
*JOHN F. MURFIN	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
ALEXANDER PAGE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	RONALD F. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	JOHN E. SPICE	5
*ANN JENNER	2	ANDREW J. CORBY	6
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
JANET H. BUSS	4	†STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † 125th peal.
A 70th birthday compliment to George H. Spice, a vice-president of the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford, rung alternately. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

G. ANGUS DIXON	*Treble*	CHARLES V. CADE	4
*DAVID FOX	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
W. STANLEY SMITH	3	W. ROBERT PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.
* First peal of Minor.
Arranged for the ringer of the second bell, who was on leave whilst serving in H.M. Forces in Germany.

SHELFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 32 extents of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	RAYMOND BENFIELD	3
*C. RICHARD DAFT	2	*JOHN C. SHONFELD	4
MAURICE HARRISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.
* First peal of Doubles.
Congratulations of the band to Miss C. Shonfeld on her engagement.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

V. DAVID JENNER	*Treble*	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	4
*HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH	2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	5
KENNETH J. HESKETH	3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to R. C. Hunt, of Bromborough.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 54 methods and variations: (1) Knapton, Intwood and Lyng, (2) Fundenhall, Harpley and Haddiscoe, (3) Union Bob, (4) St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund, (5) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and St. Remigius, (6) All Saints and Rushall, (7) Northrepps and Reverse St. Bartholomew, (8) Grandsire and Newborough, (9) Marchington and Fortune, (10) Little Dean Place Bob, (11) Southrepps, (12) Reverse Canterbury, (13) St. Columb, (14) Clifford's Pleasure, (15) Costessy, (16) Little Aston, (17) St. Giles, (18) St. Thomas, (19) St. Andrew, (20) Norwich, (21) Shareshill, (22) St. Miles, (23) St. Luke, (24) St. John, (25) Walsingham, (26) Ryton, (27) Plain Bob, (28) Kennington, (29) Old, (30) April Day, (31) Besthorpe, (32) Seighford, (33) St. Albans, (34) Cassington, (35) Eynsham, (36) Shropham, (37) Elford, (38) St. Paul, (39) St. Peter, (40) St. Leonard, (41) Milcham, (42) Austrey. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Leonard J. Walters	*Treble*	Philip G. Morgan	4
John Hope	2	Colin Smith	5
Robert Hatcher	3	E. Charles Biggs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip G. Morgan.

First peal in 54 methods and variations by all the band, and for the Guild.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Celia Harris	*Treble*	*Charles Woods	4
Valerie Lacey	2	Ron Carter	5
Judy Exon	3	Tom Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Harris.

* First peal of Surprise.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Katharine.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods or variations, being ten extents each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 11 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Jayne Harding (15)	*Treble*	Kingsley Jones (17)	4
Jonathan Nibbs (12)	2	David Stillman (15)	5
David Nibbs (14)	3	John Stillman (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Stillman.

First peal as conductor.
Rung for the 'Freedom from Hunger Week.'

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Berwick and Hexham Surprise, (3) London and Wells Surprise, (4) Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) York and Durham Surprise, (6) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Double Oxford and Plain Bob; with 67 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

David Burbidge	*Treble*	Robin H. Rogers	4
Margaret A. Wilson	2	Charles E. Truman	5
William J. Chester	3	George E. Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

First peal in 14 methods by all, and on the bells.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Margaret A. Wilson.

WILBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Percy Amos	*Treble*	*Alan A. Paul	4
Ronald Russell	2	George F. Roome	5
*Roger W. Smith	3	*Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal in five Minor methods.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Judith M. Brown (chorister) and Michael P. Barnes; also a compliment to David King (ringer) and Molly Lovell on their forthcoming marriage.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 59). Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick Pearson	*Treble*	*Philip J. Crossthwaite	4
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
*Bernard Moss	3	W. John Couperthwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Lawson.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Ernest G. Pearce	4
Peter S. Bedford	2	H. William Barrett	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Pearce and Mr. George Bradlaugh; also a birthday compliment to Vernon Bedford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	B. Stedman Payne	4
Raymond Benfield	2	*Carol I. V. Corton	5
Richard J. Clifton	3	Joseph W. Cotton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal in five methods.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Berwick and Hexham, (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (4) York and Durham, (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (6) Westminster and Allendale, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 16 cwt.

George W. Massey	*Treble*	Albert W. A. Leggett	4
Ronald C. Noon	2	Brian Harris	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril Burrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril R. Burrell.

First peal in 18 Surprise methods by all except R. C. Noon.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob.

Miss M. W. Chambers	*Treble*	B. J. Lawes	4
L. R. Reynolds	2	B. E. Potts	5
C. J. Carter	3	E. R. Warren	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. J. Lawes.

First peal for all except conductor. First as conductor. First on the bells, and in Western Australia.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip to Perth.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Richard E. Manton	4
*Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Peter A. Sharp	5
Amos Ingall	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Harold N. King, ringer and sexton of this church.

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SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 30 methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London. Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) Westminster and Allendale; (5) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; with 140 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

MRS. M. E. BROWN .. .. *Treble* | BRIAN L. BURROWS 4
LAWRENCE WATKINS .. .. 2 | JOHN WATKINS 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3 | MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal in 30 Surprise methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. Rung by the Sunday service band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

VALERIE LACEY .. .. .. *Treble* | JOHN TICKLE 4
CELIA HARRIS .. .. .. 2 | RON CARTER 5
JUDY EXON .. .. 3 | TOM HARRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcester Branch.)
On Fri., March 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 14 methods, viz.: Three each of Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. *Treble* | ROBIN H. ROGERS 3
DAVID BURBIDGE.. .. .. 2 | JAMES LINNELL 4
CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

First peal in 14 Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 12 methods: Four 120's each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire, two 120's each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDNA F. BASFORD .. .. *Treble* | JOHN E. BROUGH 4
HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 2 | FRANK R. MORTON 5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3 | WILFRED SMITH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal. First in 12 methods by all the band.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Grandsire, Newborough, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN V. PROTHEROE .. .. *Treble* | ROBERT A. HATCHER 4
MICHAEL R. THOMAS.. .. 2 | JOHN W. HOPE 5
MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. .. 3 | COLIN A. LEWIS.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.

First peal on the bells for more than 30 years.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: Two of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*MICHAEL HARROD .. .. *Treble* | C. WILLIAM HALL 4
DAVID SWIFT .. .. .. 2 | J. W. BOWLEY 5
†DAN S. PONT .. .. .. 3 | FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CHAMBERS.

* First peal. † First 'inside' on tower bells First as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*BARBARA E. M. FOX.. .. *Treble* | HAROLD CHANT 4
*JANICE M. SMITH .. .. 2 | *JEFFREY J. FOX.. 5
*SHEILA A. CHINNERY .. 3 | NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2 | WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 5—6
*STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 3—4 | †KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 7—8

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 50th peal together. † First on handbells.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to S. H. Ayre (brother of the conductor).

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1—2 | ALFRED BALLARD.. .. .. 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH.. .. 3—4 | JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. .. 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 9—10

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
Umpire: JOHN A. ACRES.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. H. J. Poole (March 20th, 1958).

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 20, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SANDAL TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association

LITTLE ASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., March 24, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT ARBORFIELD, ROSEMARY HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 14 in D.

*D. KAY MOORE.. .. .. 1—2 | S. CLARKE WALTERS .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

* First peal 'in hand' at first attempt, and first in the method. First of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 24, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 39 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN C. EISEL .. .. .. 1—2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.. .. 3—4
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand' First of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES.. .. .. 1—2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3—4 | *JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (March 26th, 1951).

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE VICARAGE FLAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .. 1—2 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. .. 3—4
†GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5—6

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † 25th of Minor.

Rung for the Annunciation.

LONDON, W.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT 16, HOLLAND PARK AVENUE, KENSINGTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Netherseale, (2) Westminster, (3) Norwich, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Bourne, (7) Ipswich.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 3—4
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) 5—6

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* 25th peal. First of seven Surprise 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hannington 1, G. I. Lewis 2, J. Evans 3, R. Brabham 4, D. Kerley 5, D. L. Everett 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, Rev. D. Ford 8. First in the method 5 and 6. Commemorating the life of Ernest Stitch, sometime captain of the ringers of this church.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Mary Macve (first quarter) 1, Margaret C. Godfrey (first 'inside') 2, A. M. Macve (cond.) 3, R. Rayfield 4, R. G. Crosland 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: R. W. Hinde 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, J. Schofield 4, R. E. Finch 5, R. J. Talbot 6, F. E. Darby 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hatton (first of Triples) 1, Jill Lenham (25th quarter) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, A. R. Baldock 4, J. Hobden 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, T. M. Barlow 7, I. S. Holland (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Chapman 1, P. Wood 2, F. Roper 3, P. Le Count 4, Rev. R. Burslem 5, J. Brett 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. First of Cambridge Major 2, 3 and 4.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Barker 1, R. Suckling 2, Jennifer M. Dye (first in method) 3, A. R. Syder 4, J. A. Warner 5, R. J. Lindsell (first as cond.) 6. For a 'Civic service' to mark the opening of the 'Freedom from Hunger Week.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 31st, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth J. Bond (first quarter) 1, Rosemary L. Taylor 2, Angela M. Wright 3, Angela Grainger 4, A. W. Bond 5, P. J. Rothera 6, B. J. Stone 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to Miss Rosemary L. Taylor.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On March 17th, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. Boyles (first attempt for a quarter) 1, M. Goss 2, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 3, F. Gosling 4, P. Watts (16) 5, R. Vince 6. First attempt in the method by all. For Evensong, by the Sunday service band.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, E. Ashby 2, Miss L. Simpson 3, C. Cook 4, J. Rootes 5, C. W. Simpson 6, L. North 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also on March 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Robinson 1, C. Cook 2, T. Clark 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, L. North 5, C. W. Simpson 6, Miss P. Norris (first of Major) 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. Rung for the Freedom from Hunger civic service.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Higdon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Sherrell 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, J. D. Nicholls 4, A. Higdon (first as cond.) 5, W. Sherrell 6. Birthday compliment to D. A. J. Biles, by his fellow ringers, except the third.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Holt (first on eight) 1, S. Turner 2, R. Boultbee (first 'inside') 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, M. Bartlett 5, K. E. Pinney 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 8. Rung for the baptism of James Francis Marshall, Anna Gibbons and Marion Spencer.

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cornelius 1, J. T. Locke 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, F. Welch 4, R. C. Beale 5, K. Welch 6. A compliment to Mr. D. Beard and Mrs. U. Bellringer, married at North Curry the previous Saturday.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Lethbridge 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, S. Humphrey 3, F. A. Salter 4, F. D. Wilson (first quarter) 5, P. R. Humphrey 6, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 7, M. J. Butler (first quarter) 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins. Mr. Perkins is a ringer and churchwarden at this church.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Bloxam (first quarter) 1, M. A. Coleman 2, Sona Feakin 3, B. Yeomans 4, E. Hall 5, A. D. Sanson (first as cond.) 6.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On March 30th, 1,280 Grandsire Major: Teresa Langdon (first as Major) 1, Christine Bowen 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, T. Bailey 4, D. Bowen 5, E. Beauchamp 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Hawkins 8. First of Grandsire Major 2, 5, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Gledhill (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Linfoot 3, P. Birkett 4, V. Nutton (cond.) 5, A. Rogers 6. D. Smith cover. For Evensong, by Sunday service band.

QUARTER PEALS

EVINGTON, LEICS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Minimus (eight methods): Rosemary A. Tailby 1, S. H. J. Edwards (cond.) 2, A. D. H. Blyth 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4. For Mothering Sunday, and for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most methods of Minimus for all the band and fastest on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. Good 1, Margaret Howard 2, D. Carpenter 3, R. C. Spittle 4, P. A. Ford 5, D. G. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. For Mothering Sunday, and to celebrate the birth on February 26th of a second son, Julian Paul, to Pauline and Ralph Spittle, both ringers at the church.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. I. L. Wake (first in more than one method) 1, M. J. Wake (first in more than one method 'inside') 2, P. Stevens (first in more than one method 'inside') 3, W. Bristow (first 'inside') 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, V. Crouch (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Toni M. Rogers (aged 12) 1, R. H. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled before Evensong in memoriam Mrs. E. Moreton, aged 96 years.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Andrews 1, J. M. Andrews 2, A. E. Honeywood 3, E. E. Davey 4, A. G. Button 5, H. F. Pike 6, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 7, D. B. Munro 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, A. H. Webb 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox, and the 70th birthday of Mrs. Cox.

HAMPTON-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): A. Watkinson 1, P. A. Brand 2, P. A. Preston 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. B. Tyers 5, D. Brock 6, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 7, D. Balmforth (first quarter on tower bells) 8. Rung for school founder's day service by Hampton Grammar School Change Ringing Society.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. W. Hall 1, M. A. Coleman 2, Miss S. J. Staley 3, Miss J. M. Clipstone (first on eight) 4, B. Yeomans 5, A. D. Sansome 6, G. Wright 7, M. J. Staley (first as cond.) 8.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Ayres (first quarter) 1, S. Carter 2, C. Springham 3, J. Kemp 4, T. J. Southam (cond.) 5, B. Foley (first quarter) 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nibbs 1, Jayne Harding (first 'inside') 2, J. Stillman 3, D. Stillman (cond.) 4, K. Jones 5, D. Nibbs 6. Rung for Mothers' Day.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maund 1, Ann Evans 2, Mrs. R. G. Corby 3, Philippa Davies 4, R. F. Ferris 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Trevor Holmes and Miss Kathleen Crimes married in this church the previous day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,280 Kent T. B. Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, J. McPhail 5, T. Grainger 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Oxford T.B., and 180 Plain Bob): G. Seth 1, G. Hutchings 2, P. Inskip 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6. Rung for conductor's ruby wedding on this day.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On March 17th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Birkinshaw 1, Pamela Wakeling (first quarter) 2, D. Darby 3, Ruth M. How 4, D. Bennett 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Caroline Carpenter 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Susan Rawlings 3, Margaret Lewis 4, Alison Mann 5, B. C. Mann 6, M. Uphill 7, R. Harris 8, K. Newman 9, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 10.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Basford 1, Miss A. C. Richards 2, R. Farmer (first 'inside') 3, W. G. Lane 4, K. C. Richards 5, G. H. Lane (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. C. Rhodes, of Coleshill, regular visitor and valued friend.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, C. W. Ottley 3, C. F. Low 4, C. H. Rogers 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, C. T. Richards 10. For Nave Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. G. Warwick 1, N. W. Grassby (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Mildred 3, D. W. Stenson 4, Carol I. V. Corton 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood (first of Major as cond.) 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. R. May 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June E. Wood (first away from tenor) 1, A. R. Mildred (first in method 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Festal Evensong.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Harrison 1, J. Harrison 2, Carolyn White 3, D. Debenham 4, D. Tubbs (cond.) 5, J. Stacey (67) 6. First attempt for quarter by 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Confirmation service at St. Saviour's, Guildford. Also on April 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Janet Cleeve 1, Jill May 2, Patricia Laycock 3, Pamela Gough 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Miss P. Lansley (cond.) 3, E. W. Ford 4, V. Griffin 5, A. R. Peake 6. For Matins on Mothering Sunday. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Miss P. Lansley (cond.) 3, E. W. Ford 4, S. J. Withey 5, A. Hatherall 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 4th.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pope (first quarter off the tenor) 1, Jennifer Lucas 2, Jill Sewell 3, Rosemary Earl (25th quarter) 4, D. L. Pope (cond.) 5, L. Wright (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Francis 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, M. Turner (first 'inside') 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, G. Nightingale 6. For Evensong. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Turner 1, Miss D. Mullins 2, E. Fosberry 3, Miss I. Gocher 4, D. Elliott 5, J. Nelson 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, W. L. Weller 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on March 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Hull 1, V. G. Roberts 2, D. A. Burt (first of Caters) 3, R. D. Short 4, A. Fisher (first of Caters) 5, P. C. Wright (cond.) 6, H. A. Usher (first of Caters 'inside') 7, E. T. Skipsey 8, G. Salmon 9, V. Savage 10.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sheldon 1, E. A. Parish 2, C. Williams 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, B. H. Morton 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rt. Hon. John Dugdale, P.C., M.P., J.P.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 26th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. D. Faircloth 1—2, R. G. Crosland 3—4, A. M. Macve (cond.) 5—6. First quarter in three methods 'in hand' by all the band.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Robottom 1, C. Moffatt 2, I. Stevens 3, P. A. Oram 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, John Harris 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jim Harris 1, Linda Taylor 2, I. Stevens 3, P. A. Oram 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, I. Box 6. Both rung as farewell compliments to the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hems.

LATE NOTICES

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 20th, Friezland. Names for tea to Joe Burgess, 62, Manchester Road, Greenfield, Oldham, by April 17th. —T. T., Sec. 2301

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by the 24th. Special method: Cambridge Royal.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2303

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — The Secretary of the U.A. is now D. C. Exell, 12, Randall Road, Cliftonwood, Bristol 8. 2264

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Both previous notices contain errors in date. The annual general meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Olave's, Hart Street. —D. J. R. M. 2276

APOLOGY.—Next meeting, Surrey Association, Southern District, on June 15th at Betchworth and Buckland, not as previously published.—K. G. 2295

SURPRISE MAJOR practice on Thursday, April 18th, at Shalford, repeat Shalford. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Rutland, and Cambridge, London, Superlative Spliced.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Crewkerne, Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to General Secretary. Bells available: Haslebury Plucknett (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Merriott (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 5.30-8 p.m., Winsham (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 5.30-7.30 p.m., Crewkerne (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon and 5.30-8 p.m., Hinton St. George (6) and North Perrott (6) 5.30-8, Broadway (5), Dowlish Wake (5), Chaffcombe (5), Chard (8) 6-8, Kingstone (6), Seavington St. Mary (6), Ilminster (8), Shepton Beauchamp (8), South Petherton (8) and Norton-sub-Hamdon (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 2244

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Staveley, Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Derbys. —M. Phipps, J. Seager, Secs. 2190

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—B. A. Sollis. 2263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon, Easter Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements—Route 1: Woodston (6) 10 to 11 a.m., Stanground (6) 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Whittlesey St. Mary (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Whittlesey St. Andrew (8) 12.30-1.45, Warboys (6) 1.30-3, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 3.45-4.15 p.m.; Route 2: Somersham (6) 10-11.30 a.m., Holywell (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon, St. Ives (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Fenstanton (5) 1-2, Hemingford Grey (6) 1.45-2.45, Hemingford Abbots (6) 2.15-3.15, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15, Huntingdon All Saints'. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with stamped, addressed envelope, from Gen. Sec. Huntingdon St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon All Saints' and Brampton (6) towers open after tea. Ringing Masters will be in every tower.—H. S. Peacock, General Secretary, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2194

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 15 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston,' Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Luncheon tickets 9s. each. Reduced prices for children of members. Please state age of children when applying.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 15th. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. (Coffee available after the meeting if possible.) Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m., St John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6) 2.15-4.30, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30, Powick (6) 2.3.30, Leigh (6) 2.30-4, Hallow (8) 3-4, Grimley (6) 3-4.30, Ombersley (6) 3.30-4.30, Claines (10) 2.15-4.30. Tea at the Old Pheasant Inn, New Street, at 5 p.m. (5s.), for those who notify me. —D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 2226

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Yatton (8), Saturday, April 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by April 18th to D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 2269

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hemington (6), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2288

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Silsoe, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing. Special methods: Double Bob and Beverley Surprise. Please note date.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 2268

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Minshull, April 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by April 17th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2281

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Cathedral Festival, April 20th. Ringing arrangements:

Route 1.—Salford Priors 10-11 a.m., Bidford-on-Avon 10.30-11.30, Stratford-on-Avon 10.45-11.45 a.m., Warwick (St. Nicholas') 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Warwick (St. Mary's) 1-2 p.m.

Route 2.—Brailes 10-11 a.m., Tysoe 10.45-11.45, Butlers Marston 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Harbury 12.15-1.15, Leamington Spa 1-2 p.m.

Route 3.—Atherstone 10-11 a.m. Nuneaton 10.45-11.45, Chilvers Coton 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Bulkington 12.15-1.15, Bedworth 1-2 p.m.

Route 4.—Dunchurch 10-11 a.m., Newbold 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Monks Kirby 12.15-1.15, Brinklow 1-2 p.m.

Also Wootton Wawen 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Rowington 1-2, Stoke and Allesley 1-2.30, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh 1-2.15 p.m.

Service in the Cathedral, 2.45 for 3 p.m. Seats for ticket holders will be reserved only until 2.45. Tea, price 3s. 6d., in the Municipal Staff Canteen, Derby Lane, 4-6 p.m.

After tea: Church Lawford 6-7, Newbold-on-Avon 6.30-7.30, Willoughby 7-8, Stoneleigh 6-7, Kenilworth 6.30-7.30, Whitnash 7-8, Sherbourne 6-7, Snitterfield 6.30-7.30, Wellesbourne 7-8, Berkswell 6-7, Coleshill 7-8, Stoke, Allesley 6-8, Warwick (St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's) 6.30-8.30, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton and Stratford-on-Avon 7-8.30 p.m.—H. M. Windsor. 2240

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. and N. Devon Branches.—A joint practice meeting at Appledore and Northam on Saturday, April 20th. Appledore (8), 3 till 4.30 p.m.; Northam (8), 6.30 till 8 p.m.—R. Pearce. 2271

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 20th, Benfieldside St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 p.m. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 2261

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at Oxted (6), 3.15-4.45 p.m. Limpsfield (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify B. E. Jeffrey, 34, Hever Road, Edenbridge, by April 18th. 2256

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2299

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Henbury, Saturday, April 20th, at the Manor School, 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, Blaise Castle Tea Rooms, 4s., which must be paid in advance to Mr. J. Tyers, 80, Crow Lane, Henbury, Bristol. Association service 6 p.m. Towers open: Warmley and Thornbury, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Mangotsfield and Olveston, 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Ambrose's, Winterbourne and Coalpit Heath, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Almondbury and Filton, 12 noon-1 p.m.; Henbury 10.30 a.m. onwards. Nominated to be Master, The Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A., B.Sc., M.Ed., Rector of Bromsberrow.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 2235

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general, Derby, Saturday, April 20th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8), 2-3.15 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3.15-4.15; St. Peter's (8), 4-4.15 and after meeting. Service in St. Peter's Church at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by April 18th, please.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, by the previous Wednesday. 2241

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Berkhamsted on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall, followed by business meeting. Notice of resolution (Rule 2): that the annual subscription of Ringing Members shall be five shillings. Names for tea **must** be sent to Mr. G. Rees, 23, High Ridge Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Thursday, April 18th. Ringing arrangements: Flamstead (6), 9-11 a.m.; Sarratt (5), 9-11: King's Langley (8), 10 a.m.-12 noon; Redbourn (6), 10 a.m.-12 noon; Great Gaddesden (6), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Hemel Hempstead (8), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Tring (8), 2-4; Apsley (6), 2-4 and 7-8.30; Berkhamsted (8), 3-4.30 and after tea until 8.30; Northchurch (8), 7-8.30 p.m.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 2222

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Eggbuckland, Plymouth, on April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th, to Miss Y. Porter, 17, Hillside Road, Saltash, Cornwall. Gentlemen welcomed. 2227

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Willingham-by-Stow, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. G. Bingham, Grange Farm, Willingham-by-Stow, near Gainsborough, Lincs, not later than Tuesday, April 16th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2243

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, April 20th, Farnworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. free. Names essential by previous Wednesday to Joe Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth. Business follows tea. Bells up to 8 p.m. 2289

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Rochdale Branches.—Joint ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, April 20th. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby for tea.—Neil Bennett and John P. Partington, Secs. 2284

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Leicester, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30-3 p.m.; Leicester, All Saints' (8), 2.30-3.45: Humberstone (6), 2.30-3.45; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-4.10; Leicester, St. John-the-Divine (10), 7.30-9. Service, Leicester Cathedral, 4.15. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tea (adults 3s., juniors (under 16) 2s.) at 5 p.m., in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's), which is adjacent to Cathedral. The meeting will follow. Important business includes election of TWO vice-presidents, and alterations to rule relating to peal fees. For full agenda see annual report for 1962. Cars may be parked in Alderman Newton's Boys' Schoolyard (west side of Cathedral), entrance in Peacock Lane, opposite bus station. Accommodation for tea limited to 140. Names must be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester (Tel.: Leicester 823140), by Wednesday, April 17th. **No name no tea.**—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Rochford and Skillington, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 15th, to the Bishop of Grantham, Stoke Rochford, Grantham, Lincs. Special methods: Original and Reverse New Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2252

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 17th, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2234

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on April 20th at 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—B. C. Castle. 2236

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Ilsley, Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 16th, to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury, Berks. 2283

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Greetham bells (6) on Saturday, April 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 2272

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wareham, April 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, 22, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Poole, by April 17th. 2290

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 20th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea, Lyons (corner of Villiers Street and Strand) at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 6. Bells until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 2282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 20th. St. Clement's, 2.30 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.; St. Lawrence's, 2.15 to 3; St. Mary-at-Quay, 2.15 to 4; St. Margaret's 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary-le-Tower, 7 to 9; St. Matthew's, 7 to 9. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Manor House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, by Friday, April 19th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 2248

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Duffield, with bobs and singles. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 17th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2294

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester and Southampton Districts.—Combined meeting, Saturday, April 20th. Bells: Owlesbury (5), 2 p.m.; Twyford (8), 6. Service 4.15, Twyford. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, followed by business meetings. Names for tea by April 15th to Miss I. Jetten, 2, Park Lane, Twyford, Winchester. 2242

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, April 20th. Bells 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday, **please.** —L. Diguid. 2266

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Thorncombe. Dedication of the augmented and rehung ring of eight on Sunday, April 21st, at 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset. 2254

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Stoke-by-Neyland. **Thursday,** April 25th. Bells (8) 7 p.m. 2260

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 2278

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Pymouth. 2259

DEVON GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashburton (8), Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, by previous Thursday. 2285

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Clear, 'Murree,' Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by April 24th. Ranmore bells available 2.45-4 p.m. 2270

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells **3.30** p.m., followed by service, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2286

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 27th. Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service in Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing: Welton (6), 11-11.45 a.m.; Dunholme (6), 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Scothern (6), 1-1.45; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Botolph's (6) and St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), from 2 p.m. until service and after meeting. Tea for those who notify J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. —John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 2258

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Mereworth, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. No name no tea. 2292

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, April 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas in nearby cafe. Business meeting in the vestry, 6 p.m.—E. Morris. 2293

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Rothersthorpe, Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2277

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Steeple Aston (6), Saturday April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.45. Somerton (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea by April 22nd to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 2231

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 27th, Fittleton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells after meeting at Netheravon. Names for tea by April 23rd, **please.**—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2262

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Thorncombe on April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, **please,** to G. Farley, Chard Street, Thorncombe, Chard, Somerset. 2255

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, April 27th at Southwell. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by April 24th. Business meeting follows tea.—W. L. Exton, Gen. Sec. 2279

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West-Central District. —Quarterly meeting at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Priory Room. Names by Wednesday, April 24th, to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 2257

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Warnford on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in the School, 4.45 p.m. It is vital to have positive numbers for tea by 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 2287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by May 1st, together with cash, Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 18, St. Nicholas' Close, Deal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION — The annual general meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Christ Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Gibson, 4, The Ridgeway, Epsom, by May 1st.—R. I. Parsons. 2296

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Truro Branch.—Spring meeting at Crantock on Saturday, May 4th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2229

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Howden Minster on May 4th. Please reserve date. Full details later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2302

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting at Maidstone, Sat., May 11th.

Luncheon will be reserved for those sending names and cash (7s. 6d.) by May 7th to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.

To all members, particularly those resident in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, please help to ensure a successful gathering by giving your support.

—John Chilcott, Hon. Ses. 2297

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Cook 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. Ellison 3, A. J. Boyack 4, A. H. Worboys 5, D. Hewitt 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Chapman 8, C. E. Willmington 9, J. McPhai 10. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On March 30th, on the Bell Foundry Campanile, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Hunt (longest length) 1, D. A. Kirk 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (20th quarter as cond.) 5.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, F. S. Parsons 2, P. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, D. Feck 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer, and a welcome to summer!

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On March 29th, 1,272 Minimus (rung on back five, tenor covering): W. T. Evans 1, Miss G. E. Addis (cond.) 2, R. J. Waters 3, B. S. Neale 4, J. A. G. Sherwood 5. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who is leavnig the parish for a time.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Hughes 1, Ann Fellows 2, Pamela Turner 3, J. K. Foot 4, Susan Funnell 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6, I. C. Maycock (cover) 7. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. John Castle and Miss June Loots.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. E. Day 1, Miss J. Sanderson 2, J. S. Dear 3, T. Hatchett 4, J. R. Castledine 5, A. C. D. Mayes 6, L. B. Scoot 7, E. G. Buck (cond.) 8. First of K. T. B. 'inside' for 4 and 6.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Phillips 1, Miss A. M. Gratton 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. G. Burton 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Randall 1, J. Susan Smith 2, S. Royal 3, R. Smallwood 4, G. Lightfoot 5, C. Royal (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday.

YORK.—At the Architectural Institute, on March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Aldington (first of Doubles) 1, M. King 2, R. Woodward (first of Doubles 3, P. Thompson (first of Doubles in the method) 4, K. Ather (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, H. Griffiths (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the official founding of the St. John's College Society of Ringers; all the ringers being members.

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RUSSIA AND BELLS

THERE have been various writers on Russian bells. The late Ernest Morris, in 'Bells of All Nations,' devotes considerable space to the *Tsarine Kolokol*, the great bell of Moscow, weighing about 193 tons, which was cast in 1733 and buried by the great fire of Moscow in 1737. It is from Augte de Montferrand, who raised the bell in 1836, that there is a record of how the bell was fractured during the fire. He writes:—

> 'The records of the time relate that, having become extremely hot, it cracked when it was reached by the water which the inhabitants with over-great zeal threw on it to save it, and which occasioned a contrary effect to that which they expected. The charcoal and the blackened wood which I found in the surrounding ground, and particularly close to the bell, left no doubt as to the truth of the narration of the accident.'

The Rev. Geo. S. Tyack, in his book about bells, 1898, writes of Russia being a country of great bells, and states that even small towns frequently possess bells surpassing in dimensions famous examples. A church to suffer in the epic French invasion of 1812 was St. John's Church, Moscow, with a great bell of 96 tons, another big bell of 55 tons and 32 smaller bells in the belfry.

From the winter issue of 'Overtones,' the magazine of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, an insight is given to Russian ringing. The ringers are called *zvonari*, and when they ring several bells they produce a pattern of sound called a *zvon*. The Russian word means, like the English 'ring,' both a set of bells and their sound.

A few small bells added to a *zvon* make a *trezvon*. A wild, cacophonous effect is produced by the rapid ringing of high-toned bells against the boom of several deep monsters. It is a *trezvon* that Moussorgsky imitates in the coronation scene of his opera *Boris Gaudonav*. Rimsky Korsakov also depicts Russian bellringing in his 'Russia Easter Overture.' Prokofieff makes use of Russian bells in the film 'Alexander Nevsky.'

How do the *zvonari* ring? Percival Price, an American carillonneur, makes this suggestion: while it may require several men to pull the clapper of one large bell, when the bells are not too big one ringer may ring several bells at once. He holds a sort of 'control stick' from which wires run to the clappers. By twisting or jiggling his hand he may make a continuous jangle. He may also ring a large bell by using his feet as a lever. There is a primitiveness about the surroundings as the ringer performs among his bells in an open belfry in all weathers! Mason Hammond, a Harvard classics professor, states that the tones of the bells 'are based not upon a Western but upon an Eastern scale, a combination, perhaps, of Byzantine and Tartar influence.'

At Havard, in Lowell House, there is a 26 ton Russian *zvon*, purchased in 1930 from the Soviet Government by Richard T. Crane, the bells having originally hung in the Damailov Monastery in Moscow.

The Russians, states 'Overtones,' sent an expert but eccentric bellringer named Saradjeff with the bells to supervise their installation. Saradjeff thought that some of the bells needed tuning, and he proceeded to chip pieces from their edges. The President of Harvard feared that he might ruin the bells and ordered him to stop. After an epileptic seizure, Saradjeff was committed to an infirmary, where he drank ink as an antidote to the poison he believed he was being administered there. This was too much for Harvard, and Saradjeff was persuaded to return to Russia!

Another Russian, named Andonoff, was then engaged to ring the bells, but his performances were received with mixed reaction. Richard T. Crane, the donor, was a leading manufacturer of toilet fixtures. During one of Andonoff's performances the residents of Lowell House flushed all their Crane toilets in unison and flooded the college sewage system!

'The History of Church Bell Ringing,' by Oloviannikov, is the classic work on Russian bellringing, and a specimen of a Russian *zvon* taken from the book is given in the accompanying issue of 'Overtones.'

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BIGGEST BELL EXPORT ORDER FOR 40 YEARS

A CARILLON of 53 bronze bells, Britain's biggest bell export order for 40 years, will leave England for America next month (May) to be installed in the 200 ft. tower of the new National Episcopal Cathedral, Washington, D.C. More than 45 tons of pure copper and nearly 15 tons of tin were used in casting the bells.

The 4½ octave carillon has been cast at the 200-year-old Loughborough Bell Foundry of John Taylor and Co., and it will be a major transport operation to ship the bells. With its 35 ft. supporting framework the carillon weighs 100 tons.

The biggest bell, which sounds the note E flat, weighs 10½ tons. It is 7 ft. high and 8 ft. 8 in. in diameter. The smallest bell weighs 20 lb. and is 7 in. in diameter. 'Bell bottoms'—special wooden platforms—will be used to protect the bells in transit. The bells will be handled as delicately as eggs to prevent damage to the lips and to preserve their purity of tone. A fleet of nine lorries will take the bells to the docks for the start of a 4,000-mile sea and road journey. At Baltimore, Maryland, another fleet will be waiting to deliver the bells to the capital.

The bells are a gift under the will of Miss Bessie Juliet Kibbey, who died in 1949, at the age of 92. Work on the cathedral tower is nearly completed.

INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE PSALMS

On each of the bells, except the smallest, is an inscription from the Psalms, arranged to be sung on Miss Kibbey's birthday.

The biggest bell carries the inscriptions. 'Praise God through these Bells,' and underneath 'This carillon given by Bessie Juliet Kibbey, 1857-1949.' On the other side is inscribed. 'The Lord He is God,' and the smallest bell has a simple and final 'Amen, Amen.'

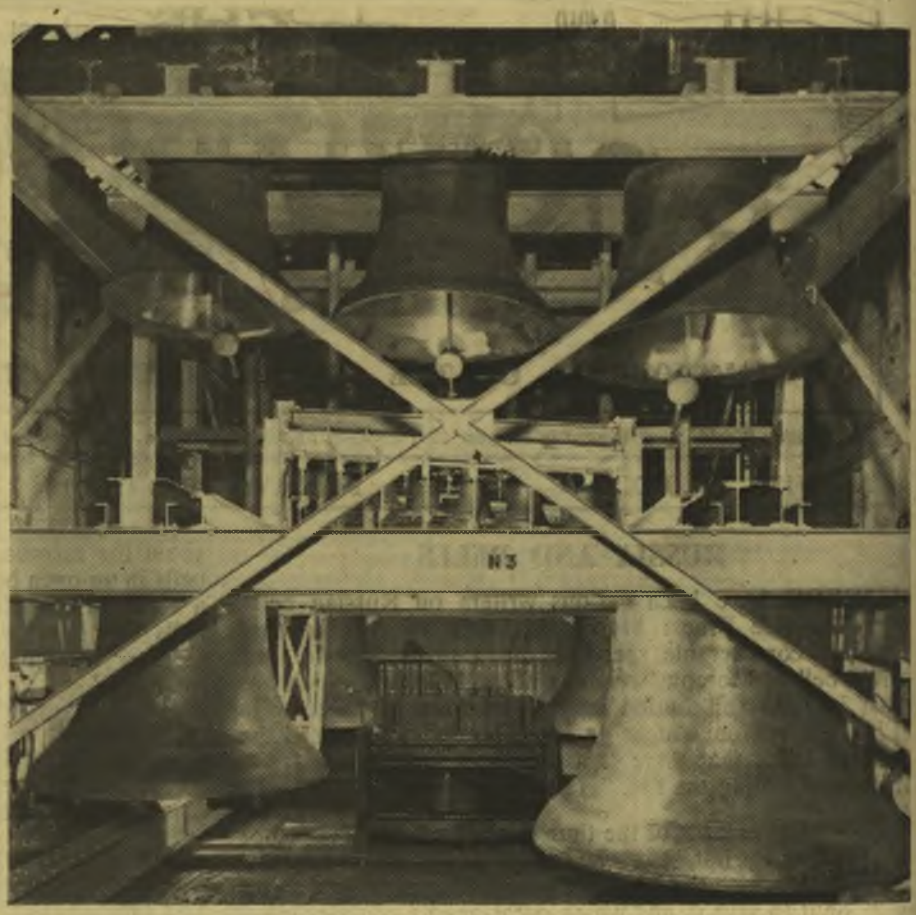
Mr. Paul Taylor, head of the bell foundry, said: 'Casting bells is a combination of art, science and craftsmanship. Bell founders have their own methods of casting based on experience over the centuries. They are kept a strict secret.

'Bell metal is the only alloy which gives the right tone. It consists of seven parts of copper to two of tin. For many years there have been experiments to find a cheaper alloy without any success. The mixture of copper and tin is the only alloy which produces the true ring.'

ENGLISH BELLS SELECTED

A team from the cathedral toured leading churches in America in a search for the right type of bells. After hearing carillons and many rings they came to England to place the order.

There was another visit to Loughborough recently by the cathedral's clerk of works, Mr. R. T. Feller; the organist, Mr. Richard W. Dirkson; and the carillonneur, Mr. Ronald M. Barnes, to inspect the completed carillon. There was an unforgettable moment of drama in the foundry when Mr. Barnes moved to the keyboard to play the carillon for the first time. Seventy foundrymen—some have been with the firm 50 years—quietly put down their tools and formed a circle round the carillon they had built. They stood as still as if they had been cast in their own bell metal as they listened with the pride of true craftsmen to the inspiring music of the bells booming and rippling through the dusty shop.



A section of the 53 bells at the Loughborough Bell Foundry before departure for America. The bells range in weight from 10½ tons to 20 lb., and in size from seven inches to eight feet eight inches in diameter.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' April 18th, 1913.—

Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 9th, in Two Hours,

At 'Southcliff,'

A Peal of Bob Minor, 5,040 changes,

*Cyril G. Petchey 1—2, William D. James 3—4, J. Bruce Williamson 5—6.

Conducted by William D. James.

Umpire Miss N. Williamson.

* First peal.

This is believed to be the first handbell peal on the island.

BROKEN ROPE ENDS LONG LENGTH

The attempt for the long length of 24,119 Grandsire Caters on the Loughborough Campanile on April 6th, by Bristol University Society, ceased after 2 hours 17 minutes, due to a broken rope on the second bell. The band was very disappointed as the ringing had settled down very well. It is hoped to make another attempt later in the year.

The band would like to express their thanks to Maurice Hughes, Judith Atkinson and Geoffrey Brown, for their assistance as umpires, and to Mr. Paul Taylor for the use of the bells. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung later in the day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

Largely owing to the meeting clashing with that of the Doncaster Society at Arksey, the spring meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association at Campsall on March 30th only attracted about 24 ringers.

The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Key) and tea was served in the Vicarage by Mrs. Key and helpers. Mr. H. Walker, the vice-president, was in the chair for the business meeting, when Mr. Philip Tomlinson, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, was elected a member.

Mr. L. M. Woodhead congratulated Mr. T. H. Foster on being accepted as a lay reader by the Bishop of Sheffield. If possible, the next meeting will be at Hemingbrough on June 22nd.

The eight bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, and welcome visitors were the Misses Burchnall and Mr. and Miss Hawcroft, from Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.

AMERICAN HANDBELL CONVENTION

The presence of Mr. Frederick Sharpe at the Eighth National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at Detroit, Michigan, on June 26th, 27th and 28th, will add interest to the event on this side of the Atlantic.

The fee for the three days at the Conference, including food, programme of lectures, demonstrations, concerts, sight-seeing and the barbecue, is $30. For chaperones the fee is $20. In addition there is the room rate at the Park Shelton Hotel, which varies from $2.50 per night for teenagers, four or five in a room, to $6 per person, single room. Chaperones housed with ringers are charged $3.

Registrations close on June 10th and should be accompanied by a $10 deposit. This should be sent with cheque to Mrs. Eleanor E. Lenz, 5290 Marseilles, Detroit 24, Michigan, U.S.A.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
5 2 4 3 6	—		
4 3 5 2 6	—		—
5 4 3 2 6			—
3 6 5 4 2	—	—	S
5 6 2 4 3		—	
2 5 3 6 4	—	—	
3 2 4 5 6	—	—	

Three times repeated, omitting S at home in 2nd and 4th parts.

First rung at Beddington on March 30th, 1963.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bells at Kilifi, Kenya

Dear Sir,—Your readers may wish to hear what progress was made between St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1962, when the ring of six was installed and dedicated, and March 20th, when I last saw the ringers before finally leaving the country.

In January and early February practices were held every night except Sundays, from 5 to 6.30, or later, with the usual variable attendances, several recruits falling by the wayside. In the end the following persons could ring the bells up and down, and in rounds, and were practising call changes:

Mr. Enoch Benjamin, a Pokomo, our organist, retired building foreman from the Ministry of Works. Church elder;

Mr. Timothy Ramtu, a Digo, graduate of Edinburgh University, District Education Officer;

Mr. Gideon Ngetsa, a Giriama, senior Goverment driver. Church elder;

Mr. Albert Charo, a Giriama, master at Kilifi Primary School, Sunday school teacher;

Mr. Francis Stoo, a Giriama, artisan at Local Government Workshop;

Kahindi, Kazungu and Charo, primary school boys.

They have two books on elementary change ringing, and strips of hardboard containing courses of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Bob Minimus, plain hunt and examples of Bob and Single. It will be interesting to see how far they can get by next Christmas!

The bells have been paid for, but the fund is overdrawn by £100. We naturally want to clear this off as soon as possible, and also to buy two more bells at £100 each to fill the gap in the bell frame, and to provide chiming mechanism to connect the clock to the bells at a cost of £250. Contributions may be sent to the Kilifi Church Bell Fund, c/o Midland Bank, Acock's Green, Birmingham, 27.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. P. KELLY.

Ringers' Names

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest 'Ringers' Names, and Others,' I notice an error in the names of the ringers who took part in the colour peal. These should read: George Gray, Fred White, Stafford Green, William Brown, Harold Hazell, William Rose, Nolan Golden, Alan Pink.

The name included in the writer's list published last week, Robert Black, was not one of the band.

'Crescendo' missed out a few in the food list, namely: Fry, Bacon, Rice.

In clothing, we find: Coates, Ruffles, Tucker.

Among birds, there is Woodcock.

Then, of course, going back a few years, there were some really uncommon names, I remember those of Andrew Shufflebotham, Arthur Longbottom, Joseph Leatherbarrow, etc.—Yours, etc.,

HAROLD HAZELL.

Enfield, Middlesex.

Ringers' names are not the only thing that make peculiar coincidences, writes 'Crescendo.' In Cornwall I saw a crash between a car with registered letters DAD and another with the letters MUM. When motoring to Bournemouth I saw a car with the letters RAT being followed by another registered CAT.

Copenhagen Carillon

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write and correct an error regarding the paragraph about the carillon in Our Saviour's Church, Copenhagen. I was there some years ago and saw this, and brought back with me a booklet in Danish giving its whole history and, in fact, that of all the bells in the tower. I have had this translated.

Your paragraph states 1717/34: this is entirely wrong. The first part of the carillon was not heard until 1917, and then only eight bells. The 33 bells were eventually consecrated in 1928, and then another seven were added, and finally another four. This makes 44 bells. I don't know where the discrepancy in the number comes in, but it was the **date** that attracted my attention.

I have often heard this carillon at Christmas time, when it used to be, and, I believe, still is, broadcast on Christmas Eve, ringing Danish carols, and there was an H.M.V. record (78), No. X4742 (Danish List), a copy of which I still have, which was quite good, but spoiled in places by noisy traffic in the street below. This was played by the organist Rung-Keller.

The portion in your paragraph about the old historical bells and the 'Te Deum' theme is correct. A clockwork mechanism was installed in 1931, and a hymn-time is played every three hours, till midnight. Besides this a special bell-tune is played at each hour. Whether or not Mr. Rung-Keller is still alive I cannot say, but if he is, he must be very old now.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

Dulwich, S.E.22.

Biographies Wanted

Dear Sir,—The Central Council's Biographies Committee would welcome information either from relatives or ringers who knew of the following members.

The committee have no details concerning the undermentioned in their records.

R. Binns, S. Cordell, H. Denman, A. W. Davis, H. Edwards, H. G. Fretwell, C. Evans, J. W. England, G. Hitchman, C. W. Lawton, A. Lawrence, J. Lord, J. Morgan, B. D. Price, F. T. Spence, F. A. Salter, F. D. Teague, K. Thacker, J. G. or G. T. Wallaston.

The three following, only the date of their death and their age is required: F. Ball, J. Griffin, W. Stainthorpe.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. HAZELDEN.
Convener.

109, Grange Road,
Guildford, Surrey.

'Mischief' leaves her Ringing Friends

Dear Sir,—I am sure that her many ringing friends will be sorry to learn that 'Mischief' has gone to happier hunting grounds, at the age of 12. In her 10½ years of loyal companionship, she had accompanied me on visits to over 1,000 towers, and altogether had travelled over half a million miles. This, I should think, must very nearly constitute a canine record.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

Guildford Cathedral Bells

Dear Sir,—Your readers will have noticed from the report of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild that the Guild has issued an appeal to offset the cost of the four bells for the Guildford Cathedral that have not been promised. The sum required is in the region of £5,650, which also covers a proportion of the framework and hanging costs. The appeal has been launched through the medium of local papers covering the diocese and also by means of a letter to many companies.

The annual meeting particularly expressed its feeling that other bellringing Guilds and Associations should not be approached for a donation in view of the ever-increasing frequency of such appeals. However, I feel that the Exercise should be informed that donations will, of course, be acceptable, and should be sent to the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY
(Master).

6, School Lane,
East Clandon, Surrey.

Grandsire Doubles

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter by Mr. F. J. Sage (page 212), concerning Grandsire Doubles, I would like to make the following observations.

The method, Grandsire Doubles, consists of plain hunting, except for the thirds place made from backstroke to handstroke, immediately after the whole hunt bell has completed its whole lead.

This means that the method must have the same start as 'original,' except when the treble is the whole hunt bell. The observation bell does the work thirds, double 4-5 up at alternate leads, and so is always in either thirds place or fifths at the whole hunt backstroke lead. The bells in these places are the only two possible observation bells. Examination of the following table will demonstrate the correct observation bells.

	Whole hunt	Half hunts
12345		
21435 24153	2	1—3
42513 45231	4	2—1
54321 53412	5	4—2
35142 31524	3	5—4
13254 12345	1	3—5

With the above system each bell becomes the half hunt for two different whole hunts.

I have not read 'Grandsire' and consequently do not know of Trollope's system, but I suggest that the truth of the compositions contained in it be checked before any more peals of this type are rung.—Yours faithfully,

HUGH N. EVANS.

Downend, Bristol.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On March 31st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods): Christine J. Stratford 1, Rita M. Stratford (first of Spliced) 2, L. Watkins 3, M. E. Brown (cond.) 4, J. Watkins 5, B. L. Burrows 6. For Confirmation service.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 London and 600 Cambridge) W. A. Hughes 1, R. G. Crosland 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. E. Cannell 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

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SIMPLE HANDBELL PEALS

By G. DODDS

THE article by Mr. Hudson on 'Simple Callings for Handbell Peals' (February 8th, page 93) interested me as a conductor who does not believe in making life too difficult when attempting to get a none-too-steady band through 'first peals.' This approach can be applied on other numbers of bells than Major, and the following ideas may be of interest to those handbell ringers who can ring touches, but always lose peals. All the touches and peals are simple and are ideal for early stages in handbell conducting.

DOUBLES

This has a technique of its own, where the work and places made have no natural symmetry, and there is no choice of extents available —all have to be rung at least once in the average peal. The treble and each temporary observation bell just have to be watched throughout.

MINOR

Most handbell ringers start with Minor, as there is an attractive symmetry of work and places ideally suited to working pairs of bells relative to one another. For a peal of Plain Bob Minor, one should try for seven different 720's—and not with only the singles shifted in one basic extent. Make 5-6 a good anchor by giving them regular part structures, e.g.:

1 6th Bob W; Single W; — Bob H.
5th Make Bob; Make Single; — Bob with 6th.

23456 W H
52436 —
32456 S
53426 —
42356 S —

Repeat twice.

23456 W B
52346 —* S
42356 S

Repeat 5 times with SS at * 360 changes apart.

23456 W B H
52346 — S
54236 S S
52436 S
32456 S 3

Repeated.

The first extent in this group is perhaps the easiest to ring on handbells, as calls are few and 5—6 are affected by only two calls, one to bob them out of coursing and the other to single them back again.

As shown, the bobs at Home occur with the front bells in-course (coursing orders 324, 243 and 432), but they can be placed instead in the second course of each part, with the front bells out-of-course (coursing order 234, 342 and 423).

This one composition could be used in a seven method peal, where, in 6ths place methods, the corresponding calls to Wrong and Home and In and Out. The basic part would be called 'S Out, Out, S Out, Out' (note the reversal of Bobs and Singles), and the 'In' would be called with 5-6 coursing at lead-ends, as the Home in the 2nds place composition.

2 6th Single W; Single W; Bob H.
5th Make Bob; Make Single; Bob with 6th.

23456 W H
53426 S*
42356 S —

Repeat 5 times with Bobs at * 360 changes apart.

23456 W B H
53246 S S
43256 S
53426 S S
42356 S —

Repeat twice.

23456 W B H
53246 S S
53426 S
42356 S —

Repeat twice with S for B at H in last part; H, H, SH.

This type is almost a variation of the first, but is even simpler as a composition—3H with '5-6 parted' singled in at W, with the In- and Out-of-course reversed by doubling with singles (or putting bob for single 360 changes apart).

3 6th Wrong; Home and Wrong (Standard Calling).
5th Make Bob; Out twice.

23456 W H
45236 —* —
34256 —

Repeat 5 times with SS at * 360 changes apart.

23456 W B H
35246 — S —
24356 — —
45236 — S —
34256 —

Repeat twice.

23456 W B H
52346 — S
45236 S —
32456 — S
34256 S

Repeat twice.

With Treble Bob methods, the obvious choice is the basic 'Standard Calling' (or In, Out, In in 6ths place methods), where Kent is a good introduction and Norwich the easiest of the Surprise group.

One more extent is well worth quoting and was given to me in chorus by two members of a well known handbell team of years ago, but it will be noticed that the main calls are reversed:

'Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, tinkle.
Make the Bob and make the Single!

which with 6th observation is simply:

3W, make Single, make Bob, 3H. Repeated.

TRIPLES

As with Doubles, the work and places are asymmetrical. Very few methods other than Grandsire and Stedman are rung, and very few peals of Stedman are rung 'in hand' as the method is an end in itself, not leading one on to any other method.

The easiest Grandsire peals are either Parker's Twelve-Part, 7th observation, or one of the 3-lead course peals, where the conductor has to be on his toes to remember to call **all** the Bobs, and where to put in the odd Singles.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By John Vicars 234567 1 3		By J. J. Parker 234567		By 7th
347265 — —		752634 1		In.
472365 S —		237546 3		Out at 3
725463 — —	A	S 562437 1		& S Home.
253764 — —		375246 2		Before.
354267 — S		753246 4		In &
		627453 1		Out at 1.
547362 — —		276453 4		Before.
472563 — —		762453 4		In.
723465 — —	B	537246 2		Out at 2
234765 S —		S 265437 1		and
435267 — S		742365 1		SBBS
		537642 1		on Home.
543267 B		625437 1		
423567 A		376542 2		Before.
		423657 2		Home.
Repeat 5 times, Bob for S half-way and end		Repeat 11 times. S for Bob half-way and end.		

MAJOR

After Minor, this is the next logical step for peal ringing 'in hand.' The symmetry of work and places is similar and the range of methods and compositions is large. Most teams will naturally start with Plain Bob, so let us see which are the simplest for handbells.

Perhaps the most famous and popular of all is E. M. Atkins', which must have been called hundreds of times, either in its original form or in one of the many variations, and it is given pride of place in the Central Council booklet, 'Change Ringing on Handbells.' It it known to the composer as 'Tappa, tappa' from the labelling of parts and from its handbell simplicity.

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By E. M. Atkins

23456 W M H
42635 —* —
56234 —† —
35264 —
42356 — — (—)

W M H
32546* 32465
32654† 36524
65324
53624 53246 (52436)

A The basic part. (If the last H omitted, 448 changes.)
T SS for Bobs at (*) and (†) (i.e. Two singles).
P SS for Bobs at (†) (i.e. on Parted lead of 5-6).
Call TAAPAA, TAAPA(A); where one (A) is reduced to Bob H only.

An easier Twelve-Part peal from the point of view of 5-6 coursing is the following 5,184, where 7-8 are given the interest of 5ths/4ths and Before to help pass the time and any trouble in the one difficult lead per part can usually be corrected with only a little floundering. It will be noticed that the light bells, 2, 3, 4, retain their coursing order from 5/4ths to 5/4ths, as in each part of the previous peal and the H-W pair of calls are merely a 5/4ths on 5-6.

5,184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By G. Dodds

23456 W 5/4 B M H	W 5/4 B M H
23564 1 —	65324 63254
42536 — S	32654 32456
65234 — —	32564 35624
42365 X	62435

Repeated 11 times, SS half-way and end.

An even simpler peal is this Four-Part, where 5-6 never take up 2-3 or 3-4 positions, but retain coursing, plain course or 'opposites' in 5/4ths type calls throughout.

(To be continued)

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LETTER BY REV. H. T. ELLACOMBE

'It is often asked: "What is a peal?", and it seems strange that there should be any difficulty in answering the question . . . . The term is generally applied to any ringing of bells together —no matter whether of ten minutes' or ten hours' duration . . . . Such was the meaning in pre-Reformation times, as may be seen by an extract from the Lives of the Berkeleys, a MS. . . . in the possession of the College of Arms . . . . On the death of Lady Isabel, wife of Lord Maurice Berkeley, who died in 1516 at Coventry, the following ringing took place—"Rynging daily with all the Bells continually: that is to say, at St. Michaell's xxxiii peles, at Trinitie xxxiii peles, at St. John's xxxiii peles, at Babyleak because it was so nigh, lvij peles and in the Mother Church xxx peles and every pele xiiid."

'But since the introduction of scientific change-ringing on the principle of permutations early in the last century [i.e., 18th century—C.R.] the term is known and used as a performance of the full number of changes of which the bells are capable or any number above 5,000: any portion of changes under that number with seven or more bells is called either a short or long touch; in some places a piece of ringing, by others a flourish on the bells, etc. . . . .'

LETTER BY THOMAS NORTH, F.S.A., EDITOR OF 'LEICESTERSHIRE BELLS'

'Although I am not myself a ringer, I should be extremely sorry if the columns in "Church Bells" devoted to Bell-ringing were discontinued. I believe that the news there given attracts the attention of a body of men for whom little has hitherto been done, and that encouragement is likely to be given to scientific ringing . . . .'

DEATH KNELLS: FUNERAL KNELLS

'These are rung according to the custom of the place, but in every place three times three tolls for a man, three times two tolls for a woman either at the beginning or at the end of the passing bell, which would be the tenor or a small bell according to the age of the deceased. The passing bell is now [1877] usually tolled half an hour as soon as possible after death, and then rung out for half an hour (see Dr. Donne's Meditations) and then falled, and the age tolled and the sex announced as may be . . .'

In a later issue came the following: '. . . the custom at Gawsworth, Cheshire, is to ring the tenor up, and then set it each way for a quarter of an hour, and then ring it down again and then chime all round. For males, three times on each bell and twice round; for females twice on each bell and three times round for another quarter of an hour.'

Also: '. . . at Colyton, Devon, six or twelve hours after death the great bell is tolled slowly, once for each year of the deceased . . . then, after a short pause, a lighter bell sounds for two or three triplets—two for a female, three for a male. In some places these are called "tellers" or "tailers," which is very probably the origin for saying "Nine tailors make a man," which in itself has as little sense as civility. I am not sure whether the single triplet for an infant was in use . . . .'

Thomas North wrote: '. . . These vary much in different parishes. Three tolls for a male and two for a female are the best, and follow ancient custom . . . .'

The Editor adds: 'The custom for knolling, in all old-fashioned country parishes is, for children, to take the smaller bells, as the case may be, from treble upwards.'

DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

This Association held its inaugural meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 24th, 1877. It seems that ringing took place from before 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

The Editor adds: 'We congratulate Durham on this beginning, but are very sorry to hear that more consideration was not paid to the requirements and wishes of ringers from a distance as to time of holding the service (5.15 p.m.), which many were unable to attend for fear of missing their trains.'

ST. PAUL'S, DENHOLME, YORKS

Nov. 19, 1877.—Eight members of the Denholme company rang 5,124 Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins., composed by Wm. Sottanstall, of Sorby. Tenor 15 cwt. 'The above new ring was opened Nov. 4, 1876. Since then the company has been formed and for the last six months has been under the tuition of Mr. J. Jenkinson, of the Bradford Old Company . . . .'

'Disgraceful Condition of Bells and Belfries about Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.'

Apparently a correspondent wrote to the paper with a complaint. The editor replied: 'We advise "O. L." to lay his just complaints before the Archdeacon.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

The first quarterly meeting was held at Lynn on December 10th, 1877, the inaugural meeting having taken place at Norwich, September 24th. 'The meeting was not a large one as, with the exception of the company at Lynn, the ringers of the neighbourhood are but few, many of the belfries being in a sorry condition . . . .'

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE

A set of Mr. Seage's 'Church-bell dumb-practice apparatus' has recently (early 1877) been fixed to these bells . . . . 'In justice to Mr. Seage it is right to say that his invention deserves great praise . . . obtaining an unlimited amount of practice for learners without annoying the neighbours . . . . Persevering efforts are being made to master change-ringing in Woburn, the only place in this county where it is practised . . . .'

DINTON, NEAR SALISBURY

'When the present clergyman came here some years ago (i.e., previous to 1877), the bells were in bad condition. Through his energy the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Warner and a company of ringers formed, . . . a most respectable set, . . . had never heard any change-ringing, and so created one set of change-ringers out of a lot of agricultural labourers in a district where change-ringing is entirely unknown. . . . Tenor 14¼ cwt.'

(To be continued)

WEEK-END BELLRINGING COURSE AT HEREFORD

Ringers from Berkshire, Oxford, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Yorkshire, London, Birmingham, Shropshire, Surrey and Herefordshire were attracted to Hereford on April 5th to attend a bellringing course at Hereford Training College. The college, used by kind permission of the principal and L.E.A., proved to be an ideal venue because of the excellent facilities available.

About 50 ringers were welcomed by the director of the course, Mr. W. F. Moreton He had been ably assisted with the preparatory work by the man on the spot, Mr. A. T. Wingate, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Mr. Moreton had mustered a notable team of lecturers to support him. The course offered a variety of subjects and covered many facets of the bellringers' art. Running parallel to the main course was an advanced course; a small group of ringers studying composition and conducting under Mr. W. E. Critchley and Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The tone and high standard of the course was set from the start, by the first lecture given by Mr. F. Sharpe, president of the Central Council. He freely gave of his wealth of knowledge and experience; his meticulous attention to preparation and detail, his unique display of pictures, bells and visual aids, his courteous, easy manner and, above all, his enthusiasm, could not fail to stir the most lethargic or somnolent ringer.

This quality was maintained by the feast of eloquence, enthusiasm and erudition displayed by the other lecturers—Mr. N. Chaddock, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. P. M. J. Gray. It was, therefore, an extremely successful course, and while the exact value cannot be measured, it can do nothing but good for bellringing. Mr. Moreton and his colleagues are to be congratulated, and it is hoped that, in spite of the hard work involved, they can be persuaded to arrange more courses later.

Tired ringers dispersed after tea on Sunday, much richer for their experience at Hereford.

N. J. S.

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Memorial To Ernest Morris

The vergers of the Leicester Diocese have subscribed to a memorial to Ernest Morris. This takes the form of a very fine altar book for St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. The book was dedicated on the Monday in Holy Week.

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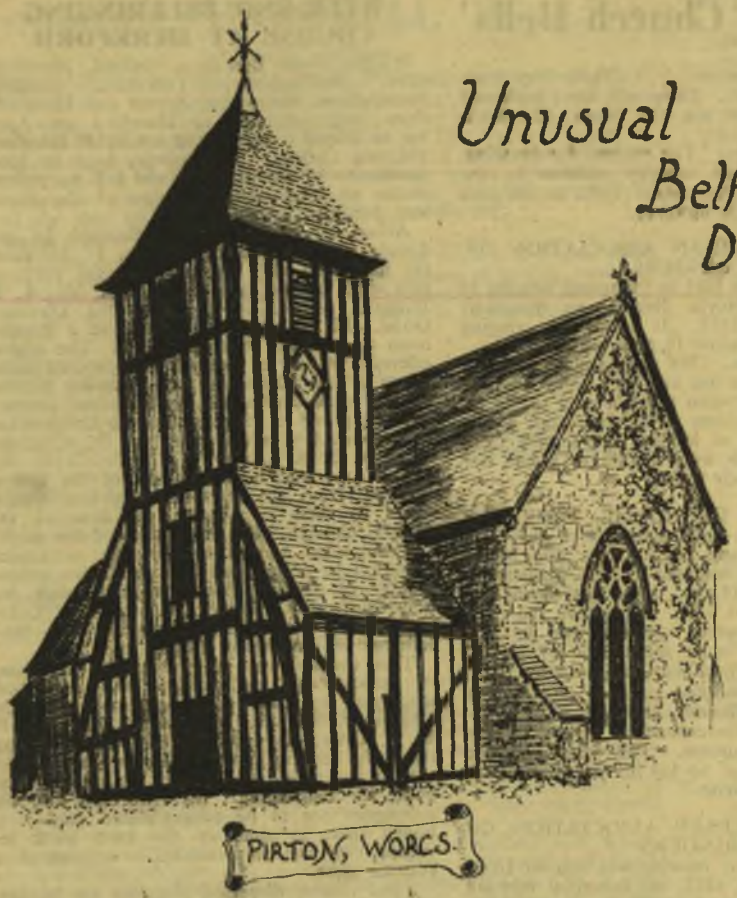

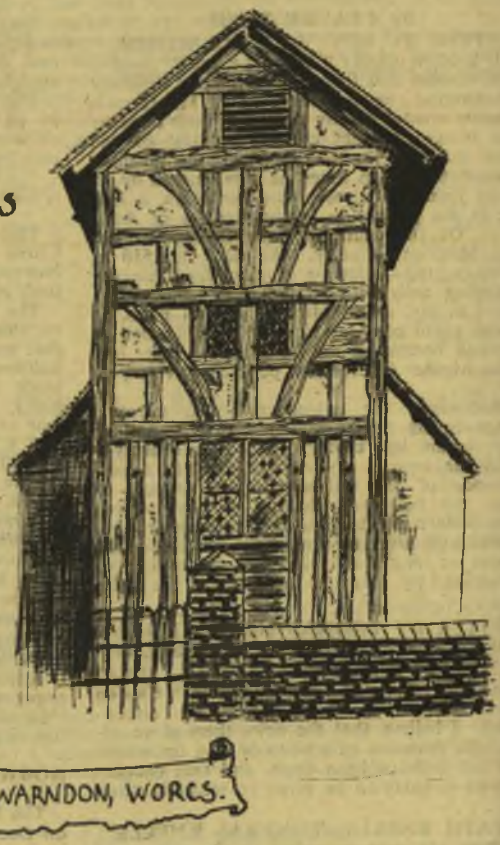

TOWERS, like bellringers, have individual characteristics. No two are alike, yet they possess one thing in common. Church towers in multifarious shapes, be they built of brick, stone or timber, form the most distinctive feature of the building in which God is worshipped. They may contain one, two or many bells; numerically it matters little, for every bell has a common purpose: they are the Church's strongest voice; they entreat, remind and exhort. And the person who commands the bell, be he a solitary bellman or a member of a skilled band of bellringers, shares the same joy and satisfaction in the regular and faithful Matin chime and the beautiful melody of changes, which Sunday by Sunday sound above the English countryside . . . . The tower is the bellringer's second home. From the individuality of Essex sentinels to the quaint timbered structures of the west, towers are symbols not only of the Church's strength and a singleness of purpose, but they also protect that mystic 'togetherness'—a sense of cordial relationship engendered beneath gently-chiming and rapidly-swinging bells.

Trevor A. Bevis.





ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A very successful spring meeting of the Society was held on March 23rd at the pleasant village of Pattingham. Although it is only a few miles west of Wolverhampton, near the Shropshire border, it is in a country residential area.

The ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) which hangs beneath St. Chad's tall spire, was raised at 3 p.m. and kept going until the Society's form of Evensong, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. E. C. Hayward. The Rector said the Society was very welcome to Pattingham, and some members could not remember when the last meeting was held there.

Only cups of tea were served at the Village Hall opposite, as it was 'bring your own tea.' Afterwards the hon. secretary asked all members to hand all copy for the next annual report to him by June 22nd next (annual meeting) in writing. The forthcoming striking competition would take place at Little Aston on May 4th, all bands asembling at 3 p.m. The rules were as previously announced, but it was made clear that only attached resident members would be allowed to take part. Closing entry date, April 27th.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Newborough and Needwood on May 11th. The following new members were elected: P. Challenor (Bilston), Miss S. C. Guthrie, Miss J. Ansell, Miss S. J. Devy, R. D. Baker, J. P. Darrall, D. Hiscock (all of Cannock), M. J. Stephens (Lichfield Cathedral), Miss C. Follis (Little Aston) and D. J. Bates (Wednesbury) as resident members. The following four ringers were also elected to honorary life membership: W. Benton (Cannock), E. G. Bowyer (Penn), T. Roden (Wednesbury) and T. Smith (Wolverhampton).

Our thanks to all who made us so welcome, and to Mrs. B. G. Key for playing the organ at short notice.

C. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK OAKSHOTT'S PEALS

Although the late Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Christ Church, Epsom, and Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild, did not have a large peal total, by some standards, the list has two unusual features. Only 11 of the 60 peals were rung before 1945 (the first in 1918). The Surprise peals were all rung in the last three years of his life, and the methods were learned at an age when most ringers are content to enjoy ringing methods they already know.

The peals were rung in 19 towers, of which the largest number, 21, were rung at Christ Church, Epsom, of which tower he had been captain for so long. They were rung for nine Associations, mostly for the Surrey (29) and Guildford (24).

The summary is as follows:

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (conducted 1), Cambridge Surprise 1, 4 methods 1, 7 methods 1. Total 6 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 24 (1), Stedman 2, Oxford Bob 1, Plain Bob 1. Total 28 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 13, Kent Treble Bob 4, Double Norwich 2, Cambridge Surprise 2, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, Lincolnshire Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1. Total 26.

Grand total 60 (2).

Mr. Oakshott's peal book contained records of 113 quarter peals. In pride of place must be put the first quarter by a local band for 25 years, which is entered in 1955. This was followed by such progress by the Sunday service band, that it has often featured among the leading towers in Surrey for the number of quarter peals rung annually. His ambition for the band to ring a quarter of Surprise was achieved in 1962, but Stedman proved elusive, despite numerous attempts.

Another feat he did not live to see was a peal by members of his family, most of whom can ring. However, he has left a young band of ringers who will cherish his memory and try to keep the flag flying for him.

W. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The quarterly business meeting of the Bedford District was held at Harrold on April 6th, where, despite the windy weather, over 40 ringers in all enjoyed the use of the very good six. Ringing ranged from rounds and plain hunting on six to London and Beverley Surprise.

At the meeting it was decided that the May meeting should be cancelled, owing to the annual meeting of the Association being held on May 4th. The towers for the next two meetings were chosen as: Willington, for June, and Pelmersham, for July.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman, Mr. J. Hilson, to Rev. T. Dix for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the local ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

F. W. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Tonbridge District held a quarterly meeting jointly with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at Penshurst on April 6th.

Ringing began in the afternoon, followed by tea and a service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Curry), with the Rev. P. N. Bond reading the lesson. The business meeting followed, when arrangements for the annual meeting were discussed, and sidesmen proposed from among the members present, to officiate at the annual service on Easter Monday. Three new members were elected.

The members of the Ladies' Guild held their own business meeting, while the remaining company made use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m., in a variety of methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another member of the Kent 'third Saturday' band, Mr. John Cooper, was married on April 6th, and, in honour of the occasion, most of the other members of that band, with a few additions, rang a peal of Lincolnshire at Brenchley. Also in the county a band, which includes John, meets on the second Saturday, and past and present members of this band were also successful with a peal of 27 Surprise Minor methods at Hothfield, where the marriage was solemnised.

A quarter peal was rung at Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, for practice fully muffled to avoid disturbing the parish.

The peal at Ilmington, Warks (see page 219), was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Sabin, 62 years a ringer at this church, and not as published.

The farewell achievement of Mr. Ronald K. Russ, before leaving for Adelaide, Australia, was to ring his first peal in 42 methods/variations.

Mr. Donald A. Kirk is leaving Lincolnshire on appointment as headmaster of a county primary school at Stedham, near Midhurst, Sussex.

Who was the well-known Southampton conductor who after ringing four courses of one of his own compositions of Yorkshire realised that it was only 4,800 changes long? Was 30 seconds' checking worth seven pints of bitter?!

The five bells at Lapworth, Warwickshire, have been rehung and a treble added. The bells are to be dedicated on Sunday, April 28th, at 6 p.m. Evensong. There will be ringing after the service.

Slough ringers have rung three quarters this Lent to welcome visiting preachers from churches with bells of their own. There was good striking on each occasion. Our correspondent hopes that they took away with them a good impression of Sunday service ringing at Slough—in case they should mention their visit to their local ringers!

Another first peal on the bells is claimed at Barford St. Martin, Wiltshire, which were cast as a ring of five by William Cockey, of Frome, in 1732, and made a six in 1906. The tenor was rung with part of one of its brasses fractured and missing.

The peal at Coleman's Hatch on April 1st was the first peal by a local East Grinstead band for 28 years.

About 15 Newcastle upon Tyne ringers had a two-day Easter trip around Loughborough and Grantham.

To the memory of Mr. E. Russell, 780 Plain Bob Doubles was rung at St. Katherine's Church, Merstham, Surrey, on April 7th, after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

The peal at Llandabarn Fawr, Cardiganshire, on page 233 of the April 5th issue of the 'R.W.' was also printed on page 179 of the March 15th issue. The duplication is regretted.

Since the Bristol Cathedral School Guild of Ringers was formed, 2½ years ago, eight pupils of the school have rung their first peal; several more have rung quarters. It is hoped that they will all get together some time in the near future and ring a peal.

Ringers at All Saints, West Bromwich, were very delighted to welcome back Mr. Albert Mills, after a long illness. They were particularly pleased that he was able to take part in ringing again. They were also pleased to see Mr. William Peart back in the belfry, and are hoping that he will soon be ringing again.

Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, California, has sent 20 lb. of change ringing books to Mr. Russell S. Young, of Groton School, Massachusetts, to help the boys in their studies of our art. Mr. Weatherby rang at the school in 1926. This week we publish a quarter of Stedman Doubles rung at the school, and Mr. Young informs us that attempts at quarter peals are to be made on each Sunday afternoon this term. The school hope to advance to Triples and then to Caters.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

John Worth	*Treble*	*Harold C. Lonyon	7
*Alan A. Potts	2	†Edward F. Potts	8
†John Freeman	3	*Alan J. Brown	9
†Ernest Pimlott	4	§Peter Laflin	10
‡Gregory Earles	5	†Hedley Wood	11
*Frank Osbaldiston	6	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First peal. § First of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	6
Beryl N. Reed	2	George H. Randles	7
Norah M. Randles	3	Colin W. Reed	8
Peter A. Sharp	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
A. Robin Heppenstall	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal of Rochester Surprise Royal by all the band, and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

John C. Baldwin	*Treble*	Royston Blacklfr	6
Antony R. Kench	2	Brian J. Wylde	7
Derek M. Sawyer	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
Judith M. Atkinson	4	Frank D. Mack	9
Patrick J. Bird	5	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Carol Fernley	*Treble*	*John H. Soanes	5
John C. Baldwin	2	Barry Corbishley	6
Barbara Boardman	3	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* 25th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Donald F. Murfet	*Treble*	Ray H. Daw	5
Wendy Hollowell	2	Ian M. Smith	6
Colin Johnson	3	†Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
*Alan M. Barber	4	†George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal together.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Stuart J. Corson	*Treble*	Anthony E. Stamp	5
Gael Brown	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Arnold Cole	3	Ronald H. Dove	7
John Weaver	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., March 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Malcolm D. Barsby	*Treble*	Richard C. L. Brown	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	B. Stedman Payne	6
Raymond Benfield	3	Ian G. Smith	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., March 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Margaret James	*Treble*	John H. Soanes	5
*Mary Browne	2	Keith H. Scrimshaw	6
Edna M. Poulter	3	John C. Baldwin	7
Barrie Hendry	4	Edward F. P. Bryant	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
In memoriam Harry Pettitt, of Burton Latimer, Northants.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., March 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,216 Yorkshire, 1,120 New Cambridge and 1,088 Superlative; with all the work of each method for each bell, and 122 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*Janet Warwick	*Treble*	*John C. Baldwin	5
†Margaret James	2	*David W. James	6
‡David J. Baker	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant	7
*John H. Soanes	4	§Barrie Hendry	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. † First of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ First of Spliced Surprise Major § 125th of Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to Miss Jean A. Allen, secretary-elect of the Guild.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Chris. Jones	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*John O. Freeman	2	John Worth	6
Alan J. Brown	3	Peter Laflin	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fourth.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold F. White	*Treble*	†Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	Michael J. Wycherley	6
Peter Morris	3	*Harry Poyner	7
*†Richard E. Morris	4	Frederick Price	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.
Arranged as a farewell peal to Harry and Mary Poyner, who are shortly leaving Shropshire for Retford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*John C. Shonfeld	*Treble*	†John K. Smith	5
†Richard J. Clifton	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Roland Beniston	3	Derek P. Jones	7
†Raymond Benfield	4	†G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Minor. † First in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Michael J. Harris	*Treble*	Michael Hart	5
William Abraham	2	Peter Bridle	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Don C. Exell	7
Roger S. Algate	4	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Don C. Exell.
* First peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

George J. Butcher	*Treble*	*Alan E. Bagworth	5
*Joan Beresford	2	*Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*Frederick J. Cullum	7
*Bernard F. L. Groves	4	*Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.
Compliments to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum on their wedding anniversary.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Andrew M. Macve	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*John D. Faircloth	3	R. Thomas Newman	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
A welcome to the Rev. R. R. Osborn, who was collated the previous evening.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	*John S. Barnes	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	Ralph Bird	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*John D. Faircloth	4	Ian H. Oram	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Annunciation.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

David A. Cornwall	*Treble*	Arthur Newton	5
*Robert H. Newton	2	Percy Newton	6
*Joyce I. Barton	3	Roland Biggs	7
*Bryan Forest	4	*Meryl Newton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* First attempt for Stedman.
A local peal, rung immediately after the wedding of Flight-Lieut. David J. Pugh, R.A.F., to Elizabeth M. C. Dickins, S.R.N., daughter of the Vicar of this parish.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*Alan M. Barber	*Treble*	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Ian M. Smith	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	*George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5248 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Norman Chaddock	*Treble*	Neil Donovan	5
John Bruce	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
Mrs. Margaret Burns	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
David Nichols	4	Stuart Armeson	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Chaddock. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
First peal of Major as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

E. Marion Key	*Treble*	*†Michael Wilshaw	5
Roy Worrall	2	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
*Dennis Latham	4	Barry Corbishley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Division.)
On Mon., April 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Diana J. Butcher	*Treble*	*Roger H. Peters	5
*R. Jean Osbon	2	†M. Peter Howard	6
†C. Jane Smart	3	†Frank H. Hicks	7
†John A. Howard	4	*Colin A. Osbon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal. † First of Triples in the method.
Rung by the Sunday service band of St. Swithun's, East Grinstead.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., April 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

David Eames	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	William F. Woodward	6
Gordon H. Lane	3	John K. Smith	7
*Keith C. Richards	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
A tribute by the Guild upon the passing of a loyal member, Mr. William C. Rhodes, of Coleshill.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Robin Hodgson	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Peter F. Windley	4	Anthony R. Mann	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

David G. Papworth	*Treble*	George S. Deas	5
*Michael Maughan	2	Frederick Ross	6
M. Elaine Murcott	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Martyn L. J. Jordan	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Jennifer A. Murphy	*Treble*	Graeme W. Heyes	5
*Anne E. Cowling	2	Harold E. McDonald	6
*Helen Henderson	3	George W. Pipe	7
Monica E. Collins	4	John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by John J. F. Roper.
* First peal attempt. First as conductor.
A welcome to Janet McDonald and a farewell to George and Diana.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MARTIN F. LOCK	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	6
ANDREW S. HUDSON	3	JAMES L. TOWLER	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	4	IAN R. PANTON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Panton.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*ANN JENNER	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
*ANDREW J. CORBY	3	*STANLEY JENNER	7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the marriage between John R. Cooper and Audrey Hollis at Hothfield, Kent, this day.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ..	5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	*MICHAEL HART	6
PETER BRIDLE	3	DON C. EXELL	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Surprise Major. 50th as conductor. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.
Rung for St. Ambrose's Day.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	*Treble*	CLAIRE DILLAMORE	5
IAN R. PANTON	2	ANDREW S. HUDSON	6
JAMES L. TOWLER	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
LAWRENCE SMITH	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	6
*C. FREDERICK JUKES ..	3	‡JOHN C. EISEL	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* 50th peal. † 75th peal. ‡ 25th of Surprise. First of Superlative for 3, 5, 6, 7 and tenor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHERRY HINTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents of Stedman and 35 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

IAN M. SMITH	*Treble*	ALAN M. BARBER	3
COLIN JOHNSON	2	DONALD F. MURFET	4
		GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*SUSAN MORRIS	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	4
RUTH BLACKSHAW	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
SYDNEY ADAMS	3	MAURICE W. HARRISON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal attempt. First on the bells since rehanging on ball-bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.
Rung in memoriam Mr. Anthony V. Dent, who died whilst these bells were being rehung.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

JOHN F. BOWLER	*Treble*	JENNIFER SCEENY	4
GORDON W. LIMMER	2	*NEIL BELSON	5
GEOFFREY RIGLAR	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN GIBSON	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER JONES	4
ADRIAN HOUGH	2	A. DOREEN EDWARDS ..	5
NORMAN HOUGH	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents (two callings) of Stedman's Principle, one 240 Morris' and one 240 Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire, four extents each of Norfolk Bob (four callings) and April Day Bob (three callings) variations, two different extents each of St. Remigius' Bob and St. Osmund Bob, and four different extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEONARD M. RAPHAEL ..	*Treble*	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY ..	3
THOMAS J. BROCK	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN ..	4
		*MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.
* 25th peal. First in 12 Doubles methods by all.

ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	4
H. FRANK PIKE	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
HARRY J. MILLATT	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Eric A. Fellows	*Treble*	†Thomas M. Barlow ..	4
*Alan R. Baldock	2	†Ian V. J. Smith	5
Frederick J. Lambert ..	3	Edward F. P. Bryant ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

In memoriam Miss Daphne Kent, tower secretary.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of (1) Stedman, (2) St. Simon's, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) St. Albans, (6) Shropham, (7) Elford, (8) St. Martin's, (9) St. Leonard's, (10) St. Peter's, (11) St. Paul's, (12) Mileham, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Nicholas', (15) St. Andrew's, (16) St. Thomas', (17) St. Giles', (18) Norwich, (19) Shareshill, (20) Winchendon Place, (21) St. John, (22) St. Luke, (23) St. Miles, (24) Walsingham, (25) Ryton, (26) Plain Bob, (27) April Day, (28) Old Bob, (29) Kennington, (30) Besthorpe, (31) Seighford, (32) Norfolk, (33) Dedworth Bob, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Southrepps Pleasure, (38) Costessy, (39) Little Aston, (40) Grandsire, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Northrepps Pleasure. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Herbert H. Alexander ..	*Treble*	Barry J. Davies..	3
*Ronald K. Russ	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	4

Michael W. Coleman .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal in 42 methods/variations. First in 42 methods/variations as conductor. Most methods/variations yet rung on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Ronald K. Russ and family, who are leaving for Adelaide, Australia, on April 18th.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

John R. Ketteringham..	*Treble*	G. Angus Dixon	4
*Paul Coddington	2	Walter S. Smith	5
Amos Ingall	3	Ronald Applewhite..	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* First peal in nine methods.

A token of respect to Arthur Coppin, a churchwarden, who was interred the previous day. R.I.P.

YOXALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	*Marilyn Smith	4
Lucy Allen	2	†S. Clarke Walters.. ..	5
*D. Kay Moore..	3	*Michael W. Fairey..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First in seven Minor methods on tower bells.

A compliment to Mr. Michael Elson and Miss Joan Wall, of Lichfield, upon their engagement.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet, (3) London and Wells, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull and Bourne, (7) Westminster and Allendale. 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Edwin T. Chapman..	*Treble*	George W. Massey	4
*Ronald C. Noon	2	Brian Harris	5
Albert W. A. Leggett ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril R. Burrell.

* 300th peal. First in 20 Surprise methods by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Elaine Ann Richardson and Mr. William Martin Riley.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Geoff. Davis	*Treble*	Michael Parker..	4
Herbert Goakes	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Gilbert F. Cowlin	3	Raymond H. Daw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goakes (brother and sister-in-law of the ringer of the second), who were married 40 years ago today in this church.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being six extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob, five each of Southrepps and Grandsire, and two of Rev. St. Bartholomew. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

William T. Petty	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick ..	4
*Margaret Eshelby	2	†David R. Everett	5
Michael Larcher	3	Rev. Derek E. Ford ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor M. Roderick.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.'

Rung open in commemoration of the life of Ernest Stitch, after the interment of his ashes in the churchyard.

BARFORD ST. MARTIN, WILTSHIRE.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*Brian J. Bull	*Treble*	*Michael J. Uphill	4
Brian H. Coatsworth ..	2	Anthony R. Carter ..	5
Christopher F. Mew ..	3	Anthony E. Clayton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Doubles. First in the method for all, and for the Association. First on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 27, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
At 33, Bridge End Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of the following seven extents: (1 and 2) Neasden Delight, (3) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Sandal and Oxford T.B., (6) Sandal, London Scholars' and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Gordon W. Land	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Martin. D. Fellows ..	1—2	†Michael J. Fellows ..	3—4
†John C. Eisel	5—6		

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

* 75th peal. † 25th peal together. First as conductor 'in hand.'

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 31, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

Michael J. Fellows ..	1—2	John C. Eisel	3—4
Martin D. Fellows.. ..	5—6		

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 54, Ashford Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Giles B. Thompson	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

A 16th birthday compliment to Miss S. McGill, of Stratton St. Margaret.

HALF PEAL

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On March 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Stock 1, R. Spray 2, P. Bennett 3, J. W. Perkins 4, I. Maycock 5, M. Hughes (cond.) 6. To commemorate the opening of St. Mary's new C. of E. School.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Margaret Fisher 2, Ann Sharpe (first as cond.) 3, Katherine Gorvin 4, Diana Gough 5, Susan Waterhouse 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Churchill 1, A. H. Reed 2, Jane Harlow 3, W. H. Tarn 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, J. Medway 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On March 23rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Denman 1, W. Brett 2, J. Coates 3, A. Wilson 4, J. Gow 5, A. Jewitt (cond.) 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Spliced): R. E. Lester 1, Frances Smith 2, G. Waterman 3, Gillian Brown 4, A. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob): R. Smith 1, W. Brett 2, A. Jewitt 3, A. Gilbert 4, F. Jackson (cond.) 5.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Game 1, W. Dunn 2, D. West 3, M. Atfield 4, A. Streeter 5, G. West 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, T. Dumaresqu (first quarter) 8 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Lucas, captain of this tower, whose funeral was this day.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, A. Frieston 2, J. P. Morris 3, R. Stephenson 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. Petch 6 W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Frieston 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Frank Dewey.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On April 7th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, W. Cholwill 3, Mrs. D. R. Bould 4, D. R. Bould 5, J. Bowdon 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Cholwill 8. For Palm Sunday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire and Oxford Bob): M. J. Wooldridge (first on eight bells, aged 12) 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. Lloyd 3, C. F. Jukes 4, C. Skidmore (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows 6, J. C. Eisel 7, C. F. Wooldridge 8. First of Spliced Triples 7 and 8. First in these methods 2 and 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Margaret D. Woolley 1—2, C. W. Woolley 3—4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, Sara K. D. Woolley (first of Major) 7—8.

BUTLER'S MARSTON, WARWICKS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. C. Maycock 1, I. Stevens 2, J. K. Foot 3, Jill Riley 4, D. J. Allen 5 P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On March 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel 1, F. W. Hutt 2, M. Baughan 3, Dorothy Perry 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5, L. Russell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Rupert Bede Winser, late Rector of Byfield, and Rev. Mumford Allen, late Rector of Checkendon, Oxon.

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Harlow 1, A. H. Reed 2, Valerie Churchill 3, J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, W. H. Tarr 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On March 16th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Osborne (first quarter) 1, Pamela A. Osborne (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Beaven 4, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6. A get well wish to Mr. Henry Gummer.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jennifer Stone-Wigg 1, Sylvia Cater (first 'inside') 2, P. Cattermole 3, M. Powell 4, J. Whittall (cond.) 5, J. Charters (first quarter) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Rich 2, Miss D. Humphris 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. D. Hart 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, K. F. Gardner 3, D. J. Allen (cond.) 4, G. Pratt 5. Frst in 11 Doubles methods 1 and 5.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On March 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Treble (first quarter on treble) 1, M. V. Cox 2, H. N. Kippin 3, J. M. Kippin 4, H. P. Reed 5, D. P. Treble (cond.) 6

GROTON SCHOOL, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Thurston B. Clarke 1, Joseph E. Potter 2, Samuel C. Pease 3, Oliver Edwards VI 4, Nason P. Hamlin 5, Thomas C. H. Jackson 6. Conducted by Russell S. Young.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,340 Stedman Doubles: J. Pares 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, G. K. Dodd 3, P. Murduck 4, R. Crook 5, E. Cox 6. First in method 1, 4 and 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all.

HOVE, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Fuller (first on five) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, J. M. Swift 3, I. Smith (25th of Doubles) 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5. Rung on the 710th anniversary of the death of St. Richard, of Chichester.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. R. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, J. W. Jennings 3, R. J. Stannard 4, W. Goodship 5, J. Kerry 6, F. Buckle 7, J. Banks 8. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss P. Drury 1, Miss J. Drury 2, C. Webb 3, J. Bills 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Pollard 6. For afternoon service.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Green 1, B. Hunt 2, H. Barsley 3, D. Flatters 4, W. E. Clarke 5, A. E. Flatters 6, J. Petch 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Bishop.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. E. Gearing (first on treble) 1, Miss M. Walsh 2, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 3, A. J. King 4, M. M. Powell 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton, on Feb. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. O. Sheard 1, W. J. Couperthwaite 2, W. Bradbury 3, Frances Fairbank 4, J. Gow 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. Rung following the marriage of Derek W. Mulley and Margaret A. Clark.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. R. Stannard (cond.) 1, V. Ambrose 2, D. J. Reeve (first quarter) 3, O. C. Ballard (first quarter) 4, G. W. Bloomfield 5, D. W. Reeve 6, F. A. Poulson 7, J. W. Jennings 8. For evening service.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On March 30th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Arbury 1, C. J. Turner 2, F. Sage 3, J. Quick 4, C. C. Deem 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6. First of Single Oxford Bob Minor by 1 2, 3, 5, 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner, for their wedding anniversary.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, on March 18th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Jennifer Murphy 1, K. Minchinton 2, G. W. Heyes 3 Diana Pipe 4, C. H. Pearson 5, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, J. J. Roper 8. First quarter of Major rung on the bells and in the method by 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8. Arranged for Bert Lancefield.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Batten 1, Susan Cantwell 2, D. Floyd (first as cond.) 3, F. Trinder 4, A. Hix 5, P. Trinder 6.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Wooldridge (first quarter attempt, aged 12) 1, P. J. Brown 2, C. F. Wooldridge 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows 6.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Nimmo 1, T. Gray 2, K. P. Wootton 3, D. W. Bimson 4, B. R. Eglesfield (first as cond.) 5, N. G. Gray 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Holdaway (first of Minor) 1, Miss V. Mathews (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, H. Smith 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Arbury 1, C. J. Turner 2, J. Manley 3, L. Hine 4, G. E. Retter 5, C. C. Turner (cond.) 6, R. T. Wood 7, James Arbury (first quarter) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

OVER, CAMBS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. White (first quarter) 1, F. Ingle 2, P. Leggett 3, J. Causer 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Payne 6. For evening service.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On March 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. G. Morris 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, I. C. Maycock 5, M. C. Hughes 6 J. K. Foot 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. R. Warren (first on treble) 1, Miss M. D. Chambers (first 'inside') 2, B. J. Lawes (cond.) 3, L. R. Reynolds 4, B. E. Potts 5, R. Cook (first quarter) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on March 27th, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Daw 1, V. Chamberlain 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. Roffe 4, L. Brighton 5, F. Boyall 6, B. Harris 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service. Also on March 31st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: B. Harris 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. Barker 4, F. Boyall 5, G. Bush 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service, and to mark the 52 years' service of Mr. S. Wright, as a ringer at this church.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. J. Marks (first of Major) 1, F. E. Day 2, J. W. Perkins 3, R. G. Bell (Watford) 4, H. F. Myers 5, A. W. Myers 6, D. R. Bould 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At 19, Disraeli Road, on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on handbells): D. C. Brookes (first 'in hand') 1, Alison Mann 2, Margaret Fort 3, A. R. Millidge 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5—6. Also in St. Mary's Choir Vestry, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Uphill 1—2, Alison Mann 3, Margaret Fort 4, A. R. Millidge (cond., first on two bells) 5—6. A birthday compliment to J. N. Uphill, father of 1—2.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): H. Hardwidge 1, G. Pullin 2, C. Kortright 3, L. Derrick 4, J. Brain (cond.) 5. Rung with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Yeo, on the birth of their second son, Andrew Robert.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Jackson 1, Ann Bullard 2, D. R. Morris 3, J. J. Stanier 4, D. R. Sayers 5, H. Neill 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8, J. Slater 9, R. G. Morris 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Canon E. F. Braley.



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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Winsham (8), Saturday, April 20th, 7 till 9 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2318

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hemington (6), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2288

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Cathedral Festival, April 20th. Ringing arrangements (some additional towers):

Route 1.—Salford Priors 10-11 a.m., Bidford-on-Avon 10.30-11.30, Stratford-on-Avon 10.45-11.45 a.m., Warwick (St. Nicholas') 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Warwick (St. Mary's) 1-2 p.m.

Route 2.—Brailes 10-11 a.m., Tysoe 10.45-11.45, Butlers Marston 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Harbury 12.15-1.15, Leamington Spa 1-2 p.m.

Route 3.—Atherstone 10-11 a.m. Nuneaton 10.45-11.45, Chilvers Coton 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Bulkington 12.15-1.15, Bedworth 1-2 p.m.

Route 4.—Dunchurch 10-11 a.m., Rugby St. Andrew's 10.45-11.45 a.m. Newbold 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Monks Kirby 12.15-1.15, Brinklow 1-2 p.m.

Route 5.—Alcester 10-11 a.m., Stadley 10.45-11.45 a.m., Wootton Wawen 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Halton 12.15-1.15, Rowington 1-2 p.m.

Also Stoke 1-2.30 p.m. Allesley 1.30-2.30, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh 1-2.15 p.m.

Service in the Cathedral, 2.45 for 3 p.m. Seats for ticket holders will be reserved only until 2.45. Tea, price 3s. 6d., in the Municipal Staff Canteen, Derby Lane, 4-6 p.m.

Tea is available for visitors only. Will Guild members please get their own tea.

After tea: Church Lawford 6-7, Newbold-on-Avon 6.30-7.30, Willoughby 7-8, Stoneleigh 6-7, Kenilworth 6.30-7.30, Whitnash 7-8, Sherbourne 6-7, Snitterfield 6.30-7.30, Wellesbourne 7-8, Berkswell 6-7, Coleshill 7-8, Stoke, Allesley 6-8, Warwick (St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's) 6.30-8.30, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton and Stratford-on-Avon 7-8.30 p.m.—H. M. Windsor. 2240

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. and N. Devon Branches.—A joint practice meeting at Appledore and Northam on Saturday, April 20th. Appledore (8), 3 till 4.30 p.m.; Northam (8), 6.30 till 8 p.m.—R. Pearce. 2271

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2299

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2241

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on April 20th at Heston. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Andrews, 49, Jersey Road, Osterley, Isleworth, Middlesex.—F. T. B. 2328

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Ilsley, Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury, Berks. 2283

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—First A.G.M., Aston Clinton, Saturday, April 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 2308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester & District Branch.—Practice at Middleton Stoney (6) on Sat. April 20th, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Greetham bells (6) on Saturday, April 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 2272

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 20th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea, Lyons (corner of Villiers Street and Strand) at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 6. Bells until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 2282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 20th. St. Clement's, 2.30 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.; St. Lawrence's, 2.15 to 3; St. Mary-at-Quay, 2.15 to 4; St. Margaret's 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary-le-Tower, 7 to 9; St. Matthew's, 7 to 9. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Manor House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 2248

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Felpham (6) on Saturday, April 20th, at 3 p.m. 2304

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Duffield, with bobs and singles. Names for tea to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurtspierpoint.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, April 20th. Bells 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., Church Hall.—L. Duguid. 2267

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —**Correction.**—Dedication of the augmented and rehung ring of eight at Thorncombe on Sunday, April 21st, at 6 p.m., and not 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Barrett. 2312

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Stoke-by-Neyland. **Thursday,** April 25th. Bells (8) 7 p.m. 2260

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, April 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea in Chews House, 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than morning of 24th to Mr. A. G. Matthews, 57, Tring Road, Dunstable. Phone Dunstable 61461. 2317

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2323

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, before April 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 2335

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2259

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley, Saturday, April 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2307

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (N.E.) and CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION at Heighington, April 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington. 2309

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2322

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Clear, 'Murree,' Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by April 24th. Ranmore bells available 2.45-4 p.m. 2270

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice, Wellington, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) from 6 to 8.45 p.m.—R. G. Powell, Dis. Sec. 2321

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m., followed by service, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2286

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service before tea. Names for tea, please, to Alfred Johnson,' 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6.—Angela M. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 2326

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 2211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville (8) on April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, Leicester. 2313

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in School Rooms at 5 p.m. The annual District ringing competition will take place in the evening, after the monthly business meeting. Team entries to the District Secretary, from whom copies of the rules may be obtained. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. John Vernon, 36, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2329

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2325

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 27th. Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service in Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing: Welton (6), 11-11.45 a.m.; Dunholme (6), 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Scothern (6), 1-1.45; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Botolph's (6) and St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), from 2 p.m. until service and after meeting. Tea for those who notify J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 2258

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Mereworth, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. No name no tea. 2292

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by the 24th. Special method: Cambridge Royal.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2303

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 23rd, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2265

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Steeple Aston (6), Saturday April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.45. Somerton (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea by April 22nd to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 2231

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wadenhoe, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Peter M. Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering. 2320

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne. 2330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 27th, Fittleton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells after meeting at Netheravon. Names for tea by April 23rd, **please.**—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2262

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Thorncombe on April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, **please,** to G. Farley, Chard Street, Thorncombe, Chard, Somerset. 2255

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, April 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas in nearby cafe. Business meeting in the vestry, 6 p.m.—E. Morris. 2293

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, April 27th. 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—P. Sloman, Hon. Sec. 2340

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 27th at Southwell. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by April 24th. Business meeting follows tea.—W. L. Exton, Gen. Sec. 2279

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Longdon (near Lichfield) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. (Please look up St. Simon's and Carter's Principle.) N.B.—This is the closing date for striking competition entries.—C. M. S.. Hon. Sec. 2273

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West-Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Priory Room. Names by Wednesday, April 24th, to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 2257

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe (6) on April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 2324

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Campton (5), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Clifton (8), 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Henlow (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Southill (6), 1.30-2.30; Old Warden (6), 2-3.15; Northill (6), 2.15-3.30; Sandy (6), 3.45-4; Potton (6), 3-4.15; Biggleswade (8), 3.45-4.30 and after business meeting. Tea, Biggleswade, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea, 2s. 9d. each, before May 1st, thereafter 3s. 9d., from Secretaries.—S. Iven, Gen. Sec., 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedford. 2336

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorington, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing competition 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by May 1st, together with cash, Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 18, St. Nicholas' Close, Deal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed. May 1st, to Mr. M. A. Legg, 23, Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook.—W. H. D., Hon. Sec. 2338

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mrs. F. M. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' Hordens Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2316

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 29th, to Mr. J. Bailey. 2334

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Additional ringing: St. Margaret's, Edgware, and St. Mary's, Willesden, 2.30-4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 2314

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 4th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow, The Chantry Hall. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft (12), 2-4.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2-3.45; St. George's, Colegate (6), 2-3.45, in evening by request. Also ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre and St. Miles' by request. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, by Wednesday, May 1st.—H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 2333

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).—Meeting on Saturday, May 4th, Gotham (5) from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Bunney (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 2310

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Christ Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Gibson, 4, The Ridgeway, Epsom, by May 1st.—R. I. Parsons. 2296

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, **May 4th, repeat May 4th.** Previous notices sent in error. Apologies.—P. C., Master. 2306

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Howden Minster on May 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Snaith (8), 10 until 11 a.m.; Carlton (6), 11.5 a.m.-12 noon; Selby Abbey (10), 1-2 p.m.; Hemingborough (6), 2.15-3.30 and 7-8 p.m. Service in Howden Minster at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Green Room near the church at 5 p.m. It is of paramount importance that names for tea must reach Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, no later than first post on April 27th. Subscriptions are now due and copies of the annual report will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 2341

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Annual festival,** St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, **Saturday, May 11th.** Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before **May 6th,** obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting; Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A.G.M., Rochester Cathedral, May 11th, 10 to 11 a.m.

Dr. Beeching? 'Wot's 'e got to do wi' ringin'? Nowt; keep 'er up, keep 'em goin'. Look to, Sid, signals goin', 'er's gone. Fast Line, Charing Cross, 8.36 a.m.; Waterloo, 8.39; arrive Rochester 9.37 a.m. Then every hour. All Saints', Frindsbury (8), 2-3.45 p.m.; St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham (8), 6.15-8 p.m. Lunch, 12 noon-1.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. at Patricia's Pantry, 79, High Street, 8s. per person. Names for either or both to Mr. Will Holland, 19, Tufton Road, Rainham, near Gillingham.

Anyone interested in a peal attempt contact the Master or the Hon. Sec., J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. Everybody welcome; no closed shop.

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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

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The party consists of: the Revs. Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, P. N. Bond (Gillingham), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), Canon C. Carew Cox (Whitechurch Canonicorum), K. C. Davis (Tadley), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), J. B. T. Homfray (Cheltenham), R. N. Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. J. B. Marshall (Crewkerne), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Lower Halstow), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), R. D. St. J. Smith (Astley Bridge), W. H. R. Trewhella (Penzance), A. Webb (Kidderminster) part time, E. B. Wood (Mapledurham).

Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Wood and Miss Homfray will accompany the party.

THE LADIES' GUILD

In the lovely, spacious Church of All Saints, Poplar, the Central District held its annual meeting on March 30th. An hour's ringing preceded the Sung Evensong, and then followed an excellent tea.

There were changes in the officers made at the business meeting.

Mrs. Savory was elected vice-president, and the retiring vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lock, was elected secretary. The meeting thanked Mrs. Lock for the faithful discharge of her term of office, and also expressed regret that Mrs. Bullock had to give up the secretaryship. Four committee members elected were: Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. R. Fardon, Miss R. Foreman and Mrs. H. G. Hart. Two Central Committee members elected were Mrs. Bullock and Miss A. Horsford.

Business over, ringing continued in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal until 9 p.m.

Next meeting, joint with the Kent District, on June 29th at Hadley and Barnet. The next annual meeting, Streatham, on February 29th, 1964, to which gentlemen are most cordially invited. R. F.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Approximately 30 ringers attended the evening meeting held at Greasley on March 23.

Ringing commenced at 5.30, and was interrupted only for a short business meeting in the belfry at 7 p.m., when the next meeting was confirmed as being at Hucknall on May 25th. This being the District cup contest, it was proposed and carried that Greasley bells be made available during the afternoon.

Ringing then continued in a variety of methods to suit everyone, including all learners. With the belfry comfortably full right up until ringing ceased at 9.30 p.m., a very enjoyable evening was had by all. D. J. B.

We regret to announce the death on April 10th of Canon R. F. Wilkinson, who from 1940 to 1961 was Vicar of West Bridgford, Nottingham, and previously Rector of Ordsall. He was also chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,320 Doubles: Joan Hanning 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, A. T. Shelton 3, K. Game (cond.) 4, W. Dunn 5, S. Smith 6. Rung in memoriam E. Russell.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. S. Bennett 1, R. G. Morris 2, J. K. Foot 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. Thompson 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. Catchpole 4, R. Churchill 5, W. Flatt 6, H. Fuller 7, A. C. W. Roope 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Roope, for many years verger and Ringing Master at St. Mary Magdalene's.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On March 18th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss S. J. Staley 1, Miss S. R. Collins (first in method as cond.) 2, G. E. Watson 3, H. Richardson 4, I. W. Hall 5, W. J. Whitmore 6, P. Fleckney 7, J. E. Skerritt 8. First of Superlative Surprise Major for 1, 5 and 7.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. C. Hick 1, E. Brice 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchling 4, F. Taylor 5, A. Marks 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for Evensong, and for the recovery of Colleen.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 31st, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Lewis (first of T.B.) 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, D. Fellows 3, Christine Rimmer 4, P. Fells 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alison Macfarlane.

SEALE, SURREY.—On March 23rd, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Hunter 1, K. Sansom 2, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 3, D. M. Hughes 4, A. C. A. Hunter (first of Surprise) 5, Cherry White 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill M. Tippett 1, Pamela A. Hunter 2, J. Horsman 3, L. C. W. Hunter 4, A. E. Hunter 5, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 6. First in method for 1. First 'inside' in method for 4.

WHICHFORD, WARWICKS.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: I. Stevens 1, Jill Riley 2, J. K. Foot 3, D. J. Allen 4, P. S. Bennett 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On March 31st, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Sumners 1, Hazel Arrowsmith 2, Penny Bastow 3, J. J. Green 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, T. J. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

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RECRUITS

Professor Dodge Discusses the Problem

I CALLED once more on the Professor, and found him immersed, as usual, in his tables and figures. He pushed the ones he was studying among the piles of papers that littered his desk; such is his filing system. We discussed various subjects and he asked me: 'How are you progressing with your recruits?'

'Slowly,' I said. 'It is difficult starting from scratch.'

'You've done it before.'

'Yes, but I had more time and patience 30 years ago!'

'And less competition.'

He rummaged about on his desk and eventually produced a typewritten sheet:

RECRUITS

Reasons for loss of above:

1 Lack of Interest,
2 Lack of Application,
3 Lack of Progress,
4 Schooling (homework and night school),
5 Courting,
6 Marriage,
7 Illness,
8 Death,
9 Leaving District,
10 Television (and similar useless pastimes),
11 Youth Clubs (which include Boy Scouts and Girl Guides),
12 Church Activities (e.g., choir, servers, G.F.S.),
13 Sport (a watching, b participating).

'A pretty formidable list,' I commented, 'and then, I imagine, not fully comprehensive. It is surprising that we manage to produce any ringers at all.'

'Yes, the wastage is shocking.'

'It is no good,' I countered, 'producing a list like that unless you are prepared to make some constructive suggestion. What can one do to overcome the wastage, and combat the counter-attractions?'

'There have been, and still are, some great minds at work on the problem; although none, of course, so great as mine!' he added modestly.

'It must be recognised,' he continued, 'that a certain amount of wastage is inevitable, although I feel sure it could be reduced. Most ringers now realise that to wait until the old hands begin to disappear is courting disaster. Preparations should be made beforehand by ensuring that the belfry is liberally supplied with recruits. The selfsame activities which deplete their numbers can sometimes be turned to our advantage, and choirboys whose voices have broken, members of the G.F.S., Boy Scouts and Girl Guides encouraged, especially if, as happens in many cases, the captain or leader is a member of the church.'

'All this,' I remarked dryly, 'is not exactly unknown!'

'No, but ringers need reminding occasionally that they owe a debt to posterity.'

'Factors such as courting, marriage, illness and death must, I suppose,' he said scanning his list, 'be regarded as inevitable, but the first two are mixed blessings as I dare say they have done as much to bring recruits into the belfry as to take 'em out. It seems a pretty drastic process though, whichever way you look at it!' (Mr. Dodge is, ofcourse, a bachelor.)

'Which of the items on your list do you consider most damaging?'

'Lack of progress,' declaimed the Professor. 'Give me a recruit who is constantly moving forward and I can almost guarantee to keep him—or her. To this end recruits should be encouraged to attend district meetings and visit other towers, and to join in other ringers' practices.'

'That's all very well,' I pointed out, 'seeing that when they reach the stage when they can participate in such things most of their (and your) teething troubles are over. It is those belfries where there is a complete vacuum that worries me; where perhaps there is no instructor and either the bells are silent or there are but one or two ringers who pull the bells about on Sundays, and sometimes on weekdays too, without any knowledge of ringing whatsoever.

He nodded.

'Yes, that's the real problem. Fortunately many Societies are giving the matter some thought and various suggestions have been put forward as to what to do in such cases. There has been some suggestion that Societies should provide instructors who can be sent to various silent or semi-silent towers in their areas.'

'That seems a good idea.'

'It is better than nothing, but it seems to me that the best results could be obtained by tackling the problem locally, by adjacent individual towers or ringers. Each tower where there is a reasonably good band of ringers must look **outwards** towards less fortunate towers. If the tower is silent the Vicar should be approached, a team recruited if possible, instruction offered and practices arranged. If there is the nucleus of a team the captain should be consulted and a pow-wow held. I think that more can be achieved by **pushing** the boundaries of learning outwards than by pouncing on isolated black spots, although any method which offers the slightest chance of success must be tried.'

'It must not be forgotten,' he said, 'that the progress of a learner is dependent on the equation:

$$P = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N^{10}\,(i)^2\,\sqrt{T}}{I\,B^{1.2}}} + F$$

Where P=Progress.
N=Number of Qualified Ringers in attendance.
i =Intelligence of Pupil.
I=Intelligence of Instructor(s).
T=Time (in hours) available per week for practice.
B=Condition of Bells (see Dodge's Table No. 34).
F=Factor of Provincial Relativity (see Dodge's Table No. 101).

'The learner's speed of Progress will therefore depend to a great extent upon the number of Qualified Ringers with whom he is constantly in contact.'

'I will remember that,' I said.

I forgot to ask him what he meant by a 'Qualified Ringer.'

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MEETING AT GREAT YARMOUTH, WHITSUN, 1963

A Civic tea is being arranged for members and friends after the meeting. Will those wishing to attend please apply to me by NOT LATER THAN MAY 20th. Tickets (limited to two per member) will be sent with the meeting papers to those who have applied.

Members are reminded of tours being arranged for the Sunday and Monday. Details were published in 'The Ringing World' of March 15th, 1963.

Would those secretaries who have not yet done so please forward names **and addresses** of their representatives for the 1963-66 session.

The following affiliation fees have not yet been paid: Australian and New Zealand Association, Devon Guild, St. Martin's Guild, University of Bristol Society, Universities Association.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

PENN RINGERS HONOUR THEIR CAPTAIN

Some 44 ringers and friends attended a presentation dinner to honour Mr. E. G. (Ted) Bowyer's 50 years' ringing service (1913-1963).

The dinner and presentation was organised under the chairmanship of the vice-captain, Mr. John A. Roden, who, after the loyal toast, paid tribute to his captain for his untiring and unselfish work in the belfry, and said that had it not been for Ted's devotion the belfry would not be in the healthy state it is at present.

Before the presentation of a silver tankard, Mr. C. Griffiths related some memorable and jovial occasions which happened during his 35 years' association with the captain.

Miss E. Twentymen presented the tankard and paid tribute to Mr. Bowyer and his ringers, and recalled the many happy times the whole of her family had with them.

In his reply after the presentation, Ted said what a surprise it was and thanked all those connected with the organising of the dinner and choosing such a lovely gift. Ringing, he reminded the company, was very much a team effort and comradeship and should be done for pleasure and devotion to duty. A team should have a leader and this he had tried to be, but this could not be achieved without the loyal support of the other members.

The captain had a further surprise. Mr. C. Griffiths and Mrs. C. Eyre presented him with eight woollen mats for the ringing chamber, which had been given by the respective ladies and their husbands to commemorate their 25 years of happy marriage. These mats were designed by Mr. H. Howell (a member of St. Bartholomew's) and made by the respective families.

Other ringing friends, Messrs. F. C. Bennett, E. Drew, A. Pearson and H. Griffiths, paid tribute to Ted's cordial welcome to tower visitors, and his inspiration which instilled into his ringers the necessity for devotion to duty, regular worship and a good standard of ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Gaskell) concluded the evening by an appropriate reference to the captain's work and thanked the ringers for their loyal service.

The ringing mats were dedicated at Evensong on April 7th, when again the Vicar paid tribute to the captain and his ringers.

C. J. W. E.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 7



MISS SANDRA E. CHESTERTON,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The Leicester Guild has for many years been one of the leading Guilds in the Exercise, and is continually growing. This is largely due to the recruitment of and good training given to youngsters, many of whom have already reached the heights. Heading for the heights today is Sandra E. Chesterton.

Sandra was born on March 15th, 1945, at the Fosse Nursing Home in Leicester. She was educated at Sir Jonathan North Secondary School for Girls, attended the Leicester College of Art and Technology in the School of Commerce for a year, and is now working as a shorthand typist for a wholesale electrical firm in Leicester.

Sandra started to ring at the age of 13, at St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, under the watchful eye of Mr. Russell S. Morris, and it was not long before she became a member of the regular Sunday service band.

A year later, at the age of 14, Sandra rang her first peal. This took place at Claybrooke, Leics. on December 24th, 1959, when she rang the treble to Yorkshire Surprise Major, conducted by Brian G. Warwick. A large amount of credit for such rapid progress by this brilliant young ringer is surely due to her tutor and the high standard of ringing maintained throughout the Guild.

Sandra now has some 35 peals to her credit including Plain Bob Minor, London Surprise Major, Plain Bob Royal, Lincolnshire Surprise Royal, Grandsire Caters and the treble to Durham Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral.

For the past two years Sandra has been exploring the field of conducting, and conducted her first, which was Plain Bob Minor at Aylestone, for her 16th birthday. The composition was one of Mr. Ernest Morris', who took part in the peal. Her ambition is to conduct a peal of Surprise Major.

On January 12th this year Sandra was appointed secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. A noteworthy performance by an 'up and coming youngster.'

NORVING.

BELLS, BELLS—and more BELLS!

That was the impression gained by the bell-ringers and their friends, from St. Mary's, Westham, Sussex, on April 6th, when a visit was paid to the bell foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, at Whitechapel. The party was welcomed by Mr. Hughes, who took them on a tour of the foundry.

Among many objects of interest seen was a ring of bells ready for shipment to America, to be hung in the Cathedral at Washington, and another ring for South Africa. A great number of handbells were also on view, in all stages of making.

Leaving the foundry, the party made their way to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and spent some time ringing, and also looking at the many interesting features in the church, one of which was the complete church registers from the year 1568. The burials from 1644-1666 included the names of 6,533 people who died in the plague. Afterwards at West Ham some members joined the ringers of the Essex Association in Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and rounds.

The return journey was made by way of the Woolwich Ferry into Kent, calling at Penshurst Church at 7.30 p.m. for the last ring with the Kent Association.

We wish to convey our thanks to our hosts during the day, also warm thanks to D. Roy Fuller for arranging the day's programme and acting as guide and driver.

V. J. M.

FIRE TRAGEDY AT EASTWOOD

'The Belfry News,' the newspaper of the Derbyshire bellringers, devotes its front page story to the disastrous fire at St. Mary's Church, Eastwood, Derbys (see page 171).

Complimenting the firemen for saving the church from being completely destroyed, the report states that the damage was most severe at the east end, where the organ was completely destroyed, but the east window survived the inferno.

'The firemen are also to be complimented on their courage in fighting the fire near the tower; an attempt to get in via the clock-face was unsuccessful, so with breathing apparatus and floodlights they went in through the church door and fought the blaze from the inside.

'As slates and masonry were falling most of the time this was not one of the easiest of jobs to do, but the attempt was successful in preventing extensive damage to the tower.

'The floor of the bellringing chamber and the clock floor have been badly damaged, and will need replacing. The panelling round the ringing chamber has been completely consumed by the fire, as has also the door and small wooden window frame.'

The present church, which was completed in 1852, is well insured, but it will be some little time before it is opened for worship and its bells ringing again.

Two young boys have been found guilty of causing the fire and sent to an approved school. In the meantime work is going on in stripping the roof of its burned timber prior to rebuilding the side walls. It has been suggested that complete rebuilding of the body of the church may be required.

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HERTS RINGERS GIVE SERVICE TOUCH AT KENT ANNUAL

A PERSONAL tribute was paid to the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt. Rev. David Say), when he attended the 83rd annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday at Tonbridge Parish Church. Ringers from his former church, Hatfield, rang the service touch, to be listened to by the 200 ringers present. This new idea of a personal link with the principal visitor is to be followed, when possible, at future annual meetings, announced the chairman, Mr. J. Willis.

Ringers and their families filled the nave for the Easter service, conducted by Canon T. F. C. Bewes. The lesson was read by Mr. Willis.

It was the Easter theme the Bishop took for his address. 'The Resurrection,' he said, 'was the message the apostles took wherever they went, and wherever they founded a church. And it is rather hard for us to believe that the Resurrection was the basis of the belief on which our church is founded.

'The first day of the Christian calendar is not Christmas or Good Friday, but Easter Day, so every Sunday is a little Easter, a miniature observance of the Resurrection, and all through the centuries where men have built churches to the glory of God they have done so to proclaim His Resurrection and to provide a meeting place for those who are witnesses of that truth.'

It was the faith in the Resurrection that gave to them all, however frustrating it might be at times, a new life and a new perspective because they knew that death was not the end, and good would triumph over evil, and their lives would pass from crucifixion to resurrection. Therefore let their bells continue to ring and proclaim to all the world that Jesus Christ was risen. Alleluia.

HUMBLING A MAN

Welcoming the guests at the luncheon, the chairman, in a reference to the Bishop of Rochester, said he had no doubt as time went on the Bishop would have a lot to tell the people in his diocese, especially the ringers, about their shortcomings. He was told by the Bishop that he had never attempted to ring a bell, and Mr. Willis added that he hoped his lordship would remedy this defect in his make up. Nothing rendered a man more humble and understanding than in trying to do something of which he knew nothing or very little. That would also be a good thing for many of the clergy. He hoped the Bishop would tell the clergy that the bells and ringers were part of the Church.

Mr. Willis also welcomed Mr. C. L. Watts (chairman of Tonbridge U.D.C.), Canon T. F. C. Bewes and Mrs. Bewes, Messrs. Adams and Bazant (churchwardens), Mr. T. W. White, Mr. T. J. Lock (secretary of the Middlesex Association), Mrs. Lock (vice-president and former president of the Ladies' Guild) and Rev. P. Lee (Vicar of Seal).

The Bishop congratulated the Association on the success of the meeting. When he was Vicar of Hatfield he went into the belfry with a certain amount of risk because they had certain discipline there, and the clergy were only let in on sufferance. When he was about to learn to ring a fellow named Hitler stepped in.

The chairman of Tonbridge U.D.C. spoke of the pleasure it gave her in attending the Association's service. She was certain that something would be missing from their lives if they did not hear the bells—it was a most frightening thought to think that they would not ring.

The annual meeting followed, at which Mr. John Willis presided, supported by Mr. P. A. Corby (honorary secretary) and Mr. B. W. May (honorary treasurer).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The annual report, presented by the honorary secretary, gave the following losses by death, which were specially remembered at the service. These were: Practising members: A. Hewitt (Frindsbury), H. Huntley (Chiddingstone), V. Lincoln (Aylesford), W. J. Lancefield (Willesborough), T. Warner (Mereworth), A. Wenban (Seal Chart), H. S. Wickens (Ashford); non-resident life members: R. F. Deal (East Ham), W. Welling (Old Windsor), C. Willshire (Canada, formerly Birchington and Sittingbourne), J. M. Bailey (Leiston), E. Morris (Leicester), W. C. Hart (Brighton), T. A. Blow (Croydon), R. W. Stannard (London), F. W. Burnett (Portsmouth), H. E. C. Goodenough (St. Albans), W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford).

The report gave the membership of the different Districts as follows: Ashford, 225 resident, 31 honorary; Canterbury, 330, 44; Lewisham, 205, 5; Maidstone, 199; Rochester, 262, 15; Tonbridge, 151. This gave a total resident membership of 1,372 and 100 honorary. Towers in union were 168, and out of union 47. Fifteen new non-resident life members had been elected.

RESTORATION WORK

Ringing had resumed at St. Margaret's, Rochester, after a lapse of many years. It was hoped that restoration of the frame would be possible at some future date. A first class rehanging job had been completed by Taylors at Sandhurst; the bells had been retuned and a new fifth added in place of the mediæval bell, which was cracked and now rested on the church floor.

There was hope of bell work at Mersham, Pluckley and a new ring at Smeeth. A new frame for the eight at Sevenoaks was contemplated at some future date. It was also hoped that ringing at Upchurch, stopped some three years ago, could be restarted before long. A restoration fund had been started at Ash-by-Wrotham.

Advice had been received from Mr. F. Sharpe, regarding sound control at Kilndown.

The report concluded: Our main purpose is to see, as far as we are able, that the church bells of this beloved county of Kent and that part of London formerly in Kent are rung regularly, Sunday by Sunday, in the good old English style. There are still many towers not in union with the Association and, alas, all too many in union where we have fewer members than the number of bells. Let us endeavour to remedy these deficiencies and at the same time strive by the competence of our change ringing performances to keep this great Association in its well deserved place, as one of the leading ringing societies.

THE ACCOUNTS

The income and expenditure account showed a balance carried forward of £167, against £142 brought forward. The principal item under payments was £109 for printing the annual reports. The balance of the Benevolent Fund had risen from £230 to £236, and the Belfry Repair Fund balance was £306, against £270.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. B. W. May said 100 more members paid their subscriptions this year, compared with last year, and of those 54 were juniors.

Mr. A. S. Richards, the honorary auditor, reported that the accounts seemed very satisfactory; every account had an increased balance.

MORE PEALS

Mr. Ian H. Oram, as peal secretary, reported that 169 peals had been rung by the Association in 1962, six more than last year. St. John's, Erith, headed the list of towers with 19 peals. There were five handbell peals. Twenty-three members were congratulated on ringing their first peals.

There were 35 conductors, one more than last year, and four of these were conducting their first peal. Bernard F. L. Groves headed the list of conductors with 51, followed by the peal secretary with 23, Philip A. Corby 16, George J. Butcher and Crawford T. Hillis 10 each.

First performances were St. Clement's College Bob Caters, Hinton and Lincoln Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 14 and 15 methods, and Surprise Minor peals in 31, 34 and 41 methods. The 41 method peal comprised 8,640 changes and was rung at East Sutton; it was the longest length by all the band. The peal at Minster-in-Thanet was the first on the bells.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Oram said that for the first time a complete selection of new compositions, which he hoped would be very useful to conductors, had been published.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Proposing the re-election of Mr. P. A. Corby as honorary secretary, the chairman said: 'I want to tell you from the inside how very pleased we are at the way he has tackled this somewhat difficult job. The amount of work he has put in is enormous.' Seconding, Mr. Geo. E. Spice added: 'He absolutely tops the bill.' Carried.

Other officers elected, with thanks for their past services, were: Mr. Ian H. Oram, peal secretary; Mr. B. W. May, honorary treasurer; Mr. A. S. Richards, honorary auditor. A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. Ian H. Oram 98 votes, Mr. P. A. Corby 94, Mr. T. Cullingworth 92 and Mr. J. R. Cooper 91. Mr. Trevor M. Cross was unsuccessful.

The annual dinner of the Association was fixed for September 28th at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

REVISION OF RULES

This subject was introduced by the honorary secretary, who said about two years ago a proposal was made to increase the annual subscription, and to introduce a peal booking fee. When that was brought to the General Committee in November, 1961, the thought was expressed that there was little point in trying to increase income unless they had a reasonably clear idea of how much was wanted and what they were going to do with it when they got it. A finance sub-committee was appointed to investigate, and they met five or six times. It became clear that there was no immediate crisis in the Association's financial affairs. If it was found that the expenses of the Association continued to rise this increase of subscriptions might be done with an alteration of rules.

Mr. Corby said the Rochester District felt it would be advisable to allow more time for considering the alteration of rules. As far as the Association was concerned, they had far more things to worry about than money or rules. Their job was to ring the bells of Kent every Sunday and not worry about rules.

Mr. Terry Barton said there was no doubt the Finance Committee had made a very good job. The only thing that he had any doubt about was the tower affiliation fee.

CRITICISM

Mr. Bernard Collison was critical of the report. He wanted to know why it was proposed to delete the names of trustees from the rules. The tower affiliation fee would take up a tremendous amount of time and he could not see more than 50 per cent of the towers paying it. If every tower paid it would only produce £24 towards the £100 required for printing the reports. He also regarded the committee as unwieldy, and questioned the right to transfer any sum from a specified fund.

The honorary treasurer said trustees were powerless without a trust deed.

The chairman said the committee felt that sufficient time had not been given to the many points in the report and it would be better for it to go to the Districts for their consideration. Any proposals should be presented to the secretary, between the end of August and the November committee meeting. Their report would then go back to the Districts and next Easter be presented at the annual meeting.

To test the meeting resolutions to increase the subscription were presented by Mr. F. Macey and Mr. Duncan, and were heavily defeated. The report was then referred back to the committee.

The meeting decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Mitchell, who was in hospital, and good wishes to Mr. E. S. Ruck, the only surviving founder member, who was also in hospital.

Mr. May proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, and this included Mr. and Mrs. Walker Dobbie, the Vicar, the organist, the chairman, the caterers and the general secretary.

A retiring collection for Melbourne Cathedral bells raised £4 10s.

HARPENDEN RINGER FOR 50 YEARS

TO mark an achievement, not often attained, of ringing at the same church for a period of 50 years, the ringers of Harpenden, Herts, held an informal gathering in the Rector's Room on March 27th, to honour Mr. Arthur Day.

Mr. Day started his ringing career in December, 1911, when he rang handbells in and around the village at Christmas-time. In the following January he began to learn to handle a rope, and with it the intricacies of change ringing, and in September, 1912, Mr. Day rang his first quarter peal. Having been elected a member of the Harpenden band in the early part of 1913, he was, in March, elected a ringing member of the Hertford County Association. In November, 1913, the first and only all-local peal was rung, Mr. Day being the only member of that band who is still ringing. His musical ear was a great help, and he was able to master the art of conducting. The majority of quarter peals that have been rung in Harpenden during the past 25 years have been called by him.

Mr. Day was secretary of the band for 25 years, and during the very trying war-time years did all that was possible to hold the band together until the ban on the ringing of church bells was lifted.

Apart from the local band, who were all present at this happy gathering, friends came from St. Albans (the Cathedral and St. Peter's), Hemel Hempstead and Luton, where Mr. Day has done a considerable amount of ringing over the years.

As Mr. and Mrs. Day entered the room, handbells were rung in welcome. After mingling with the assembled company and having refreshments, the focal point of the evening was reached.

Mr. L. G. Coburn read a résumé of Mr. Day's ringing career, and then asked Mr. R. Newson, who has rung with and known Mr. Day longer than anyone else in the tower, to make a presentation on behalf of the Harpenden band. The gift took the form of an oak tea tray, with a silver bell inlaid and suitably inscribed. Miss Nina Thomas then presented



Mr. Arthur Day receiving the tray from Mr. R. Newson.

Mrs. Day with a bouquet of white and gold freesias. Mr. F. C. Jacklin, captain, proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Day, after which Mr. Day cut an iced cake decorated with eight silver bells.

Mr. H. V. Frost, president of the Hertford County Association, and Mr. A. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, spoke of the good work which Mr. Day has done over the years. Mr. R. M. Williamson, churchwarden, thanked Mr. Day on behalf of the parishioners of Harpenden, coupling Mr. H. A. Taylor, who was also present, with his remarks. Several other delightful compliments were paid by past presidents of the Association, and by the present captain of the Luton band, who has himself rung for over 50 years.

After the speeches were over Mr. Day expressed his thanks for his gift, and for all the nice things that had been said, and also to his fellow ringers for the pleasant evening. Mr. Day then joined in ringing handbells.

The wish expressed by one speaker is echoed by all Mr. Day's friends, that he will be blessed with good health and be able to enjoy many more years of active ringing.

M. A. C.

ODE ON MISSING A SALLY

Is this a sally, which I see before me,
The woolly bulge toward my hand? Come, let
me clutch thee:—
I have thee not, and yet I know thou art flying
around somewhere.
Art thou not, striped vision, sensible
To feeling as to sight? or art thou but
A sally of the mind: a false creation
Proceeding from floor to ceiling with velocity?
I see thee yet, in form as palpable (and
moth-eaten)
As this hair which now I tear out.
Thou marsal'st me all over the place to catch
thee,
And such an instrument I needs must use.
My person is made a fool of the other ringers,
Or else worse than all the rest; I see thee still;
And on my thumbs and fingers, gouts of
blisters,
Which was not so before. Sally? There's no
such thing;
It is that imbecilic instructor which informs
Thus to mine eyes.

(Apologies to Shakespeare, and to the instructor.)

ANN CARDEN.

St. Albans.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Combined practices are being held between St. Martin's, Bradley, and St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffs. The first was on Friday, April 19th, at Bilston and the next is at St. Martin's, Bradley, on April 26th. Visitors are especially welcome.

When Twyford ringers had an outing on Easter Monday all the towers visited except one had the same dedication as their own church—St. Mary. The exception had the dedication of the church at Twyford—St. James. It was quite accidental.

In honour of the Diocesan Youth pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Alban on Easter Monday, five ringers, from 14 to 16 years, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the back five at St Stephen's Church. The ringers were Ann Woodhouse 1, V. Rix 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, A. C. D. Mayes 4, D. R. Sanderson (cond.) 5.

A clock has been presented by the bell-ringers of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, to Miss Wendy Bowak on leaving the village for Burnham-on-Crouch, where she will be a welcome addition to their company. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Thorpe) during the family service on Palm Sunday.

'William Underhill or William Dawe'?

Dear Sir,—Reference the article by Mr. T. A. Bevis (page 245). Either Mr. Bevis has got his facts wrong about the founder's stamp marked 'D,' or all the information about it given to me over the past 30-40 years by such pronounced authorities as Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Mr. Cyril Johnston, Mr. Ernest Morris, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope is inaccurate: I can hardly believe four such men and firms of research would **all** be wrong, and only Mr. Bevis right!

This stamp, depicting as it does, the words William ffounder, fecit, encircling a tree branch with two birds (dawes), has, by all four above authorities, been ascribed to **William Dawe,** whose existence as a bell founder (according to all four in letters I have) was from 1385 to 1418.

William Underhill may have been another founder who succeeded Dawe; just as in later years William Chamberlayne is said to have followed Henry Jordon—the latter 1442-1470, and the former 1470-1498, according to Ernest Morris, in his manuscript of British bell founders, which he gave to me just before he died. There is a single bell of 8 cwt. (approx.) at Hardwick, near Wellingborough, showing the other stamps given by T. A. Bevis, **but not the 'D' stamp,** but if information given to myself, the late Rev. E. S. Powell and others, by a past long serving Rector (Rev. Mr. Richards) that it was cast in 1395 (though no date is inscribed) is correct, it is hardly possible that even this was a product of 'William Underhill.'

Some of these same stamps can be seen upon the four ancient bells at Fawsley, Northants—said to be products of Henry Jordon; they were also used by William Chamberlayne—the fourth at Old, near Walgrave, in this county, is another example, as is also one at Bainton of four bells there.

I would also like to correct information about a bell at East Farndon, Northants, to the effect that 'it is believed to be the first bell cast by Thomas Eayre, the 3rd of that ring of five.' About four years ago I took a rubbing of its inscription and sent it on to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who agreed with me that it is a bell by **Thomas Clay,** that the inscription is **T.C.,** not T.E. The late Rev. Thomas Merriman (East Farndon's last resident Rector) gave its date of installation as late 1710; Clay, according to Ernest Morris, was a Leicester bell founder from early 1711 to 1715.

One of his last bells must be the tenor of three at Great Harrowden, near Wellingborough, bearing the date 1715.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

Underhill not a Founder

Dear Sir,—T. A. Bevis has spoiled his interesting paper on William Founder by stating that 'it is generally accepted that "Underhill" was the founder's surname.'

The shield with a chevron between three trefoils slipped is also the arms of Rufford and Fitz-Lewes. There is not a scrap of evidence that an Underhill was a founder.

He has apparently taken T. North as his authority, ignoring greater men such as J. C. Stahlschmidt, A. D. Tyssen and H. B. Walters.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK

Lewes.

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Letters to the Editor

Naming of Surprise Methods

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Belcham ('R.W.' April 11th) serves to emphasise the pressing need for the publication by the Central Council of a complete list of the regular Surprise methods, on eight or more bells, that have been rung in peals. The Council has issued handbooks in virtually every other field of the Exercise, but has never published a collection of Surprise Major methods. I estimate that 638 regular Surprise methods have been rung and published up to April 11th, 1963 (including spliced peals and 'Little' methods): 497 Major, 100 Royal and 41 Maximus.

In view of the lack of consolidated information on Surprise methods, it is not unexpected that methods should occasionally be rung under incorrect names. In fact it is due largely to the care taken by most Surprise peal bands that the number of duplications is very small. Unfortunately, once an incorrect method name appears in a peal report it is impossible to undo the harm caused, no matter how quickly a correction is published. Many columns of your valuable space have already been wasted by inquiries on this subject over the years.

The following list of offending names may help to dispel some of the confusion which prevails. First I give the methods which had been rung to peals under a different name.

Incorrect Name	Rung at	Date	Correct Name
Wicken	Anstey	6/4/35	Huntingdon
Burton	W. Wyc'be	5/9/36	Brighton
Framsden	Helmingham	5/12/38	Loughboro'
Northchurch	Northchurch	11/2/39	Lessness
Warfield	Warfield	20/5/39	Cassiobury
Airedale	Northowram	5/8/39	Chiltern
Hale	Framsden	30/10/48	Belvedere
Nettleham	Lincoln	23/6/51	Withyham
Moorside	Birmingham	14/10/54	Quinton
Netherton	Netherton	30/10/54	Oxfordshire
Stechford	Birmingham	19/1/56	Zetland
Newmarket	Long Sutton	5/12/60	Stanton
Quadring	Epworth	7/1/61	Wellington
Marden	Marden	22/8/59	Northrepps Little S Major

Loughborough, in the above list, had previously been rung only in a spliced peal, and the peal at Helmingham was, in fact, the first in the method, but it was decided to retain the earlier name. Northrepps is not a Surprise method. Of the incorrect names in this list, only the following three names have been used again:

Wicken, at Wicken, 12/7/53;
Nettleham, at Lincoln, 26/12/60;
Quadring, at Donington, 11/2/63.

(Incidentally, my Spalding friends do not recommend the new Quadring to any band looking for a 'Q' to add to its alphabet, because of its poor musical qualities.)

Mistakes in reporting account for two more errors. The names Acton and Chester had both been used for earlier peals when the following were printed:

Published Name	Rung at	Date	Correct Name
Chester	Frodsham	27/1/48	Cheshire
Acton	Willesden	12/7/56	Ripon

The names of a number of methods have been changed after their original publication in the peal columns. The following four have been renamed by the bands concerned after Central Council decisions that the methods are not acceptable extensions of the Major methods of the same names:

Rutland S. Maximus rung at Leicester, 3/7/50, renamed Belvoir;

Gainsborough S. Royal rung at Lichfield, 29/12/56, renamed Boston;

Whitwick S. Royal rung at Loughborough, 19/10/59, renamed Gracedieu;

Lyme S. Royal rung at Loughborough, 9/11/59, renamed Charmouth.

A method named 'Lindoff's London' Surprise Major, rung in several spliced peals, was renamed Elford when the first peal in the method was rung at Drighlington on 2/10/54. Another method, rung as Superlative Surprise Major (Rochester Variation) was rung at Southgate on 28/11/07, and the name was changed in 1948 to 'Southgate' to avoid confusion with the other Superlative.

A full reply to your correspondent clearly cannot be given in your columns, but must be made privately. The following comments are, however, relevant.

The methods of which he gives the notation are, in the order printed, Wellington, Ripon, Acton, Nettleham, Withyham. The notation of Ripon is incorrect; the final section should be 14—14.58.

The name Saxlingham appears not to have been given to a Surprise method, but a peal of Saxlingham Imperial Major (C.C.C. 202) was rung in 1952, and is presumably the method intended.

Some of the methods requested have been published very recently, and Mr. Belcham does not seem to have tried very hard to find the methods before seeking help.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

Publication Wanted

Dear Sir,—In view of Mr. Belcham's letter in a recent 'R.W.' and the difficulty I and others have in obtaining a complete record of Surprise Major methods, which have been pealed, perhaps there might be a need for the notations of these methods to be published. Of course, a number of people, including Mr. J. Mayne, have a complete list of the some 500 methods in question and perhaps he could be persuaded to set them out and yourself to print them in, say, blocks of 50 (which wouldn't take up much more space than the letter in question) and would settle the Stanton/Newmarket, Wellington/Quadring and Folkestone queries which have appeared (and which I have been concerned in) in the past months.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

Spalding, Lincs.

Note.—The publication of 500 methods would take approximately four pages.—Ed.

Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to the letter from Mr. Belcham, appearing in your issue of April 11th, page 244. He raises several queries.

1 Quadring. The previous peal to which he alludes was rung at Epworth, Lincs, 7/1/61. This peal was actually a peal of Wellington (the figures of which Mr. Belcham gives), and the error was pointed out in correspondence to the 'R.W.' 10/2/61, page 99, and 17/2/61, page 115. Therefore, the name Quadring again became available for a Surprise Major method, and the band who rang the new method at Donington on 11/2/63 were perfectly entitled to use it. There is no need to change the name to prevent 'misunderstandings,' as Mr. Belcham suggests. Such a further change of name would only create more misunderstandings.

2 Acton is as follows:
38-58. 4. 58-58. 16-12-5. 16-16. 7. L.E. 12
Corrigan No. 2.
and was first rung at Willesden 17/1/52.

3 Ripon is as follows:
38-58. 4-12-16-14-3. 14-14. 5. L.E. 12

Corrigan No. 262, and **not** as Mr. Belcham gives it, for he gives the last section as 16-16 in error. Ripon was first rung at Willesden 12/7/56, and by mistake was published as a peal of Acton. But the name actually given to this method was Ripon, just as it appears in Corrigan, and this is made quite clear in Belfry Gossip of the issue of 17/8/56, page 520.

4 Nettleham. The peal rung at Lincoln, 23/6/51, under this name was actually a peal of Withyham. This error is corrected in Belfry Gossip of the issue of 20/7/51, page 456. Again, the name Nettleham became available and was used for a new method rung at Lincoln, 26/12/60.

If Mr. Belcham has difficulty in finding a method, he may write to me, if he wishes, enclosing a S.A.E., and I will give him the information he wants.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

17, Headstone Lane,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Odd-Struck Bells

Dear Sir.—There is nothing better than the leather washer, as E. Barnett suggests, for the odd-struck bell. Some time ago I offered a little advice on packing on one side to get the clapper in the centre. Why not use the washer? If the washer is not worn very much, take it off and soften it; also hammer the edges down. See that you get the clapper dead centre, then tighten up the washer. Do not ring the bell until next day or so, so as to let the washer get hard again.

There are not many rings of bells sent out and fixed odd-struck but can be rung true with very little trouble. Always see that the clappers are light; if they get loose the leather washer will not go back in its proper place. If the clapper is loose for long, the washer will wear and come off.—Yours faithfully.

E. C. GOBEY.

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DEDICATION OF A NEW SIX AT GOSFIELD

THE dedication of the new ring of six at Gosfield, Essex, on April 6th, was the climax of two years of enthusiastic local effort under the tireless and inspiring leadership of Miss Hilda G. Snowden. For many years three bell ropes have hung near the font at the west end of the church, from which it was assumed that the tower possessed three bells. An inspection about two years ago showed that the frame had originally housed a fourth bell, and further investigation showed that the tower was capable of carrying a ring of six. The three existing bells, which form the third, fifth and tenor of the ring (the tenor being a pre-Reformation bell), were taken to the Loughborough foundry last October for retuning and new fittings, and for the addition of three new bells—an augmentation which has been extremely well carried out, the blend of tone of new and old bells and the 'go' of all being excellent. Ringing still takes place on the ground floor around the font, and the ropes have been skilfully arranged so as not to obscure the fine stained glass west window, a memorial to George Cortauld. Inscriptions on the bells read:

Treble:
Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed
THE GIFT OF THE PARISHIONERS OF GOSFIELD 1962
GLORY BE TO GOD

Second:
Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed
IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTINE COURTAULD 1904-1959
DO GOOD

Third:
Cast by Henry Pleasant of Sudbury 1704, and inscribed
THOMAS MILLINGTON HAD ME CAST HP 1704

Fourth:
Cast by John Taylor of Loughborough 1962, and inscribed
THE BARRON BELL TRUST ASSISTED WITH THE WORK OF RESTORING THESE BELLS 1962

Fifth:
Cast by Miles Graye of Colchester 1637, and inscribed
MILES GRAYE MADE ME M 1637

Tenor (9 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.):
Cast by Thomas Potter of Norwich c 1420, and inscribed
TRIPLEX PERSONA TRINITAS NUNC GAUDIA DONA

The church was packed to capacity for the dedication service. Amongst those present were Mrs. R. A. Butler, Captain Pennell (Barron Bell Trust), Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. Clouston, Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master, Essex Association), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crampion and others representing the Essex Association. Flowers surmounted the font.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Burdon), and the lesson was read by Mr. R. C. Heazel. The hymns were 'All glory, laud and honour,' 'Ring forth, holy bell' and 'Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him.' and Psalm 122. Miss J. Howard was the organist. The procession to the west end was led by David Arnold (one of the local ringers), carrying the processional cross, and followed by choir and clergy. Here the dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Colchester, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. W. Swallow (Vicar of Halstead).

VICAR'S DAUGHTER RINGS

Rounds were then rung on the new bells by six local ringers—Irene Finemore 1, Eve Ruggles 2, Susan Burdon (the Vicar's daughter, aged 11) 3, Kathleen Poole 4, Dorothy Lewin 5, Stuart Pountney 6. None of these had touched a bell prior to the removal of the three existing bells last October, but through all the strains and stresses of the unusually hard winter they had trudged regularly week by week to Stisted, where, by permission of the Rector, they were taught by Miss Snowden, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore (Bocking), R. Martin (Halstead) and A. Syder (Stisted).

During the ringing choir and clergy returned to the chancel, after which the Bishop gave an address. 'I am only going to speak for about five minutes,' said the Bishop. 'I would rather the bells spoke for themselves. There is nothing I enjoy more than progress in this respect. Last summer I dedicated the bells at Hempstead, later the restored ring at Saffron Walden, and now Gosfield. This is a similar yet equally great occasion.'

'NO MEAN ACHIEVEMENT'

'It is no mean achievement, yet no mean advantage, for a village to have a ring such as this. I hate silent towers, or feeble one-bell towers; it suggests a community shut up within itself. A peal stands for an invitation, a welcome, and a challenge which goes out to all the community, and asks the people to listen with some imagination.

'I am reminded of a quotation from Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan"—"Blessed, blessed chiming bells, like angel voices floating down." Listen for those angel voices and expect guidance from this simple fundamental fact.

'Bells make a joyful sound, and should make you count the things for which you have reason to be thankful and inspire you to come and worship.'

At the close of the service an opening touch of 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by Paul Taylor 1, T. Bird 2, A. Syder 3, R. Suckling 4, F. E. Collins 5, Hilda G. Snowden 6.

During this ringing the congregation walked across the field path to Gosfield Hall, where a buffet tea was served in the ballroom, by permission of the House Committee. This fine mansion is divided into apartments, occupied by retired professional people, but has several rooms which the public may visit. The Queen's Gallery is 106 feet long, and its linen-fold panelling is the finest example of its kind in the country. Once inside, the library, with the door closed, the visitor suddenly wonders how to get out again, for the inner side of the door is so panelled as to look like shelves of leather bound books!

Back to the ballroom and tea—and the centre of attraction was a wonderful three-tier iced cake. Around each tier was icing in the form of bells, from the second tier hung six miniature bellropes, with blue and white sallies (an exact replica of those in the church); from the top tier hung six silver bells, and this tier was surmounted by a model of the tower and a flagstaff flying the cross of St. George. This cake, made at a bakery in Halstead, was iced by Mr. Robert Bamford, of Great Leighs, and his mother—they worked from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. to complete their task, yet they had never even seen Gosfield Church! The cake was cut by the Bishop.

VICAR'S THANKS

The Vicar then paid tribute to all who had assisted the appeal fund for the bells. He was particularly pleased that Captain Pennell, of the Barron Bell Trust, was present, and thanked him for a very generous sum. Mrs. R. A. Butler had attended the service, and they were grateful for her support, through which a bell had been given in memory of her late husband, Augustine Cortauld. Even that day he had received a pound note from someone quite unknown to him.

Miss Snowden, said the Vicar, had been a tower of strength, and without her they could not have arrived at this stage, which was due to her keenness and her extraordinary knowledge of the whole science of campanology. He added that friends unknown to him among the company present were there because of Miss Snowden. (Applause.) He was pleased to welcome Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, but regretted the absence of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had put in the bell frame, with the assistance of Mr. H. Moore. He expressed thanks to the Bishop and to Dr. White and Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of the Gosfield Hall House Committee.

Mr. R. C. Heazel, for the Essex Association, said: 'This is a great day for the Exercise, for it gives us another peal of six on which to ring. That six new ringers should be able to ring rounds for the dedication is an achievement. When towers are silent it brings sadness, but this need not be if there is enthusiasm such as at Gosfield.'

Mr. M. Rowson (people's warden) thanked the newly formed Gosfield Guild of ringers who had raised money by various means to provide the tea free for this occasion. They had also raised £33 from a cheese and wine party, which provided a carpet for the ringing chamber and £10 for the Bell Fund.

Many friends and visitors took part in ringing a variety of methods on the new bells during the evening. K. M. L.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District quarterly meeting was held at Baldock on April 6th. There was about an hour's ringing before the service, conducted by Canon F. C. Brenchley, with Miss D. Bate at the organ. The business meeting followed a more than ample tea.

Mr. F. J. Plummer, formerly of Hitchin, was elected a non-resident life member. A practice meeting will be held on March 4th at Offley, we hope, and the next quarterly meeting at Knebworth in July. There was a report on the General Committee meeting, and some discussion about the proposal to increase the subscriptions. This matter will be on the agenda for the annual general meeting on April 20th. J. S.

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

The Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Derby, the church which will probably be demolished to make room for the new inner ring road, has now accepted the offer made by the Derbyshire Association for ringers in the Association to man St. Alkmund's bells on a rota basis, at least once a month.

The initial plans are to ring the bells for Evensong, i.e., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The band from Etwall rang on April 7th, and bands from Heanor and Belper have volunteered for May and June. If sufficient bands volunteer it should be possible to increase the frequency of ringing to once a fortnight. Any band wishing to take its turn to man St. Alkmund's bells on the above basis should contact G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at Cawthorne on April 13th, with the Vicar (Rev. C. T. D. Ellam) in the chair, members of the Barnsley and District Society stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, a founder member, who had died, aged 94. The meeting agreed to a memorial tablet being placed in Felkirk Church, subject to permission, to Daniel Smith. Donations from towers would be gladly received.

The shield contest (open) will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 8th, with Mr. Harold Chant as judge. An excellent free tea was served, and Mr. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, Oxon, proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting: Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, May 11th.

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OBITUARY

MRS. GLADYS M. MOSEDALE

The death of Mrs. Gladys M. Mosedale, at a hospital near Taunton, came as a shock to her old colleagues at Chilvers Coton.

She will best be remembered as Miss Gladys M. Dodds, one of two daughters of Canon M. A. Dodds, a former Vicar of Chilvers Coton, who were members of the Sunday service band. A brother, Edgar, was also a ringer.

Gladys was an excellent ringer and striker, and rang a number of peals in the mid-1920's up to London Major.

She had, I believe, done some ringing in the Taunton area, but ill-health put an end to it.

A. H. B.

MR. W. J. BROOKS

Foreman of All Saints' tower, Wokingham, since 1921, Mr. William J. Brooks died last month, aged 74. His passing is a big loss to the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been vice-chairman since 1951.

At Hever, Kent, where he was a gardener at the castle, he learned to ring. During World War I he was in the Army in France, and on demobilisation he came to Wokingham and joined All Saints' band. Throughout his long tenure of office as foreman, he maintained a good change ringing band. Most of his peals—his total is not known— were rung on All Saints' bells in the standard methods, and with local ringers. He also took a keen interest in church affairs and served faithfully as churchwarden for a number of years. A member of the Oxford Guild since 1919, he was held in high respect.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church on April 1st and was attended by members of the local band, the Guild being represented by the Branch chairman, Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor; the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Smith; and Mrs. R. W. Murrell, of Warfield.

May he rest in peace.

B. C. C.

CANON R. F. WILKINSON

The funeral took place on April 10th at West Bridgford, in the presence of over 400 people, of Canon Reginald Felix Wilkinson, M.A., who was Vicar of West Bridgford from 1940 until his retirement in 1961 and was appointed honorary canon of Norwell, in Southwell, in 1941. The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. F. R. Barry) gave the address at the service. Cremation was private at Wilford Hill. The Canon died the previous Wednesday.

Canon Wilkinson, who was in his 74th year, was born at East Drayton Vicarage, where his father was Vicar, and was educated at Leatherhead School and Jesus College, Oxford, where he read mathematics, and took a first in moderations and a second in finals. From Oxford he went to Cuddesdon, and was ordained a deacon at Southwell in 1914 and a priest in the following year.

He served his title at St. Andrew's, Derby (the railway church), and later was curate for six years at St. Peter's, Mansfield. He was appointed Rector of Ordsall in 1925, and remained there until his preferment to West Bridgford.

Canon Wilkinson was not only an authority on bells and bellringing, but a practical ringer of no mean ability. He was a member of the North Notts Association, the Clerical Guild, the Midland Counties Guild, and chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild from its formation in 1946 up to his death. He represented the North Notts Association on the Central Council from 1929 to 1937. Until his retirement, in 1961, he was chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Church fittings and furnishings.

MR. W. T. PRIOR

Mr. William T. Prior, who died in the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital on April 6th, at the advanced age of 91, had been kept from the belfry recently through failing health, but was interested in ringing until the end.

He learned to ring at the age of 10 at Stansted, Essex, and was an accomplished method ringer round the heavy end. His peals totalled 162, and included many Surprise methods up to London Major and ten bells to Cambridge Royal. Many of his peals were rung at Stansted, with the Pitstow family and the late Frederick Dench. He outlived all the old Stansted ringers.

William was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and also a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Essex Association and the Hertfordshire Association. He was interested in handbell ringing—performing with his late brother, Walter, in ringing tunes four-in-hand. He also rang methods.

The funeral service was at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery on April 10th. And so passes a quiet, likeable man, always ready to welcome the visitor and help learners. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

F. B.

MR. HARRY PETTITT

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost one of its old members by the death in Park Hospital, Wellingborough, on March 16th, of Mr. Harry Pettitt. Harry, who was in his 84th year, was a member of the Central Northants Association, which later became the Peterborough Guild.

A personal friend of 56 years' standing, he was a friendly, steady and reliable ringer, ready to help anyone. When he retired from the old Midland Railway, he rang with us at St. Peter's, Northampton, for a short time.

In my days as a learner at Isham, I seem to think it was Harry who called the first touch I rang in away from Isham about 1913. I do not think many of the Central Northants members are now alive, as I was one of the young ones, and I am now turned 70.

G. S. VALENTINE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

While the Church of St. Laurence, Reading, is noted for its 12 bell peals, the peal of 5,280 Superlative Surprise Maximus on April 6th was the first peal of Maximus in the method on the bells, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and all the band. The conductor was Mr. Wilfred Williams.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has written an attractive 'Belfry Praise' for 'Parson and Parish,' the magazine of the Parochial Clergy Association, published by the Rev. Edward G. Courtman, Minal Park, Marlborough, Wilts (price 1s. 3d.).

Taking part in a quarter peal at Daventry to mark the opening of the Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish was Mr. E. F. M. Samson, who is Diocesan Stewardship Adviser. Every member of the band took an active part. One was chairman of teenagers, another chairman of visitors; others were hostesses or visitors.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden is to be congratulated on getting a ring of six in her own village—Gosfield, Essex. She has eight people who can ring for Sunday service and another five learning to handle. The band who rang at the dedication were taught at Stisted and Halstead, and despite the terrible winter only missed two weekly practices, through the roads being blocked.

Readers interested in the National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., on June 26th, 27th and 28th, can obtain programmes from Mr. T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs, on receipt of a self addressed, 3d. stamped envelope.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. C. T. Hillis, the hard-working secretary of the Ashford District, K.C.A., has had a difficult operation on his hip, which will confine him to his home for some time. Visitors at 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, would help him to keep in touch with the District and would be a welcome interlude in the enforced leisure, which must be irksome to such an energetic character.

From 'Irish Bell News.'—A ringer wrote to an hotel in Gt. Yarmouth for accommodation at Whitsun and was surprised to learn that he could have: breakfast from 7 to 10.30 a.m.; lunch from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.; tea from 4 to 5.30, and dinner from 6.30 to 9 p.m. He replied: 'Not much time to see the place.'

Mr. W. Love, for some years secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association is indisposed; we wish him a speedy recovery.

The address of Mr. John Segar, who is willing to send compositions of 24,000 Cray Surprise Major, etc., is 16, Green Lane, Seacroft, Skegness, Lincs.

Expressing appreciation of the references to St. Paul's Cathedral bells in our issue of April 11th, Mr. R. Harper, of London, writes that such articles give him a longing that he had lived in those distant days.

Two of our ringing parsons have received their first livings—the Rev. S. M. Evans, assistant curate of St. Laurence-in-Thanet, Ramsgate, to be Vicar of Bredgar, Sittingbourne; and the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, assistant curate, of Crewkerne, to be Vicar of Long Sutton, Langport, Somerset.

From 200 years ago in a West of England newspaper: 'Sherborne.—Mr. George Evans, of the City of Wells, bell-hanger, has completed new hanging of the bells here, to the satisfaction of the town, so as to be rung with half the men as usual. The peal is thought to be one of the heaviest in England, the tenor being 65 hundred.'

'Irish Bell News' (subscription 2s. 6d. per annum to Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath) has just issued its spring number, with a delightful variety of reading matter. In an article on the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, the Editor hopes that this 'chime will once again be rung by a team of ringers. Very little expense, apart from a set of ropes, would be necessary to ring the front seven. The tenor would have to have a major job as the headstock is badly split.'

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On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	Alan B. Thirst	7
Wilfred Williams	2	David T. Darby	8
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Noel J. Diserens	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
Brian Downes	5	Trevor N. J. Bailey	11
John N. Diserens	6	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Maximus in the method on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 600 each of London and Rutland; with 92 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson	*Treble*	Norman Smith	6
Derek Ogden	2	*John Robinson	7
Neil Bennett	3	*Derek Butterworth	8
Tudor P. Edwards	4	John H. Fielden	9
Frederick Shallcross	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Lawrence Clement and Beryl Mayor, who were married at the church earlier in the day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Denis Mottershead	*Treble*	†V. David Jenner	6
Sidney Hough	2	John Robinson	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	F. John Nelson	8
*Peter Watson	4	Neil Bennett	9
John H. Fielden	5	Fredk. Shallcross	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

John H. Lott	*Treble*	Leonard W. Bullock	6
Molly E. Powell	2	John W. Smith	7
Veronica E. Dupre	3	Arthur D. Barker	8
*D. Paul Smith	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Charles W. Ottley	5	Leslie E. Everest	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Carter. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal of Caters.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	6
Jane K. A. Cook	2	James W. Raithby	7
Beryl N. Reed	3	Colin W. Reed	8
*Claire Dillamore	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

David J. Vincent	*Treble*	Fredk. Shallcross	5
John Robinson	2	Denis Mottershead	6
*David J. Baker	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Peter Watson	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Fredk. Shallcross.
* First peal of Superlative.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5136 ERYRI MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Peter Watson	*Treble*	Edward F. P. Bryant	5
Neil Bennett	2	John Robinson	6
John C. Baldwin	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr.

Dennis Ellisdon	*Treble*	Dennis A. Hewitt	5
Frank V. Gant	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
David W. Beard	3	Lionel S. Woods	7
Ronald C. Smith	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David W. Beard.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Brian L. Burrows	*Treble*	John Vernon	5
Michael E. Brown	2	A. James Poynor	6
John M. Jelley	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
Geoffrey M. Brewin	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Bertram J. Coggins	*Treble*	D. Kay Adkins	5
*Peter G. Holden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Ernest J. Hill	3	Peter Beedie	7
Peter Pearce	4	Thomas W. Timms	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal on eight bells.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Mary F. Carr	*Treble*	†John Young	5
Richard E. Dean	2	James Rumble	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Paul R. Dean	4	A. Charles Tovey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

David J. Marshall	*Treble*	Derek G. Astridge	5
William Simpson	2	John F. Murfin	6
Girling Rigby	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
David W. Parkin	4	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Harry Griffiths	*Treble*	William Blake	5
Eric E. Speake	2	Roderick Lees	6
Alan Elsmore	3	Edmund Malin	7
J. Dennis Holden	4	Barnabas G. Key	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Muriel R. Page	*Treble*	Frank Ruffles	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	Walter W. Miller	6
Neville F. Whittell	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Alan R. Bridges	4	William J. Button	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
A birthday compliment to William J. Button.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Peter J. Heritage	*Treble*	David P. Hilling	5
Michael Hatchett	2	Edward R. Venn	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
William Birmingham	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Wm. Arnold Morley	*Treble*	Derek G. Astridge	5
Denis R. Carlisle	2	David W. Friend	6
John F. Murfin	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Edmund Shuttleworth	4	*Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 200th peal.

HUCKNALL TORKARD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Herbert Lewin	*Treble*	Mrs. S. Patricia M. Nix	5
Mrs. Minnie I. Pailing	2	F. Neville Pailing	6
Mrs. P. Mary Beach	3	Peter Nix	7
*Keith Marriott	4	†Frederick Nurcombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Nix.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. David H. Williams, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of Hucknall on April 4th.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5056 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

John K. Smith	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pratt	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	David J. Allen	6
John M. Jelley	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
A. James Poynor	4	Richard J. Warrilow	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5472 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	John Robinson	5
*David J. Vincent	2	Fredk. Shallcross	6
F. John Nelson	3	Derek Butterworth	7
*John F. Barlow	4	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Fredk. Shallcross.
* First peal of Rutland.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edith.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

Judy A. M. Cox	*Treble*	*G. Barry Brown	5
William A. Lacey	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
Alan E. Hartley	3	Robert B. Smith	7
*David G. Wilford	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal in the method.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Mary A. Heath	*Treble*	†Michael J. Uphill	5
Charles W. Ottley	2	†Brian J. Bull	6
Christopher F. Mew	3	†Alan R. Millidge	7
Brian H. Coatsworth	4	*John E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor, first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. D. Pearce-Higgins, on his appointment as Vice-Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Christopher Osenton	*Treble*	Herbert W. Woolven	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Robert T. Lambert	4	Martin L. Howe	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Joyce Barton	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Frank C. Price	7
David A. Cornwall	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5152 VENTNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ivor Goulter	*Treble*	Bruce Wakefield	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Peter T. Hurcombe	6
Victor Griffin	3	Brian Bladon	7
Gordon Land	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	Robert T. Lambert	5
Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	Charles A. Bassett	6
*D. Paul Smith	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	John W. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Anthony G. Tyers	*Treble*	Frederick R. Scott	5
Kathleen M. Higgins	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Gillian A. Neal Smith	3	Robin G. Leale	7
David P. Hilling	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcester Branch.)
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*Barry E. Eglesfield	*Treble*	†David Burbidge	5
†Margaret A. Wilson	2	††‡Robin H. Rogers	6
William A. Yates	3	George W. Holland	7
†James Linnell	4	†George E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Green.
Figures in 1959 annual report, peal No. 1,513.
* First peal. † First of Lincolnshire. ‡ 25th peal.
Rung for the Festival of Easter; also as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chester, of Helmdon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 19, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	*RAYMOND A. G. BENFIELD	4
*IAN G. SMITH	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*JULIET F. BLOCK	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ROBERT E. HARDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	CHARLES R. MUXLOW	4
MRS. MILLICENT SHORT	2	WALTER WESTON	5
*VALERIE R. HUMPHRYS	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal attempt.
A birthday compliment to Andria M. E. Juffs, grand-daughter of Mr. C. R. Muxlow.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods of the following extents: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) Plain, (3) St. Clement's, Buxton, (4 to 6) Plain, (7) St. Clement's, Plain. Tenor 11 cwt.

SHIRLEY M. DREW	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS H. BOTT	4
WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	BOB DOWDESWELL	5
HOWARD NICHOLS	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* First peal in more than one method.
Birthday compliments to Shirley M. Drew, D. Bott and Bob Dowdeswell.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

MARTIN G. ROSCAMP	*Treble*	*J. FRASER CLIFT	4
*JOHN MCCULLOCH	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	THOMAS ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
A wedding compliment to Ray Watkin and Pat Marriot, married at Upton earlier in the day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	HARRY BARNES	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*CLIVE BROOK	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First attempt 'inside.'
A wedding compliment to Mr. Keith Cox and Miss Jean Stitson, married this day; also to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Swinfin, married 40 years, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Grimes, married one year.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz., (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	JOHN CLEMENTS	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	PHILIP G. MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.
* First peal in eight methods.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London and Beverley, two Surfleet, one Norwich and two Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	4
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C.

GEORGE BRANDRICK	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	3
*IVAN S. MERRY	2	K. PAUL GILLIVER	4
CHRISTOPHER P. RICE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN L. BURROWS.
* First peal 'inside.' First of Doubles by all the band. First as conductor. Rung as a farewell tribute to Mrs. Wells, organist at this church for many years.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*J. YORKE PARKER	*Treble*	ALAN M. BARBER	4
JOHN GOODWIN	2	IAN M. SMITH	5
COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

CONINGSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Single Court, (7) Plain Bob.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4
G. ANGUS DIXON	2	WALTER S. SMITH	5
*PAUL CODDINGTON	3	RONALD APPLEWHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.
* First peal in ten methods. Tenor 11 cwt.
A tribute to Fred Bishop, of Kirton, former president of the Eastern Branch, and to Frank Dewey, of Boston, both of whom died recently.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Carlisle and Northumberland; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 118 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

D. PAUL SMITH	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in 27 methods.
Rung following the marriage at this church between John R. Cooper and Audrey Hollis.

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RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
DEREK J. JONES	2	†ROGER D. BAILEY	5
KEITH R. DAVEY	3	†ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.
* 200th peal. † 25th peal together.

SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*ANN P. ROBINSON	*Treble*	C. MARTIN FOSTER	4
KEITH J. WALPOLE	2	FRED W. ELLIS	5
A. TREVOR HAWKINS	3	ROBERT E. HARDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. HARDY.
* First peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Childwall, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

BRYN A. TAYLOR	*Treble*	W. JAMES GOODFELLOW	4
ROGER KING	2	ROGER G. HAVARD	5
JOHN OWEN	3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
First peal in eight Minor methods by all except ringer of second.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*LORRAINE McDONAGH	*Treble*	RICHARD J. PARKER	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First attempt for a peal.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*MICHAEL E. DODD	*Treble*	FREDERICK PEARSON	4
THOMAS W. HESKETH	2	KENNETH J. HESKETH	5
V. DAVID JENNER	3	†G. ROBERT MORDAUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 22 methods: (1) Chester, Munden, Carlisle; (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale; (4) Primrose, Norfolk; (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	*RICHARD G. CROSLAND	5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	*FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* Most methods rung to a peal. Most methods rung to a peal in the county, and for the Association.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH T. BARRETT	*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4
ALBERT S. ATTEO	2	JESSE DAVIS	5
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	HARRY CRABB	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. DENNIS BISHOP.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

PASSENHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Eve, April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. GUTHLAC DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, three variations of callings.

ALAN A. PAUL	*Treble*	GRAHAM C. PAUL	3
ROGER W. SMITH	2	PERCY AMOS	4
GEORGE F. ROOME			*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.
First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Guthlac (April 11th), and for Easter.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In six methods, viz.: Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN E. PICKETT	*Treble*	†ROBERT J. WIGGINS	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2	LAURENCE C. WAY	5
	3	DAVID G. PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Spliced Surprise.
Rung for Easter.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT 3, SALTERS ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
*ALAN R. PATTERSON	3—4	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	7—8
JOHN E. ANDERSON	9—10		

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal on ten handbells.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 31, 1963,
AT 4, CHURCH STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Court, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) College, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Plain Bob, (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		*ALAN R. PATTERSON	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First handbell peal in nine methods. First handbell peal in nine methods for the Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3—4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 2, 1963, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4
		*ALFRED BALLARD	5—6

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* Has now rung York Surprise 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 5, 1963, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, with all 6-5's at handstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN C. EISEL	1—2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	3—4
PETER L. BILL	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.
Witness: CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Mon., April 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT 53, THE GROVE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

*PETER N. FELTON	1—2	HADLEY HUNTER	3—4
CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS	5—6		

Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.
* First peal 'in hand,' and on six bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Jennifer Warby 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, A. M. Macve (cond.) 3, R. Rayfield 4, C. H. Macve 5, J. C. Perrin 6. First quarter in the method by all.

BARNBY DON, WEST YORKS.—On March 29th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. Lunn 1, F. A. Staveley 2, K. Harrop (first of St. Clement's) 3, R. Watson (first of St. Clement's) 4, R. Stephenson 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Longest length rung by 3 and 4. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Skelland 1, R. Lunn 2, K Harrop 3, R. Watson 4, F. Lamb 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution of the Rev. Derek Draycott as Vicar of Barnby Don this day.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. D. K. Dale 1, W. R. Chandler 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. First quarter in seven methods for 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung after a peal failure as a compliment to Margaret T. Witney, ringer at this church, and Ernest P. Brazier, who were married here earlier in the day.

BLABY, LEICS.—On April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Wale (cond.) 1, M. J. Billings 2, R. Chapman (first 'inside') 3, B. C. Law 4, R. A. Cobley 5. For Palm Sunday.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On April 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn Handley 1, K. Sansom 2, Rosemarie Walton 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, Patricia Smith 6.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary M. Jenkins 1, P. J. Spice 2, Sheila Copping (cond.) 3, Marie E. Kirby 4, Hilda Oakshett 5, P. Smith 6, R. T. Newman 7, J. Smith 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Reginald Osborn.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Turrell (first quarter attempt) 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Hackblock, aged 93, widow of the late Rev. A. Hackblock, for many years Rector of Burstow.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Childerley 1, P. H. Pigg 2, C. Muncey 3, H. Muncey 4, J. W. Ward 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. Foster 8, P. J. Bergdahl 9, H. F. Brown 10. First quarter by the treble ringer. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, Patricia Heath (first 'inside') 2, F. Stone 3, G. Heath (cond.) 4, W. Alexander 5, B. Smith 6. Rung for the 70th birthday this day of B. Smith, a ringer at this church for 55 years.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On March 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Margery Pearson 1, N. Errington 2, J. Vickery 3, W. Tyson 4, R. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, M. Armstrong (covering) 7. Also on March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Errington 1, Margery Pearson 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 7th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Razzell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, K. Taber (first on 10) 3, R. Davies (cond.) 4, D. G. Brown 5, N. D. Brown 6, N. G. Steere 7, R. G. Abbott 8, R. C. Stevens 9, F. E. Collins 10.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 4th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: F. V. Gant 1, B. Downie 2, Miss J. Cook 3, D. Ellisdon 4, R. Smith 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, C. E. Willmington 7, J. H. Crampion 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Victoria Turner 1, P. I. Chapman 2, G. Thompson 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, E. F. M. Samson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, D. J. Marshall 7, R. Tavener (first quarter) 8. Rung for the opening of the Christian Stewardship Campaign in this parish.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret S. Bartram 1, Joan Cross 2, Mrs. B. A. Clubley 3, W. Duffy 4, C. Perkins 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. S. Bartram.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Smith 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Susan Ellenor 3, Cherry White 4, D. M. Hughes 5.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 1, Christine Champness 2, Judith M. White 3, J. Mason 4, H. Hayward 5, S. T. White (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell gesture to Susan, Judith and Sidney White, members of the local band, who are leaving Eastchurch.

QUARTER PEALS

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. Harding 1, Mrs. Patricia Heath 2, W. Cook 3, G. Heath (cond.) 4, W. Alexander 5, E. Smith 6. This is the first quarter peal by a local Sunday service band, and the first in two methods for all.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on March 24th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. P. B. Bell (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, J. E. Reed 4, J. L. Bell 5, C. W. Ottley 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. T. Pay (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. V. Protheroe 1, C. A. Lewis (25th quarter) 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, J. W. Hope 4, M. T. Johns 5, R. Hatcher 6, G. Cousins (cond.) 7, C. F. N. Wedgwood 8. For the Easter Festival. First of Triples for 1, 5 and 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,297 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, Toni M. Rogers (first 'inside,' aged 12) 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Smith 1, Cherry White 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. H. Hughes 4, Susan Ellenor 5.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Good Friday, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Heyhoe 1, H. A. Bennett 2, A. Wife 3, W. J. Bailey 4, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 5, P. R. Harmer 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Holly Heyhoe, churchwarden at this church for 40 years.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Miss P. Drury 1, J. Martin 2, H. Colcombe 3, B. W. White 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shute 1, A. E. Woods 2, B. Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, E. C. Chant 6. Rung half-muffled for service.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On March 24th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Allen 1, M. Wall 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Stenning 4, E. Nixon 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. Rung on Mothering Sunday in honour of the birth of a daughter on March 5th to the ringer of third.

LISS, HANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Smith 1, Susan Ellenor 2, Rosemarie Walton (first 'inside') 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, M. P. Rogers 6. Rung for Evensong on Easter Sunday.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Uden 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Miss E. Todd (first 'inside') 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. For Evensong.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Poole 1, R. Blackler 2, R. E. Dean 3, J. Young 4, E. G. Silvey 5, W. Avery 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. For Confirmation service.

PENHOW, MON.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. E. Phillips 1, C. L. R. Bainham 2, Christine M. Glastonbury 3, G. G. Upsdell 4, R. C. Lucas (cond.) 5, R. T. Smith 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): P. Stockwell (first quarter) 1, A. Bridges (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, Miss M. Taylor (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, J. Baxter 7, W. Bridges 8.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Williams 1, P. Popplestone 2, Jane Harlow 3, J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd 5, W. Baker 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pollard 1, C. Webb 2, J. Bills (first as cond.) 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin 5, S. Strudwick 6. For Confirmation.

SHERE, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bywaters 1, Margaret Nursey 2, F. E. Norton (cond.) 3, J. J. Newman 4, J. Askew 4, M. Brown (first quarter) 6. For Parish Communion.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 7th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Mrs. Janet Livingston 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, J. F. Bowler 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8. For Palm Sunday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 4th, in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Fellows (cond.) 1—2, J. C. Eisel 3—4, P. L. Bill 5—6.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Waller 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison (first in four methods) 5, B. Kercher 6. First quarter on bells since rehung in 1960.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Jones 1, Miss T. Johnson (first as cond.) 2, E. W. Ford 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Family Communion.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Cook 1, Miss J. Smith 2, G. Stock 3, J. W. Perkins 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5 T. Griffiths 6. To commemorate the opening of St. Mary's new C. of E. School.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Merritt (first quarter) 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, M. Penny 3, Dr. C. C. Roworth 4, A. G. Wells 5, R. E. G. Luton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Humphries 1, G. Page 2, Miss B. Humphries 3, Mrs. J. Humphries 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, K. Martin 6, E. Southwick 7, L. Fletcher 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. J. Lockley, chorister for 70 years, lay reader and bellringer at St. Michael and All Angels'.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, F. Harvey 3, E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. M. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Harvey, father of the ringer of the 3rd, interred the previous day.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Baldwin (first quarter) 1, H. Hunt 2, D. Everett 3, B. Haines 4, A. Haines 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Rouse 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers 3, J. C. Carpenter 4, R. A. Large (first of method 'inside') 5, C. W. Hancock 6, L. T. Pope 7, D. Rye 8.

IWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. J. Cox 1, T. J. Milsom 2, D. A. Burt 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. J. Barnett 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except conductor, and first on the bells by a Sunday service band. Rung for Mothering Sunday. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Isaacs 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, D. A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, D. J. Barnett 6, T. J. Milsom 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. Rung in memoriam Frederick George Jefferies, father of the ringers of 2 and 8.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Lucas 1, Jill Sewell 2, P. D. Pope 3, G. Beeney 4, Rosemary Earl (first as cond. in the method) 5, I. Hill 6. For Palm Sunday. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica Tedham 1, Marion Baitup 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Jennifer Lucas 4, Jill Sewell 5, G. Beeney 6. For the morning service on Easter Sunday.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Webber 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, Miss M. M. Wall (first on Triples) 3, D. T. North 4, I. O. Hughes 5, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 6, W. A. Riddle (first of Triples 'inside') 7, K. W. Thorne 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Niblett (cond.) 1, Kathleen Fuller 2, Ruth Niblett 3, M. Swift 4, D. R. Fuller 5, W. Binstead 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Fuller 1, A. R. Baldock 2, R. J. Fuller (first as cond. and first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, M. J. Swift 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First on five for 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to the wife of the treble ringer and mother of 3rd.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Yeates 1, Gladys Bishop 2, H. Ball 3, C. York 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong, and in memoriam H. G. Cole.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss D. Austin (first quarter) 1, D. Cawley 2, Mrs. L. James 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, S. James (cond.) 5, W. Darke 6. For Evensong.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Varley 1, Mrs. M. Spreadbury 2, D. Whitaker 3, W. Vince 4, Miss J. Spreadbury 5, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sylvia Sumners 1, D. Baker 2, Jill Riley 3, Hazel Arrowsmith 4, P. Bennett (cond.) 5, I. Stockley 6. First quarter other than Grandsire by a local band. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

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CARVETH.—On Sunday, April 7th, 1963, at 1, Prospect Gardens, Bodmin Road, Truro, to Alan and Mary, the gift of a daughter, Jane, a sister for Steven. 2366

ENGAGEMENTS

BUTCHER—PAGE.—The engagement is announced between Gillian D. Page of Wavendon, Bucks, and Aidan E. Butcher, of Wavendon, Bucks. 2378

HUCKLE—BURROWS.—The engagement is announced between Thelma Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burrows, of 86, Travellers Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Stanley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Huckle, of 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. 2384

SYDER—DYE.—The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Syder, of Stisted, Essex, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dye, of Braintree, Essex. 2351

SILVER WEDDING

BOWLEY—STEVENSON.—Herrick Browett to Lilian, by the late Rev. C. W. Taverner, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Ratby, Leicestershire, on April 30th, 1938. 2361

DEATH

ROSE.—At Wellington, New Zealand, on March 31st, 1963, William Rose (formerly of Peterborough), aged 78, dearly loved husband of Florence. 2360

IN MEMORIAM

MORRIS. Ernest.—Treasured memories of a wonderful husband and father, died April 28th, 1962. How he loved his church, 'St. Margaret's,' and belfries. Gone, and he will never be forgotten.—His Mam and Margaret. 2311

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'For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.' (I Thessalonians iv. 14.)

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 2335

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 2259

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2322

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Clear, 'Murree,' Lonsdale Road, Dorking. Ranmore bells available 2.45-4 p.m. 2270

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells **3.30** p.m., followed by service, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2286

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
REMINDER
Annual General Meeting at Bacup, April 27th, 1963.
All towers have been circulated. 2224

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Mereworth, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. No name no tea. 2292

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2265

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall.—R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 2357

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, April 27th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—P. Sloman, Hon. Sec. 2340

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 27th at Southwell. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark. Business meeting follows tea.—W. L. Exton, Gen. Sec. 2279

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe (6) on April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 2324

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: April 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral: May 7th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: May 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn: May 21st, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 2379

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly 8-bell practice, Shepton Beauchamp, Wednesday, May 1st, 7 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Huish Episcopi (8). Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by April 30th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 2362

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder, Wells. 2350

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Campton (5), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Clifton (8), 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Henlow (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Southill (6), 1.30-2.30; Old Warden (6), 2-3.15; Northill (6), 2.15-3.30; Sandy (6), 2.45-4; Potton (6), 3-4.15; Biggleswade (8), 3.45-4.30 and after business meeting. Tea, Biggleswade, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea, 2s. 9d. each, before May 1st, thereafter 3s. 9d., from Secretaries.—S. Iven, Gen. Sec., 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedford. 2336

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Malpas, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, May 2nd, please, to Mr. Richard Harrison, Holly Cottage, Church Street, Malpas, Cheshire.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 2383

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m., Sherbourne, near Warwick. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements not available. Suggest picnic, providing own refreshments—or at cafes, 2 miles. 2368

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at North Shields on May 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 4.45, and service 6 p.m. Names for tea essential and not later than May 2nd to R. M. Gray, 36, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth. 2337

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at March. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis Sec. 2365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorington, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing competition 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Dursey (8) on May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—P. Mills, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 2356

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Chiddingfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Witley 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. Names for tea by May 1st to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 2353

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A meeting will be held at Willey (5) on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Broseley (8) after business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 2381

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Radnor, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. Reg Preece, Stones Farm, Walton, Presteigne. 2359

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley on May 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Institute. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett.—J. Bunyan, Dis Sec. 2354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by May 1st, together with cash, Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 18, St. Nicholas' Close, Deal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed, May 1st, to Mr. M. A. Legg, 23, Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook.—W. H. D., Hon. Sec. 2338

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —A meeting will be held at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mrs. F. M. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' Hordens Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 2364

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Striking competition at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, May 4th. Ringing starts 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in School Room. Evening ringing at All Saints, Leicester. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone. Methods: Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise. 2369

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 29th, to Mr. J. Bailey. 2334

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Additional ringing: St. Margaret's, Edgware, and St. Mary's, Willesden, 2.30-4.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 2314

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 4th. Service. St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow, The Chantry Hall. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft (12), 2-4.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2-3.45; St. George's, Colegate (6), 2-3.45, in evening by request. Also ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre and St. Miles' by request. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, by Wednesday, May 1st.—H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 2333

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Cottesbrooke on Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2382

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Thornhaugh, May 4th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Wansford (5) also available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).—Meeting on Saturday, May 4th, Gotham (5) from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Bunney (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 2310

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Resident members' striking competition will be held at St. Peter's Church, Little Aston (6), on Saturday, May 4th. Draw will be at 3 p.m. prompt. No prizes. Closing entry date, applications in writing to the Hon. Secretary, April 27th. All ringers welcome to listen, but bells not available until after the competition. —C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2274

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Christ Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Gibson, 4, The Ridgeway, Epsom, by May 1st.—R. I. Parsons. 2296

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8). Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2349

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—A.G.M., May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Deptford, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Lewisham, 11.50 a.m.-12.50 p.m.; Shoreditch 2.30-3.30; St. Olave's, 4-5. Service at St. Olave's at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Olave's Parish Hall.—N. J. D. 2373

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Howden Minster on May 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Snaith (8), 10 until 11 a.m.; Carlton (6), 11.5 a.m.-12 noon; Selby Abbey (10), 1-2 p.m.; Hemingborough (6), 2.15-3.30 and 7-8 p.m. Service in Howden Minster at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Green Room near the church at 5 p.m. It is of paramount importance that names for tea must reach Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, no later than first post on April 27th. Subscriptions are now due and copies of the annual report will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 2341

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting at Maidstone
Saturday, May 11th.

Luncheon at Chiesmans' Restaurant, High Street, Maidstone, 12.45 for 1 p.m., for those sending names and cash (7s. 6d.) by May 7th to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.

Business meeting 6.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone.

Ringing programme:—
All Saints', Maidstone (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5-6 p.m.; St. Nicholas', Leeds (10), 2.15-4; St. Mary's, Lenham (8), 3-5 p.m.

—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 2380

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — **Annual festival,** St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, **Saturday, May 11th.** Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before **May 6th,** obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting; Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Seaton, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 2347

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby Cathedral (10), Saturday May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2370

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—May 11th quarterly meeting at Donington. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2374

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, May 11th at Penrhos. Bells (4) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Rev. Ivor Richards, Llanarth Vicarage, near Raglan. Also available: Tregaer (5), 2-3 p.m.; Dingestow (5), 2-3; Abergavenny (10), 7-30-8.45 p.m. 2345

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT ROCHESTER, KENT,
on Saturday, May 11th, 1963.
PROGRAMME:

Rochester Cathedral (10), 10-11 a.m.
Lunch, 12 noon to 1.15 p.m.
All Saints', Frindsbury (8), 2-3.45 p.m.
Tea and meeting, Patricia's Pantry, 4.30.
St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham (8), 6-15-8 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to:
Mr. W. Hollands, 19, Tufton Road, Rainham, near Gillingham.
—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2348

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival and annual general meeting at Beaminster, May 11th. General meeting in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, at 2.15 p.m. Festival service, Parish Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. Meat tea in Public Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, from M. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 7th, please. Bells available: Beaminster (8), Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitechurch Canonicorum (8), Thorncombe (8), Netherby (6), Loders (6), Evershot (6), Broadwindsor (6). Other bells in West Dorset Branch by arrangements, Cattistock (8), Charminster (8), Sutton Cheney (8) by courtesy of Dorchester Branch. Parties wishing to ring here to write the Church Authorities concerned. All bells available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. onwards. All towers closed between 2 and 6 p.m.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 2297. 2343

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Summer meeting at Newchurch (cum-Needwood), near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school opposite, 5.15 p.m. (Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.) Newborough (5) and Rangemoor (5) bells available afterwards. Will all committee members endeavour to please attend, to discuss annual meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2358

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2377

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Tickhill, May 18th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 2372

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th, 1963. All Guild Branches and ringers everywhere invited. Towers open will be: Coningsby (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Rushington (6), 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Rauceby (5) 2-3; Silk Willoughby 3.30-5. Tea, Sleaford 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. at Sleaford. Further ringing: Sleaford (8), Heckington (8), Great Hale (6) 7.15-9 p.m..—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2331

RECORD LENGTH RUNG

A peal of 11,552 Superlative Surprise Major, the longest in the method, was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday in 6 hours and 52 minutes. The peal was conducted by Robert B. Smith. The band express their thanks to the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells and for the most welcome refreshments after the peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On April 7th, 1,187 Grandsire Caters: J. Vinters 1, Mrs. J. E. Cook 2, Miss B. Stannage 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, J. Watson 5, P. A. Hill 6, J. R. Holmes (first of Caters 'inside') 7, C. Nokes 8, J. E. Cook (cond.) 9, K. Ketteringham 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Christine Atkinson and Mr. W. R. Read, both ringers at this church, who were married here on April 6th.

URSETT, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Simon D. Holdaway (first in the method) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, P. W. Blatch 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Riddle (first of Minor) 1, K. W. Thorne (first of Minor 'inside') 2, C. H. Webber 3, I. G. Hughes 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to W. A. Riddle.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 New Grandsire: D. Pollard 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, Miss P. Drury 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin 5. For morning service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Muriel Clarke 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, A. Jobson 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Saw 6. A compliment to Margaret Bock and Malcolm Morris, on their engagement.

OXFORD.—On March 31st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. D. Edwards 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first quarter of Surprise) 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, P. J. Heritage 4, C. Coles 5, D. J. Roaf 6, E. R. Venn 7, D. C. Exell 8. For Passion Sunday.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, B. J. Bull 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Milldge 5, M. J. Uphill 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,376 Albion Treble Bob Major: W. Ward 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, W. Sinden 6 M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Atfield 1, W. Dunn 2, D. West (first of Stedman) 3, G. Olliver 4, K. Game 5, G. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 3rd, 1,107 Stedman Caters: D. Nichols 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson 7, J. Seager 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Longest length 1, 6, 7. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Rose (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wright 2, H. Mitson 3, R. Fordham 4, R. Rose 5, L. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled for the interment of Mrs. Huffey, the oldest inhabitant of Rougham.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (R.C.P., Plain and Grandsire): Shirley Guymer 1, Pamela Cox 2, D. G. Crosby 3, J. Guymer 4, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 5, J. Godfrey 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

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IN PERSPECTIVE

HOW about another half-day outing? How many times has this suggestion been made and how often accepted with enthusiasm in towers up and down the country. Faces light up, diaries are produced like magic, and in no time at all the date is fixed.

But what does the average ringer look forward to on these trips, and what does he remember most afterwards? The quality of the bells perhaps, or more likely the quality of the ringers! Both important of course, but what of the incidentals that help to put the ringing in its proper perspective?

First, what of the journey itself? If you are lucky enough to live in a lovely county, as I do in Somerset, there is the ever-recurring thrill of seeing the beauty of its scenery at all seasons of the year. Be it Sedgemoor or Mendip, Exmoor or the Bristol Channel coast, the variety is endless; and it is the same wherever we ring, from Cornwall to Norfolk, and from Northumberland to Kent. How often does the route lead off the beaten track to some little 5- or 6-bell tower deep in the country, in a setting which remains imprinted on the memory for months afterwards. And yet we do tend to take our countryside for granted, or pass it by with unseeing eyes.

Then what of the churches? I need hardly say that my own county is blessed with some of the fairest towers and churches in the land; yet how often do we give a thought to this on our tours? If the tower has an outside entrance the temptation to add to our total often supersedes the thought to spare a few minutes to look inside the building itself. It has been said with certain truth that we should never lose our sense of wonder in this scientific age; and how better to sustain and encourage this feeling than by seeing for yourself the craftsmanship displayed in our churches, craftsmanship that invariably bears its strong regional characteristics in whichever area you live. Some churches are essays in beauty themselves; others have their own individual parts which catch the eye. I am thinking, in the former instance, of Wells Cathedral, and in the latter of such well-known features as the barrel roof at Shepton Mallet, the wonderful screen at Halse and the fine 15th century carved stone pulpit at Cheddar. The list is endless, and our county certainly has no monopoly of beauty in this respect, as any traveller knows.

And last, but not least, there are the people who love their churches and make our ringing possible. The rector who, whilst he may not be a ringer, welcomes the party with such sincerity, and who takes genuine pleasure at pointing out the special features in his church. The 'local' who might ring only his modest Grandsire Doubles but who keeps his bells in such perfect order, and is so obviously pleased when you tell him so. And finally, the characters you meet in the other 'local' when the ringing's done. In the country there is still a strong bond between the church and the pub, and I have heard both the parson and the ringers championed in far more English country inns than among many gatherings of erstwhile intelligent people where the Church and its teachings are thought old-fashioned and out of date.

I hope we shall all enjoy our outings and 'half-days' in the coming months, bearing in mind that as well as being ambassadors of our Associations we proclaim our standards to the listener in no uncertain terms. Strange towers should not be used as an excuse to experiment with little-known methods, however strong the temptation.

One last point. It only costs 2½d. to say 'Thank you' afterwards; and the local company, having stared open-mouthed at your Spliced Surprise, will add to their impressions of your band a quality far more valuable than respect—that of friendship; and the parting remarks to 'come again—any time' will really ring true.

'COUNTRYMAN.'

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The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The first session of the 25th Council (66th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 4th, 1963, in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the Roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Application by the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1 Election of President for 1963-1966.
Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

2 Election of Vice-President for 1963-1966.
Mr. W. B. Cartwright, proposed by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. D. Beacham.
Mr. J. Freeman, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. H. J. Sanger.

3 Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1963-1966.
Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers.

4 Election of Honorary Librarian for 1963-1966
Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. R. W. R. Percy.

5 Election of Honorary Members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Messrs. J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis. There are six vacancies.

6 Election of Honorary Auditors.
Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

7 Loss of members through death.

8 Minutes of the last meeting.

9 Report of the Honorary Secretary.

10 Report of the Honorary Librarian.

11 Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1962.

12 Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

13 To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adapt the reports of the following committees:

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To reappoint the committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable.

(a) Standing Committee
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, T. J. Lock, P. J. Staniforth and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
There is one vacancy.
The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of the Council.

(b) Other committees.
In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

(i) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, R. S. Anderson and W. G. Wilson.

(ii) Literature and Press Committee.
Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

(iii) Towers and Belfries Committee.
Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Messrs. B. Austin, B. D. Threlfall and H. J. Sanger.

(iv) Biographies Committee.
Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis. Mr. L. Stilwell is not seeking re-election.

(v) Records Committee.
Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.

(vi) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
Messrs. H. J. Sanger, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. N. Pitstow and Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

(vii) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
Messrs. N. Chaddock, F. B. Lufkin and W. F. Moreton. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and Dr. D. N. Layton are not seeking re-election.

(viii) Peals Collection Committee.
Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Fearn, A. J. Pitman and R. F. B. Speed.

(ix) Peals Analysis Committee.
Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. L. Roper and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

(x) Methods Committee.
Messrs. C. K. Lewis and F. T. Blagrove, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. R. Mayne.

(xi) Peal Boards Committee.
Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

14 Report on Overseas Ringing.

15 Amendment of Rule.
To amend Rule 13 by inserting the words 'Vice-President' after 'President' and the words 'Convener of "the Ringing World" Committee' after 'Honorary Librarian.'
The Rule then to read: The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Librarian and the Convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council subject to the approval of the Council.
Proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. G. A. Halls.

16 Motion.
That this Council urges all Diocesan Chancellors to rule that in quinquennial surveys of consecrated buildings expert opinion is to be taken in matters outside the normal work of an architect: this to bells and their frames. Further, that when the architect and experts are not in agreement, both reports are to be included in the survey.
Proposed on behalf of the Truro Diocesan Guild by Mr. D. Burnett, seconded by Mr. A. J. Davidson.

17 To fix the place of the next meeting.

18 Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

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Crayford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Over 50 ringers and visitors, including the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge), enjoyed ringing on the fine eight at Warminster Minster on April 6th, when the Devizes Branch held a quarterly meeting. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Freeman) conducted the Guild service, with Mr. K. Binns as organist. Afterwards Warminster ringers and friends gave an excellent tea, and were warmly thanked for their generosity.

The Vicar welcomed everyone to his church and tower, and expressed thanks to his own ringers for their loyalty, and said that after many years he was still astounded at the fellowship which existed between ringers wherever he met them.

A welcome feature of the meeting was the number of young people present. Six new members were elected from Warminster and Devizes. Notice was given of the various practices taking place in the Branch, including Surprise Minor at Bromham on Fridays and Grandsire Triples at Urchfont on the third Saturday evening in each month. It is hoped that many members will take advantage of these facilities.

The Master addressed the meeting and hoped that he would meet everyone at the annual festival at Beaminster on May 11th. Ringing continued in the evening, and methods up to Cambridge were rung. A. T. K.

Dorchester Branch

When the Dorchester Branch met at Bere Regis on March 30th a free tea was provided for the 34 members present in the W.I. Hall. It was immediately proposed that a collection at the tea should be given to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter) conducted the service and also gave the address. After quoting Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells' he said the essence of ringing was order all the time. Many towers had suffered from disorder through ringers coming to ring when they thought fit. Ringing should be orderly, behaviour orderly and life orderly.

Main items at the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, were forthcoming events. Practices, subject to confirmation, were: St. Peter's, Dorchester, May 4th; Piddletrenthide, May 18th; Litton Cheney, June 1st; Piddlehinton, June 15th; Charminster, June 29th. Next meeting: Abbotsbury, June 29th or July 13th. Thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Wimborne Branch

Forty ringers (including visitors from Christchurch, Cranford, Derby and Sheffield) attended the quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch, held at Wareham on April 20th. The easy-going octave was put to good use during the two hours prior to the service, which was conducted by Wareham's ringing curate, the Rev. John Palmer. An interesting address on the Easter Message was given by the Rector, the Rev. John Wallis.

Afterwards a board recording a peal of Stedman Triples, rung in memory of the late Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Master of the Salisbury Guild, 1910-13, was dedicated in the tower. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Stewart's daughters present at this brief ceremony. Mr. Arthur V. Davis, a member of the peal band, is to be congratulated on the craftsmanship shown in making such a beautiful board.

Tea at 'Nellie Crumbs,' was followed by a fairly short meeting. Three new ringing members were elected, two from Wareham and one from Canford Magna. Mrs. Marchant, of Cranford, Middlesex, was also elected a life member. Next meeting: Kingston, June 8th.

R. G. W. R.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Higher Subscription Defeated

ALL the towers in the Western District were open for ringing on April 20th for the annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association. Despite the inclement weather and a popular gathering elsewhere, a record number of members and friends attended the service at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. S. Brown). The singing was led by boys of the local choir, whose presence was much appreciated. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung 'in hand' by T. J. Southam 1—2, C. W. Woolley 3—4, W. Ayre 5—6, A. R. Mann 7—8, H. V. Frost 9—10. A collection for the Church Hall Fund realised £7 14s.

Over 150 sat down to an excellent salad tea before the business meeting, conducted by the president, Mr. H. V. Frost, who welcomed members and visitors to Berkhamsted. In his remarks he urged local bands to attempt a peal during the coming year. The Association's new life membership certificates were then presented to those members who had completed 50 years' continuous ringing membership. Two veterans, F. W. Elliott and A. Day, were present and were accorded a hearty reception as they mounted the platform. Other certificates were sent to A. Carter, E. Overall, A. Phillips, L. Fidler, C. V. Hare, J. Wells, H. Hodgetts, A. W. Dix, A. G. Cook and R. S. Cook.

After approving the minutes, two new members were elected—Mark Farrington (Cheshunt) a ringing member and J. Euston (Streatham) a non-resident life member. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of those members who had died during the year. They included E. W. Day (Hitchin), H. E. C. Goodenough (Cathedral), W. Newnham (Cheshunt), Canon L. P. Smith (associate member), A. Bull (Northaw), W. Prior (Bishop's Stortford), B. Patmore (Great Munden) and H. H. Holland (associate member).

22 PEALS IN NEW METHODS

The report of the General Committee drew attention to the rededication of the ring five bells at Cottered, and to efforts at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to improve the 'go' of the bells. The report of the peal secretary showed a total of 64 peals rung in 1962; a drop of 14 from the previous year. Twenty-two of the peals were in methods new to the Association, and included Pudsey Surprise Maximus and Pontefract and Prittlewell Surprise Royal.

The treasurer's report showed a loss over the year of £9 12s., which was caused largely by the non-payment of subscriptions. Although the Association had 576 members on paper, only 468 were fully paid up. It was pointed out that it was the responsibility of the local tower secretaries to collect and transmit the subscriptions of their members to the District secretaries; too often it was left to the District secretary to tour his area searching out individual members.

The election of officers began with the installation of H. S. Bonnett (Baldock) as president for the next year. He thanked the meeting for their cordial reception. The other officers were all re-elected with the exception of the librarian, C. F. Sayer, to whom the meeting conveyed its sincere thanks for his work over the years. The officers are now A. R. Agg (general secretary), C. E. Slade (treasurer), H. V. Frost (assistant secretary), G. W. Debenham (peal secretary), Mrs. J. Dodds (librarian) and W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds (Central Council representatives).

RINGING COURSES—AN INVESTIGATION

A lengthy discussion took place on the subject of ringing courses and instructional classes, organised with the assistance of the county education authority. The general feeling of the meeting was in favour of such courses, though several speakers had reservations about the need for and the response to them. Finally, a sub-committee under the chairmanship of W. Ayre was appointed to study the question fully and to report to the General Committee in September.

The general secretary explained the arrangements for the diocesan festival ringing at St. Albans Cathedral in June. Ringing will take place from 7-8 p.m. on June 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th. The rota of ringing will be: Monday, Bishop's Stortford and Western Districts; Tuesday, Northern and Watford; Thursday, St. Albans city, and Friday, St. Albans and Eastern. The Bedfordshire Association would be invited to join in the arrangements.

For the second year a motion was presented to raise the annual subscription to five shillings. The same views were expressed again and little new evidence was produced to convince members of the need for a higher subscription; the motion was accordingly lost with 13 votes being cast in its favour. Votes of thanks were expressed to the ladies of the Western District for an excellent tea, to the District officers who had made the arrangements and to the incumbents of the local towers for permission to ring. A. R. A.

JOINT MEETING AT STAVELEY

Despite the counter attractions of a Bank Holiday Monday and the dull, wet weather, the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society on April 15th was attended by over 50 ringers representing some 20 towers.

Under the joint supervision of the respective Ringing Masters—Messrs. G. Goodall and S. Armeson—a variety of methods, ranging from rounds and call changes to Bristol and London Surprise, was rung during the afternoon on the 18 cwt. octave before an excellent tea was enjoyed in the nearby school rooms.

At the short business meeting, presided over by the Rector (Rev. T. L. Weatherhead), Harold Rice, Christopher Morris, Alan Kirkham and Margery Yarnold, of the local company, were made members of the Derbyshire Association. Mr. D. Armstrong announced that the new Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. F. J. Taylor) had agreed to become the patron of the Society.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, local ringers and members of the Mothers' Union for preparing the splendid tea was proposed by the Chesterfield District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), before further ringing was enjoyed in the evening. M. P. P.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

A COMPANY of 130 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held at Llandaff on Easter Monday. The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, after which at the Prebendal Hall an ample tea had been provided by Miss Penny Walsh and the Cathedral ringers. During tea we were pleased to welcome the president, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

It was intended to make a presentation to Mr. Fred Hannington and his wife, on Mr. Hannington's retirement from the office of secretary after 17 years. Unfortunately, Mr. Hannington was confined to his bed with jaundice, but we were pleased to have Mrs. Hannington with us once more.

The Bishop, on behalf of the members, presented her with a portable radio and a handbag, together with a coloured certificate commemorating his election as an honorary life member. Mrs. Hannington thanked the Bishop and the members for the gifts and spoke of the great pleasure that she and her husband had enjoyed in the company of ringers over more years than she cared to remember. After the presentation she was safely returned to her nursing duties, with the good wishes of all to Fred for a speedy recovery.

The treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards, presided over the business meeting, at the start of which the company stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Ernest Stitch and William Buttress. Ernest Stitch was one of the Association's most 'noble sons' and he will be very sadly missed.

The secretary (Mr. M. J. Pryor) in his report, indicated that 1962 had been a most memorable year in the history of the Association. For the first time they acted as hosts to the Central Council who met in Cardiff at Whitsuntide. The reports received indicated that the representatives left with happy memories of South Wales. 'We enjoyed having them in our midst and hope they will come again in the not too distant future.'

The visit was a fitting climax to Mr. Hannington's long period as secretary, and, although he resigned at Easter, 1962, he willingly agreed to remain in office until after the Central Council meeting, and, together with the committee set up for the purpose, was responsible for the success of the arrangements made. During the year all the Branch meetings were well attended and the membership reached the total of 350. Forty-nine peals were rung for the Association, which was the highest number recorded in any one year.

The honorary treasurer complimented the secretaries on the way they had dealt with the financial affairs, and reported a favourable balance in view of the expenses incurred by the visit of the Central Council.

Mr. F. J. Hannington was elected Master for the year and the other officers were re-elected.

The meeting adopted a revision to the rules, which provides for a probationary period of six months' regular Sunday service ringing, before a ringer is eligible for full membership.

The Association decided to make a contribution of £5 to the Ernest Morris Memorial Window, and £1 1s. to the Kilifi Church Bell Fund.

During the year the Association had published its first full report and it was decided to publish a full report every two years, and an abbreviated report for the years in between. The report was very well received by the members.

In an effort to expedite matters at the A.G.M. it was decided to set up a Standing Committee of the Association's officers to deal with matters that now require the decision of the A.G.M.

The meeting concluded with a sincere vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the Cathedral, to the Cathedral ringers for the tea and to Rev. I. J. Richards for presiding over the meeting.

Further ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral and at St. John's, Cardiff.

M. J. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The April meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at St. James', Silsoe, on April 20th. In spite of wet weather this meeting was well attended: 35 people had tea and more ringers came during the evening.

On the whole, ringing was good and many methods were rung, including Beverley Surprise and Double Bob, those chosen as special methods for the meeting. Mr. T. Harris was Ringing Master and made sure no one was left out.

Tea was held at Silsoe House and was provided by local ladies. The Vicar, the Rev. R. d'E. A. Bryn, took the chair for the business meeting, at which members were reminded of the annual meeting in the Biggleswade District on May 4th. Two new members were elected.

Evensong followed, and was conducted by the Vicar. Mr. J. Edwards, one of the ringers, read one of the lessons.

Everyone retired to the tower for the evening's ringing.

Next meeting: Tempsford, June 8th.

Letters to the Editor

Amendment to 'Dove'

Dear Sir,—Recently, an applicant for permission to ring at two Northamptonshire five-bell towers, Farthinghoe and Thenford, which are under the charge of the one Rector, has been told that he and others must obtain their information from some very out-of-date source, since both belfries have been out of commission for 'possibly 25 or 50 years,' although the Rector admits that he does not know how many.

Doubtless 'Dove' is the source of their information, since neither tower is even mentioned in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild report, and so to save the Rector from further reminders of the unhappy state of the two belfries in his care, perhaps possessors of 'Dove' would care to note that these two rings are unringable, and thereby render their Guides less out-of-date.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A 1906 Peal Query

Dear Sir,—A peal of Stedman Doubles was rung at Weston-under-Penyard on February 13th, 1906, by a local band. It was the first of Doubles in the method to be rung in Herefordshire. It is believed to be the second peal of Stedman Doubles ever rung in this country.

I would like to know if this is correct as the relatives of some of the ringers who took part would like to place a peal board in the ringing chamber, recording this peal.—Yours sincerely,

J. J. WEBB.

23, Alton Street,
Ross-on-Wye.

Spliced Alliance

Dear Sir,—In the recently concluded series on Spliced Alliance, I would like to point out that the following should be added to Table No. 1.

(10)	Leyland	Crayford	
	Burstow	Little Bob	
	Stedman	Wavertree	63245
	Stepney	Childwall	(43562)

I would also like to mention that in the new C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, the names of Special Alliance methods Gosberton and Sibsey have been transposed.

I think it is true to say that all 720's rung or published prior to the appearance of this recent edition will have the names the other way round. This is certainly true of Yorkshire, and also, I believe, of Lincolnshire, where the methods were first rung and named. —Yours sincerely,

HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

The Outing Kit

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that the following be carried on outings: Programmes, Maps, Correspondence, Cameras, Sketch-book, Large notice for rear window of bus (Barrow Campanological Society. Weddings a speciality. Ring Queens 135246). Food, Overalls, Electric torch, Spare rope, First Aid kit, Handbells, Clarinet, Mouth organ, Bottle openers, Metal polish (for cleaning Guild badges) and Birth certificates (for production to disbelieving landlords).—Yours sincerely,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Barrow-upon-Soar.

Grandsire Doubles

Dear Sir,—I think that I can provide an explanation of the interesting fact pointed out by Mr. Sage in your issue of March 29th, that only with the fifth as whole hunt is it possible to obtain extents of Grandsire Doubles rung in the orthodox way with the fourth as observation, whereas the fifth can be made observation with the treble, second or third as whole hunt.

The anomaly arises because of the privileged position of the row called 'rounds' in our ringing in that every extent begins and ends with rounds, whether it is a lead-end or not.

With any bell but the treble as whole hunt we start off into changes by ringing a part of the plain hunting course on five bells, as rounds is **not** a lead-end unless the treble is the whole hunt. So **all** these extents have as their common point the plain hunting course rung with rounds occurring at backstroke and back rounds at handstroke.

With the treble as whole hunt this is no longer necessarily true. Any extent ending with a plain lead does have this property, but such an extent must be one with the third as observation. Mr. Sage will also find that in fact the only extent with the third as observation which does **not** end with a plain lead (i.e., S P S B) does produce the plain hunting course in the ordinary way as the fourth lead.

However, any of the ordinary extents with the fifth as observation remove us from this systematic set of 120's. For we find that in all the extents with the treble as whole hunt and fifth as observation although rounds occurs at a backstroke lead-end (as we demand that it shall) the rest of the plain hunting course occurs **reversed** somewhere in the extent.

So because we treat the row of rounds as our standard go-off and not the plain hunting course (starting from whatever point we need) we have introduced this 'foreign' set of extents with the treble as whole hunt and the fifth as observation. If Mr. Sage will now write out Grandsire Doubles from, say, back rounds (54321), and with the treble as whole hunt call a bob at the first lead-end (or a single) he will find that he has the start of one of the lost extents with the treble as whole hunt and the fourth as observation.—Yours faithfuliy,

M. PETERSON.

2, Rosebery Crescent,
Edinburgh 12.

Dear Sir,—I would like to suggest that Mr. H. N. Evans check his hypotheses both theoretically and practically before putting them into print. If he had done so he would have found that the figures I gave ('R.W.' page 212) were correct. Using these figures one can say that the half-hunt bells are those which occupy thirds or fourths place at the backstroke lead of the whole hunt, **except** when the treble is whole hunt. In this case they are the third and fifth.

Putting my question in a new form, why does this exception occur?—Yours faithfully,

F. J. SAGE.

Luppitt.

P.S.—The quarter peal rung at Luppitt on March 3rd ('R.W.' page 221) contained one extent of each of the variations, using the same calling, S B S. A plain lead at the beginning giving one half-hunt and at the end for the other, with each of the whole hunt bells. —F. J. S.

The New Bell Inn

Dear Sir,—Gone are the days when rooms of public houses were identified by such unimaginative names as Bar, Tap, Smoke Room or Vaults. Almost without exception, the pubs being built today offer the comfort or rooms with such high sounding names as Ragley and Chatsworth or Trafalgar and Waterloo. In some cases, the names have local connections.

One such pub is 'The New Bell Inn' at Great Barr, which, in common with its modern counterparts, boasts but two public rooms, named Loughborough and Whitechapel.

In each of the rooms is a mural covering the greater part of one wall. The one in the Loughborough Room depicts a tiny church on the small island of Sveti Stefan, off the Montenegro coast of Yugoslavia. In the church tower, which is of open construction, are three small bells not hung for ringing. The same applies to the one bell in the tower of the church at Textal in Switzerland, depicted on the mural in the Whitechapel Room. Somehow, I don't think that either of these are examples of the work carried out by the foundry whose name the room bears.

Unlike those on the murals, the bell on the painted sign outside is a true representation of a ringing bell; being complete with headstock, wheel and stay. It is also of the recognised shape.

'Do the customers ever query the significance of the names of the rooms?' I asked Mr. Raymond Simkin, the licensee. 'No,' he replied, with a smile on his face which left me wondering if even he knew. 'The regulars always refer to them as The Bar and The Smoke, and no one appears to care for the real names.'

I left 'The New Bell Inn' a little disappointed at what I found, and wondering if there could be any significance in the fact that the Loughborough Room is referred to as the Bar and the somewhat better Whitechapel Room the Smoke.—Yours faithfully,

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY.

Great Barr, Birmingham.

Cambridge Royal Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Loughborough on March 16th, 1963, as it is false. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. LACEY.

Anstey, Leicester.

William Dawe, not Underhill

Dear Sir,—I beg to confirm the regretful error pointed out by your correspondents in the issue of April 26th. The article in question should, of course, relate to William Dawe and not Underhill.

About two months ago, some time after the article had been despatched to 'The Ringing World,' I had before me notes concerning **Dawe,** who is reputed to have supplied cannon to the Constable of Dover Castle. From then onwards I had reason to suspect the contents of the article, and accordingly amended my notes. It was my intention to amend the article, but owing to one thing and another I failed to proceed in that respect, and the matter, unfortunately, was overlooked.

My sincere apologies to all for my not having in the first instance ascertained that the data was correct, and in the second instance for my oversight. My thanks to Mr. Amos and M. Elphick for correcting me.—Yours, etc.,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association

MR. J. D. JOHNSON HONOURED

THE annual general meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. After ringing at All Saints', members attended the annual service, conducted by the Association's chaplain, Rev. H. L. Davies (Vicar of Cradley).

For the first time for many years, the form of service, specially written for annual meetings, was used. Many members spoke in favour of it afterwards, though the hymn tunes had been unfamiliar to some. During the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. D. Johnson 1—2, R. G. Morris 3—4, D. Beacham 5—6, M. D. Fellows 7—8.

The business meeting followed in College Hall, with the president, the Dean (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn), in the chair. The general secretary (Mr. D. Beacham) reported that the following members had died since the last meeting: Alfred Boxley, John Morris, Henry Hubball, C. A. Binyon, Wilfred J. Newman and Frederick Hyde. Members stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

'SILENT TOWERS' INQUIRY

The secretary presented the report of the Central Committee. The 'Silent Towers' subcommittee had conducted a survey of Sunday ringing within the Association, which showed that there was regular Sunday ringing at about 63 per cent of the towers, ringing by arrangement only at 22 per cent, and no ringing at 15 per cent; this latter being mainly due to bells or tower out of order. However, there were towers with bells in order but no ringers, and this was receiving consideration.

Referred to them by the last A.G.M., the committee recommended that the rule regarding the number of clerical vice-presidents remain, and the the Branches should therefore nominate two clerical vice-presidents each. Also referred to the committee from the last meeting was a resolution calling for revision of the form of service used at Branch meetings to be considered. The committee recommended that a new form of service should not be printed, but that Branches could ask the incumbent taking the service to use his discretion in following the old form.

REPORT AND PRACTICE DATES

A resolution from the Western Branch asking the committee to publish days and times of practices in the annual report had been considered. The committee decided not to undertake to do this, however, since days and times of practices were liable to change and the published information could be misleading.

The report stated that peal ringing had declined, only 57 being rung as against 70 last year. Nine were handbell peals. Peals of note were the first peal 'In hand' by three Stourbridge Grammar School boys, and local band peals at Hinton, Kingswinford and Ripple. Fifteen members were congratulated on ringing their first peal.

Discussion on the committee report centred chiefly on the revision of the form of service. The chaplain reiterated his view, that no incumbent was bound to use a printed form of service and that if the Branches wanted changes this could be arranged without publishing a new form, which would eventually become 'out-of-date' again.

The librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, reported that there had been 12 applications for the loan of 14 books during the year. He appealed to members to consider donating any unwanted books on ringing to the library.

Under election of officers, the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, proposed the re-election of the Dean of Worcester as president. This was carried unanimously. There were some changes among the clerical vice-presidents, the Branch having nominated Bishop Stuart, Rev. C. J. Kay (Welland), Rev. T. Keith Murray (Dudley), Rev. A. Webb (Kidderminster), Rev. H. S. Bill (Feckenham) and Rev. L. J. Birch (Bredon), who were duly elected.

MR. J. D. JOHNSON HONOURED

On the proposition of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. J. D. Johnson, past general secretary, was elected a lay vice-president. Mr. Johnson thanked the members for the honour and then referred to the illness of his predecessor in office, Mr. James R. Newman, who was now in Ronkswood Hospital. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Newman, conveying the members' best wishes.

All other officers were re-elected. Worcester was again chosen for the annual meeting next year.

Mr. R. G. Morris proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned with the service and meeting arrangements, and to the incumbents of the various churches at which members were to ring later.

During the afternoon a large number of members and visitors rang at St. John's and St. Swithun's, Worcester, Powick, Leigh, Hallow, Grimley, Ombersley and Claines.

After tea, which was held at the Old Pheasant Inn, Worcester, the usual large crowd filled the spacious Cathedral ringing chamber for what is always one of the major attractions of Worcester annual meetings. D. B.

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CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

OVER 60 ringers from all over Cumberland and Westmorland, and visitors from the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association and Mr. W. Steer, of Derby, attended the A.G.M. of the Association at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday.

The service was conducted by the president, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin (Workington), and the address given by the Vicar of Crosthwaite (Canon F. H. Marshall). The general secretary (Mr. J. W. Brownrigg) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was served by Mesdames E. R. Brownrigg and E. Bickerdyke, and the Misses A. Bickerdyke and J. Gowling.

The printed report, submitted to the annual meeting, stated that the standard of ringing in the Association continued to improve; membership stood at 88, an increase of two on last year. The bank balance of £70 was also slightly up on last year.

Appointments were as follows: President, Canon Chaplin; general secretary, Mr. Brownrigg (Keswick); treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey (Egremont); ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson (Hensingham); auditor, Mr. C. Hellis (Appleby); Central Council representative, Mr. G. McKay (St. Bees); committee, Messrs. L. Boumphrey (Workington), H. Wilson (St. Bees), G. Eilbeck (Egremont), J. Butterfield (Carlisle), R. Waterhall (Cockermouth), C. Heelis (Appleby), C. Forsyth (Carlisle), Mrs. E. Pearson (Cleator Moor), Miss M. K. Dent (St. Bees), and the two Branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsyth (Carlisle) and Mr. S. Richardson (Hensingham).

The meeting decided that the next annual meeting, traditionally held on Easter Monday, be held on the last Saturday in April, 1964, at Workington. Ringing lasted up to 8 p.m., and included the standard methods, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich C.B. Major.

MR. MARTIN STEWART REMEMBERED

On April 20th, at the conclusion of the Wimborne Branch service at Wareham Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. J. Wallis), accompanied by his assistant priest (Rev. J. Palmer), led the ringers back to the ringing chamber, where a board, which records the peal of Stedman Triples rung on April 15th, 1961, in memory of the late Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, was dedicated.

The assembly of over 30 included the Misses Nettie and Betty Stewart, who had been invited to be present by the captain of Wareham ringers, Mr. Ross Robertson. After the short ceremony the company adjourned for tea and the quarterly meeting, at which the chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, expressed the pleasure felt by all that the Misses Stewart were able to come to Wareham tower that day.

Mr. Martin Stewart was Master of the Salisbury Guild, 1910-1913, and did much enthusiastic work for many years to further the progress of the Exercise in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, as well as his own. It was fitting, therefore, that the memorial to him should be something of a joint effort between the two Guilds, for the light oak board, lettered in black and gold, was the work of the donor —Mr. Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth.

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CENTENARY YEAR FOR WENTWORTH BELLS

This is the centenary year for the ring of six bells in Wentworth, Yorks, Parish Church, which were cast by J. Warner and Son, of London, in 1863. The old ring of three were taken by the foundry in part exchange, and the bells were hung in a wooden frame in the west tower of the then parish church (now the old church).

Each bell is inscribed with the founder's name and the year 1863, but a complete inscription adorns the tenor bell, as follows:

'This peal of bells was presented to Wentworth Church by John Duke, Esq., of Barley Hall.
Rev. J. S. Upton, M.A., incumbent.
J. Biram and J. Cobbon, C.W.'

The weight of the tenor was just over 10 cwt.

The present church was erected and consecrated in 1877, the architect being J. L. Pearson, who also designed Truro Cathedral. This church has a lofty central tower and spire, the total height of which is nearly 200 feet.

The bells were not transferred until 1893. They were hung in the original wooden frame. In 1938, Taylors, of Loughborough, rehung and retuned the bells. A stout metal frame replaced the old frame and new fittings, such as the Hastings stay and ball bearings, were added. The tenor now weighs 10 cwt 12 lb. in G. The ringing chamber is reached after a climb of 69 steps. Below the ringing chamber is a ringers' gallery, which overlooks the chancel.

So far 22 peals have been rung on the bells, most of them after 1930. An engraved placard in the ringing chamber recalls what was probably the first peal. This was rung on March 20th, 1897, when ringers of the East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations rang a seven Minor methods peal in 2 hours 51 minutes. The different 720's were of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars', City Delight, Killamarsh T.B., Duke of York and Oxford. The ringers were: J. H. Brothwell 1, T. Whitworth 2, S. Walker 3, T. Sadler 4, W. J. Nicholson 5, W. Lambert (cond.) 6.

Another noted peal, rung during the war on Saturday, April 1st, 1944, was in three Minor methods. It was rung by Barnsley and District Society members, conducted by the late Daniel Smith.

In the autumn of 1959, the ringing chamber and bell chamber were thoroughly cleaned and repainted. A change ringing band, established soon after, succeeded in ringing the first all-local peal in November, 1961. The peal was in 10 Doubles methods, the conductor being Michael R. Meadows.

Ringers in the Sheffield area have been known to remark that for 'go' and tone combined the ring is one of the finest sixes in the region. The local ringers welcome visitors in this centenary year. Peal inquiries should be made to the Vicar.

M. KING.

NORTH DEVON v. SOUTH DEVON

A North v. South competition, organised by the Devon Association, is to be held at Clawton, near Holsworthy, on May 4th. Six bands will compete: the North, represented by West Down, Down St. Mary and Swymbridge, will be challenged by West Alvington, Plymstock and Kenn.

Each band will ring two peals—rise, 66 changes and lower—one before tea and one after; the order will be changed for the second 'innings.' And the winners will be the region with the lowest aggregate of faults for its six peals. The judges will be Messrs. Darch, Pidler, Tapper and Brewer—two from each region.

Visitors will be very welcome at Clawton on the 4th, when ringing will begin at 3 p.m. The day will end with a service in the church, at which the results will be announced and the prizes awarded.

A buffet tea will be served. The upper Tamar Valley country in May is as beautiful as any place on earth, and there should be some outstanding music from Clawton's very tuneful six

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Portsmouth District

The first quarterly meeting of 1963 was held at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, on April 20th, and, considering the atrocious weather, was well attended.

Ringing commenced at approximately 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. D. Biddell). Tea was served in the Church Hall by the ladies of the parish, assisted by the local Girl Guides. We were pleased to welcome the Rector to take tea with us.

At the business meeting new ringing members elected were: Mr. G. Verrill (Alverstoke) and Rev. E. J. Henstridge (Vicar of Soberton). Mr. R. Harris, of Portsmouth Cathedral, was elected to compounding membership. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and those who served tea.

Next quarterly meeting: Catherington, July 20th; practice meeting, if possible, May 25th, Wickham, 6-9 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The ringing was concluded with a fine lower at 8.30 p.m. L. D. D.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

In succession to Mr. B. A. Sollis, who has held the secretaryship of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for many years, Mr. M. J. Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, was elected his successor at the A.G.M. which took place on Easter Monday at Tibshelf (6).

Other elections were: Mr. J. W. Price (Clay Cross), president; Mr. R. Mason (Shirland), treasurer; Mr. C. Bleby (Mansfield), Ringing Master.

Ringing on the six bells took place in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise. Ringing present were from Clay Cross, Blackwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston, Chellaston, Mansfield, Tibshelf and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, together with visitors from Chatteris, Cambs, Turvey, Beds, and Bradford, Yorks.

M. J. K.

BELL HATERS v. BELL LOVERS

Colmworth, Bers, a steeple of very little ringing activity, recently had its first peal for 24 years. Hardly had the bells been raised to begin the peal than in walked a gentleman and lady (we thought to tell us to stop the ringing), but no!—they had come to tell us what a joy it was to hear the bells, and—that they live in the house alongside the church.

Thanking them, we mentioned that we should be ringing for around 2¼ to 2½ hours. 'Keep on as long as you like,' they replied.

This lovely welcome was a contrast to two of the opposite sort we had experienced only a few weeks previously—one at Welford, Northants, with eight lovely-toned bells, where an annoyed T.V. viewer and listener, after the two hours peal attempt failure, while we stood 'holding an inquest' in the churchyard, came across with threatening language, 'Are you nuisances finished? If you dare to come here again I'll bash a brick through your cars,' little realising that one of the cars belonged to a police officer-ringer among the company!

A few weeks previous to this, when at Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, on an outing to London, 40 minutes ringing (following a wedding) saw a man rush up to the belfry with a hail of abuse because the bells were sounding. Maybe the alcohol rather than the man was threatening? But we were told locally that a hospital nearby liked to hear the bells—a lovely toned 8!

Colmworth's five may not have the best of tone: Alan Paul did well on the tenor, which needed work at every stroke. Seldom does one meet the welcome we were accorded at Colmworth these days. It was very uplifting! P. A.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Members who attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Boldmere on April 6th received a very warm welcome from the Vicar (Rev. J. C. McCallum), who, at the meeting, expressed his pleasure that the Guild had chosen Boldmere for their meeting after a lapse of several years.

The Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) presided, and commenced the meeting with a reference to the passing of William C. Rhodes, a ringer at Coleshill Parish Church, and an old member of the Guild.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that a quotation amounting to £97 10s. had been received for the erection of the proposed memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker. An opinion was expressed that the cost should be met by members of the Guild, but it was pointed out that by doing so many ringers who would like to subscribe would be deprived of the opportunity. It was decided to leave the question of an appeal to the officers of the Guild to conduct.

The following resident members were elected: S. Clarke Walters (Sutton Coldfield), Miss Jennifer Cook (Handsworth) and David Vokes (Quinton). The tower elections, as life members, of Christopher M. P. Johnson (Kidlington) and Richard C. Kippin (Southampton) were ratified.

Next meeting: Harborne, where the bells of the demolished Bishop Ryder Memorial Church have recently been installed. This will be held on July 6th.

A vote of thanks to Rev. J. C. McCallum for the use of the bells, and to Mr. John Neale for arranging tea was ably proposed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes (vice-chairman).

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

A very successful annual meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Eggbuckland, Plymouth, on April 20th. About 40 ringers attended from all parts of Devon.

The Vicar (Rev. C. De Cerjat) conducted an enjoyable service, which was followed by an excellent tea served by the Mothers' Union. At the business meeting, all the officers were re-elected. Subject to permission the next two meetings will be held at Wolborough with Kingkerswell on July 20th, and at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 26th, to which gentlemen are welcomed.

Further ringing was held during the evening, and methods during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Y. C. P.

Kent Branch

A report of the joint meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild with the Tonbridge District from the Kent County Association angle appears on page 263. The ladies' business meeting had Mrs. E. A. Barnett in the chair. Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Dobbie secretary. The committee are also unchanged, and Miss Andrews will represent the Branch on the Central Committee with Mrs. Corby (newly elected). Best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mrs. Mitchell, and arrangements for the A.G.M. at Ipswich in July were announced. Finally, Mrs. Dobbie was thanked for her hard work as secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In connection with the annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Tonbridge, the Rochester District organised a District outing, travelling by coach, two mini-buses and several cars. Before reaching Tonbridge ringing took place at Aylesford and West Malling.

The homeward journey was not so fortunate. Traffic jams prevented ringing at Westerham, although justice was done to a very good tea at the Tudor Rose Cafe. The recently installed six in the modern church at Biggin Hill were enjoyed. Ministry of Transport regulations prevented the coach traversing the country lanes to reach Cudham, and they had to be content with the six bells at Downe. Special thanks to driver Wally Smith,

MR. WILLIAM ROSE

With much regret we learn of the death of Mr. William Rose, which occurred at Wellington, New Zealand, at his daughter's residence, on March 31st, at the age of 78 years.

'Billy,' as we generally knew him, was a very apt pupil of the writer in 1900, and later became conductor at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, and it was through him that the total of peals in this tower was the highest, according to Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

After the war, Mr. Rose took up school teaching, being stationed at Peterborough, where he was a ringing secretary. In addition to others he rang 160 peals in East Anglia.

It is a coincidence that his cousin, James Rose, of Ipswich, should survive him by only a week. G. E. S.

MR. HERBERT ROWLEY

Mr. Herbert Rowley, who died on April 11th, at the age of 94, was a ringer at Horbury, Yorks, Church for over 70 years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891, and was also a founder member of the Barnsley and District Society.

A great six-bell ringer, he conducted the first peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods to be rung in Yorkshire in 1894. This peal was not, however, the first for the Yorkshire Association, but the first in the county.

Herbert Rowley was the last of a team who, in the 1890's, rang over seventy 720's per year in over sixty methods.

He was cremated on Easter Tuesday, and the bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. A quarter peal of Bob Major was rung half-muffled on the following Saturday by six local ringers, assisted by two from Ossett.

IRVIN SLACK.

OBITUARY

MISS DAPHNE KENT

For many years secretary of the Sedlescombe ringers, Miss Daphne Kent did much work in the training of young ringers. Apart from teaching in Sedlescombe tower, in order to promote further interest in the art she took her pupils out to numerous practices at other towers. She died at the comparatively young age of 52, after living under the shadow of cancer for the last ten years of her life.

On March 30th a peal of Beverley Surprise was rung to her memory at Sedlescombe by the following ringers: E. Fellows 1, A. Baldock 2, F. Lambert 3, T. Barlow 4, I Smith 5, E. Bryant (cond.) 6.

MR. JAMES WINCHESTER

Mr. James Winchester, who died suddenly at his home at Cripp's Corner, near Sedlescombe, aged 84, learnt to ring at Brightling in 1890, at the age of 11. He rang peals in several local towers, although his only method was Grandsire Doubles. On his retirement, 14 years ago, he taught the Bodiam ringers change ringing, and later became full time ringer at Sedlescombe, where he rang as recently as the end of 1962.

On Good Friday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled to his memory at Sedlescombe by the following ringers: Ruth Gasson 1, F. Lambert 2, W. Smith 3, Hope Gosse 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Fellows 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Alcy 1, D. Kingston 2, R. Hayden 3, B. Burton 4, H. Bird 5, G. Goodman 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. With bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. T. Prior.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 1, Shelagh Fitzpatrick 2, Mrs. P. M. Beach 3, K. Marriott 4, P. Nix 5, D. J. Beach (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4. In memoriam Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North-West District

A warm welcome was extended by the Rector (the Rev. G. E Jarrold) to the many ringers and friends, when a quarterly meeting of the District was held at Rougham on April 6th. Rougham choir supported the Rector at the service, at which there was an appropriate address. Tea was served in the School Room by Mrs. L. Nice and Mrs. E. Nice.

Mr. L. Wright presided at the business meeting, with Mr. A. Balham (secretary). Evening practice meetings were proposed for Brandon in May and West Stow in June, and the next quarterly at Ixworth in July.

The chairman, announced that the Suffolk Guild was organising a striking competition which it was hoped to hold at the end of August at Bredfield. He hoped that two teams would go from the District.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., methods enjoyed being Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Grandsire. G. R.

LOW WASTAGE OF DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Derbyshire Association now has a membership of 360. During the last five years 180 have joined the Association, an average of 36 per annum. Over the last 10 years the wastage has been 187 or 18.7.

Whilst ringing has improved technically, and there are more ringers available, the number of churches whose bells are rung regularly for Sunday service is deplorably low. In 1947 only 24 churches had their bells adequately rung for Sunday service; in 1961 this figure had only increased to 28. The total number of churches with five or more bells is approximately 60.—Mr. D. R. Carlisle, writing in 'The Belfry News,' the magazine of the Derbyshire bellringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild propose to hold a ringing festival in the Bournemouth area on September 14th. Towers would be available in the afternoon, a service held in Christchurch Priory at 5.30 p.m. and a meat tea in the Church Hall at 6 p.m. The 12 bells of the Priory will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. If sufficient support is forthcoming a morning tour of outlying towers may be arranged.

The peal of Bob Major at St. John's Church, Peterborough, on Easter Monday was the first peal on the bells for 14 years.

The first peal on the recast and rehung bells at Tewkesbury Abbey—one of Grandsire Triples—was rung on April 16th. The dedication service was on April 15th.

The rehallowing of St. Mary's Church, Brownsea Island, will take place on May 15th. Members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild hope to have the opportunity of ringing for the service.

Miss Molly Powell would very much like to thank the ringers of St. Nicholas' and the Cathedral, Liverpool, for the extremely kind welcome extended to her during her recent visit.

The peal for the Universities Association rung at Throwley, Kent, included the present Masters of Cambridge, Manchester and Reading Societies, the secretary of the London University Society and a Past Master of Bristol University Society.

The all-England rally to Coventry Cathedral on April 20th was probably the most successful national gathering of ringers yet held. Before the general public were allowed into the Cathedral, there were 1,600 ringers, their wives and friends present. The lessons were read by Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council) and Mr. F. W. Perrens (president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), and the address given by the Rev. Graham M. Smallwood. A report will appear in our next issue.

In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on Easter Monday at Bourne Abbey, Lincs. In his time, Mr. Lake was a very able conductor at Bourne for many years before the last war and has conducted many peals of Spliced Surprise Minor. Arthritis now prevents him from ringing, but he was at the church, with Mrs. Lake, to congratulate the band when the bells came round.

Mr. J. R. Mayne asks us to correct his address—it is 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, not as recently published.

Mr. F. C. Mogford rang in a royal wedding quarter at Compton Dando with his leg in plaster, following a compound fracture.

Mr. Robert B. Smith writes making two corrections to the composition of 11,552 Superlative Surprise Major rung on Easter Monday and published on page 239. Although the transposition of the figures is correct, the 16th course should be 5th, Middle and the 21st course Middle, Wrong, In Middle, 4th Home.

After two attempts at a peal had been frustrated by technical defects of the tenor at Royston, Yorks, the team went on to Felkirk and rang a quarter peal. This was in honour of the christening of Sheila Mary, the daughter of Frank Mitchell, the ringer of the 5th, who had arranged a 720 in 36 singles to celebrate the occasion. The team were afterwards entertained at the Mitchells'.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock on their silver wedding anniversary on April 23rd. In honour of the wedding, which took place at Twickenham, Mr. Alan R. Pink conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Ealing. On the same bells a peal in the same method and using the same composition (J. W. Parker's) was rung on April 27th. Unfortunately, of the original company only Mr. Leonard Stilwell and the conductor could ring, and singularly it was their 100th peal together.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In 18 methods, comprising 432 Lambeth, 288 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Belgrave, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Superlative, Wigston, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Bedford and Pudsey; with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr, 25 lb. in B.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	JOHN ROBINSON	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	2	BASIL JONES	8
JOHN WORTH	3	F. JOHN NELSON	9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	DEREK OGDEN	11
NEIL BENNETT	6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
This is the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal on 12 bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

BARBARA STEPHENS	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	2	HECTOR G. BENNETT	8
SHIRLEY M. DREW	3	BRIAN J. WYLDE	9
JACQUELINE S. KING	4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	10
DAVID J. KING	5	GEOFFREY R. DREW	11
ROGER G. HAVARD	6	DONALD G. CLIFT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	TREVOR N. BAILEY	8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	CECIL W. PIPE	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
REV. GILES C. GALLEY	5	PETER BORDER	11
ALAN J. FROST	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	§LEONARD STILWELL	6
*E. JANE SIBSON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	†DEREK E. SIBSON	8
†ANGELA GRAINGER	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	9
‡ROBERT WAKE	5	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First of Cambridge Royal.
‡ First of Surprise Royal. § 700th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
DEREK C. JACKSON	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	5	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal of Biddenden S. Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	COLIN W. REED	7
BERYL N. REED	3	HAROLD STEVENSON	8
MARGARET E. CHILTON	4	WILLIAM L. EXTON	9
JOHN B. BENNETT	5	WALTER NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam our late chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
ALAN J. FROST	2	ALAN F. THIRST	7
DIANA LAWLESS	3	PHILIP MEHEW	8
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	TREVOR N. BAILEY	9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JANET I. PORTER	*Treble*	JOHN G. HOBSON	6
F. CHARLES HOBSON	2	*CHRISTOPHER C. BROWN	7
RICHARD D. GIBSON	3	JOHN S. RANK	8
KEITH GOLDTHORPE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
DAVID S. JOHNSON	5	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. First of Caters for all except 6 and 9.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Albert E. Sellers, lifelong member of this church, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and president of the Beverley and District Society.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	2	*BERNARD MOSS	7
BETTY FAUNCH	3	FRANK STEAD	8
MARGARET CROSSTHWAITE	4	ALAN GARDNER	9
*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	5	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal on ten bells. First of Bob Royal by all except the conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. John Bickley, M.A.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ERIC J. F. WALL	*Treble*	†FREDERICK PEARSON	6
*TERENCE M. FITZGERALD	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
*RICHARD J. PARKER	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
V. DAVID JENNER	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	9
KENNETH J. HESKETH	5	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal of Grandsire, and of Caters. † First of Grandsire.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Bromilow and Geoffrey Rothery (a ringer at St. Helen's).

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	ARNOLD COLE	6
RONALD H. DOVE	2	*RONALD R. WARFORD	7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS	3	*JOHN WEAVER	8
*JOHN POTTS	4	*C. BARRIE DOVE	9
*ALLAN SHEPPARD	5	*R. FRASER MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. D. ARMITAGE. Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
* First peal on ten bells. First of Plain Bob Caters by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	GEORGE B. FEARN	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
EDWARD W. COLLEY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BODER.
First peal of Major in the method for the Guild, and by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

David W. James	Treble	John Robinson	5
John C. Baldwin	2	F. John Nelson	6
Margaret James	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Ronald J. Johnston	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson.
First peal of Spliced as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Peter Border	Treble	S. Clarke Walters	5
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Susan Funnell	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Edward W. Colley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter Border	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
*Roger Harris	2	Geoffrey R. Crisp	6
*Edward Holdsworth	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Percy Stone	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Marion E. Branch	Treble	Thomas Brock	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Terence G. Page	6
John W. Blythe	3	Michael J. Parker	7
Edwin R. Goate	4	Richard C. L. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Terence G. Page. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal on eight. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5120 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Sandra E. Chesterton	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	A. James Poynor	6
Geoffrey Davies	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	Martin C. Faulkes	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	A. James Poynor	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	Geoffrey Davies	6
Alan E. Hartley	3	Martin C. Faulkes	7
Frederick E. Wilshaw	4	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Denby Murduck	Treble	Jack Weaver	5
†Christine Hassell	2	†Philip Murduck	6
Michael S. Holbrook	3	Anthony Carter	7
Paul G. Holmes	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,784 Yorkshire and 2,336 Cambridge; with all the work of both methods for each bell, and 116 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Beryl W. Baldwin (Bristol)	Treble	J. Richard Hough (Cambridge)	5
*Pauline Fennell (London)	2	†Nicholas J. Davies (London)	6
*Mary S. Taylor (London)	3	Edward F. P. Bryant (Manchester)	7
Peter M. Wilkinson (Reading)	4	John C. Baldwin (Bristol and Manchester)	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' First of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods by all the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 6 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 11552 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Basil Jones	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
*Frank Osbaldiston	2	John Robinson	6
†Giles B. Thompson	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
*Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Witnesses: Miss May B. Foster and Miss Anne P. Smith.
* 100th peal together. † First of Superlative. This is the longest peal of Superlative Surprise ever to be rung.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

J. Frank Smallwood	Treble	John F. Murfin	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Harold Wagstaffe	6
Herbert T. Rooke	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	7
Douglas H. Rooke	4	Ian M. Holland	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter; also to commemorate an open week for visitors at the recently-restored church.

NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Margaret E. Fort	Treble	†John O. Freeman	5
David Vincent	2	†Ian Munro	6
John Ryder	3	Harold Worrall	7
†Michael Freeman	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

Victor Chamberlain	Treble	*Leonard Brighton	5
*Charles Black	2	Frank Boyall	6
†Wendy Hollowell	3	Raymond H. Daw	7
John M. Roffe	4	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

M. Keith Swingewood	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Geoffrey Davies	6
Michael Wilshaw	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	*Treble*	ANTONY R. KENCH	5
MALCOLM M. POWELL	2	PETER BRIDLE	6
KENNETH J. RIDER	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	DON C. EXELL	*Tenor*

Arranged by ANTONY R. KENCH. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 100th peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JEAN MARLOW	*Treble*	*BRIAN YEOMANS	5
*JOYCE M. CLIPSTONE	2	†ANTHONY D. SANSOM	6
IAN W. HALL	3	MICHAEL J. STALEY	7
SHEILA J. STALEY	4	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.
* First peal. † First of Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

*ALBERT HALLING	*Treble*	ERNEST W. PENN	5
ANNE M. BROXTON	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
COLIN LONGMORE	3	TONY BRAZIER	7
†ARTHUR HALLING	4	ERNEST LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First on the bells after recasting and rehanging.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the bells, which took place on Friday, April 5th, 1963.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
JAMES W. HORNER	2	JOHN O. FREEMAN	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	IAN MUNRO	7
MARGARET E. FORT	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
First peal in the method by all the band. 50th as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

JOSEPHINE D. HARDY	*Treble*	†ANTHONY JACKSON	5
*GILLIAN SEWELL	2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	6
MAISIE VANTOM	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBEY. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Highwood S. Humphrey, captain of the local band.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Reversed by Gabriel Lindoff. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	5
*NORAH M. RANDLES	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
JOHN WALDEN	4	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 300th peal.
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Tues., March 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

K. PETER JONES	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	4
DAVID M. JONES	2	PHILIP GAY	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.
First peal of Delight on the bells. First in the method in the county, and by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to the parents of the tenor ringer (Mr. and Mrs. S. Swingewood) on their silver wedding anniversary.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

CHARLES SKINNER	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	PHILIP J. ROTHERA	5
ANGELA GRAINGER	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK DERRY	4
WALTER WESTON	2	J. EDWARD BROWN	5
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in four methods.
A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, of Carlton-le-Moorland, grandparents of Mr. J. Edward Brown.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Thurs., April 11, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Treble*	M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	4
RAYMOND J. BALLARD	2	DAVID J. DANBY	5
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
Geoffrey Davies has 'circled the tower' as conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5280 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 44 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3	GEORGE DUDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* Have now completed the 'family' from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band.
Rung fully-muffled for Good Friday Evensong.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Good Friday, April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID SHEPPARD	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	4
JOHN POTTS	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	5
G. FREDERICK TERRY	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
A half-muffled Good Friday peal, rung at the request of the Vicar.

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SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Good Friday, April 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris').
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Ruth M. Gasson ..	*Treble*	*Hope Gosse	4
Frederick J. Lambert ..	2	Ian V. J. Smith	5
†William G. Smith	3	Eric A. Fellows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Winchester and Daphne Kent, both late ringers of the tower.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catwg,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Alfred Hannington ..	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick ..	4
Ellis N. Thomas	2	Edmund Morris..	5
Norman V. Harding.. ..	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Malcolm M. Powell ..	*Treble*	*Hugh N. Evans	4
*Roland T. Wakefield ..	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Michael J. Stanley ..	3	Gordon W. Land	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First peal of mixed Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Easter.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Edmund Shuttleworth ..	*Treble*	David Adamson..	4
Alan Kirk	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
Ivor Jenkins	3	Alex Richardson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
Rung for the wedding this day of Margaret C. Mackay and Alec Osbaldiston at All Saints' Church, Marple.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Linda Nicholson	*Treble*	Peter L. Nicholson.. ..	3
John T. Parsons	2	Roger Leigh	4
Anthony Helliwell.. ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
First peal as conductor.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

James W. Haw	*Treble*	†William Parrott	3
Cecil Wade	2	C. Leonard Blanchard ..	5
*Sheila M. Walpole.. ..	3	J. Frederick Hubbard ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.
Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being seven 720's: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Arthur F. Ballam	*Treble*	Allen W. Cansdale	4
Richard Rose	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Hubert A. Mitson	3	Ernest H. Maston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First peal on the augmented bells.
Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, donor of the treble bell.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Mrs. G. Shellard ..	*Treble*	Montague Saunders ..	4
*Robert T. Somerton ..	2	†Charles E. Truman ..	5
William J. Chester ..	3	‡J. George Shellard ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal 'inside.' † 50th peal. ‡ First in five methods 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chester on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Nicola Pearse	*Treble*	*George H. Austin	4
Eric Edmondson	2	Gerald Penney	5
William T. Holmes.. ..	3	Stanley Huckle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Huckle.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and six of Plain Bob, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

John C. Eisel	1—2	Michael J. Fellows.. ..	3—4
Martin D. Fellows.. ..	5—6		

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in two Minor methods 'in hand' by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours,*
In the Vestry of the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of nine methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Old Oxford and College Bob IV Delight, (2) Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (3) Sandal and Oxford T.B., (4) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B., (5) Sandal and London Scholars' T.B., (6) London Scholars' and Oxford T.B., (7) Sandal, London Scholars' and Oxford T.B.; with 34 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal on handbells of Spliced Minor and of Treble Bob in nine methods by all the band, and for the Association.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 9, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
At 128, Leicester Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

John A. Acres	1—2	John M. Jelley..	3—4
*Alfred Ballard	5—6		

Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* Has now rung Durham Surprise 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At 64, St. Margaret's Road.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Peter N. Felton	1—2	Hadley Hunter	5—6
†Michael B. Tyers	3—4	†David W. Struckett ..	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First 'in hand.'

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	*Roger Baldwin	5—6
*Gerald Penney..	3—4	John R. Mayne	7—8
Christopher W. Woolley	9—10		

Composed by S. Wood. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Royal on handbells.

HALF PEALS

BOLTON, LANCS.—On April 20th, at All Souls' Church, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Wood 1, N. Tompkins 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson 4, S. Anderton 5, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 6, A. Critchley 7, R. Holt 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Critchley, a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow and birthday compliment to Ed. B. Webster (86) and Stanley Anderton.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—On April 17th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: A. Howard 1, D. Huddleston 2, A. Tubb 3, D. S. Voss 4, M. Hart 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Nursey 1, G. Etherington 2, Nicoll Stroud 3, M. Applebe 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, C. Bailey 6. For Evensong.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Burton 1, M. Mulvey (cond.) 2, Miss M. Westwood 3, J. Goodwin 4, N. Chart (first quarter) 5, M. C. Gall 6. For Confirmation Service.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Piper 1, Geraldine M. Piper 2, J. L. Hayns 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana C. Prynn 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, D. Astridge 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For the glory of Easter. Also to mark the engagement of Kathleen M. Beasley, a loyal member of the tower, to Howard Davies.

BENSON, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Webb 1, Miss B. Butler 2, J. Godman 3, R. D. Wells 4, G. McIlhone (cond.) 5, J. Cherrill 6. For Confirmation service.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: R. Stanley 1, D. Friend 2, Rob. J. Warrilow 3, I. Friend 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrilow 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Wells 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Moulsdale and Julia Carole Curwen.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Westmacott 1, J. W. Dixon 2, J. J. Westmacott 3, C. F. M. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms 7, Christine Houlton 8. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, G. Charlton 3, G. Sweet (first in two methods) 4, A. J. Ball (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,296 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Scrowston (first on treble) 1, I. Booth 2, K. Kirk 3, R. Gibson 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker 1, Susan Devey 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Lynda Roberts 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, G. Bradbury 6. For Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Damen 1, J. Vardy 2, Jane Tuffin 3, F. Symonds 4, J. Rose 5, R. Sturmey 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, V. Furmage 8. For the Easter Festival.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob): S. R. Huckle 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. F. Law 4, R. H. French 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Spliced Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): R. H. French 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, J. J. Fox 3, H. Chant (cond.) 4, F. Mitchell 5, H. Mann 6. Rung after the baptism of Sheila Mary Mitchell at Royston.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 behind): Christine Abbott (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Hunter 2, Rachel Betton-Foster (first in method) 3, J. W. Hagley 4, R. J. C. Hagley 5, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 6, H. Jones 7, N. Smith 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Toni M. Rogers (first as cond., aged 12) 1, G. Kingston (first 'inside') 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers 5. For Evensong.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mills (12) 1—2, Miss C. H. Sharman 3—4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5—6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. J. Walpole (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, F. W. Ellis 3, R. B. Hullah 4, R. E. Hardy 5, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss B. Smith 2, K. Gould (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. I. Barton (cond.) 4, D. Cornwall 5, R. Newton 6, A. Newton 7, T. Tims 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newton 1, Miss B. Smith 2, K. Gould 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss J. I. Barton 5, B. Forest 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. For Evensong, also to celebrate the birth on April 11th of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Forest.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallet (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Turner (first on eight) 1, J. T. Locke (cond.) 2, S. A. Turner 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. J. Dean 5, F. Welch 6, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 7, T. Hill 8. First on the bells since re-hanging.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, G. Goodship 3, A. Bridges 4, J. Munnings 5, E. Blomfield (cond.) 6, A. Beckwith 7, C. Woodard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Rose, for many years a ringer and conductor at this church.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Pegler (first quarter) 1, M. J. Soper 2, T. Pink 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Scott 1, A. Twyman 2, M. Maughan 3, J. Crowther 4, P. Ebsworth 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. For morning service, also as a welcome to the ringers of the second and fifth, who were on holiday in the area.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss A. Lawrenson 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, T. Price 3, W. Hunt 4, Miss M. Williams 5, 'H. L.' 6, P. Murduck 7, F. Turner 8, R. B. Pike (first on 10 as cond.) 9, B. Cooper 10. First of Caters for 1, 3 and 7. For Evensong.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Pardoe 1, Miss S. Scott 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. Rung by the St. George's Guild for Matins. Also on April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Yeates 1, R. G. Turner 2, Miss S. Scott 3, Miss D. A. Yeates 4, P. Ebsworth 5, M. Maughan 6, A. Twyman 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong. First quarter on eight for the ringer of the third. First in method as conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mawdesley 1, Pauline Flint 2, Margaret E. Fort (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Flint 4, J. Ashcroft 5, D. Burgess 6. For the children's service.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On April 21st, at St. Peter Mancroft, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Boar 1, E. Shorting 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Curson 4, K. S. Hohl 5, D. Cubitt 6, F. C. Goodman 7, F. N. Golden (cond.) 8, B. Gogle 9, C. Bird 10. Before Evensong, in honour of the Queen's birthday.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. S. Bennett (cond.) 1, V. H. Nash 2, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3, Jill Riley 4, R. G. Morris 5, Pamela M. Turner 6, J. K. Foot 7, R. E. Tallis sen. 8. First in the method by all except Miss Turner. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, H. W. Milford 2, A. J. Collings 3, J. W. Perkins 4, A. W. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 9.45 a.m. celebration.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Vernon (first quarter) 1, C. Jenkins 2, D. Welch 3, L. Young (first quarter) 4, J. O. Weller (Westerham, Kent) 5, S. Hough jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Gainey (first of Minor) 1, D. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, C. Haylings 4, F. Lawrence (first as cond.) 5, B. Spiers 6. A birthday compliment to C. Haylings.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 1, Marion Richards 2, Janis E. Allen 3, D. Bounds 4, M. A. New 5, F. Broughton 6. Rung following the wedding of the Rev. J. E. Ingham (curate) and Miss S. M. Barnes.

ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Deverill 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. J. White 5, H. J. Page 6, P. J. Jackson 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ROOS, E. YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. G. Hobson 2, D. P. B. Miles 3, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 4, J. S. Rank 5.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, Deborah J. G. Wilson 2, Marion C. Petts (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, C. G. Alban (first 'inside') 5. For Family Eucharist.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Webb 2, C. Geary 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Noad 1, R. Hale 2, Miss A. White 3, J. Abbott 4, S. Cottle (cond.) 5, J. Hues 6. For Matins. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): K. B. Osborne 1, Pamela A. Osborne 2, J. Abbott 3, S. Cottle 4, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Hillier (14, first quarter) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Janet L. Livingston 3, J. F. Bowler 4, B. T. Lister 5, G. R. Shedden 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, D. P. Hilling 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: L. Cooper (leading) 1, J. Swain 2, W. H. Wittering 3, D. L. Gullick 4, D. R. Taplin 5, W. Brown 6, W. Lawrence 7, W. H. Munson 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At 14, Poplar Road, on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. D. Fellows 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, F. V. Nicholls 5—6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, Rev. R. G. Bryant 4, V. Griffin 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6, C. Sawyer 7. For children's service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lavers 1, A. E. Bissatt 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Gray 4, G. A. Parsons 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. W. Gray 8. For the induction of the Rev. G. Trevor Southgate (Vicar).

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Butler 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Before Holy Eucharist. Also on April 21st, 720 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, D. J. White (cond.) 3, Mary White 4, K. G. Waller 5, C. E. Bassett 6. For youth service.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. D. Bell 1, Jennifer M. Bunyan 2, W. G. Paul 3, Kathleen Baldwin 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. G. Bell 6, R. Baldwin 7, G. W. Seaman (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2 and 5. For morning prayer on the Queen's birthday. Congratulations to Raymond Paul, son of the ringer of 3, on his recent marriage.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Miss J. Gray (first of T.B.) 1, Miss J. Porter 2, S. Turner 3, J. G. Hobson 4, H. Gibson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Potter 1, J. Miller 2, A. T. Bailey 3, W. Nichols 4, R. W. Winstanley (cond.) 5, G. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. J. Hollingsworth (first quarter attempt) 1, D. Slater 2, F. H. Hicks 3, J. Leppard (first of Minor 'inside') 4, B. W. Parke 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Hatcher 1, Miss A. Oakley 2, Miss A. F. Funnell 3, K. W. Wallis 4, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 5, D. A. Parks 6. Rung for the marriage of Jane Funnell to Harvey Norton, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the bride.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Groves 1, Christine Hiscock 2, A. Matthews (first quarter) 3, C. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, E. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, A. Waterman 8. To commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Finch.

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CHANGE OF HON. SECRETARY.—St. Mary's, Banbury, Oxon: C. T. Wightman, 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2390

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT.—St. Catherine's, Feltham, Middx. now practise on Thursdays from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m., instead of Fridays. 2402

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will be no meeting during May.—J. Seager, Sec. 2407

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder, Wells. 2350

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Campton (5), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Clifton (8), 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Henlow (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Southill (6), 1.30-2.30; Old Warden (6), 2-3.15; Northill (6), 2.15-3.30; Sandy (6), 2.45-4; Potton (6), 3-4.15; Biggleswade (8), 3.45-4.30 and after business meeting. Tea, Biggleswade, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea, 3s. 9d., from Secretaries.—S. Iven, Gen. Sec., 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedford. 2336

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at March. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis Sec. 2365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorington, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing competition 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Chiddingfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Witley 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 2353

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley on May 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Institute. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett.—J. Bunyan, Dis Sec. 2354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. A. Legg, 23, Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook.—W. H. D., Hon. Sec. 2338

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Newton-le-Willows. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2426

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 4th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow, The Chantry Hall. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft (12), 2-4.15 p.m.: St. Giles' (8), 2-3.45; St. George's, Colegate (6), 2-3.45, in evening by request. Also ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre and St. Miles' by request. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N.—H. W. Barnett, Gen. Sec. 2333

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornhaugh, May 4th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Wansford (5) also available after tea. Names for tea to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2349

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, St. James', Horsefair (10), on Monday, May 6th, at 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2388

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 6th, at 7 p.m. 2387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—London Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, Tuesday, May 7th, 7.30-9 p.m. 2419

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting at Maidstone
Saturday, May 11th.

Luncheon at Chiesmans' Restaurant, High Street, Maidstone, 12.45 for 1 p.m., for those sending names and cash (7s. 6d.) by May 7th to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.

Business meeting 6.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone.

Ringing programme:—
All Saints', Maidstone (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5-6 p.m.; St. Nicholas', Leeds (10), 2.15-4; St. Mary's, Lenham (8), 3-5 p.m.
—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 2380

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mr. Paul E. Spencer, 21, Hangingstone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Saturday, June 8th, 1963, shield contest at Wortley, near Sheffield. 2415

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Prescott, Copse Cottage, Barton St. David, Somerton.—L. McCreadie, Sec. 2394

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 2397

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Annual festival,** St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, **Saturday, May 11th.** Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before **May 6th,** obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting: Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking competition, Barlborough (6) on Saturday, May 11th. Draw for order of ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. A. Ashly, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Derbys, no later than May 8th.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2371

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than May 8th, to Mr. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields. 2401

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2404

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fobbing, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 9th, to H. Smith, 76, Lampits Hill, Corringham, Essex. 2411

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Pulley, 11, Council Cottages, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 2413

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, May 11th, Hannington (5), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, Blunsdon, 5 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea.—Luton, 196, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2408

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Upton St. Leonards (8), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Glos. 2413

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Seaton, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. David's, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting following. Other dates: 14-9-63 and 14-12-63.—G. Skinner. 2237

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 2399

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Hunsdon, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 2405

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting May 11th changed to **Charing**. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 7th, to Mr. P. M. Bradford, 14, Downs Way, Charing, Kent. No name no tea.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2403

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby Cathedral (10), Saturday May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2370

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on May 11th (note date!). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names to Miss S. Washbrook, 'Halcyon,' Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by previous Wednesday. Business follows tea.—J. Pilkington. 2427

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 11th, at Scorton (8 bells) (A.6 road), alight 'Hamilton Armes.' Names for tea to Mr. Anderton, Springfield, Scorton, Preston.—P. Handley and L. Walmsley, Secs. 2406

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone on May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mrs. E. H. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. Tel.: Thurnby 3105.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 2398

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—May 11th quarterly meeting at Donington. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 11th at Penrhos. Bells (4) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Rev. Ivor Richards, Llanarth Vicarage, near Raglan. Also available: Tregaer (5), 2-3 p.m.; Dingestow (5), 2-3; Abergavenny (10), 7-30-8.45 p.m. 2345

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-5.30 p.m. Tea and business follows immediately. Evening ringing, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 2392

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Burton-on-Trent, May 11th. Bells available: All Saints' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Modwen's, 6 to 8. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools at 4.30 p.m. Business important, election of officers. All welcome.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Swynnerton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mr. W. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Stone, Staffs. Standon bells (5) available after tea (6 p.m.).—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, 'Beverley,' Warborough, Oxon. 2429

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 2410

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All Saints', Frindsbury (8), 2-3.45 p.m.
Tea and meeting, Patricia's Pantry, 4.30.
St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham (8), 6.15-8 p.m.
Names for lunch and tea to:
Mr. W. Hollands, 19, Tufton Road, Rainham, near Gillingham.
—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2348

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival and annual general meeting at Beaminster, May 11th. General meeting in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, at 2.15 p.m. Festival service, Parish Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. Meat tea in Public Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, from M. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 7th, please. Bells available: Beaminster (8), Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitechurch Canonicorum (8), Thorncombe (8), Netherby (6), Loders (6), Evershot (6), Broadwindsor (6). Other bells in West Dorset Branch by arrangements. Cattistock (8), Charminster (8), Sutton Cheney (8) by courtesy of Dorchester Branch. Parties wishing to ring here to write the Church Authorities concerned. All bells available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. onwards. All towers closed between 2 and 6 p.m.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 2297. 2343

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on May 11th, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, 11.30 a.m., St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, from 2.30 p.m. Tea numbers by May 7th to Miss Procter, 6, Brain Street, Paisley. 2421

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—May 11th meeting at Cound. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Rev. S. Evans, Cound Rectory, Cound, Shrewsbury. 2423

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston, May 11th. Preliminary rounds, Crawford Cup contest, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton. 'St. Ouens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2417

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea by 7th to the Rev. P. Pennant, Blyth Vicarage, near Worksop.—H. Denman. 2414

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Summer meeting at Newchurch (cum-Needwood), near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school opposite, 5.15 p.m. (Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.) Newborough (5) and Rangemoor (5) bells available afterwards. Will all committee members endeavour to please attend, to discuss annual meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2358

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 11th, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing as usual, Good Shepherd, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Individual names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th.—R. Percy, Gen. Sec., 47, Oldfield Road, Wiffington, Eastbourne. 2344

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2377

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Western and Northern Districts, at Rothbury on May 18th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves Bewick Street, 2 p.m. Names for tea, before Tuesday, May 14th, to Miss I. Thomson, 56, Colston Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4. 2422

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 18th, Hughenden, 3 p.m. West Wycombe 5 p.m. Beaconsfield 6 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.—D. L. Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage. 2420

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, May 18th, South Mimms. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Frost, 38, Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Barnet, Herts, by May 15th. **No name no tea.** Monken Hadley (8) available 7-8.30 p.m.—M. A. Coburn, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 2409

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Huntingfield (5), Saturday, May 18th, 3-4.30 p.m. No service. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Heveningham (5) bells from 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, to Marion Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 2425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary and Higham, Saturday, May 18th. Stratford St. Mary (6) bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Higham (6) bells after tea and business meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th, please, to Mr. W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 2393

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Great Totham, Saturday, May 25th, Ringing competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2367

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BELFRY PRAISE

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE bell is an instrument of ancient origin and its connection with the Church and church worship dates back a very long way. But the ringing of bells as we know it today, and more particularly the very precise art of change ringing, may be said to belong entirely to the last three or three and a half centuries. The adoption of the completely circular bell wheel made possible a more exact control of the bell and speedily brought about a disciplined and orderly striking of the bells in the place of unsystematic jangling. By the beginning of the 17th century (and possibly earlier) bell ringing had become a popular exercise, and clubs and societies were formed to encourage the art and to provide opportunities for devotees to practise together.

Ringing societies and 'gilds' existed at a very early date, and as far back as 1254 a patent Roll of Henry III granted privileges and money to the Brethren of the 'Gild' of Westminster who were appointed to ring the great bells. The Deykins of Coventry (1462), the 'Gild' of St. Paul's (1507) and the Schollers of Cheapside (1603) were forerunners of societies like the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Union Scholars, the Cumberland Youths, the Norwich Scholars, the St. Martin's Youths, and numerous other bodies formed in the 17th and 18th centuries for the purpose of bell ringing. It was only with the coming of these later societies that any records of organised ringing were preserved.

Bell ringing at this time, it should be noted, was almost entirely secular in its outlook and practice. The bells available at the churches were, of course, used for the indulgence of the art, and doubtless were rung in connection with the offices of the Church. But the premier attraction was the art itself, the splendid physical exercise it entailed, and the irresistible fascination of the growing science of change ringing. Early in the 17th century the art of ringing systems, by which new changes were produced by each pull of the ropes, had been discovered, and from quite primitive beginnings and tentative experiments men speedily began to comprehend a vast and exciting field of mathematical exploration in the world of permutations. Change ringing spread to the ringing of changes on eight bells, then to ten, and finally to twelve bell ringing. Church authorities themselves seemed to catch some of the enthusiasm, for towards the end of the 18th century many rings of bells were being augmented; and it is worthy of note that in some cases the ringing societies provided money for this work.

In 1668 the first known work on change ringing was printed and published in London. It was called 'Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing.' The book is scholarly and well written, and although its title page reads 'By a lover of the Art' it is generally accepted that the author was Richard Duckworth, the Rector of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire. Three copies of this valuable book are known to be in existence. One of these is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, while another was presented by Mr. Edwin Lewis to the Library of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at Whitsuntide last year. In 1677, Fabian Stedman published 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing Improved,' and since that date there has grown up a large and extensive bibliography devoted to every aspect of the Art—historical, archæological, mechanical, theoretical and practical. The text books of instruction for learners are numerous, and some of the works on the mathematical construction of changes ascend into quite lofty heights of applied mathematics.

It is not possible in a short essay even to begin to make clear the elements of change ringing theory. Much of it does not directly concern the practical ringer, and yet the practical ringer could not do without it, for the blocks of changes he rings must be constructed, or 'composed,' as the bell ringer says, and this is the work of the Composer. Briefly speaking, it is the business of the Composer to construct sequences of changes that shall be true, that is to say, shall have no repetition of any particular change, and shall at the same time incorporate as many of the more musical-sounding changes as possible. This may be a fairly simple task in one system of ringing changes, in another system it may be an amazingly complex proceeding, presenting problems sometimes insuperable and often disheartening difficult. It is a noteworthy fact that some of the most brilliant exponents of this abstruse mathematical process have been men without any mathematical training or even educational advantage; and the acknowledged intellectuals of the ringing exercise have never failed to pay ungrudging and wondering tribute to the achievements of men who by their upbringing and limited education might reasonably have been expected to be incapable of mathematical investigation.

It has been emphasised above that change ringing was in its inception almost purely secular. This outlook persisted until the latter half of the 19th century, and only by bearing this in mind can we comprehend the astonishing change that came about: a revolution that lifted bell ringing to its present important position in the life and work of the Church and gave bell ringers a new status and importance in relation to church services. The awakening to a new sense of duty seems to have come round about 1880, when educated and important ringers like Jasper Snowdon, of Ilkley, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, and Arthur (afterwards Sir Arthur) Heywood, of Duffield, together with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, and the Rev. Earle Bulwer and others, began to perceive the need for the devoting of this fine art of bell ringing more intensely to the service of church worship. At this time there was a great increase in the number of change ringing societies, and to the existing territorial associations there were being added the Diocesan Associations. It was to these associations that Heywood turned for help.

Arthur Heywood was a man of wealth and intellectual ability and his influence was great and widespread. After much difficulty he succeeded in forming The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a kind of ringers' parliament, composed of elected representatives from all the ringing societies. Since its first meeting in 1891 the Council has grown in size and importance and is now the very centre, and, it might be said, the driving force of the whole ringing exercise. It meets once a year, visiting a different part of the country each year, and at this momentous conference problems affecting church bell ringing and difficulties arising from the technical aspect of the art are discussed and (for the most part) resolved. The Council works perforce through a large number of committees, and the reports of these committees form the basis of each agenda. There are committees dealing with every possible branch of ringing, but two important ones must be mentioned here. The 'Towers and Belfries Committee' is composed of experts in the study of the structure of towers and the problems of bell restoration and preservation, and it is frequently called upon by parish and diocesan authorities for advice where any problem has arisen. The work of this committee should be more widely known, for its services are always available and are readily and promptly given. The other important committee that should be mentioned here is the 'Education and Sunday Service Committee,' the work of which is concentrated on the teaching of ringing and the education of bell ringers as servants of the Church. The advice of this committee is at the disposal of any incumbent.

The Central Council is responsible for two important literary institutions. One is its official list of publications and the other is the weekly journal. The Council booklets, published at a low cost, provide much technical and educational matter for the ringer, but also include pamphlets on preservation and care of bells, model codes of rules for belfries, and an excellent little treatise on Sunday Service Ringing which should be in the possession of every ringer and incumbent. 'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council. It was founded in 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, a Surrey ringer and journalist, and on his death it was acquired by the Council. 'The Ringing World' provides all the news of bell ringing throughout the whole of the British Isles and may be said to be the chief binding force of the Exercise. By its means we record ringing performances, meetings, bell restorations and church affairs generally; its columns provide technical articles and instructional essays, and, of course, all the transactions of the Council. It is by means of this periodical that we know all the important ringers in all parts of the Isles, and it is a pleasant and significant reflection that no ringer need be a stranger in any town or village where there is a band of ringers; for in no sect or community is hospitality more spontaneous than it is among bell ringers.

In this short paper much stress has been laid upon the work of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. It is undoubtedly due to the work of this body that the status of bell ringers has been raised to such a high level. Ringers are now widely recognised as office bearers in the Church, and their work is more clearly seen as an offering of praise to God. Their hobby is a great art, and like the arts of sculpture, painting and music, is no less dedicated to the worship of the Creator because it finds its origin in the sheer delight of performance. In many towers all ringing commences with prayer.

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STAGGERING RESPONSE TO COVENTRY RALLY

1,600 RINGERS AND WIVES AT MEMORABLE SERVICE

THE all-England rally to Coventry Cathedral on April 20th proved to be a greater success than anticipated.

When the applications exceeded 500, it was realised that tickets would have to be used to ensure that everyone would be able to have a seat at the service. When the number turned the 1,000 mark, the general secretary of the Guild began to get worried, as he realised that if they all wanted to join in the tea it would be impossible to cater for them. However, as things turned out, 600 were catered for—by sending 100 to the Cathedral Refectory and the balance to the municipal canteen.

Prior to the service, all the towers that were opened were kept busy with parties calling in from all directions, and the Ringing Master of the Guild must have been very satisfied with his organisation, which included bands of ringers calling at all towers on the various routes into Coventry being present to help small parties have a ring.

To the writer's knowledge, there were very few disappointments in this direction. It was very much regretted that the ringing at Allesley had to be stopped owing to serious illness near the tower, and this also meant that this tower was not open in the evening.

As with all ringers' gatherings, there was the usual percentage of members who did not send in their names for either meetings or teas.

ORGAN INSTEAD OF BELLS

Before the general public were allowed into the Cathedral, 1,600 ringers, their wives and friends were admitted, and it was full almost to capacity. From the altar steps, before the service commenced the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams, gave a sincere welcome to those present. He said it was to him a great honour to be able to conduct such a service with churchmen from all over England and Wales.

Referring to the Cathedral bells, which had not yet been hung for ringing, he said he hoped that this would not be the case if they should visit the Cathedral again. They had, however, been welcomed by a peal on the organ.

The form of service had been prepared by the Precentor, Canon J. W. Poole, who was unfortunately unable to attend owing to being in Germany. It was much enjoyed by all. The lessons were read by the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. W. Perrens).

The address was given by the Rev. Graham M. Smallwood, a vice-president of the Coventry Guild and Vicar of St. Nicholas', Warwick, from the text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' (I Cor. x, 31.)

THE SECOND RALLY

He said this all-England rally of bellringers taking place in this, the newest of all the wonderful cathedrals of their land, was a great occasion: great indeed in the history of ringing: for this was only the second all-England rally to have taken place.

The first was held at Croydon in 1928. The well known firm of Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid carillon for Riverside Church, New York. These bells had been set up just as they were to be at Riverside Church, and over 1,000 ringers, from all over the country, accepted the invitation to be present.

There was a similarity between these two rallies. Normally, meetings of ringers were at a place where bells could be rung, but in both these rallies there were no ringable bells for the ringers.

There were also two striking differences in the two rallies. In the first those who attended did not meet for worship, but were given a free tea. They of the Coventry Diocesan Guild who were most honoured to be hosts to this rally were also grateful that they had been able to have the service in their splendid Cathedral. 'I am sorry the hospitality of the Coventry Guild cannot extend to a free tea.'

CATHEDRAL BELLS

'We hope that you have enjoyed ringing in the various towers in the diocese,' continued the preacher. 'We all lament that the Cathedral has not a ringable peal, but, and as I am not on the Cathedral staff I can speak quite freely, great things are being accomplished at this Cathedral. All the time new possibilities are being considered and new projects designed and undertaken to make the Cathedral's ministry more effective. Everything cannot be accomplished at once, and in due time I am sure that this Cathedral will be equipped with a splendid ring of bells. While we are looking forward eagerly to that day we thank God for the wonderful things already achieved in and through Coventry Cathedral.

'England is known as "The Ringing Isle." The art of change ringing has developed here and nowhere else is this art practised, except in a few places where Englishmen have taken it. The sound of the bells is one of the things that makes England, England. The people of our land love to hear the bells. The grimness of the war years was made darker by the enforced silence of the bells. One of the great uplifting moments of my life was when I heard on the radio this silence broken by the bells of Westminster Abbey after the Battle of El Alamein.

'Bell ringing is one of the fine traditions of England. People from other lands listen with wonder at the precision and order and rapid sequence of our bells when they are rung by a good band.'

FUNCTION OF BELLS

'The reason for having bells in churches is to proclaim in sound, and proclaim loudly that Church is there. And they proclaim what the Church is doing. The preface in the Prayer Book instructs the curate or Vicar to "say the same (morning and evening prayer) in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with him."'

This referred to week-day Matins and Evensong as well as Sundays, and Mr. Smallwood said he was meticulous about the bell being rung, telling people that though they might not be able to be in church, yet God was being worshipped, prayers offered on their behalf and they were being remembered in their parish church.

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Church bells were not only to give witness that the Church was there; they gave witness to what the Church stood for—the glory of God. It was founded by Jesus Christ to be His Body, His instrument in the world for carrying out God's purpose. The Church was not as someone had described it, 'a social club with religious affinities, seen mainly in tea.' The Church was that great concourse of people who had accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Master and Saviour, and had been grafted into Him through baptism.

They had the duty of worshipping God, and serving God in love and thankfulness, and of proclaiming God and His purpose to the world. Every aspect of the Church's work must be part of this supreme aim, and must be undertaken in the light of St. Paul's words: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

Bellringing, as part of the activity of the Church, shared in the ministry of the Church. Bells proclaimed in their own unique and beautiful way that the Church was set in the world for the glory of God, and to proclaim God's Name and His purpose to all mankind.

STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

This ringing for worship was a very important activity within the Church. Ringers of that excellent publication, 'The Ringing World,' could not but be impressed by the achievements recorded week by week of bands of ringers up and down the country ringing peals in many different methods. 'This striving towards perfection, this delight in the art, this excellent standard, this yearning to achieve the best; all helps very greatly to keep the art of bellringing alive: and it needs every encouragement. Anything done by the Church should be done well, and ringers are always striving to improve their performance.

'Nevertheless it must be remembered that the achievement of peals is not the be all and end all of church bellringing. The officials of Guilds and Associations, and of local bands, must not be dismayed if great feats of change ringing are not achieved as often as they would like by their members.

'What is important, what really matters, is not the number of peals rung, but whether the bells are rung regularly and well Sunday by Sunday in every church for each service prescribed. A band which never reaches the standard of peal ringing, and yet sees to it that all the bells are rung at all the services prescribed for ringing every Sunday of the year, this is the good and loyal band. This is the band which is proclaiming the Church and its message to the world.

'In this century, when there has been a general decline from the Christian faith, it is good to know that the ringing of church bells has been carried on with increasing regularity, dedication and sense of service. It is only the loyalty of bellringers that keeps the bells of this land continually ringing. May this loyalty always remain. May its quality be right. May ringers always remember that "Whatsoever they do, to do all to the glory of God."'

TOWERS SWAMPED

At the tea which followed, it was announced that Allesley and Stratford-on-Avon bells would not be available, and, unfortunately, those who did not attend the tea did not get the message, and many who called at these towers were disappointed.

The remaining towers were literally swamped by ringers hoping to have a pull. What ringing the writer heard was generally of a good standard, and with ringers from all parts taking part this was a compliment to the general standard of ringing.

There were 110 organised parties, and they came from the four corners of Great Britain: Stoney Stratford, Hampton-on-Thames, Penn, Willenhall, Ormskirk, Liverpool, Bedford, Hatfield, Chalfont St. Peter, West Hartlepool, Trumpington, Croydon, Cambridge, West Hardwick, Bristol, Redditch, Aldershot, Exhall, Bulkington, Studley, Rugby, Clifton-on-Dunsmore, Warwick, Newbold-on-Avon, Bedworth, Stratford-on-Avon, Whitney, Berkswell, Kenilworth, Bishop's Itchington, Whitnash, Cardigan, London, Branston, Newton-le-Willows, Bicester, Leominster, Hodnet, Drayton (Oxon), Middlesbrough, Calne (Wilts), Hambledon, Acomb (Yorks), Basingstoke, Plymouth, Grimsby, Bournemouth, Epsom, Guildford, Tunbridge Wells, Dunchurch, Wellsbourne, Salford Priors, Wolvey, Allesley, Atherstone, Leamington Hastings, Leicester, Nuneaton, Stourbridge, Corby, Ewell (Surrey), Chilvers Coton, Corley, Stockport, Harborough, Hockley (Essex), Yardley Hastings, Clitheroe (Lancs), Burnley, Heathercote (Norfolk), Chelmsford, Tamworth-in-Arden, Crayford, Leeds, Wootton Wawen, Portsmouth, Kersley, Erdington (Birmingham), Manchester, Malmesbury, Kettering, Tewkesbury, Leamington Spa, Blackheath, Lower Heyford (Northants), Brierley Hill, Oswestry, Banbury (Oxon), and four parties from London.

The Coventry Guild regretted that the tea could not be organised as a single gathering. This would have made the occasion even more memorable. The honorary secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) expresses his appreciation of the huge number who attended. The appreciative comments from so many made the task of organisation very well worth while and compensated for the sleepless nights as the event drew nearer.

One letter of appreciation from a participant read: 'What a wonderful time we had in Coventry on Saturday! Thank you very much for the invitation. That service will be frequently in my thoughts—thank you again.'

With such a response, 'Yes, we may do it again in the not too distant future.'

J. L. G.-H.

MR. L. J. WILLIAMS' 50 YEARS AT CHURCH KIRK

On April 17th, a quarter peal was rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival at Church Kirk, Lancs, of a keen and energetic young ringer, Mr. Laurence J. Williams. It was intended to ring a peal for the occasion, but the indisposition of one of the band and hurried arrangements for a substitute contributed to an unsettled start and a premature end to such hopes. However, a good quarter of Kent was successfully completed.

No sooner had Laurence settled in Church Kirk than he was required to serve his country in the 1914-18 War, so the earliest indication of his presence can be found in the Lancashire Association records for 1916. Since then, however, his career as a ringer and servant of his Parish Church has been one of unceasing activity. So great, in fact, was his enthusiasm that it has given rise to many a heated argument (and it still does, occasionally!). Coupled with this enthusiasm, his ability as a ringer fitted him well to serve on the committee of the Lancashire Association, and on the Central Council, besides having been bell adviser and president of the Blackburn Branch.

In the early 1920's, when the old six bells at Church Kirk became unringable, Laurence spent a few years training a band at the neighbouring tower of Rishton, and the results of his work there were evidence for many years. Returning to a recast and rehung eight, he led the Church Kirk Society as a great pioneer of Surprise ringing in the district, and by 1928 he had rung his 100th peal for the Lancashire Association, to which he has since added another 228.

Faced with the now too familiar situation of no longer having a full team of ringers, in 1957 he again faced the task of training a new band. With one assistant and his usual energy he tackled this situation, and is now supported by a lively young band, which has been augmented by a rebel from Accrington and an exile from Rossendale, all of whom are unanimous in congratulating him on his fine record, and wishing him many more years' enjoyment in the company of ringers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch At Towednack

The spring meeting of the Penzance Branch was held at Towednack on April 27th, where the church is situated in a very rural setting. The meeting was appropriately held on the eve of the Feast Sunday, and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasions.

There were about sixty present, including Mr. Douglas Burnett (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Miss Eileen Symons (Branch chairman), and members from the Truro Branch. Ringing on the light, melodious eight (7¼ cwt.) ranged up to Stedman Triples. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. S. Hichens, who also welcomed the gathering. Mr. Harry Miles kindly acted as organist, and at the business meeting was thanked by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary), who also mentioned that the last meeting at Towednack was as long ago as 1925. A very sumptuous tea was provided by the local ladies, and included generous supplies of Cornish splits, jam and cream.

Ringing also took place on the six at the neighbouring parish of Zennor, and in the evening several spent a pleasant time on the ten at Carbis Bay.

An invitation to hold the autumn meeting at Landewednack was accepted with thanks.



King's Lynn is 90 miles from London, but the majority of the band who rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in honour of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra's wedding to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy came from London or beyond. The distance travelled by the ringers for this local recognition of the royal wedding was commented upon in the Eastern Counties Press.

The band consisted of: Left to right: J. K. Ward, F. R. Scott, W. Birmingham, M. Hatchett, L. W. Houghton, Rev. G. Galley, D. P. Hilling, N. V. Harding, W. Wilson, T. J. Lock. [By courtesy of Eastern Counties Newspapers.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION

South Australian Branch

The annual meeting of the South Australian Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Association was held on April 21st, at the conclusion of one of the regular quarterly ringing meetings of the Branch. (These meetings are held alternately at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, and St. Peter's Cathedral.) The meeting began with ringing in the afternoon at St. Andrew's, with methods ranging from Plain Bob Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. After a short service and tea, the business meeting was conducted.

It was with great regret that the Branch accepted the resignation of Enid Roberts as Ringing Master, as she is shortly to take up a position in Sydney. The Branch officially thanked Enid for all that she had done for ringing in South Australia—a period of devoted service and assistance, culminating in her recently conducting the first peal on the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Wilfred L. Robinson was elected Ringing Master in her place, and Paul Ewens and David Bleby were re-elected to the positions of secretary and public relations officer respectively.

The Australian and New Zealand Association annual meeting will be held this year at Adelaide from June 8th-10th, and the South Australian Branch elected Wilfred Robinson and Mr. W. B. Pitcher as the Branch's delegates. D. J. B.

PROMISING LANCASHIRE RINGER

Congratulations to Kenneth Hesketh, of Halewood, Lancs, on ringing his first 25 peals. Ken, who was taught to ring by his father, was a slow starter in the peal columns, but has recently made up for this.

His peals have been rung in 20 different methods on all numbers from Doubles to Royal, in 17 different towers and for both Lancashire Association and Chester Guild.

Kenneth's first peal was on an 'inside' bell to Cambridge Surprise Major, and since then all but one of his peals have been on a working bell. Although he has made attempts he has yet to call his first peal.

Ken's present aim, however, seems to be for peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus to complete these families. Any offers?

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' May 2nd, 1913.—

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1/6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times of ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a maximum of 2/-, will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

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Increased Subscriptions Hit Gloucester & Bristol

WHILE financially in a better position, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at its annual meeting at Henbury on April 20th, attended by 190 members, reported a substantial drop in membership.

Mr. Charles Rouse, the general secretary, in his report stated that they lost last year 237 members and gained 169 new ones, giving a total of about 870. This was a small number, as in 1959 they had 1,131; other recent losses have been 235 in 1960 and 193 in 1961.

'The rising cost of being a member is partly to blame, but all who think must realise that this is no fault of the officers. I was very surprised on receiving the tower returns to see the names of some who are withholding payment. For many years they, and others, have done much to build up this Association, now, in time of trouble, surely their support should continue.'

Losses by death remembered were: Dr. W. M. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester and joint president; Messrs. A. A. Hilliar and F. G. Leaker (vice-presidents), of St. Mary Redcliffe; H. J. Hobbs (vice-president), Slimbridge; E. Humphries, Brislington; T. Moulden, Stratton St. Margaret; P. Paker, Olveston; and G. W. Townsend, Swindon.

PEALS LESS

The number of peals rung had fallen to a total of 72, which was 23 less than the previous year, but the list of firsts would take a lot of beating, and spoke for itself of the high standard of peal ringing members. Seven of their members were in 'The Ringing World' list, headed by D. J. Hunt 50 peals, and followed by G. R. Drew 33, Mrs. S. M. Drew, D. C. Exell and A. R. Peake 32, C. A. Wratten 31, and M. J. Hobbs 29.

During the year the bells of Shipton Moyne and Slimbridge were rehung. Tewkesbury bells were in the founders' hands (since returned). Grants from the Belfry Repair Fund were made to Castle Eaton, Kilsyth, Melbourne, Australia, Shipton Moyne and Slimbridge. The executive had decided that one-third of all affiliation fees should be set aside in a special fund for instruction to affiliated towers, the rest to go to the Belfry Repair Fund after deducting administrative costs. The course at Bristol was a success, and thanks were due to Mr. P. J. Bird and all who helped them.

The audited accounts showed that the General Management Fund started the year with a deficit of £26 15s. and ended with a balance of £150 14s. The Peal Book Fund had a balance of £81 13s., and the Belfry Repair Fund £477 15s. The balance sheet showed assets of £655 13s. 6d.

NEW MASTER

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was installed as Master by the retiring Master, Mr. A. V. Bennett. After being invested with the chain and badge of office, the new Master said: 'In Lancashire, where I came from, we wore nothing at all at meetings like this.'

Mr. C. Rouse continues as general secretary and Mr. Cyril A. Wratten was elected treasurer, Mr. S. G. Riches, who had completed 10 years in office, having expressed a wish to retire. The other officers, Mr. Eric Sutton (peal secretary) and Messrs. E. F. Hancock and J. M. Stallard (auditors), were re-elected.

Honorary life membership was conferred on Mrs. J. Gould (Henbury), Messrs. W. Beard (Ruardean), T. Steward (Tirley), R. Shailes (Purton), H. Day and G. Peare (Mevseyhampton), F. Simmons (Charlton Kings) and C. Jordon (Bisley).

It was decided to hold the next A.G.M. at Stroud on April 25th, 1964.

A letter inviting all male members to take part in a service for churchmen in Gloucester Cathedral on June 8th was read, admission by tickets (applications to the general secretary, please). The bells will be available from 5 p.m. for half an hour, and again after the service for one hour.

Thanks were expressed by the Master to all who had made the day such a success and after tea in Blaise Castle, the service, conducted by Canon Davey, of Henbury, assisted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby and the Rev. R. E. Goodsell, who gave the address, was well attended. £6 5s. 3d. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. A number of towers in the Rural Branch were open, and good use was made of the bells during the morning.

C. R.

WEDDING OF MR. DAVID HOARE

A well known West Country ringer and former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. David Hoare, was married on April 20th at St. James' Church, Goffs Oak, Herts. His bride, Miss Madelene Prentice, was given away by her father and wore a full-length dress of white lace and carried a bouquet of white freesias and lilies of the valley. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Margaret and Muriel Prentice, Catherine Davis and Amanda Allen.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Oldham, and the Rev. Norman Mitchell, Vicar of Radstock, celebrated Holy Communion for the couple afterwards. Best man was the Rev. Roger Keelev, and the organist Mr. David Elliot, a college friend of the bridegroom. The service was fully choral and the hymns were: 'For the beauty of the earth,' 'Wherefore, O Father' and 'Strengthen for service.'

About 110 guests attended the reception in the Church Hall, and included ringers from Bath, Evercreech, Radstock and Wells. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a Cromwellian clock, and his present to her a sewing machine. The honeymoon was spent in Canterbury.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY

The recently revived Hereford Cathedral School Bellringing Society had its annual outing in South Herefordshire on April 18th. Valuable help was given by Mr. M. P. Moreton, a Past Master of the Society and also of the College Youths, Mr. A. T. Wingate, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. G. T. Cousins, Master of the Hereford District.

At Fownhope (an easy going six), the Rev. M. C. Sell welcomed the party. A noisy tenor, visible from the ringing chamber, made ringing at King's Caple disconcerting, and the rehung Rudhall six at Llangarron was somewhat tricky to handle because of the low sallies.

After a cup of tea at the Vicarage, we had a good ring on the pleasant bells at Goodrich. A brief visit to Weston-under-Penyard was followed by the light and tricky eight at Bridstow, and then an excellent tea. Mr. Godfrey, from the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, joined us here and came with us to Ross-on-Wye. An excellent ring on the lovely octave with Mr. J. J. Webb concluded a successful outing. Methods rung varied to Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Thanks are expressed to all those who helped in any way.

J. F. I. T.

LETTERS

A Darlington Ringing Family of 1931

Dear Sir,—Browsing through my volume of 1931 'Ringing Worlds,' I found a whole page devoted to 'A young family of ringers' from Darlington, with a picture of Mr. H. Taylor and his five children, aged from between 6 and 12 years, with handbells in their hands.

At this early age they could ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters 'double-handed.' The boys hoped to emulate the feats of Will Pye and Jimmie George.

Are any of this family still ringing and did the boys achieve their ambition?

It would be interesting to hear of the progress of this unique ringing family of Grace, Ida, Raymond, Harry and Fred and Mr. Taylor senior.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

Paignton Bells Overhauled

Dear Sir,—The bells of Paignton, Devon, Parish Church, having been completely overhauled and retuned at a cost £1,200 by Messrs. John Taylor, are again being rung for Sunday services. As the fund to meet the cost has not reached the required figure, the bells are not officially open.

Under these circumstances the tower is as yet not available for visiting teams, but visitors to the town during the coming holiday season will be made most welcome for service ringing at 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and anyone who has enjoyed ringing at Paignton during previous holidays who would like to assist the bell fund should send donations to the Vicar of Paignton, Preb. J. W. G. Molland.—Yours faithfully,

J. KELLY,
Captain of Paignton ringers.

Recruitment

Dear Sir,—According to Professor Dodge, there appears to be no answer to the problem of 'Recruits' (front page, April 26th). But we at St. James', Taunton, believe there is, and to have found it.

Our experience is that recruits must be found from the church's various functions and activities. Of the 17 teenage members of our band, 11 are choristers, members of the Bible class, Sunday school and the Scout Troop, whilst the remainder (girls) are also members of the Bible class, Sunday school, Girl Guides, etc. And of the older members of our band, most are actively engaged in our church affairs, and all are regular worshippers. In short, all are within the Fellowship of the Church, and this, we believe, is the answer to the problem of recruits.—Your truly,

REGINALD BEALE.

Taunton.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild was held in Clare College on April 24th. The following officers were elected for the year 1963/64:

President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); Master, A. S. Hudson (Clare); secretary, S. C. Walters (Pembroke); librarian, V. Nutton (Selwyn); steeple-keeper, C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel).

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ON April 23rd, 1938, Thomas J. Lock and Kathleen M. Bradford were married at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, Middlesex. The silver wedding of this well known and popular ringing couple was celebrated in fine style.

On Thursday, April 25th, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Twickenham, in which Tom took part with a band of old friends. The younger generation was represented by Peter Coles, the son of Mr. A. W. Coles, a neighbour of the Locks at North Mymms, where they have lived throughout their 25 years of married life. Mr. A. W. Coles, a former vice-president and very hard worker for the Middlesex Association, had taken part in the ringing at Twickenham on the wedding day in 1938.

This peal was a double celebration since two local ringers at Twickenham, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner, were also celebrating their silver wedding, having been married at Twickenham on April 26th, 1938.

After the peal the ringers, some of whom had by then been joined by their wives, were the guests at supper of Mr. and Mrs. Lock and Mr. and Mrs. Turner. This was a jolly party, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, the secretary of the Central Council, expressed the hearty good wishes of all present to the two happy couples. The Vicar of Twickenham, Rev. W. J. Davies, who was present with Mrs. Davies, said what pleasure it had given him to hear the bells on such an auspicious occasion, and how very glad they all were to share the happiness of the Locks and the Turners at such a time.

There were further celebrations for the Locks on April 27th, when they gave a lunch and tea party and afternoon's entertainment to their relatives and friends in the Memorial Hall at North Mymms. Mr. Graham Lock, their elder son, who is reading for Holy Orders at Cambridge, was present, but a notable absentee was Mr. Martin F. Lock, the younger son, who, on Good Friday, was taken to Barnet Hospital for an appendix operation and is having to stay there rather longer than usual for such cases. Several of the party visited him in the hospital on their way home.

Mr. E. H. Kilby, secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, who was best man at the wedding, spoke of the happiness of Tom and Kath, and of the pleasure of their friendship. Mr. Lock suitably replied with an amusing few words.

Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will know this delightful couple and will be aware of the good work they do. Kath was an enthusiastic president of the Ladies' Guild for three years and is a great worker still. During her term as president she attended meetings up and down the country, encouraging support for the Ladies' Guild. She is a great worker for the Women's Institutes in Hertfordshire, and frequently travels to remote parts of the county on the Federation's behalf. Her service to North Mymms Church includes deputy organist and choirmaster for many years.

Tom has long been an ardent worker for the Middlesex Association, having been general secretary since the untimely death of his friend, Ernest Turner. Before that he was Ringing Master and subsequently secretary of the North and East District. For many years he has arranged an annual peal ringing tour in various parts of the British Isles, and is now associated with the arrangements for the projected trip to Australia. Notwithstanding these activities he was for 21 years secretary of the Parochial Church Council at North Mymms, and is always at hand when building problems arise locally, such as with the North Mymms Memorial Hall. Throughout most of his career he has worked as a quantity surveyor for the London County Council, and has achieved high rank.

A peal attempt at North Mymms on the Saturday before the silver wedding was arranged by Martin Lock as a surprise to his parents, but was doomed to a double disappointment; first that Martin could not take part, and second that the attempt was unsuccessful.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at St. Michael's, Aylsham, on April 27th, when the service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Holland, with Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey as organist. The lesson was read by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden). Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

The Branch chairman (Mr. W. Love) was unable to be present through sickness, and the meeting wished him a speedy recovery. Mrs. S. Haddon (Norwich) and Miss B. Pardon (Aylsham) were elected ringing members, and the belfry elections of Miss B. Gillian Schofield (Bradford) and Mr. Alan J. Frost (London) were ratified. It is hoped to hold a striking competition at Acle in the near future.

Suffolk Guild Districts Reorganised

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on April 20th. Well over 60 members and visitors attended, including some from Hertfordshire and Norfolk. During the course of the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Clement's, St. Lawrence's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary Quay and St. Matthew's were available for ringing and put to good use in a wide variety of standard methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Standen McDougal in St. Margaret's Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and the business meeting at Manor House. Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) presided over the tea and meeting, supported by Messrs. G. E. Symonds (vice-president), L. G. Brett (Ringing Master), R. W. M. Clouston (technical adviser) and J. W. Blythe (general secretary and treasurer).

Mr. Pipe extended a warm welcome to all present. Speaking in general terms, he said that 1962 did not appear to be too promising from a statistical point of view, but on the other hand there had been plenty of activity and he felt confident that 1963 had better things in store. He urged all ringers to do their bit by finding that recruit, calling that first 720, quarter peal or peal, and by learning some new method and by regular support.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Alice Lester, Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. P. S. Bedford and Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

The reports of the various officers revealed that 56 peals were rung. Membership was slightly down at 489. Eye bells were rehung and provided the diocese with yet another fine octave. Further restoration work was envisaged for 1963. Mr. L. E. Last had been active in giving talks and lectures on bells and ringing.

HIGHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The accounts showed a considerable excess of expenditure over income. The treasurer anticipated that the 1963 accounts would, however, make better reading than the present figures, but in the light of the trend over the last few years it was apparent that steps would have to be taken to improve the position, and the meeting ratified the proposals made at the last general meeting in January that the annual subscription be increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s., as from January 1st, 1964. Other categories of membership are also being increased at the same time. Non-resident life membership will be increased to 10s.

A course, sponsored by the East Suffolk Education Committee is to be held at Belstead House, Ipswich, from Friday to Sunday, January 31st to February 2nd, 1964.

A striking competition is to be held at Bredfield, a six bell tower, on August 31st. An anonymous donor offered to present a shield or cup to be competed for annually. The meeting showed its appreciation in the usual manner and expressed its preference for a shield.

A proposal, approved by the last general meeting in January, to reduce the number of Districts to five by amalgamating the two Central Districts, but at the same time transferring a number of towers to the North-East and South-East Districts and also a number from the North-East to the South-East, was ratified. The meeting also decided that this reorganisation should become effective immediately.

The officers were all re-elected, with one exception. Mr. C. J. Sedgley did not seek re-election as a trustee of the Pearson handbells, and Mr. Roger Whittell was elected in his stead.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

In spite of the rather wet weather the meeting at Walton-on-Thames on April 20th was attended by over 30 members. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. under the direction of Mr. R. Collins. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Hedges, in the absence of the Vicar.

After an excellent tea, a short business meeting was held, during which a request for ringers to assist the band at Walton-on-Thames was received.

Ringing in various methods continued until 8.30 p.m.

R. C.

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LUMLEY RINGING COURSE, 1963

The Durham and Newcastle Association held the second of its courses in ringing on April 6th, and once again enjoyed the amenities of Lumley Castle, Co. Durham, for lectures and meals. By permission of the respective Rectors, the bells of Chester-le-Street, Houghton-le-Spring and Bishopwearmouth Parish Churches were available for practical belfry work.

With the experience of last year's venture behind them, the organising committee were able to provide a more comprehensive curriculum this time and, in accordance with a general desire of members, the course was presented in three grades—elementary, intermediate and advanced. The response of intending students was most gratifying for the officials concerned and over 80 names were registered for the classes—an increase of almost one-third on 1962.

The elementary grade was conducted by Messrs. E. P. Rock, and F. Hodgson, and they provided lectures and practical sessions for beginners at the stage of ringing rounds and call changes. The syllabus here commenced with a study of tower bells, their fittings and action, and proceeded to deal with the principles of striking and the elements of change ringing and method structure. Illustrations were presented in the classroom with tape recordings and handbells, and practical instruction was given at Chester-le-Street tower.

Mr. D. A. Bayles introduced the intermediate grade, which catered for the change ringer at the 'improver' stage, and he gave two lectures on method construction and its practical applications. In this he considered the Plain Bob system for producing changes on various numbers of bells and examined the rules and conventions of the 'regular' methods recognised by the Central Council. By means of paper exercises in the classroom and a practical session in the tower at Chester-le-Street, he showed how to apply this knowledge to the ringing of various methods.

This grade then continued with a lecture and practical session on 'Elementary Conducting' given by Mr. K. Arthur. This provided for the aspiring conductor from the point of calling the first bob to the position of calling extents of Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, and contrasted 'bob-calling' and 'conducting.' Exercises in transposition, etc., were worked out in the classroom and during ringing at Houghton-le-Spring tower.

THE QUARTER FAILED

The advanced grade started with two sessions on method construction and its practical applications given by Mr. R. G. Turner. He discussed the construction of methods and the consequent properties of the 'blue line,' together with place notation and derivation of the 'blue line' from the sequence of places for the simpler Surprise methods. The practical application of the principles involved was then practised in the tower at Houghton-le-Spring. This was followed by a lecture on 'More Advanced Conducting' by Mr. Bayles, who dealt with the principles and practice of conducting beyond the mere calling of bobs from an observation bell, basing his remarks on Plain Bob Major. As a practical exercise in the topics discussed, an attempt for a quarter peal of Bob Major in which each ringer shared in the conducting was made in the tower at Bishopwearmouth; unfortunately, this was lost after several good courses.

An optional feature of this year's course was a lecture on 'Change Ringing on Handbells' given by Mr. Turner, who explained the principle of ringing handbells as a pair rather than as two 'blue lines.' The basic coursing positions and the effect of internal places in changing these positions was dealt with. This class was limited to 10 students to allow for sufficient practical instruction to be given, but it was repeated in the evening after the conclusion of the general course to enable others who were interested to take part.

As on our previous visit, the facilities provided by the vice-Master, Dr. Prowse, and his staff at Lumley Castle contributed largely to the success of our efforts and everyone present was impressed by the quality of meals and service. Following dinner in the Great Hall, a forum was held in the Junior Common Room and students were given an opportunity to voice criticism of the day's proceedings. Most comments were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the 'fare' provided and in support for a repetition of the occasion next year. Only one innovation, that of a further sub-division of the intermediate grade, seemed to be generally desired and this was duly noted by the Ringing Master and his committee.

A social evening in true ringers' style then followed in the same surroundings, but not before due votes of thanks had been expressed to all those who had made the course possible by their various contributions. K. A.

OBITUARY

MR. J. NORTON

Billesdon, Leics. has lost a life member of the church by the death of Mr. Joseph Norton, at the age of 85. For 73 years he rang in the tower, and was also in the choir.

Joseph joined the old Midland Counties Association in 1922, and rang 40 peals. He was made a life member of the Leicester Guild a few years ago. In 1912 he personally collected in the village the cost of the fifth bell, and again in 1932 faithfully worked for a sixth bell to be added. It was his ambition to hear a ring of eight at Billesdon, and through his enthusiasm this augmentation took place in 1958. Until recently he rang the Shrove Tuesday pancake bell. His son-in-law and grand-daughter are carrying on the family bellringing tradition.

In the evening, following the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. J. Josephs, a quarter peal was rung as a tribute of respect. B.

MR. GEORGE CAMP

The passing of Mr. George Camp, of Fryerning, Essex, on March 24th, has left a blank in the life of the church there. For 26 years he was people's warden and for 55 years a ringer; he also did most of the verger's duties. He had a stroke about two years ago and was confined to hospital until his death.

George was a member of the band which made a name for themselves in the 1930's in Surprise Minor. His business did not allow him time for peal ringing, but to ring different 720's for Sunday services gave him great pleasure. During the 1914-18 war, he served in the Essex Regiment and was awarded the Military Medal. J. H. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The newly formed Central District held its quarterly meeting at Walsham-le-Willows on April 27th. Considering the increase in membership, due to the combining of the old West and East Central Districts, the meeting was very poorly attended. The seven attending were supported by the 'faithful four' from the North West District, whose support is always appreciated.

A short service was held by the Rector. In his address, he expressed his and parishioners' pleasure to hear the bells ringing once again. His wish is that a local band be formed, so that the bells can be kept ringing Sunday by Sunday.

An excellent tea was provided in the rectory hall by the local ladies. During the lengthy business meeting which followed, meetings and practices were arranged for the coming year, a list of which will be forwarded to each tower of the District. It is hoped by doing this that members will be encouraged to support their own District meetings. Now that the District has gained two rings of ten and a few more rings of eight, it is hoped that more support will be given as some of these have been selected for meetings during the coming year.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock and consisted of a number of Surprise methods not normally rung in the general course of ringing in the county.

Meetings for the year: June 8th, Stonham Aspal (10), evening meeting; July 27th, Wilby (8), quarterly; September 21st, Hinderclay (6), evening; October 26th, Debenham (8), quarterly; November 30th, Wingfield (6), evening; January 25th, 1964, Eye (8), District A.G.M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

All Saints' Church, Edmonton, with its association with Charles Lamb, was the venue for the meeting of the North and East District on April 6th. A representative gathering enjoyed touches in various methods under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Alick Cutler. It was very pleasing to see Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tomlinson at a meeting again, the former having the great pleasure of his first 'pull' for several years.

The service was conducted by Preb. S. G. W. Knight, who was assisted at the organ by Mr. Ernest A. Grove, whilst Miss G. E. Newcombe read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided by Miss Newcombe and her numerous helpers, of which home-made cakes were in liberal supply. No charge was made, but contributions invited to support the local effort for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Good luck, Edmonton, for your generous gesture, and it is hoped that this most worthy cause will benefit considerably as a result of your enterprise.

A short business meeting followed, at which the following new members were elected: Miss F. Studley (Harrow-on-the-Hill) and Miss Janet Cave (Edmonton). The ratification of the provisional election as non-resident life members prior to peals for the Association was made in respect of Brian J. Bull (Putney), Miss Pauline Fennell (Broadstairs), Philip G. Erith (Ardleigh) and Anthony G. Osborn (Roade), W. A. Yates (Dodford), G. W. Holland (Maids Moreton) and James Linnell (Peterborough).

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks by the chairman to the Vicar, organist and the local ringers for ensuring a very pleasant meeting. E. H. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Owing to the back-log of work on the farms the attendance was rather less than average at the Marlborough Branch meeting at Collingbourne Kingston on April 27th. There was an hour's ringing on the beautiful and majestic six before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Kidd).

The company were the guests of the Vicar and ringers for tea in the Village Hall, which was served by Mrs. J. Walker and Miss Murray. Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary) proposed the vote of thanks, and as an appreciation a collection was taken for the Church Restoration Fund. Ringing was then resumed until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

West Dorset Branch

Much interest was aroused in the meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Thorncombe on April 27th, as it was the first meeting since the augmentation and dedication of the bells. The many visitors included Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. J. Taylor, who carried out the contract. The opinion of all was ably expressed by Mr. C. W. Powell, who presided at the business meeting, when he congratulated Thorncombe ringers on their wonderful ring of eight. A fine job, he said, had been made by Messrs. Taylor, with the addition of three new trebles. The ringers themselves had built the ringing gallery.

Alas, substantial sums have still to be raised to meet the cost. The collection at the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Hood), amounting to three guineas and a charge of 2s. per head for tea, served in the Golden Lion by local ringers and their wives, were both given to the Bell Fund. Canon C. Carew Cox gave a helpful address at the service, and Mr. Jordan read the lesson.

A proposal by Mr. Dennis Bishop, the Ringing Master, of a monthly peal attempt was accepted. The first attempt (Grandsire Triples) was provisionally fixed for May 25th at Bradpole; Mr. Andrews and a tenor man from Bradpole should take part. The Ringing Master will select the rest of the band.

After the meeting Lyme Regis ringers rang handbells, and the church bells were kept busy until 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Yatton on April 20th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Wilkes. An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting took place under the chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Knight.

Backwell was chosen for the quarterly meeting in July, with practice meetings at Publow (May) and Ubley (June). The Corporate Communion will be held (subject to permission) at Clevedon St. Andrew's, on June 23rd, and the Corporate Evensong at Wraxall on All Saints' Day.

Thirteen new members were elected, including the complete band from Clutton, where normal ringing has been resumed.

Mr. Brain gave a brief report of the annual general meeting at Crewkerne, and after the usual votes of thanks members returned to the tower for further ringing. J. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
Mid-Devon Branch

Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples at the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Ashburton on April 27th.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Charnley) conducted a short service.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, a certificate was awarded to Barry Tyndall, of Babbacombe. New members elected were: K. Jones, I. King, K. Washer and N. Tompson, from Babbacombe and Tor.

Further ringing took place at Dean Priors. Next meeting: Ashton and Trusham, July 27th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the Rochester District's quarterly meeting held at Newington-next-Sittingbourne on April 27th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and the usual ringers' service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Aylen, who gave a very appropriate address on bells. Ringers then retired to the village school for tea.

For the business meeting the Rev. Peter Robbins presided. The secretary gave details of the forthcoming trip to Loughborough, including revised starting times. It was decided that the discussion on the sub-committee's report on the Association's finances be left until the next quarterly meeting at Swanscombe on July 20th. Mr. Albert Dunk informed the meeting that the Rev. Stanley Evans, a ringing clergyman, was soon to take the living at Bredgar, one of the silent five-bell towers in this District.

Further ringing took place until 9.15 p.m.

L. M.

RINGERS' PART IN FARNHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

In connection with the Farnham (Surrey) Music Festival, from May 12th to May 18th, a daily ringing programme has been arranged by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

The local company will perform on the Sunday of opening, and on the Monday, when Farnham Grammar School is giving its programme, a team of Old Boys of the school will take the ropes, under Mr. Richard North, tower captain at Farnham.

St. Peter's, Farnborough, will provide the company on Tuesday, and on Wednesday a mixed band from Frensham and Grayshott. On Thursday, Aldershot will provide the ringers, and on Friday a mixed band from Chobham and East Clandon will perform. There will be a mixed company for the final evening, as many ringers have asked to take part in the festival. C. W. D.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ian Hall writes thanking all members of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild for the kindnesses and friendships extended to him during his stay in Kettering. 'I am sure,' he adds, 'when I can look back, the time spent in this area will be among the happiest in my life.'

A small group of Ipswich and Stowmarket ringers have to think Bob Lester for arranging a very enjoyable outing on Easter Monday. The party visited nine towers in East Norfolk, including Blofield, Winterton, Ludham, Knapton and Scottow.

The six bells of All Saints', Huntington, N. Yorks, have been removed to the Loughborough Foundry. They are to be rehung in cast iron headstocks, moving on ball bearings. For their repair £600 is required, towards which the Vicar, the Rev. G. Lawn, has collected about £120. The bells are expected back in September, and in the meantime the recently recruited band are practising on the four bells at Stockton-on-Forest.

Congratulations to John Ellison, of Fairfield, Derbyshire, on ringing his first quarter (Bob Minor) and first peal (Plain Bob Major) within five days of each other. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to him, on his 12th birthday, and it also included his father and cousin, who conducted the peal.

All the variations of Lincolnshire S. Major have now been rung together in one peal. This took place at St. Neots on April 20th for the University of London Society, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. The four variations, previously unnamed, have been given international names, i.e., Johannesburg, Amsterdam, Zürich and Vancouver. The composition and **arrangement** of methods will appear in the 'R.W.' in due course.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Four old sets of 10 handbells have been found in the tower of Silkstone Church, near Barnsley, according to 'The Yorkshire Post.' The Vicar (the Rev. Trevor Dearing) is hoping to contact an American antique collector or a wealthy campanologist, as the church is in desperate need of renovation, and has a leaking roof. A local bell ringer valued the bells at £2,000. Our correspondent, however, does not know who valued them at that figure!

In honour of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Edward Jenkins' first peal, which took place on April 26th, 1913, a peal of Albanian Surprise Royal was rung at Worsley on April 27th.

Congratulations to John Large (15), who, on the awkward going six at Brentford, set a quick beat on the tenor to complete a quarter peal in 39 minutes. This was only his second quarter.

Elizabeth White and Vicky Presswood, of the Lelant (Cornwall) band, have been awarded the Girl Guide badge for ringing. Both did very well in their recent practical and theoretical tests.

By taking part in the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 27th Mr. Herbert W. Woolven rang his 150th peal while Albert W. Bond completed 1,100 tower bell peals.

The Royal Wedding peal of Cambridge Royal at King's Lynn included seven Southern ringers, who travelled up specially on the day for the occasion. All were pleased with their outing because it was a very good peal.

An outstanding record has 82-year-old Mr. H. Hurst, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, Lincoln. He is still remarkably active despite serious illness during the last two winters and is always present for service ringing. On April 24th he rang in a quarter peal in honour of Princess Alexandra's wedding, and also to commemorate his completion of 60 years' ringing at this church.

Ringers in the Midlands and especially the older generation who have rung with Mr. George P. Garner, of Barwell, Leics, will be sorry to hear that he has had a leg amputated, following an illness, and is now at a convalescent home, progressing satisfactorily. It would be a great joy to him to receive letters from old friends, which should be sent to 6, Chapel Street, Barwell, Leics.

The first peal has been rung on the bells of Cheverell Magna, Wilts.

Mr. Anthony R. Peake and his band have been active in the Spliced Minor field, with peals of 100 and 105 methods, both rung on April 27th.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has appointed Mr. A. P. Cannon as District Master to succeed the late Mr. Frank Oakshott.

A new record in 12-bell ringing has been set up by the Lancashire Association with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 18 methods rung at Manchester Town Hall on Easter Eve.

In connection with their attempt for a long length peal of Grandsire Caters, the umpire Bristol University Society desired to thank, was Geoffrey Brewin, and not Brown as published recently in 'The Ringing World.'

The peal at Colmworth, Beds, on April 20th was the second peal on the bells, which were augmented from four to five in 1936. The first was rung 24 years ago. The back four were rehung in 1911.

During the holidays the combined bands of Wallingford Grammar School and the School of SS. Helen and Katharine, Abingdon, rang peals at Dorchester Abbey, Brightwell and Berrick Salome.

A very warm welcome was accorded at the Chew Deanery Branch (Bath and Wells Association) meeting at Yatton on April 20th to Mr. Cecil Mogford, who made his first appearance since his accident in January and is now well on the road to recovery.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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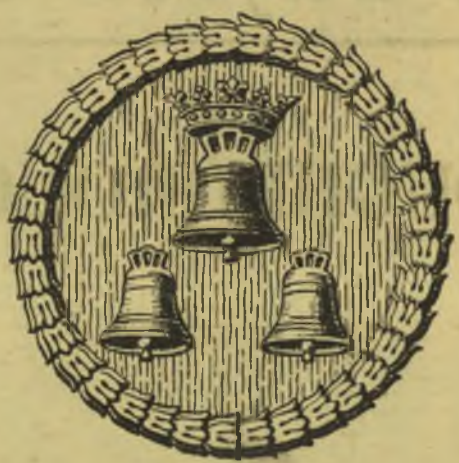

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	John Robinson	7
Neil Bennett	2	Derek Butterworth	8
John Camp	3	F. John Nelson	9
Derek Ogden	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
Martin C. Faulkes	5	John H. Fielden	11
Cyril Crossthwaite	6	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Mrs. Richard F. Deal	*Treble*	†Bernard W. Fairhead	7
Harold N. Pitstow	2	Lionel S. Woods	8
Leonard E. Pitstow	3	Ernest W. Pye	9
Alan J. Frost	4	John Armstrong	10
*Diana M. Lawless	5	John H. Crampion	11
Aidan St. J. Boyack	6	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Harold N. Pitstow.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Giles B. Thompson	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	6
John C. Baldwin	2	Charles A. S. Webb	7
*John P. Partington	3	†Roy Worrall	8
Michael Wilshaw	4	Frederick Shallcross	9
†Barry Corbishley	5	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First of Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 12 methods, being 720 London No. 3, 480 each of Marsden, Pudsey and Rutland, 360 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Mirfield, Whitby and Yorkshire, and 320 Selby; with 123 changes of method. Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Stuart Armeson	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Gordon Benfield	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	Richard E. Price	8
J. Henry Fielden	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Vernon Bottomley	5	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Donald H. Niblett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
Marsden and Mirfield are rung for the first time.
Rung as a tribute of respect to Alderman Leslie J. Tarbit, former Mayor of Rotherham and a benefactor of this church, who died on April 4th, 1963.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Jennifer Sceeny	*Treble*	Gillian A. Neal Smith	6
Frank C. Price	2	Sydney M. Bailey	7
David P. Hilling	3	Frederick R. Scott	8
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	William Birmingham	9
Anthony G. Tyers	5	J. Keith Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by F. N. Golden. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
Rung for St. George's Day; also in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and Mr. Angus Ogilvy.

MARSDEN
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L.H. 1426385079
MIRFIELD
—50—16—1270—38—14—50.14—14.30.14.56.14.5
L.H. 1089674523

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*†M. John Halliwell	*Treble*	*‡Richard J. Parker	6
*John T. Parsons	2	*Walter E. Wilkinson	7
*Frederick Shallcross	3	*John P. Partington	8
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Neil Bennett	9
Cyril Crossthwaite	5	*‡Eric J. F. Wall	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton (No. 5).
Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*Leslie W. Houghton	*Treble*	William Birmingham	6
Michael Hatchett	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Norman V. Harding	3	David P. Hilling	8
Frederick R. Scott	4	J. Keith Ward	9
Rev. Giles C. Galley	5	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy on the occasion of their marriage.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	*Nigel Lamping	6
Trevor T. Lewis	2	David S. Bishop	7
Thomas Yeomans	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	8
William J. Goodfellow	4	Roger G. Havard	9
Peter J. Shipton	5	*John Owen	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34½ cwt.

Thomas R. Roast	*Treble*	Ian R. Panton	6
David Hodgson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Alan R. Syder	3	James L. Towler	8
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Peter J. Eves	9
George E. Thoday	5	Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Peter J. Eves.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Clifford R. Lovett	*Treble*	B. Gillian Schofield	5
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	*Ernest G. Pearce	6
*Neville F. Whittell	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Andrew T. Beckwith	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Superlative.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 1,544 Little Bob and 3,544 Plain Bob; with 30 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Lynne V. Sherwood	*Treble*	Carol Fernley	5
Gladys Richardson	2	Alan G. Kirk	6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	J. David Adams	7
Eileen M. Fearn	4	Alex Richardson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major by all the band, and on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Alan G. Kirk.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Lucy Ann Key .. .. *Treble*	‡Roger Howell 5
†Pamela E. Key 2	James S. Eastwood .. 6
Barnabas G. Key 3	Howard Howell 7
E. Marion Key 4	Arthur Allsop .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Simmons .. *Treble*	Patrick J. Bird 5
George Sayer 2	Christopher G. Sayer .. 6
William B. Duncan 3	David Heighton 7
Arthur G. Bason 4	John S. Barnes .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden (Three-Part No. 2).
Conducted by David Heighton.
Rung to mark the christening of Fiona Mary Heighton, which took place at this church two days previously.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*†John H. Fielden .. .. *Treble*	Edmund Shuttleworth 5
*John F. Barlow 2	*‡John C. Baldwin 6
*†John P. Partington .. 3	*Giles B. Thompson .. 7
*Derek A. Ashton 4	*Frederick Shallcross .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Southwell Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ 75th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 96 lb. in E.

Derek A. Ashton .. .. *Treble*	Eric J. F. Wall 5
John P. Partington 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Frederick Shallcross .. 3	John C. Baldwin 7
Richard J. Parker 4	Martin C. Faulkes .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
100th peal on the bells for the Association. First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*John E. Ellison (12) .. *Treble*	Eric Ellison 5
Gladys Richardson .. 2	J. David Adams 6
Alan G. Kirk 3	John R. Kennett 7
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 4	Alex Richardson .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett (arranged).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal attempt. Conductor has now called a peal off every bell.
A 12th birthday compliment to John E. Ellison.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Peter J. Heritage .. .. *Treble*	William Birmingham .. 5
Michael Hatchett 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Charles Coles 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*David Jenner .. .. .. *Treble*	†Terence Fitzgerald .. 5
†Victor Draper 2	Ronald Kenrick 6
†Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	Fred Pearson 7
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 4	Joseph Ridyard .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Crossthwaite.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 PENZANCE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester .. *Treble*	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 245).
A second birthday compliment to Ian P. Hill.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5120
LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLLLL-ANTYSILIOGOGOGOTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

Vernon Bottomley .. .. *Treble*	Richard J. Parker 5
Peter Scholfield 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
John H. Fielden 3	Norman Smith 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4	Eric J. F. Wall .. .. *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

R. Kingsley Mason .. .. *Treble*	Shirley Burton 5
John A. Acres 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Russell S. Morris 7
John M. Jelley 4	A. James Poynor .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason .. .. *Treble*	Martin L. Howe 5
*Stanley G. R. Zobel .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Ian H. Oram 3	George J. Butcher 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	Thomas W. Blewitt .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal attempt.
A birthday compliment to Betty, daughter of the treble ringer.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Cyril A. Wratten .. .. *Treble*	Michael J. Stanley 5
Ivor Goulter 2	Peter T. Hurcombe 6
*Shirley M. Drew 3	Brian Bladon 7
Geoffrey R. Drew 4	Victor Griffin .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hurcombe.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Fred Pearson .. .. .. *Treble*	William E. Court 5
Peter Coxall 2	Eric Cook 6
*Margaret E. Fort 3	Thomas S. Horridge .. 7
Victor Draper 4	Joseph Ridyard .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Surprise.

HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 16.34
Half Lead 7. Lead End 2.

PENZANCE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—4.58—56.38.14—14.5—16—3
2nds place L.E. 14263857. 4ths place bob.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. *Treble*		*§MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ..	2	PETER BRIDLE	6
†C. MARTIN FOSTER	3	ANTONY R. KENCH	7
‡HENRY TAYSOM	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.' § 25th of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. *Treble*		†ALAN R. BALDOCK	5
*R. IAN VAUGHAN	2	‡ANTONY JACKSON	6
†THOMAS M. BARLOW ..	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	7
†IAN V. J. SMITH	4	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First of Surprise Major. First of Major on the bells since rehanging, and first of Surprise.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. *Treble*		†BRIAN W. HALL	5
*FREDERICK W. SODEN ..	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
PETER D. BEEDIE	4	*WILLIAM J. DIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. *Treble*		*RAYMOND HAINES	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*I. ANN ABRAHAMS	3	LEWIS F. COBB	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to David Marlyn Hoare and Madelene Prentice on their wedding day.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

THOMAS STEPHENS .. .. *Treble*		JACK ALSOP	5
THOMAS T. YEOMANS	2	ALAN EVANS	6
AUDREY BRUTEN	3	DONALD G. CLIFT	7
ROBERT STEPHENS	4	GEORGE WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HERBERT F. WOOD .. .. *Treble*		A. PATRICK CANNON	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
WILLIAM T. BLESON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
Rung in honour of the weddings this day of Barwell B. Dibben and Shirley A. Richardson, and David Hoare and Madelene Prentice.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods and variations, being two extents each of New Grandsire, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Grandsire, Newborough, Besthorpe, Old, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Plain Bob, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MARGARET J. STEPHENS .. *Treble*		JOHN W. HOPE	4
F. NORMAN ISTANCE	2	ROBERT A. HATCHER	5
COLIN A. LEWIS	3	DANZEY H. WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

JUDY EXON .. .. *Treble*		JOHN TICKLE	4
VALERIE LACEY	2	*RON CARTER	5
CELIA HARRIS	3	TOM HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*BARBARA TURNER .. .. *Treble*		ANTHONY HELLIWELL ..	4
JOHN T. PARSONS	2	MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE ..	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	PETER L. NICHOLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE.
* First peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

LESLIE HARRISON .. .. *Treble*		CHARLES W. TOWERS	4
SYDNEY ADAMS	2	DAVID H. OLIVER	5
HENRY K. HARRISON	3	GRAHAM J. FISHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY K. HARRISON.
First peal of Kent by all the band except the fifth ringer. First as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. R. Dickens and G. J. Fisher.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. *Treble*		ROGER W. SMITH	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	ALAN A. PAUL	5
GEORGE F. ROOME	3	GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents and one Morris' 240. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*SANDRA M. FORD .. .. *Treble*		†GEOFFREY G. UPSDELL ..	4
*GWENDOLINE BIDGOOD (12)	2	CHRISTINE M. GLASTONBURY	5
*JOHN D. EVANS	3	WILLIAM H. DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTINE M. GLASTONBURY.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First on the bells by a Sunday service band.

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WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Surfleet and three of Cambridge, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

PETER L. BILL	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.. ..	4
JOHN C. EISEL	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ..	5
GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ..	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

First peal in two Surprise methods by all except the ringer of the fifth. Rung as a compliment to Dr. F. Brian Cookson (of St. Thomas', Stourbridge) and Miss Hilary A. Simpson on their engagement.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

JAYNE HARDING (15) ..	*Treble*	DAVID NIBBS (14)	4
*JONATHAN NIBBS (12) ..	2	*DAVID STILLMAN (16) ..	5
*KINGSLEY JONES (17) ..	3	RICHARD HUMPHRIES (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HUMPHRIES.

* First peal of Bob Minor. 'First of Bob Minor as conductor.

Rung for Easter.

NEWTON VALENCE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KEITH SANSOM	*Treble*	KENNETH G. WALLER.. ..	3
RAMON A. STONE	2	KENNETH A. TIPPER	4
CHARLES E. BASSETT..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Childwall, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	*Treble*	PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE ..	4
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE..	2	FREDK. PEARSON	5
RICHARD J. PARKER	3	ERIC J. F. WALL..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal in 11 methods by all the band.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*DAVID A. BURT	*Treble*	J. JAMES JEFFERIES	4
†DAVID J. BARNETT	2	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
TERENCE J. MILSOM.. ..	3	ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.

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

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Ralph Thomas.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Mendip, Quantock, Snowdon, Pennine, Chiltern, Cotswold and Cheviot. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

D. PAUL SMITH	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND ..	4
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	RALPH BIRD..	5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN K. LEWIS	*Treble*	HENRY TAYSOM	4
*MYRA J. GIBBS..	2	†HUGH N. EVANS	5
†IAN G. SMITH	3	†ANTHONY W. GIBBS.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TAYSOM.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. First as conductor.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. HAND	*Treble*	CHARLES A. S. WEBB.. ..	4
PAUL J. ATKINS	2	M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD ..	5
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 17 methods, viz.: One each of Newborough and Grandsire, two each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Paul's and three each of Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day and Seighford.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND C. MOORE ..	*Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS	3
DAVID BURBIDGE	2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE ..	4
ROBIN H. ROGERS ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal. First in 17 methods by all.

Rung for the Festival of Easter; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cozens on the birth of a son.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN B. PLUMB..	*Treble*	CHRISTINE GLASTONBURY ..	4
†GWENDOLINE BIDGOOD ..	2	DAVID S. BISHOP	5
MARY E. PRYOR..	3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 10, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB IV. DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First handbell peal of Delight and first in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 10, ST. JOHN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Netherseale Surprise, Oxford T.B., Old Oxford Delight, College Bob IV Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal T.B. and London Scholars' T.B. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	1—2	*JOHN C. EISEL	3—4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.. ..	5—6		

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* 25th peal together. First of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Paul and Tessa Webb on the birth of a daughter.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 18, FROBISHER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cunecastre, (3 and 4) London, (5 and 6) York, (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 14 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED	1—2	PETER BORDER	3—4
RICHARD F. B. SPEED.. ..	5—6		

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

HALF PEALS

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck 1, R. F. Crook 2, Miss J. Davies 3, Miss C. Hassel 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, P. Murduck 6, T. Tarrant 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: P. E. Duncan 1, J. M. Bowen 1, A. Jackson 3, I. V. J. Smith 4, T. Barlow (cond.) 5. Longest length as conductor. First half-peal by all. For St. Mark's Day.

BUCKING, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jennifer Dye 1, Rev. J. Burslem 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Laurence 5, P. Le Count 6, R. Suckling 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung in honour of Easter and as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Coppin, a server, on his 74th birthday.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Short 1, C. T. Clarke 2, K. Prime 3, G. R. Marchant 4, M. J. Stone 5, J. Brain 6, B. J. Wylde (cond.) 7, D. G. Miller 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 5. For St. George's Day.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Waller (first quarter) 1, R. Hutchfield (first quarter) 2, W. White 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. White 5, H. Creed 6. Rung on the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. H. G. White, tower captain.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Targett 1, A. F. Lee 2, G. W. Massey 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Roberts 1, A. F. Wren 2, S. Thornton 3, W. R. Hayward (first quarter) 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Pratt 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hart 3, H. W. Milford (St. Andrew's, Plymouth) 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method 'inside' 2, 3 and 4. A farewell to R. Robinson, and to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Zanzottera, verger.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): G. Morgan 1, Miss E. Thomas 2, Miss A. Thomas 3, A. W. Thomas 4, H. G. Blick (first as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, L. Groom (cover) 7, J. H. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. F. Acworth 1, M. R. Platt 2, D. J. Tuck 3, M. L. Lesiter 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, D. M. Low 6. Rung half-muffled for the Three Hours' Devotion by members of Cuddesdon Theological College.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: R. B. Smith 1, W. T. Turner 2, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 3, W. Wall 4, Christine Macnair 5, N. Martin 6, F. Osbaldiston 7, A. H. Wood 8, G. B. Thompson 9, B. Jones 10.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. M. Jope 1, Miss E. J. Mead 2, Miss A. Spooner (first quarter) 3, B. R. Holliss (first 'inside') 4, F. P. Mead (cond.) 5, Miss S. Sandeman (first quarter) 6. First quarter rung entirely by members of re-formed local band. Rung for evening prayer, and as an engagement compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hatcher (11, first quarter) 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Instance 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. For Matins.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, P. Stevens 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. Bristow 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, N. Crouch 6. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles in five methods (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ivy L. Wake 1, Felicity Pocock 2, M. J. Wake 3, P. Stevens 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, A. Stevens (first quarter) 6. First in five methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. Oakley (first quarter) 1, J. Gentleman 2, R. Whitwood (first 'inside') 3, A. M. Barber (cond.) 4, J. E. Goodwin 5.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Rigby 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, Betty M. Mansfield 3, J. Snelling (first attempt) 5, F. W. Eyden 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. J. Purnell (cond.) 1, J. H. Nibbs 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, F. W. Box 4, P. Gaisford 5, K. C. Jones 6. First of Stedman 2, 3 and 6. For St. George's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Montgomery 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, Jane Foster (first as cond.) 3, Felicity Webber 4, Rev. E. Wood 5, J. H. Croxton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Withers 1, D. Massey 2, Miss F. Massey 3, D. Robertson 4, D. G. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. First quarter Surprise by all the band and first by the Frome District Minor practice band.

MARTLEY, WORCS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Parry 1, T. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, C. Davies 3, J. A. Gwilliam (cond.) 4, A. Davies (first quarter) 5, J. Milward 6. For the 21st birthday of Miss T. Lloyd.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 28th, At St. Andrew's Church, for 6.30 Evensong, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, J. W. Perkins 3, T. G. Myers 4, A. R. Agg (Hitchin, Herts) 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell (first quarter) 1, K. Chatwin (first quarter) 2, A. Roberts 3, I. J. Darby 4, W. Davies (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, Monica Moore 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Rosemary E. Peck and Rev. J. Bloomfield, of St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, H. Trewin (cond.) 2, J. H. Payton 3, E. Nunn 4, J. A. M. Salter 5, B. G. D. Vince (first 'inside') 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. F. Payne (first of Triples) 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, E. Steele 8. Also on April 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On March 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge): Miss S. Staley 1, Miss D. Lawless 2, A. Sansom 3, I. Hall 4, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Frost 6. Rung after peal failure.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pope 1, J. Hill (first quarter 'inside') 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, Rosemary Earl 4, P. D. Pope (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Bull 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, N. G. Knee 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, B. D. Price 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Confirmation service.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. M. Hampton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, W. D. Grainger 4, Miss M. E. Powell 5, C. W. Ottley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen White 1, D. M. Hughes (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Mary White 3, K. A. Tipper 4, A. R. Cope 5, B. R. Walton 6, R. J. Corke 7, D. E. G. Port 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor's nephew.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Margaret Womack 1, R. G. Fanthorpe 2, P. Smithson 3, J. A. Coates 4, D. A. Whetton 5, J. M. Gow (cond.) 6.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Walker 1, J. A. Salter 2, J. H. Payton 3, B. G. Vince 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, J. F. Payne (first quarter) 6.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys Bishop 1, C. York 2, Ruth Yeates (first 'inside') 3, H. Ball 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. For Evensong, also as a compliment to Ruth Yeates and H. Ball, on their engagement.

WITNEY, OXON.—On March 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. K. Adkins (cond.) 1, T. Hester 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, B. T. Coggins 4, P. Pearce 5, A. Lloyd 6, W. Clarke 7, E. Townsend 8. First 'inside' 2 and 7.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. I. Kendrick 1, M. D. Barsby 2, M. G. Godwin 3, J. R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, F. K. Thompson 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Willard 1, Sonia Taylor (first 'inside') 2, T. T. Jones (cond.) 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, E. Sitch 7, H. Flanders 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Wood (first quarter) 1, Sonia Taylor 2, Anne Willard 3, A. Pryke 4, E. W. Furbank 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Copping 1, P. W. Cave (cond.) 2, G. E. Foster 3, Maria E. Kirby 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, M. G. Foster 6, P. J. Spice 7, D. P. Smith 8. A farewell to the verger (Mr. Austin).

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAM. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. I. Lewis (cond.) 1, J. Matthews 2, E. N. Thomas 3, L. Jenkins 4, B. Williams 5, A. Thomas 6.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Morris 1, B. Chapman 2, Patricia Morris 3, P. Immins 4, G. Dudley 5, R. Morris (cond.) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Apton (aged 12, first attempt) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. Johnson 3, J. Jeffrey 4, R. Durnfold 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Exon 1, Margaret Thewlis 2, Barbara Butler 3, C. Adam 4, Helen Butler 5, D. Exon 6, G. Mellhone (cond.) 7, A. Howes 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, Gillian Wiggins 3, G. Grant 4, H. Thomas 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Budgen (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Lenham 2, A. R. Baldock 3, I. White (first quarter of Plain Bob) 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, D. Roe 5, J. M. Hollyman 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, G. Herbert 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, J. Yorke-Parker 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, Gladys Anderson 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, P. Munday 5, A. S. Besant 6, P. A. Ford 7, C. W. Munday 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Ellison (11, first quarter) 1, J. D. Adams 2, E. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, J. C. Eisel 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Smith 1, A. Perry (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Smith 3, M. Heymann 4, Margaret Wright (Ashton-under-Lyne) 5, M. Horseman 6. Also for the christening of Katharine Helen Marshall, granddaughter of the Rector.

FILTON, GLOS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 1, D. C. Haslum 2, Miss M. N. Haslum 3, D. S. Voss 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, A. Clarke 3, R. W. Pipe 4, B. Gillian Schofield 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, S. E. Pipe 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Sawyer (first in method) 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, M. Bishop 7, J. H. Napper (cond.) 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. M. Downing 1, Ann Harris (first in method) 2, Joan M. Downing 3, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. A. W. Downing 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, A. Jackson 7, G. Standen 8.

HITCHIN, BUCKS.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Anne Secar 1, M. Sceeny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, Jennifer Sceeny 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Jarvis 3, W. Faiers 4, F. Borcham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. F. Morlock 7, L. Offord 8. Also as a mark of respect to L. Poulson, for many years an active member of the Lavenham company, who was interred the previous day.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Mrs. M. Thirkettle 3, J. Lambard (first quarter 'inside') 4, S. White 5, R. Venn 6.

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BIRTH

COX.—At Felton, Bristol, on Saturday, May 4th, 1963, to Doreen and Anthony, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth. 2470

PERSONAL

PLEASE pray for David Hoare, to be ordained Deacon in St. Albans Cathedral on Trinity Sunday at 11 a.m. Pray, too, for his wife, Madelene. Their future address will be the Rectory Cottage, Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

'That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lay in wait to deceive.' (Ephesians iv, 14.)

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LILLIPUT, POOLE.—Bed and breakfast, evening meal if required. Close to golf course. On bus route to Bournemouth. Sandbanks and Chines beaches.—Mrs. I. Davis, 22, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Poole. Telephone No. Canford Cliffs 78755. 2435

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RUSS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Russ is now 40, Reynell Street, Kilkenny, Adelaide, South Australia. Tower correspondent for St. Mary's, Reading, is now Noel J. Diserens, 9, Ryecroft Close, Woodley, Reading, Berks. 2445

MISCELLANEOUS

Intending visitors to ST. MARY'S, HORSHAM, please note that in future correspondence should be addressed to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham. 2455

PERSHORE ABBEY.—Any inquiries regarding the bells of Pershore Abbey should now be addressed to I. Lloyd, 53, Head Street, Pershore, Worcs. 2438

SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, May 16th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Rutland, and Cambridge, London, Superlative Spliced. 2446

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Please note that at our A.G.M. on April 27th, Mr. J. P. Partington was elected Ringing Secretary, and details of peals, together with booking fees, should, in future, be sent to Mr. Partington at 23, York Street, Heywood, Lancs. 2448

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Limited number of the 1950 Report now available and complete sets of Leicester Guild Reports from 1946 to 1962 are on sale at £1. Separate copies as follows: 1946/47; 1948/49; 1950 (197 compositions); 1951-53 (81); 1954 (22); 1955 (44); 1956 (53); 1957 (47); 1958 (50); 1959 (51); 1960 (48); 1961 (32); 1962 (29). All 1s. 6d., **except** 1950, 5s., and 1962, 3s., plus postage.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 2412

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will be no meeting during May.—J. Seager, Sec. 2407

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Prescott, Copse Cottage, Barton St. David, Somerton.—L. McCreadie, Sec. 2394

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking competition, Barlborough (6) on Saturday, May 11th. Draw for order of ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. A. Ashly, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Derbys.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2371

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2404

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fobbing, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Smith, 76, Lampits Hill, Corringham, Essex. 2411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 2399

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Hunsdon, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5) May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 2405

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting May 11th changed to **Charing.** Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Bradford, 14, Downs Way, Charing, Kent. No name no tea.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2403

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Lorraine, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 2466

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-5.30 p.m. Tea and business follows immediately. Evening ringing, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 2392

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Burton-on-Trent, May 11th. Bells available: All Saints' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Modwen's, 6 to 8. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools at 4.30 p.m. Business important, election of officers. All welcome

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, 'Beverley,' Warborough, Oxon. 2429

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston, May 11th. Preliminary rounds, Crawford Cup contest, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton. 'St. Quens.' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon Dis. Sec. 2417

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 11th, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing as usual. Good Shepherd, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Individual names for tea to R. Percy, Gen. Sec., 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne. 2344

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice on Monday, May 13th, at St. Mark's, Bath, 1.30 p.m. 2430

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Publow (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2441

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, previous to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2442

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Exhall-by-Coventry on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 14th, to Mr. D. Harrison, 185, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall, near Coventry.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Denby on May 18th. Names for tea to David W. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbyshire. 2431.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell (8) on Saturday, May 18th. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2456

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2464

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, May 18th at Shipton Moyne at 3 p.m. (bells recently rehung). Service 4.30. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names essential for tea by May 16th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2454

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. I. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 2463

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 18th, Hughenden, 3 p.m. West Wycombe 5 p.m. Beaconsfield 6 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.—D. L. Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage. 2420

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler, near Ludlow. 2468

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—D. Kingston, Dis. Sec. 2432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, May 18th, South Mimms. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Frost, 38, Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Barnet, Herts, by May 15th. **No name no tea.** Monken Hadley (8) available 7-8.30 p.m.—M. A. Coburn, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 2409

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Striking competition, Saturday, May 18th, at Accrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Competition 4.15. Tea, buffet, moderate charge, from 4.30 p.m. Short meeting and further ringing after competition. Names for tea to me by Friday.—R. Leigh (321, Willows Lane), p.p. Competition Committee. 2465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting and competition at Stretford, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Competition 4. Buffet tea (3s.) 4.30 p.m. (names to Mrs. D. Ogden, 8, Carlyn Avenue, Sale, by previous Thursday—PYR 1717). Flixton bells (8) 3.30 to 5 p.m. and both towers again after tea. Frequent trains to Stretford from Piccadilly and Oxford Road. Buses to Flixton, Nos. 5, 11, 12, 23 from Piccadilly. Visitors welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 2461

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Peckleton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Rooms. Names by Wednesday, 15th, please, to Mrs. Liddington, Main Street, Peckleton, Leics. Tel.: Desford 488. Regret no name no tea.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2443

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Provide own tea. Outing, June 15th. Fare £1 5s. 6d. inclusive tea, etc.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2469

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Sandal and Double Court.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 2433

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on May 18th. Ringing at Harlington, 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Evening ringing at Harmondsworth.—F. T. B. 2451

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead on May 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Burton T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 2439

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 18th, meeting at Daybrook, 3 p.m. **Names for tea** to Mrs. F. N. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold.—P. Nix. 2450

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 18th, South Collingham. Prayers in church 2.20 p.m. Bells 2.30-4.30. Crawford Cup contest, North Callingham, 6 p.m. Regret cups of tea only, for limited number in South Collingham Rectory. 2440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Huntingfield (5), Saturday, May 18th, 3-4.30 p.m. No service. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Heveningham (5) bells from 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, to Marion Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 2425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary and Higham, Saturday, May 18th. Stratford St. Mary (6) bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Higham (6) bells after tea and business meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th, please, to Mr. W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 2393

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8). Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's Bob Major. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2458

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Storrington (6) on Saturday, May 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2449

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Tickhill, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 16th. Bells also available at Bawtry (6) 3-4.30 p.m. and Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and new reports will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 2452

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Great Totham, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2367

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hempstead on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Ryecart, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden. 2396

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th at Bigby. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to the Rev. Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs.—C. A. H. 2453

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at North Creake, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Owen, The Flat, Slys Farm, North Creake, Fakenham. 2467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.M., Hook Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by 21st latest.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 2460.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallingford, May 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea, 3s 6d. per head. Hartwells, High Street, 4.30. Meeting in church 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than 20th, most essential.—C. Corderoy, West Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 2437

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, May 25th at Ashtead. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from me. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last team has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by previous Wednesday. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 2391

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 25th, 1963, at Wellingborough.

Committee Meeting 3. Service 4 p.m.

Transport will be provided from the church to St. Andrew's Hall, Berrymoor Road, for tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea tickets, at 3s. 6d., each, obtainable from Mr. A. R. Elliott, 29, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough, before Tuesday, May 21st. Please send C.W.O. and S.A.E.

BELLS AVAILABLE

Wellingborough (8), 3.15-4, 7-9 p.m.; Ecton (6), 1-2.30, 7.30-9; Mears Ashby (6), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Doddington (5), 2-3.30, 7-8; Wilby (6), 2-3.30, 7.15-8.15; Yardley Hastings (6), 1-2, 7.30-9; Castle Ashby (5), 2-3, 7.30-8.30; Bozeat (5), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Wollaston (6), 2-3, 7.15-8.15; Irthlingborough (8), 1.30-3, 7.30-8.30; Stanwick (6), 1-3.30, 7.30-9; Higham Ferrers (8), 2-3.15, 7.30-9; Rushden (8), 2.15-3.15, 7.15-8.30; Irchester (8), 2-3.15, 7.15-8.15 p.m.

—E. Billings, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS (Western Branch) and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL (Tewkesbury Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th, St. John's, Worcester. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall, Blakefield Road. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester, by Tuesday, 21st. St. Swithun's (6) from 7-8.30 p.m. 2459

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Annual general meeting at Marshfield, near Cardiff, on Saturday, June 1st, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Visitors always welcome.—S. Williams, Sec. 2436

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING, 1963.

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A Civic tea is being arranged for members and friends after the meeting. Will those wishing to attend please apply to me by NOT LATER THAN MAY 20th. Tickets (limited to two per member) will be sent with the meeting papers to those who have applied.

Members are reminded of tours being arranged for the Sunday and Monday. Details were published in 'The Ringing World' of March 15th, 1963.

E. A. BARNETT, Honorary Secretary.

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OUTING

TWYFORD, BERKS

Twyford ringers' Easter Monday outing had Send, Surrey, as their first call, but a telephone message on Sunday brought the unwelcome news of a fire at the church and withdrawal of permission to ring. Fortunately both the tower and the bells are safe, as we learned on calling at the church to meet the remainder of the party.

A warm welcome at Shere augured well for the rest of the day. Across country by a pleasant ride to Horsham, where we found the bells very much to our liking. Billingshurst and Pulborough were visited before tea at Petworth. Some of the best ringing of the day was at Chiddingfold, and included a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples. Worplesdon was the last tower of the day, and the ringing included a ladies' touch—well done, girls! Our thanks again to all who met and helped us.

H. S.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

TO some of our readers, the agenda of the Central Council meeting is uninteresting reading; indeed, anything to do with the Central Council is of no concern to them. To others the agenda has elements of excitement, as the meeting at Great Yarmouth is the first session of the 25th Council, and in consequence officers and committees have to be elected.

Generally speaking, the Council does not go in for radical or revolutionary changes. Where officers and committee men are doing good work they are undisturbed, the general rule being never to impede a willing horse. Thus we find that practically all the conveners have a long record of service, and they do not lightly accept their responsibilities. Invariably their reports contain indications of useful work being accomplished, but at times there are signs of chafing at delay, particularly in regard to publications.

Significant, in an organisation which rather prides itself on continuity of service, is that the Council is promised an election for the two leading positions—the president and vice-president. The position in regard to the presidency perhaps needs explaining. When Mr. Frederick Sharpe was elected to this office six years ago, the view was expressed that it would be to the advantage of the Exercise if there was a change in the presidency after two Councils (six years). There is no rule to this effect—not even a gentlemen's agreement—but a feeling beneath the surface that such a course should be adopted.

It thus came about that the retiring president nominated as his successor the vice-president, Canon Gilbert Thurlow. The second nomination of asking Mr. Sharpe to continue in office for another three years was received just before the completion of the agenda. He was proposed by the hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. Sharpe's mother Guild. The fact cannot be denied that he has found time from a very busy life to embellish the office of president. His services have not been confined to his own arduous committee, the Towers and Belfries, but he turns up most unexpectedly in such an outpost as the St. David's Guild to judge a striking competition, to lecture architects on bells at York, and to give handbell recitals in various churches and cathedrals, apart from the round of dinners and meetings.

Six years ago Canon Thurlow was elected to the vice-presidency, with the express purpose of one day taking the chair of the Council. He had qualities for the office—experience of conducting big meetings, a ready tongue, a nimble wit and a love of bells and ringing. The prospect of a contest is no reflection on his ability or the opinion held at the time of his election to the vice-presidency that ultimately he would lead the Exercise.

Two popular men have been nominated for the vice-presidency—both are regarded as 'sound,' and when they speak at Council meetings they are followed with close attention. Mr. W. B. Cartwright has been for a number of years the hon. solicitor to the Council, and he keeps a watchful eye on new legislation as it might affect ringing generally. He is Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The other nominee is Mr. John Freeman, captain of Lincoln Cathedral band and hon. secretary to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. His father, the late J. R. Freeman, was a revered member of the Council. The son is a more vigorous personality with ability to hold a national office with distinction.

There is another interesting item on the agenda in the amendment of rule proposed, whereby the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee becomes an officer of the Council. The property, funds and assets of the Council are at present vested in the president, vice-president, hon. secretary and hon. librarian, and they have power to invest money and adopt such measures 'as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council, subject to the approval of the Council.' This body is to be joined—if the amendment of rule is carried—by the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee.

The amendment is a fair and just recognition of the work done by the convener of this committee. The sound financial position of the Council has been built up by the wise direction of 'The Ringing World.' Except for the Clement Glenn bequest, there has been no substantial contribution to the finances of the Council other than 'The Ringing World.' The committee of the journal feel that it is only right and proper that in the employment of the revenue so produced their convener should be placed on a parity with the hon. librarian and other officers, in the important decisions that have to be taken from time to time.

Every body of size has to have an inner Cabinet, and this is really the function of these officers. Below them is that important body the Standing Committee, who thrash out contentious matters before a Council meeting and generally speaking give the Council a lead.

From the Truro Diocesan Guild comes a motion which we feel will be welcomed by all Diocesan Guilds and Associations, that in the quinquennial surveys of consecrated buildings expert opinion is to be taken in matters outside the normal work of an architect, particularly in regard to bells and bell frames. Last Saturday week at the Archdeacon's visitation to the Archdeaconry of Surrey, two

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MIDDLESEX WANT TO PUBLISH SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK

THERE was a strong determination at the annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association at St. Mary's, Hendon, on May 4th that a collection of Surprise Major methods of all those rung should be published. The collection was mainly the work of two members—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.

The subject was introduced by the honorary treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), who said he had been approached in the last few weeks to print the collection, and it was thought that it could be done to the financial benefit of the Association. He had been to two printers and to print a book of the size of Corrigan's would cost £104 for 500 copies, and about £120 for 1,000. In addition, there would be the cost of advertising, envelopes and postage. This was higher than they expected, and it would necessitate realising most of their cash resources, and after meeting the cost of their report it would mean that they would be on the red line for the greater part of the year.

The president (the Rev. C. C. Taylor), who presided, said there were questions they should consider, such as how many copies they would sell quickly and would they get their money back in fairly quick time. There was a firm at Gloucester that undertook church publications and met the cost by local advertisements. Perhaps that might be considered?

Mr. T. W. White pointed out the advantages of a Central Council publication by utilising reprints from 'The Ringing World.' This had been done with a number of publications—such as Method Extension and originally with 'On Conducting.'

A NEED OF THE EXERCISE

The Master (Mr. J. R. Mayne) said both Mr. Blagrove and himself had thought for a long time that the Exercise was in need of a collection of known Surprise Major methods similar to Corrigan's. It could be done through the Records Committee, who could bring a proposal before the Central Council for its consideration in the same way as the book on Minor. Mr. Blagrove had a collection of 200 methods. The number rung was now about 480. They wondered whether this could be done off their own bat, to the benefit of the Association.

The matter had been brought to a head by a letter in 'The Ringing World' from Mr. E. Chapman, who asked if anyone could be persuaded to publish the collection yet rung. He thought that an arrangement with 'The Ringing World' would be very attractive, and publication would be quicker than through the Council. He did not think, in view of the trend of the Association's finances, that it was advisable to take the risk.

Mr. Blagrove said that in the early 50's he published a collection giving the method and date of the performance. He had about 200 methods duplicated and it cost just over £10, and he still had some left. The trouble was advertising—it cost 4s. a time to advertise.

Mr. Maurice Hodgson thought it was a book more appropriate for the Central Council to publish. If, however, the Association wanted to publish its own collection members could loan the money, and he was prepared to put up £50 as an interest free loan.

The honorary secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock): If this is done through the Central Council could we take it that Mr. Blagrove would make his collection available?

Mr. Blagrove: Yes, as far as I know there is no copyright.

Mr. Lock commented that as a representative of the Central Council, he could request for the matter to be brought up at the Standing Committee and for immediate action by the Central Council. If that could not be done in a reasonable period that representative could report back to their Association and contact the editor of 'The Ringing World' to see if he could help.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Mr. Goodfellow, to test the opinion of the meeting, proposed that a committee be appointed to consider the publication of the collection.

Mr. John Hill seconded and said their War Stock inveestment had done them a very poor turn. It might be better to put the money to work and earn themselves a little profit.

The resolution was carried by 17 votes to five.

Mr. Goodfellow suggested that the sub-committee could report to a special meeting of the Central Committee.

Mr. Clive Simpson disagreed, and thought that a matter of this description should go before a special meeting of members.

After further discussion it was resolved that the special committee, consisting of Messrs. Blagrove, Mayne and Tom Lock, report to the Central Committee of the Association.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The proceedings opened with the company standing and remembering those members who had died during the year, i.e., T. A. Blow (Croydon), W. J. Bowden (Southgate), G. B. Cole (Lyme Regis), A. E. Coleman (North Walsham), H. E. Day (Hitchin), H. J. Eldred (Ealing), A. R. Glasscock (Southgate), H. E. C. Goodenough (St. Albans), Preb. F. W. Ferrars (Poplar), E. Morris (Leicester), F. J. Rumens (Chicago, U.S.A.), R. W. Stannard (Barking), Miss G. F. Townsend (Uxbridge).

The Master (Mr. John R. Mayne), in his report, said he thought the trend of things was very hopeful, and a lot of good work was being done. He saw no need for pessimism at all, but, on the other hand, there was no need for complacency. The greatest progress was being made in the South and West District.

Among the places he would like to see help given was Tottenham; there were neighbours who ought to be of great assistance to them. Heston and Harrow-on-the-Hill were fine examples of progress, and Edmonton had been doing good work for some time.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), reporting on finances, said receipts for the Bell Restoration Fund had increased by £9. Both grants during the year were to places abroad (Kilfi and Melbourne Cathedral) and it was the first time that grants had been given to places outside the Association's area. The balance sheet showed a balance at bank of £143. Their War Stock was now valued at £43 6s. 10d. (nominal value £73).

The accounts were adopted.

With Mr. W. H. Coles in the chair, the secretary read his report and apologised that the printed report was not ready for distribution. The report, the 65th, stated that regular service ringing was taking place at a number of towers, though there was still much room for improvement, and ringing by arrangement was still too prevalent.

Steady progress had been made by the band at Harrow-on-the-Hill, who had set a fine example by their frequent presence and support of District meetings. Greater activity was reported from Feltham, Kingsbury, Staines and Uxbridge (St. Andrew's), whilst efforts were continuing to be made at Chiswick, East Bedfont, Gospel Oak and Hounslow.

CLERKENWELL PROBLEM

By the resignation of Mr. William Prockson from leadership at Clerkenwell, the Association's officers were now seeking, with the co-operation of the newly appointed incumbent, the best ways and means of preventing these bells from becoming silent. The report expressed thanks to Mr. Prockson and his sister, Miss Mabel Prockson, for their devoted service to the church and bells at St. James', Clerkenwell.

Leonard Stilwell, Worthing, having completed more than 50 years' continuous membership, became an honorary life member, and they were pleased to accord this privilege to such a well-liked member of the Exercise.

Mention was made of the new ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn, that the bells of Christ Church, Southgate, had been improved by the bell founders, that St. Mary's, Hendon, provided for the Central Office of Information a four-minute film about bellringing and that Hampton Grammar School had started off with an active and successful year's record.

18 FIRST PEALERS

Sixty-two peals had been rung in 56 towers and six 'in hand.' Eighteen members had rung their first peal. The 450th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden, was rung on December 27th, and the Boxing Day peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 17 methods at Stanwell was a fine performance by youth, as three of the band were just 16, and the conductor, 21, rang two 'inside' bells. The peal of Stedman Doubles at Cranford completed the sequence of Doubles to Cinques in the method for W. H. Coles, F. C. Price and J. B. Sansom. A significant revival in handbell ringing was noted by three peals of London Surprise Major, all conducted by J. R. Mayne. A. Cutler was the first person ever to ring peals in 200 different Surprise Major methods.

The chairman said it was an excellent report, and the Association could be proud of some of the things achieved.

Mr. Goodfellow reported that the Association's dinner would honour the life of Mr. C. T. Coles and would be held on Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Forty Avenue, Wembley Park. The president would take the chair and guests would include the Bishop of Willesden.

Officers re-elected were: President, Rev. G. C. Taylor; Master, J. R. Mayne; treasurer, F. W. Goodfellow; secretary, T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Miss R. M. Foreman; librarian, G. A. Parsons; trustees, A. Cutler, F. W. Goodfellow and T. J. Lock; auditor, M. Hodgson; Central Council representatives, F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

It was decided, subject to permission, to hold the next annual meeting at Sudbury.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar) for conducting the service, the president for his address, Miss Foreman and her mother and helpers for providing the tea and the incumbents of churches where ringing took place in the afternoon.

ARTS FESTIVAL 'RUNG IN' AT HILLINGDON

The first Uxbridge Festival of Arts is being held this year and a full and varied programme of events will occupy the whole of May. Hundreds of local people will be taking part and practically the whole range of artistic, musical and cultural tastes has been catered for. The Halle Orchestra, under Sir John Barbirolli, are among the many celebrities taking part.

The St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, was therefore delighted when the Guild of Arts suggested that it would be most appropriate if one of the local arts, practised in the ancient tower of St. John's, could 'ring in' the festival on its first day. And so it was arranged that while guests were assembling in Rutland House School, opposite the church, for the inaugural ceremony by the Mayor of Uxbridge, Alderman C. J. Gadsden, J.P., the following ringers rang 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. R. Turley 6, M. J. Palmer 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. C. Price 9, W. H. Coles 10.

Afterwards some of the ringers attended the opening ceremony and enjoyed the wine and cheese provided. Their ringing was mentioned by the Mayor. The organisers' original idea was that the reception would be held in the grounds of the school, and that the guests could listen to the bells, but the weather put paid to that idea. It is encouraging to know that people think good ringing is worth listening to. The thought that the headmaster was throwing open his premises to enable people to listen to the bells was intriguing to local ringers as he hates bells. F.W.G.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, K. G. Waller 6. For Matins.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association took place at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on April 27th. Unfortunately, the weather was inclement, but in spite of this approximately 150 members were present. One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was the number of young people who attended. The usual ringing took place before and after the meeting, and many methods were rung.

The meeting was preceded by the annual service, held in St. Saviour's Church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Slater, was the preacher. An excellent tea was served in the school room, after which the vice-president, Mr. C. Crossthwaite, opened the meeting.

The only matter arising out of the minutes was the Association's proposed library. Mr. D. Ogden reported that this was not yet operating, but he thought the organisation would be completed by the time the next committee meeting took place in September.

17 YEARS' SERVICE

The vice-president announced the re-election of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith as president, and said that he was sorry Mr. Smith was not at the meeting to take the chair. There was only one nomination for the office of ringing secretary, namely, Mr. J. P. Partington, and the vice-president declared him elected. The vice-president said how sorry they were that the retiring ringing secretary, Mr. S. Ll. Parry, had decided to resign after 17 years, and thanked him for the services he had rendered to the Association during those years. Mr. Parry thanked the members for showing their appreciation.

The vice-president declared Mr. J. F. Wood re-elected to the office of treasurer, and announced the election of the following four members to the office of Central Council representatives: Messrs. James E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and D. Ogden. Mr. Crossthwaite said he regretted in some ways that there had been a 'clean sweep,' as he thought these things should change gradually, and it was probably very unusual for the Central Council to receive four new names at once.

The committee's and ringing secretary's reports were taken as read. The balance sheet and auditor's report, showing the worth of the Association to be just over £500, was presented by the treasurer (Mr. J. F. Wood).

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Four resolutions were carried, the most controversial one being on the question of striking competitions. It was agreed finally that striking competitions shall be recognised as official activities of the Association, but no prizes shall be awarded at the competitions.

The Woodhouse ringing machine was demonstrated by Mr. Gordon Thwaites, who had completely rebuilt and remodelled the machine so that today it was probably one of the finest change ringing machines in existence. It was the result of some five years' work and the workmanship had to be seen to be believed, and it was certainly a piece of equipment that, in its field, would bear comparison with anything ever made. The machine will be demonstrated at Branch meetings, if any Branch so desires and can make arrangements for a suitable room to be available, and an authorised operator to be present. The grateful thanks of the members are extended to Mr. Thwaites for the production of this excellent example of a change ringing machine, also to Mrs. Thwaites and all those who had in any way assisted Mr. Thwaites.

The venue of the next annual general meeting will be in the Preston Branch. The vice-president gave thanks to all who had contributed to making the meeting a success.

STAFFORD'S SECRETARY MARRIED



Mr. Clive M. Smith, secretary for the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of Streetly, Staffs, ringing with his bride, Miss Lucy Allen, after their wedding on April 20th at St. Mary Magdalen's, Brampton. Ringing with the bride and bridegroom are the best man, the Rev. Peter N. Bond and Mr. Michael Fairey.

(Photo: F. Edwards, Huntingdon.

QUARTER PEAL OUTING HONOURS BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT

A report of a quarter peal tour in 'The Ringing World' earlier this year inspired one of the younger members of the Lady St. Mary, Wareham, band to organise a similar outing of his own. This coincided with the consecration of the Bishop of Salisbury, which took place on April 27th. By 8.45 a.m. the band arrived at St. Mary's, Sturminster Marshall. The chosen method was Little Bob Minor, the theory being that this was more likely to be successful while the band was fresh. However, being so early in the morning the band was not quite 'with it' and, coupled with the fact that the bells were both heavy and difficult to ring, the attempt came to an abrupt halt after some 400 changes.

On then to Witchampton, where the bells were soon set going to Plain Bob Doubles, called by our youngest member. Afterwards compliments were received from some of the villagers, who were delighted to hear the usually silent bells being rung. Feeling more cheerful, the band drove on again along winding country lanes to Pimperne. Here the ropes of two of the five bells fall within 18 inches of one another, so ropes had to be kept tight. The only incident in the quarter of Grandsire rung occurred during the first six-score, when a wail of 'I'm lost,' was heard from the lady conductor's corner. On descending, we were greeted by the Rector, who was pleased to have had his bells rung.

A stop was made for lunch on Iwerne Hill, with its view over the lovely Blackmore Vale. A small gas cooker was quickly produced and in next to no time the smell of fried sausages and onions was wafted across the surrounding fields. Suitably refreshed, we continued on to Sturminster Newton, where we were joined by Colin Heawood and his young family. These heavy bells sounded beautiful and a good quarter of April Day was rung. At Shillingstone we were greeted by the Rev. P. Grubb, who said the Guild office with us before ringing. Our organiser, Graham Elmes, called Plain Bob Minor after a last minute panic, during which he found that he had learnt his Wrongs right and his Rights wrong! The last tower visited was Dunveston, where much valuable time was wasted searching for the key, thus foiling the quarter attempt, but an enjoyable ring was had in the time left.

The final call was Tarrant Keynston, to the home of Judith and Ross Robertson for tea and a welcome rest. Thanks to all incumbents for allowing us the privilege of ringing, to Graham, for his organisation, and Mr. Charlie Bishop, of Wimborne, for joining us at short notice when work prevented other Wareham ringers from participating. Details:—

WITCHAMPTON — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, C. E. Bishop 2, M. J. Young (first in the method as cond.) 3, R. W. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6.

PIMPERNE.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Bishop 1, M. J. Young 2, Judith A. Robertson (first in the method as cond.) 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5.

STURMINSTER NEWTON.—1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, C. E. Bishop 2, M. J. Young (cond.) 3, C. M. Heawood 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, R. W. Young 6. First quarter in the variation by all.

SHILLINGSTONE.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Young (first of Minor) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. M. Heawood (first of Minor) 3, C. E. Bishop 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, G. W. Elmes (first of Minor as cond., 25th quarter) 6.

All quarter peals rung to celebrate the consecration of the Right Rev. Joseph Fison, 74th Bishop of Salisbury Diocese, at Southwark Cathedral on April 25th, 1963.

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Letters to the Editor

Welsh Ringers Disappointed

Dear Sir,—A party of 40 members of the St. David's Diocesan Guild journeyed 173 miles to Coventry to attend the 'Rally of Ringers' and we feel we must protest strongly about the poor organisation at the only two towers where we planned to ring.

Firstly, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. On attempting to enter the ringing chamber the door was slammed in our faces, and we were told (through the door), 'You can't come in!' We waited ten minutes or so on the staircase until the door was opened and we were allowed in.

We were horrified at the way people, including ourselves, were shouldered bodily out of the way by 'grabbers' after a rope, many of these grabbers being members of the so-called gentle sex. However, to crown it all, when one of our party succeeded in getting a rope (more by luck than anything else) he turned to take off his jacket, and before he could turn back again his rope was in the hands of a young lady and it was 'Trebie going, gone!' before he could protest. I'm afraid that finished us and we left as quickly as possible.

Secondly, Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon. Here we met a gentleman locking the church door and telling us that there was no ringing because of a practice service for a B.B.C. outside broadcast. A quick glance at the 'R.W.' showed ringing from 7-8.30 p.m., the time was then 7.10 p.m. Very disappointed we started back towards our coach only to hear the bells start ringing. It seems that some stout hearts, including a few of our party, had literally talked their way into the ringing chamber, via another door.

It seems to us that the organisation between the Coventry Guild and each tower was left very much to chance. The Guild must have known that quite a number of people would be bound to try for a ring at the towers listed in the 'R.W.' and some idea of the numbers to be expected would surely have been of some help to the towers to cater for them.

In conclusion I must say that, other than the ringing disappointments, the trip was definitely worth while and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.—Yours faithfully,

A. F. WALTERS,
St. Mary's Church, Cardigan.

Note.—

Parson's Augmentations

Dear Sir,—A recent item in Belfry Gossip caused me to look up an item that I contributed to Belfry Gossip just over three years ago.

In 'The Ringing World' January 15th, 1960, page 40: 'The Rev. E. H. Fenwick is leaving Benfieldside, Co. Durham, this month, after holding the living for 21 years. In 1957 he was instrumental with his ringers in having the bells rehung. At Lapworth the five bells there will present him with another challenge in that line. His daughter, Angela, has learned to ring and she will doubtless urge him on with the task. Ringers in Co. Durham wish him and his family well in their new home.'

Now we have 'Ringing World' April 19th, 1963, page 264: 'The five bells at Lapworth, Warwickshire, have been rehung and a treble added. The bells are to be dedicated on Sunday, April 28th, at 6 p.m. Evensong. There will be ringing after the service.'

I mentioned these items at our meeting recently at North Shields, and was asked to convey the congratulations of this Association to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.
Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

Northants Towers

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Dove's letter regarding Farthinghoe and Thenford. In 1936, a party of us rang at six five-bell towers one afternoon, the last two being Farthinghoe and Thenford. I have no recollection of the former, but the condition of Thenford bells remains clearly in my mind, even after 27 years. We rang them halfway up, brought them hurriedly down and went upstairs to inspect them; after tightening the looser nuts we rang one 120 with our hearts in our mouths and departed.

Another recollection of that afternoon was a poignant inscription on a tombstone in Thenford churchyard:

For 20 years I was a maid,
For one I was a wife:
An hour I was a mother,
And then I lost my life.

—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.
Porthkerry, Glam.

Another Who Rang

Dear Sir,—I was one of a small party who rang on the Northants rings of Farthinghoe and Thenford on August 8th, 1936. The condition of neither ring was good, and it is possible that these bells have not been rung since then.

I recall certain features of each tower. Farthinghoe bells are anti-clockwise, with the ropes falling to ground level around the uncased mechanism of the church clock, which was actually working from ground level! At Thenford we had to tighten up the bolts on one side of the third headstock to prevent the bell catching on the frame. These are the most tuneless apology for a ring of bells on which I have ever rung!

Other amendments which may be made to the latest 'Dove' are as follows: Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambs, which appeared on my visit a few weeks ago never to have been in ringable condition during the present century; Grandborough, Warwicks, which were condemned about the year 1900; Walsgrave-on-Sowe, last rung in 1928; Chadshunt, Warwicks, derelict since 1928, when the stonework of the tower was declared unsafe; Hillmorton, Rugby, which were in bad going order in 1934.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM A. STOTE.
Coundon, Coventry.

Old Founders

Dear Sir,—Can anyone give me any information on founders Edward Neale, of Burford, and J. Gardner, of Tetbury?

While ringing on the four bells at Cherington recently I obtained these inscriptions from the bells (tenor about 9 cwt.).

Treble.—EDWARD NEALE, OF BURFORD, MADE ME. 1672.

2nd.—EDWARD NEALE MADE ME FOR CHERINGTON. 1683.

3rd.—RECAST BY J. GARDNER, OF TETBURY. 1870.

Tenor.—EDWARD NEALE, OF BURFORD, MADE ME. 1644.

There were some interesting patterns round the crowns of the bells, and on the treble was a rather large crown, which was obviously the founder's emblem.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.
Putney

English of Yesteryear

Dear Sir,—Is not my old friend Bryan Woolley a little hard on our forefathers when he describes such terms as Bar, Tap Room, etc., as unimaginative?

These beautiful words, beloved of generations of Englishmen, are not only as sonorous as the rolling Latin of the Roman Catholic Church or the clear English of the Prayer Book, but in their very simplicity redolent of pleasures past, present and (I hope) to come.

The present day tendency in pubs to employ high sounding names for often very uncomfortable and exorbitantly expensive rooms seems to have been copied from estate agents who will persist in calling a lavatory or closet a 'toilet,' a kitchen a 'breakfast room,' a scullery a 'kitchen,' etc., etc., culminating in that abomination of abominations 'indoor sanitation' for an upstairs lavatory. We also have 'rodent operative' for rat catcher, 'secondary modern' or 'comprehensive' schools for Council or Board Schools, where, in the old days, a multitude of very useful facts was drilled into us by liberal use of the cane.

A certain public house, near to here, for many years possessed a useful structure which, like the Windmill, never closed, but now all is gone and a very garish erection with a flaring sign 'Steak Bar' occupies the site. I never knew steak was pulled through a pipe!

In conclusion, it seems to be a regrettable fact that, in many pubs, although the house has been done up in true 'Homes and Gardens' style, the landlord has not and remains the old Adam.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED E. BOX.
Harborne.

P.S.—You cannot even call your lawyer a stupid rascal today.—W. E. B.

'LOCKED' IN HAPPINESS

They've been 'Locked' together now for 25 years
And it doesn't take an expert to see
That the key that was used was the key of happiness
And the storing of happy memory.

They are both well-known ringers, of known ability,
Their September tours are of the best.
She's a Past President, and he's an Hon. Sec.,
They don't just sit back and rest.

She plays the organ, and trains up her choir,
The cups and the trophies increase.
He rings in peals, far and wide he has travelled,
Any time left to stand at the 'crease'?

With two grown-up sons, what a credit those two are,
Their parents must surely be proud.
We wish them all well, with more years to come
Of hapiness, and friends in a crowd.

MARG.

MR. A. A. HUGHES IN HOSPITAL

Mr. A. A. Hughes had an operation in the Royal Free Hospital, London, on May 7th to his hip in the hope of removing the lameness that has affected him in recent months. The latest report that we have received is that he is progressing as favourably as can be expected. His many friends in the Exercise will wish him a speedy recovery.

A 50th PEAL ANNIVERSARY

May 18th is the 50th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Salle, Norfolk. It was Mr. George H. Cross' 50th peal and it was rung as a birthday compliment to Ben S. Thompson. From Pinney's Cottage, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, Mr. Cross wishes Ben, who now resides at Lowestoft, many happy returns.

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ALFRISTON—VILLAGE OF ENDEARING CHARM

By T. A. BEVIS

SUSSEX is justifiably famed for a translucent grandeur, reflected from green slopes, hedgerows, multifarious trees and verdant pastures, and is loved for its endearing charm, enriched in proportionate quantities, nurtured in the appealing quietness of villages clinging to a history which easily stirs the hearts of Englishmen.

Visit Alfriston and take a step back to yesteryear!

Alfriston has a long and honoured pedigree. 100 per cent pure in the annals of a hundred decades, beginning at a time when inhabitants of long ago listened in disbelief to the ill-tidings borne by messengers that their warrior-king had fallen at Senlac Field—a few miles away—and that the militant and victorious Conqueror at last had possession of the domain.

Nowadays the village slumbers, graciously overcome by age, and seems contented to let the busy world pass by. It is a haven of peace and plenty. The clinking of cups and saucers from thatched cottages and from irresistible tea gardens are indicative of those alluring qualities forever beckoning those who love to wonder and savour that atmosphere which only England can give.

St. Andrew's Church is the immediate attraction. It is the glory of Alfriston, ascended from enduring foundations, well proportioned and spacious, a splendid tribute to the craftsmen who, in 1360, erected the fane all at one time without later additions. 115 feet long and 70 feet wide at the transepts, St. Andrew's is thought to have been the model for Poynings Church. It stands upon a mound on part of the village green known as the Tye, and is built in the shape of a Greek cross with carefully selected and carefully knapped flints, and with greensand quoins and facings. The low central tower is capped with a shingled broach spire, which underwent repair in 1905.

The interior is extremely commodious and the dimensions and layout of the building are in complete harmony, a single outstanding feature being the beautiful arches supporting the tower piers, which are semi-octagonal and fluted.

RINGING BEFORE HIGH ALTAR

Owing to the short height of the tower, barely topping the high-pitched roof, it is necessary for the bells to be rung from the ground floor of the crossing. The ropes fall directly before the high altar, a feature which, when the bells are ringing, affords great delight to the congregation and not a little wonder and embarrassment (?) to visiting ringers. Those who are strange to this procedure may well experience a sensation similar to that of a juggler taking the stage for the first time!

Of the six bells—restored and rehung in a new frame in 1928—five are modern. The treble and third were cast by T. Mears, of London, in 1819 and 1811 respectively; a note in the church registers records: 'Be it remembered by all good men and let it suffice as an instance of generosity worthy of their imitation; that Mr. John Ade, Yeoman, of Alfriston, did of his own free gift present to the said parish the first bell in the peal of that Church, the same having undergone a complete repair this 12th day of December, 1811.—Thomas Norris, Minister.'

The second and fourth bells (originally dated 1698, but recast in 1928) were the handiwork of John Wood, a well known 17th century bell founder, who had his business at Alfriston. Number two is, in actual fact, a 'lodger,' having been made for Berwick Church and sold to Alfriston in 1811, circumstances of which gave rise to the couplet:

'The parson was poor, and so were the people,
So they sold their bell to mend the steeple.'

The old fifth of the ring (1587), cracked in the crown, is preserved in the church and may be seen at the west end of the nave.

Although light in weight, the tenor is 'heavy' with age. She was cast in the 14th century and it is conjectured that her founder was William Woodward.



An agreement for the recasting of a bell in 1698 is still preserved at Berwick. In addition to the recasting of a bell, the founder had also to make new 'brasses' or sockets in which the bells turn for all four bells in the steeple, at a cost of £5 10s. The agreement stipulated that the churchwarden provide fuel at the parish church of Alfriston, for convenience sake, as John Wood had already a furnace at that village.

The Commission on the State of Churches in 1686 recorded that at Alfriston one bell was cracked and another required a clapper. These two bells may have been those recast by John Wood.

Two wills of 1543 outline bequests for the repair of bells: In one, William Osborne mentions, 'To ye castyng of ye brokyn bell, I wyll vis. viiid.' and the other by Mylys Batman. 'I begueath towards the castyng of the third bell iis.'

PRESENT RING

Weights and inscriptions of the present ring of six are:

Treble (3-2-0, F sharp).—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1819.

2nd (4-0-25, E).—Deo Quemadmodum, 1698. Recast 1928.

3rd (5-0-3, D).—Thomas Mears Fecit 1811. Refusit 1908.

4th (5-2-5, C sharp).—Soli : Deo : Gloria : Pax : Homenebus In Ioh. Ion W. 1698. C.W. (Many characters are reversed.)

5th (6-2-0, B).—Semper Ad Coelestra. Marchant Pearson, Vicar. Edwards Chenevix Austin-Leigh, C.W. Hugh John Woodhams, C.W. Harry Wood, Captain of Ringers, Ex-Churchwarden. Recast A.D. 1928.

Tenor (8-2-10, A).— + Wox : Augustini : Sonat : In Avro : Dei.

St. Andrew's Church has an honoured friend for company. A few hundred yards away, almost hidden in the trees, the oldest priest's house in the country gravely contemplates its former venerable status. Church and house are silent witnesses of the events of six hundred years. The oldest inseparable companion of equal age—William Woodward's tenor bell—continues loudly to proclaim the undying faith to the people of Alfriston.

HOGHTON LADIES' FINE RECORD

In the dark days of the First World War (1914-1918) ringing continued in most towers, but only under difficulties, due to so many ringers being away from home in the forces. To fill the gaps in the ranks at home, many ladies came forward to learn to ring, and it was at this time Miss May Clayton and Miss Jane Wadsworth, amongst others, took up ringing at the Lancashire village of Hoghton, on the Preston-Blackburn old road.

Over the years, and until a few months ago, these two ladies have continued to give loyal service. Between the wars, at a time when travelling in rural parts was not so easy as nowadays, and peals not so easily come by, Miss Clayton (now Mrs. Windle) took part in over forty peals.

Now, not so young as they were, and the tower steps proving rather too much for them, they have retired from ringing. It was intended to arrange a little social evening to mark their retiring, but with the prolonged severe weather, and the indisposition of Mrs. Windle, this was dispensed with, and instead, the Vicar of Hoghton (Rev. W. F. W. Richmond) and a band of ringers visited the two ladies in their homes for a chat, and to present each of them, on behalf of the parishioners, with an attractive table lamp.

Later in the evening a well struck and musical quarter peal was rung, and as the church lies across the fields from their homes, they were able to listen.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE attendance at the 17th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, held at the Minster, Southwell, on April 27th, was the largest recorded in the short history of the Guild, there being over 120 ringers and friends at the business meeting.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at various towers, and on the new 12 (including a flat 6th) at the Minster, so generously donated by Sir Stuart C. Goodwin.

Evensong, conducted by Canon R. Leeper, a vice-president of the Guild, was well attended, and a special prayer was said in memory of the late chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

The business meeting, following a most enjoyable tea, was presided over by the vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

A minute's silence was observed for three members who had passed away during the past year, namely Messrs. J. E. Hobbs (Nuthall), A. V. Dent (East Bridgford) and J. W. Horspool (Ruddington), coupled with the name of our late chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson (West Bridgford), who died on April 10th.

Four new members were elected, namely the Rev. M. C. C. Melville (Clifton), B. Crooke and Miss B. Cooke (Greasley) and Miss M. Deveraux (Newark).

The annual report having been in circulation for almost a month, it was resolved to take all the reports as read, and they were confirmed without comment.

The Peal Committee reported that 46 peals had been rung during the year, a decrease of eight; conductors numbered 20, a decrease of two, R. Baldwin heading the list with ten. First pealers numbered 15, as again 16 the previous year, which together augurs well for the future.

11 FIRSTS FOR GUILD

A record year of first performances for the Guild, with 11 firsts for the Guild and one first by a resident band of Bristol S. Major were reported. The other firsts were Cambridge S Maximus, Yorkshire S. Maximus and Stedman Cinques, all on the new 12 at Southwell. Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Spliced Surprise Major in three methods, Hatfield, Erdington and Overseal Surprise Major, two Minor methods 'in hand,' 15 and 19 Doubles methods. The 15 and 19 Doubles methods deserve a special mention, as they were rung by the local Sunday service band from Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

The honorary general secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton), in his report, welcomed several new towers, and reported on the success of the formation of the Bingham District, thus bringing the Guild membership up to 468, an increase of 26.

Perhaps the most important event of the past year had been the dedication on Whit Saturday of the new ring of 12 bells at the Minster, Southwell, by the president of the Guild, the Lord Bishop of Southwell. Grateful thanks were expressed to Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, the donor of the bells. Advent Sunday saw the dedication by Bishop Mark Way of the two additional trebles to complete a very fine octave at Balderton.

The report finished with an appeal to all Districts to visit their lesser known towers and to try to establish contact with and encourage the ringers known to exist at these towers.

The honorary treasurer's report and accounts revealed a small loss of £3 19s. 10d. on the year's working, which was almost entirely due to several non-recurring expenses. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £97 1s. 11d., from which the chairman announced that the committee had just recommended a donation of £20 towards the cost of the recent rehanging of East Bridgford bells.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr. F. W. Midwinter was elected to fill the vacant position of chairman. In thanking members for their confidence, he paid tribute to his predecessor, the late Canon R. F. Wilkinson, who had held the post of Guild chairman since the Guild was formed in 1946.

The honorary secretary welcomed to the diocese the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, who had recently moved to Clifton, and nominated him for vice-chairman; this was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of the Peal Committee, where Mr. H. Poyner was elected to fill the vacancy due to Mr. D. H. Rooke not wishing to stand again. Will all conductors please note that all peal compositions should be forwarded to Mr. H. Poyner, 80, Ollerton Road, Ordsall, Retford, and not to Mr. D. H. Rooke as previously.

Under the heading 'Any Other Business,' Mr. Bennett raised the validity of a team entering the Crawford Cup competition under the name of a tower at which they did not ring on Sundays. This was debated at length, it being finally resolved to leave the matter to be decided between the District Committee and the judges.

A proposition by Mr. Poppleston on behalf of the Wollaton tower that the Crawford Cup Rule 12 be amended to read, 'The length of the Test Piece to be 360 changes of Doubles or Minor, or not less than 336 changes of Triples or Major in any method,' was carried.

It was finally proposed that the committee be asked to reconsider the rules at their next committee meeting and report back to the next annual meeting.

The chairman suggested that in view of the success of the present annual meeting, perhaps the meeting would like to consider holding the annual meeting at Southwell again next year, this was carried, there being 13 votes against. Mr. H. T. Rooke asked if the meeting could be fixed for the Saturday following Easter: this was agreed, subject to the bells being available. (Please note, next A.G.M. April 4th, 1964.)

Mr. Shonfeld suggested that perhaps more local information could be inserted in the annual report, possibly on the lines of the Leicester Diocesan Guild report.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells, Canon R. Leeper for the service, the ladies for an excellent tea and the executive officers of the Guild for their work during the past year was proposed by Mr. S. W. Fossey and carried unanimously. W. L. E.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

The annual striking competition of the Hinckley District bellringers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, was held at Stoney Stanton on May 4th. Five Sunday service bands took part. First to ring was the young Thurlaston band. In their Plain Bob Minor there were 85 faults. Next came Burbage (Grandsire Doubles) 79 faults; Sapcote (Spliced Surprise Minor in five methods), 49 faults; Higham-on-the-Hill (call changes), 90 faults; Stoney Stanton (Cambridge Surprise Minor), 47 faults.

Stoney Stanton, the winners, were presented with the District shield by Mr. John E. Cook, who, with Messrs. John Bramley and John M. Jelly, judged the competition.

Central Council Agenda

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questions relating to bells were addressed to churchwardens, viz.: the number of bells and when were they last inspected. In his address the Archdeacon did not draw any special deduction from the answers. Probably this is a forerunner towards an ultimate expert survey. We know that the Archdeacon in question has a copy of the Council's publication 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.'—a book which should be on every archdeacon's bookshelf and in possession of churchwardens where a ring of bells is in their church.

Apart from what is contained in the committee reports, the Great Yarmouth Council meeting gives every indication of providing material for discussion afterwards, and representatives when they go back to their Guilds will be able to tell the Exercise that there is vitality at the fountain head.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION HAVE A NEW TITLE

AT the annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association, held in Derby on April 20th, the attendance of over 80 included a large contingent from the Chesterfield District and was the largest for several years. Prior to the annual service in St. Peter's, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Shaw), ringing in a wide variety of methods was enjoyed at Belper and Darley Dale in addition to St. Peter's, St. Alkmund's and the Cathedral in Derby.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the business meeting followed, with the president of the Association, the Provost of Derby (the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes), in the chair. In his opening remarks, the Provost congratulated the Association on another year of progress, and also made special mention of the large number of young people present, which augured well for the future of the Association.

The general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris) reported a record membership of 367 ringing and 15 honorary members, and also the welcome addition of seven more towers into union with the Association. Losses through death included the following members: A. E. Parsons and W. Dickinson (Staveley), S. Boundy (Fairfield), F. Hill (Ripley) and E. Morris (Leicester). An apology for absence was also received from the Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. G. F. Allen, who is the patron of the Association.

The report of the peal secretary (Mr. D. R. Carlisle) showed the total of 45 peals in 1962 to be the lowest since 1953. Langley Surprise Major and Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal had been rung for the first time, in addition to which eight members had rung their first peal and one member had conducted a peal for the first time.

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The accounts, as presented by the general treasurer (Mr. J. C. Woolley), showed an excess of expenditure over income of £15. This was due in part to subscription arrears, and also to such items as new stocks of stationery and receipt books, which would not occur again for some time. The report on the Bell Repair Fund by Mr. G. Halls showed the finances to be in a very healthy state, with a balance of over £132. Almost 60 Church Councils were now supporting the fund and grants had been paid to Pleasley (£10), Scarcliffe (£10), Sawley (£2) and Duffield (£3 10s.).

Under the list of proposed alterations to rules, the two most controversial were that the title should be changed to the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers and that each member should pay an annual subscription of an amount that they thought their membership was worth—subject to a minimum of four shillings. Considerable discussion ensued, during which arguments both for and against the alterations were heard, but on putting the alterations to the vote they were both accepted by overwhelming majorities.

With the addition of Mr. M. Phipps to the Central Council representatives, all the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Provost of Derby; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, Gable End, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne; trustees, Messrs. F. R. Lowe and H. Taylor; peal secretary, Mr. D. R. Carlisle; Bell Repair Fund secretary Mr. G. Halls, treasurer Mr. J. Stennitt; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. Mould, G. Halls and M. Phipps.

Glossop was chosen for the next quarterly meeting on July 6th, with Derby again as the venue for the 1964 A.G.M. Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and G. Paulson, of Darley Dale, together with Miss M. Wickman, of St. Peter's, Derby, were elected honorary life members. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised over £4, before a comprehensive vote of thanks by Mr. F. Adams brought a very successful meeting to a close. M. P. P.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. Bowler 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, D. P. Hilling 4, H. Oglesby 5, E. S. T. Farr 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. For the St. George's Day parade service.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A visit to Lifton by the S. W. Branch takes place every two or three years, and is an occasion which is always looked forward to with great pleasure. It is a foregone conclusion that the event will be a great success, as the ready permission is backed by a hearty welcome from the Rector and the local ringers, headed by Messrs. Brimmacombe and Benoy. April 27th proved no exception, except that the Rector, the Rev. M. E. Thornewill, who had come to Lifton since the last visit in 1961, was unable to be present. The Branch was welcomed by the assistant priest (the Rev. Mr. Wright).

This lovely village, which is three miles from the Cornish border, lies between Launceston and Okehampton. The little gardens, with their array of flowers, are very beautiful. The well known firm of Ambrosia is at Lifton, and it was here that the Rector worked as an ordinary workman for two or three months before his induction; in his own words, to get to know the people amongst whom he would be ministering.

Ringing before the service included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge, and was supervised by Mr. H. H. Thomas. Between 60 and 70 ringers took part, and came from as far afield as Sidmouth in S. Devon to Coombe Martin in N. Devon.

The ringers' service was conducted by the assistant priest, and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, who became the Vicar of Brentor recently.

Mr. H. H. Thomas presided at the business meeting, when Master Robert Stead, of Emmanuel Church, was elected a member, and a tower election of Mr. Read, of Galmpton, was confirmed. Welcoming the new members, the chairman said that Robert had been a member of Emmanuel choir for three or four years, and for at least a year before it was decided he could start his tuition as a ringer he came into the belfry to watch the ringing before service. Guild certificates were presented to Messrs. L. Cundy, G. Frise, C. Burden and E. G. Glover, all from the Lifton area.

Mr. Matthews announced that the five bells at the little church at the top of Brent Tor were to be rehung. This church is a landmark for miles around, and a very interesting article by the Rev. John Scott appeared in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago.

The comprehensive vote of thanks included the ladies responsible for tea, all of whom, with one exception, are wives or closely connected with Guild members. H. H. T.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Biggleswade on May 4th, and attracted a large attendance.

Several towers in the area were at the disposal of members during the morning and afternoon, and very good use was made of them. Some 80 members enjoyed an excellent tea, which was followed by the business meeting.

The most important item in a fairly heavy agenda was the election of a general secretary to succeed Mr. Stephen Ivin, and Mr. Alan Smith accepted the office.

Miss E. Steel expressed the thanks of all to the incumbents of Biggleswade and other parishes for so kindly allowing the use of their bells, and also to the president of the Association for presiding at the meeting.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. G. Dodds, for the excellent work he has done in training and helping the young ringers of Studham, and also for the great interest he has taken in Coddington bells, which, it is confidently hoped, will soon be heard again, after a silence of many years. A. E. R.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Society on April 30th, the following officers were elected for the 1963/64 session: Master, Derek M. Sawyer; secretary, Janet D. Phillips; treasurer, Maria E. Kirby; tower secretary, C. Martin Foster.

FORMER RINGING MASTER MARRIED



MR. ROBERT PRESTON, well known ringer of Wollaton, Nottingham, and Miss Mary Helena Whitehead, of Plumtree, near Nottingham, were married on April 27th at St. Leonard's Church, Wollaton.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white Swiss embroidered organza dress and a headdress of three white satin roses held in place with a shoulder length veil. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley.

Mr. Preston was until recently Ringing Master at Wollaton, and was Ringing Master of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild during 1962-3, until he took up new employment near Torquay, where the couple will now live.

The tower bells were rung before and after the service, and the couple were attended by handbell ringers as they left the churchyard.

Shown in the photograph, left to right: M. Poppleston, P. J. Hawcock, P. R. Humphrey, the bridegroom and bride, P. W. Hawcock, Miss Susanna Poppleston and J. Shonfeld.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION

N.E. District Striking Contest

A District meeting was held at Thorington on May 4th for the purpose of running off the striking competition. Six teams had entered, viz., two from Kirby-le-Soken, and one each from Harwich, Mistley, Ardleigh and St. Leonard's, Colchester, but the last named team scratched, having to ring for a wedding.

Four teams rang Bob Minor and one Bob Doubles. All five teams contained a happy mixture of youth and age; the Mistley team had three generations of the Honeywood family. With Mr. Harry Millatt as M.C., the proceedings went without a hitch, so that there was about half-hour of ringing time available for the non-participants before the service.

The Rector (Rev. D. B. Griffith) conducted the service, and Mr. Frank Lufkin, the District Master, read the lesson. The choir seemed to consist mostly of the local ringers, and it was obvious that at Thorington the backbone of the church consists of the ringers, as in so many country villages.

After tea the judges, Messrs. E. P. Duffield, Walter Arnold and Frank Claydon, gave their verdict. Mr. Duffield said they had had an enjoyable and novel experience. The striking, while not being of that perfection expected of selected bands, was acceptable for the standard of local bands. Some teams lost points when a ringer failed to give open handstroke leads.

The results were: 1, Kirby 'A' team, 37 faults; 2, Ardleigh, 39; 3, Kirby 'B' team, 45; equal 4, Harwich and Mistley, 58. The first two teams will go to Stebbing on July 6th for the final.

Mr. Donald Munro, the organist, had made a tape recording of the competition ringing, and this was played back after the meeting. Further ringing followed.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK JOSEPH WOOD

The Church of St. Nicholas, Ingrave, has lost a faithful servant with the passing of Mr. Frederick Joseph Wood. He rang and played the organ for Evensong on April 28th, was taken ill on his way home and died later that night, at the early age of 55 years.

Fred learned to ring at Brentwood, under the late George Miles in 1926, later moving to South Weald, where he was the tower secretary for several years. About 10 years ago he came to Ingrave, where the bells had been silent for many years, and formed and taught a completely new band.

Not a great peal ringer, Fred was one of those upon whom the Exercise depends so much: those who find and teach new ringers, and whose main object is to keep their bells ringing for Sunday services.

The choral funeral service on May 3rd was preceded by half-muffled ringing by members of the Essex Association. In his address, the Rector (Rev. G. E. Porter) paid tribute to his work in the belfry, in the choir, as deputy organist, and as a church councillor. His quiet and unassuming manner did not hide his sterling qualities to those who knew him, said the Rector. He was genuine; like hall-marked silver, no base metal, but sterling worth, he rang true.

To those of us who knew him this was a true description of Fred Wood. He will long be remembered in the church he loved.

H. T.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Blackshaw 1, S. Humphrey 2, G. A. Dawson (first quarter) 3, J. Shonfeld 4, M. W. Harrison 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells. Rung in memoriam Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

Royal Wedding Quarter Peals

Rung on April 24th for the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary A. Woodward 1, J. H. Hayne 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. G. Treveti 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Janice Penning 1, C. J. Burridge 2, Juliet R. Hall (first quarter) 3, Sylvia Woods 4, B. May 5, E. A. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8.

BRENTFORD, MIDDX.—1,440 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): M. J. Uphill (cond.) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Margaret Fort 5, J. H. Gaze (aged 15, first attempt) 6. First of Doubles 2, 3 and 4. Also 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Judith Geiringer 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Margaret Fort 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, M. J. Uphill (most methods as cond.) 5, J. H. Gaze 6. First of five Doubles methods for all.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Boyles 1, M. Goss 2, Miss M. Gosling (first attempt 'inside') 3, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 4, F. Gosling 5, P. Watts (16) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, T. Padbury 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, G. Sweet 6.

CAERLEON, MON.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. L. J. King 1, D. Pike 2, Mrs. L. Bainham 3, J. Pryor 4, T. Yeoman 5, J. I. James 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, D. J. Hughes 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. D. Baker 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Susan J. Devey (first of Triples) 3, Shelagh C. Guthrie 4, A. Margaret Guthrie 5, G. Bradbury 6, P. J. Baker (cond.) 7, J. P. Darrall (first of Triples) 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Hogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hillier 1, Mrs. P. Osborne 2, J. Weeks 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Whale 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Botley (first quarter) 1, D. Pimm 2, G. Hinson (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. Wiggins 4, J. Seymour 5, C. Clark 6.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—1,368 Minor (720 Oxford T.B. and 648 Cambridge S.): R. H. French (cond.) 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, Miss S. Law 4, C. Huckle 5, R. F. Law 6. First in the method by the band.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Lawrance (first in the method) 1, Miss C. Lawrance 2, J. Lewis 3, P. Clarke 4, E. J. Coode 5, W. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, P. Clarke 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): H. Broxholme 1, F. Dixon 2, H. Hurst (82) 3, V. Briggs 4, A. Drewry 5, P. C. Litchford (first as cond.) 6. Also to commemorate the completion of 60 years' ringing at this church by F. H. Hurst.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, R. B. Meadows 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, M. P. Spreton 5, J. Phillips 6, J. H. Crampion 7, J. A. Baugh 8.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Corney 1, Miss J. K. A. Cook 2, K. Gardner 3, J. Hawkins 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, M. C. Austin 6, D. Bailey 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Uden 1, Ms. Y. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sheldrake (first quarter) 1, Miss K. North 2, E. Gosling 3, Miss D. Seal 4, Mrs. P. Gibson 5, S. Gibson 6, J. Blackwood (first as cond.) 7, D. Young 8.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Pagnton 1, J. E. Billings 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, E. Norris 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, L. K. Grey 6, N. F. Knee (cond.) 7, H. E. Blacker 8. First of Triples 1, 2 and 6. First quarter of Triples on the bells.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: Valerie J. Wilson (first of Caters) 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. G. Hooper 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, Beryl N. Reed 5, C. F. Briggs 6, H. Stevenson 7, C. W. Reed (first as cond.) 8, J. W. Raithby 9, D. Simpson 10.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Green 1, T. D. Roughley 2, T. W. Eason 3, C. Blackburn 4, J. Dilworth 5, E. Roughley (first as cond.) 6, J. Ellison 7, H. Robinson 8. First in method 2 and 3.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl E. Jessop (first quarter attempt) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, J. H. Upton (first quarter attempt) 3, J. D. Atkinson (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5.

SILEBY, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Preston 1, L. Lovett (cond.) 2, W. Swan 3, M. White 4, W. Draper 5, T. Dexter 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Sankey (first attempt) 1, Jean Harrison (first attempt 'inside') 2, J. Harrison 3, D. Debenham 4, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marcus Davies (first quarter of Bob Minor) 1, Sheila Shackle 2, C. Longhurst 3, Jean Horton 4, B. Farhall 5, R. Verrall (cond.) 6.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Andrews 1, Karen Miller (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. Orman 3, Jennifer Andrews 4, G. N. Orman (cond.) 5, R. A. Andrews 6.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Linford 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, C. E. Truman (cond.) 3, J. Linnell 4, D. Burbidge 5.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, Gwendolen Marshall 2, M. Church (first as joint cond.) 3, R. Bath 4, F. Farr (cover) 5, R. Clist (first as joint cond.) 6, E. Hunt (cover) 8.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Chadwick (first quarter) 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, G. Forrester 5, R. Forrester 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Payne (first quarter) 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, D. L. Parker 3, Hilary Martin 4, J. C. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, D. G. Blows 3, J. W. Priest 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Porter 1, L. Maund 2, I. Porter 3, N. Deam 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 5th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Audrey M. Evans 1, Jean M. Warner 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, Angela Wright 4, B. J. Stone 5, Angela Grainger 6, R. I. Vaughan (first of Caters 'inside') 7, J. A. Bennett 8, B. G. North 9, C. W. T. Riddleston 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Green 1, Mary Prior 2, M. Foster 3, B. Shackleton (cond.) 4, S. Riches 5, R. Hooper 6, E. Hitchins 7, F. Hancock 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 3.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on April 30th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Taysom 1, Gillian Hussey 2, R. Hooper 3, M. Hobbs 4, D. Exell 5, J. Hunt 6, P. Gray 7, B. Shackleton (cond.) 8. First of London Surprise Major 1, 2 and 4.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 5th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss C. Dillamore 1, P. J. Bryan 2, C. H. Rogers 3, R. M. Damerell 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, D. J. Mundy 6, A. S. Hudson 7, S. C. Walters (cond.) 8. By Cambridge University Guild.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brand (first of Triples) 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, J. Rea 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. S. Rew 6, D. C. Brookes 7, T. J. Farmer 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of T. J. Farmer.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Fursdon 1, J. L. Blagg (first in method since 1924) 2, A. L. Bennett 3, Rev. W. P. Dowling 4, Rev. D. P. Angold 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. M. Holland 1, Eileen J. Osborne 2, J. S. Chettleburgh 3, L. Goodall 4, D. Peers 5, G. N. Goodall 6, M. P. Phipps 7, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Dronfield, the Rev. R. K. Hedge.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): C. J. Deadman (first quarter) 1, J. H. Payton 2, J. F. Payne 3, R. E. Walker 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, R. A. Stone 6, N. J. Lambert 7, M. D. Fuller (first quarter) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Bowen 1, Sheila Moore (first 'inside,' 14) 2, D. Langdon 3, D. Bowen 4, T. Hawkins 5, M. G. Coleman 6. For Evensong.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bristow (first quarter Minor) 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, M. Wake 3, P. Stevens 4, D. Boniface 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.—At Groton School, on April 6th: Thurston B. Clarke 1, Joseph E. Potter 2, Nason P. Hamlin 3, Oliver Edwards VI 4, Ian H. Gardiner 5, David H. Taylor Jr. 6. In honour of 'Zach' Taylor's birthday. Also on April 21st, T. B. Clarke 1, N. P. Hamlin 2, S. C. Pease 3, O. Edwards VI 4, I. H. Gardiner 5, Wilton S. Pyle 6. Also on May 5th: T. B. Clarke 1, J. E. Potter 2, N. P. Hamlin 3, O. Edwards VI 4, I. H. Gardiner 5, J. R. Chandler 6. Half-muffled in memory of three founders of Groton School. All Stedman Doubles.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Lashford (first quarter) 1, I. W. Clissett 2, B. A. Ellsmore 3, Irene Ellsmore (first of Stedman) 4, B. E. Woodall 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock (cond.) 7, I. Shilvock 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET. — On April 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. P. Selway 1, G. W. Rendell 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. J. Stevens 4, S. W. White 5, W. E. Turper (cond.) 6. Rung for the royal wedding.

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HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. A. Downing 1, Miss J. M. Downing 2, Miss A. Harris 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, J. A. Downing 5, A. Jackson (first of Triples as cond.) 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, G. Standon 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Alison Joy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Downing, also the birth of a daughter, Debora Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Skinner. All former ringers at this tower.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Christie 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. J. Holway 6, G. E. Retter 7, R. Retter 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss P. Drury 2, C. Webb 3, H. Colcombe 4, B. White 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. For afternoon service, and a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Oliver.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Tarr 1, J. W. Brewer 2, G. Sparkes 3, E. H. Langley 4, N. J. Maggs 5, W. A. J. King 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. In memoriam W. J. Brooks, of Wokingham, Berks, who taught the ringer of the 4th.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Faith Cleverdon (first quarter) 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, A. Munnings 3, N. F. Whittell 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, R. W. Steward 6. For Matins.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Plain Bob): A. Monks 1, E. Fosberry 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss S. A. Richardson to B. B. Dibben, two local ringers. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mullins 1, B. Elliott 2, C. Godfrey 3, G. Rix 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Tickner (83), buried this day, former ringer of this belfry.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. G. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 2, J. Mitchell 3, W. Lawrence 4, R. F. Turner 5, D. Witchell (first quarter) 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On March 31st, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 4. For Evensong. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, D. A. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For the christening of Adrian Philip David Kirk, son of the ringer of fourth, nephew of treble ringer and conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, S. Smith 3, C. Poulton (first of Major) 4, F. Borcham 5, A. Knight 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth, also to the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th, and John Euston of Tooting, S.W.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints', on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. R. May 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Carton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. Rung prior to the induction of the Ven. Dr. H. Lockley (Archdeacon of Loughborough) as Vicar.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James', Moss Side, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, D. Marsden 2, L. Walmsley 3, G. Mee 4, R. Crowe 5, J. Sumner 6. Rung to celebrate the completion of the new vicarage.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honeywood 1, J. Honeywood (first 'inside') 2, N. Foakes 3, G. Waterman 4, Miss G. Brown (cond.) 5, U. Wildney 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. A. Yeates 1, Miss W. Phillips 2, Miss S. Scott 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. Rung by the St. George's Guild for Confirmation service.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Watkin 1, R. W. Powell 2, R. B. Morris (cond.) 3, H. T. Hughes 4, F. Dickinson 5, D. B. Williams 6, M. R. Wycherley 7, D. J. H. Jones 8. Half-muffled for the service at the Sixth Hour, conducted by the Bishop of Lichfield.

OXFORD.—On April 17th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, L. Porter 2, Janet Woodman 3, A. Gammon (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5, N. Deam 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John S. Walker. Also at St. Thomas' Church on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. O. Atfield (cond.) 1, Marion J. Phillips 2, D. Newman 3, R. Ashmore 4, R. Maudaunt 5, H. Nicholas.

QUARTER PEALS

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's, on April 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. Ridley 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, B. Branston 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Cowlin 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Rose, for many years a ringer in Peterborough. Also on May 5th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss W. Hollowell 1, G. Davis 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branston 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Daw 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on April 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. Barker 4, R. Daw 5, F. Boyall 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, G. Bush 8. For morning service, and in memory of William Rose, ringer at this church for a number of years.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. A. Stone 1, Susan Smith 2, A. R. Cope 3, K. G. Waller 4, B. R. Walton 5, K. A. Tipper 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, B. C. Kercher 8. First of Bob Triples by all.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, A. W. Coles (North Mimms) 3, J. W. Perkins 4, D. R. Bould 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 5th, 1,280 Kent T. B. Major; B. H. Coatsworth 1, D. C. Brookes 2, Alison M. Mann 3, L. W. Allen 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, B. J. Bull 6, M. J. Uphill 7, C. F. Mew (first of Kent as cond.) 8. First of Kent Major for all except 2 and 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 28th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Sinden 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Collins (first quarter) 1, Ann Chettle 2, R. Coley (first quarter) 3, J. Clifton 4, A. Gibbs 5, L. Priestley 6, S. Hodgkins 7, B. Whitworthy 8.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK.—On April 28th, 1,272 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B.): K. Nunn 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, D. Buxton 3, C. Woodard 4, J. Girt 5, J. Crapnell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Royal: C. Forster 1, Ann Carden 2, Joyce Dodds 3, F. J. Spicer 4, Shirley Slade 5, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 6, S. P. Darvill 7, C. E. Slade 8, R. W. Darvill 9, G. W. Dobenham 10. First in method 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Rung to mark the start of a Stewardship Campaign at the church, and the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Johnson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on April 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Woodhouse (first quarter) 1, Verna Rix 2, Audrey Alexander 3, A. Mayes 4, D. Saunderson (cond.) 5. For the pilgrimage to St. Albans Cathedral.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Dorothy Stratford 1, Rita M. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond., rang blindfolded) 6. For Matins.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Miss C. Webb 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, R. Marchbank (first of Triples) 4, W. Simpson 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 28th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: E. F. P. Bryant 1, Ann Harris (first 'inside' and of Minor) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, J. Hobden 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, A. Jackson (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on March 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Chapman 1, E. Talbot 2, R. Talbot 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, B. Burroughs 5, J. Rank 6, B. Matthews 7, L. Weller 8. For Evensong. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chapman 1, J. Rea 2, M. Uphill 3, A. Milledge 4, B. Bull 5, P. Atkinson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, J. Price 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Pauline Turner 1, T. Turner 2, K. Stainton 3, B. Moss (cond.) 4, F. Stead 5. First of Doubles 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. W. Brandwood.

WELTON, LINCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Oxford Bob): M. Black 1, P. Coddington 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. R. Parker 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, C. V. Cade 6. For Confirmation service.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yeoman (first quarter) 1, Miss I. E. Down 2, W. Hodges 3, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 4, H. F. Creed 5, H. C. Hill 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. W. Clayton, Rector.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 7th, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Skinner 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss J. Geiringer 3, R. Mayes 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Vanessa Rodrigues (first in method) 2, A. Bagworth 3, Judith Geiringer 4, A. Bishop 5, Susan Rawlings 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, G. Reynolds 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clarke 1, B. W. Hall 2, T. W. Timms 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, P. Pearce 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. J. Smith (first as cond.) 7, B. D. Costar 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral that day of Sidney Smith, a vice-president of the Witney Ringing Society and father of the conductor.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Morrisson 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, A. Morrisson (first 'inside') 3, D. Baker 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Collier 1, Miss K. Avenall 2, F. Cherryman 3, Susan Rawlings 4, J. Avenall 5, R. Tickner 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, R. Jordan 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Petter, tower captain, for his 86th birthday.



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SIMPLE HANDBELL PEALS

By G. DODDS

(Continued from page 260)

MAJOR (Continued)

5,184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By G. Dodds

23456	W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
23564		1	3	—		65324	65**324**	63254
56234	—			—*	32654			36524*
56342		1		—		43652		46532
56423		1		—		24653		26543
34625			—	—			26435	24365
43256	3	1		S	**24**365	52436		53426
24356				—				54236

Repeated three times, with SS at (*) in 1st and 3rd parts.

Each part can be divided into four types of work on 5-6.

a From the plain course, put 5-6 after tenors with **one** call (Before) and work round 3M on the light bells.

b 5/4ths on 5-6 (by H-W) and call B on 5-6 and tenors alternately until 2nd in 6ths place after a Home.

c 5/4ths on 5-6 (by M-H) and work round 3W on the light bells.

d 5-6 at home with **one** call (Before) and SH, H to bring up the part end with 34 or 43 at home.

For 1,296 changes, call Bob for Single in for one part.

For 5,056 (by R. Baldwin) call the last two courses of each part:

(34625)	W	H	W	H
63425	(3)	—	(24365)	23645
42365	S	—	63245	62435

Repeated 3 times, with Singles for Bobs half-way and end. (No singles in 4th course.)

One of the easiest of the 'tower bell' compositions is J. E. Burton's, where most of the Wrongs are called after 5-6 return to coursing at the end of a block of Homes, the remaining Wrong in each part being used to put 5-6 at home.

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By J. E. Burton

23456	W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
23645		2	—	—		46532	46325	43265
42635	—			3	32465			32465
34625	—			3	24365			24365
36245	—			2	43265			46325
32465	—			2	63425			62435

Repeated 3 times, with Singles for Bobs half-way and end.

A rearrangement of this is C. H. Martin's peal.

The Central Council booklet includes Pritchard's, before moving on to Double Norwich, etc., but, as Mr. Hudson pointed out, Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob make useful intermediate methods.

5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By G. Dodds

23456	W	M	W	M
52436	—*	3	32546	32**546**
65324	—	2	25346	25**634**
36452	—	—	56234	56342
46235	S	—	36542	36425
34265	—		64325	

Repeated 10 times, with Singles at (*) in 1st and 7th parts, then call

42365	W	M	H	W	M	H
35426	—	—	S	24635	24356	25346
23456	—			53246		

W-M is only one short lead in this method and 5-6 course for just half the peal. As in E. M. Atkins' peal of Bob Major, the last part is shortened to keep the number of changes down. The composition and variations were previously published in 'R.W.' 1959, page 335.

The following is a very popular peal both on tower- and handbells, but 2-3 are the part bells instead of 5-6.

5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By S. H. Wood

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	3
34625	—		3
63542	—	—	3
53246		—	3
23645		—	3

Repeated 5 times, Singles for Bobs half-way and end.

Gainsborough is certainly a little harder than Little Bob, as many a dodge can be missed above the treble in 6ths, producing a crunch for the unwary. The following is an easily remembered peal, in which 5-6 course nearly half the peal and are at home for one course in each part.

5,040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By G. Dodds

23456	M	W	M	W
53426		S		23546
26534	2	—	23**654**	36254
34265	2	—	36**425**	64325

Repeated 11 times, Bobs for Singles half a peal apart.

Another composition, variously ascribed to J. Reeves and W. E. Critchley, is easily remembered, being standard 10- course blocks of Wrongs and Homes, joined by Middles on 2-3-4. This is both musical and simple, but as with S. H. Wood's peal of Little Bob, 2-3 are part bells instead of 5-6.

5,040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

23456	W	M	H
52436		—	3
46325	—	—	2
24365		—	3
23645		—	2

Repeated 5 times, Singles half-way and end.

When enough of the team have mastered the curious 'loose-jointed' shuffle produced by Kent places on a coursing pair and the conductor can see his way through the first three courses, providing little real trouble occurs, they may wish to try this simple peal for handbells.

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By W. Hudson

23456	M	B	H	M	B	H
35642	2	—		53**624**	45362	
54326		—			24536	
25463		—	2		62453	65**243**
56234		—			36524	
63542		—			43652	
34625		—			24365	
42356		—			52436	

Repeated twice.

For Double Norwich and higher methods, the C.C. booklet provides an admirable path.

CATERS

There is an obvious advantage over Triples in that one can keep the back bells fixed for long periods. For a 'beginners' peal,' tittums throughout should keep 7-8-9 safe, bringing them home in the last course.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

The following is a well known peal with long courses to allow the coursing order to be watched.

5,021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By H. W. Haley

23456789			
23456978	1, 4, 5		Front bells home again.
34256	78		
42356	78		
32654	89		
62453	89		
24653	78		
46253	78	A	
26354	89		
36452	89		
64352	78		
43652	78		
63254	89		6 in hunt, 4 before 7-8.
43256	89S		
63452		A	6 in hunt, 2 before 7-8.
25463	2, 3,	A S	2 in hunt with a **Single**, 3 before 7-8
45362	89		
35264	89		
52364	78		
23564	78		
53462	89		
43265	89		
32465	78		
24365	78		
34562	89		
54263	89		
42563	78		4 in hunt, 3 before 7-8.
(32547698)	1-3		9th in next lead, out at 2.

N.B.—'2, 3' at start of 3rd part. Both 3-4 and 5-6 course while 8th in (7-8 parted).

Stedman Caters is not a 'beginner's method,' but I would be interested to see a good handbell composition.

ROYAL

By the time a team has reached this stage, there should be a good pair of ringers, able to ring 7-8 and 9-10 solidly to plain courses.

PLAIN BOB ROYAL

The simplest handbell composition would have a safe anchor on 7-8, 9-10, giving a steady 10-bell rhythm, a coursing pair, say 5-6 (for the conductor) and, if possible, 2-3-4 grouped together for long periods. The sheer boredom of the following peal could well be offset by the errors the team could introduce due to inexperience.

SIMPLE HANDBELL PEALS—Continued

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

23456	W	M	H	W	M	H
43652		—			53462	
24635	—	S		34562	34265	
64532	6	—		**34**265	34652	
24536		S			34256	
65423	5	—	—	**24**356	24563	25643
26453	—	6		56243	56**243**	
56423	S			26543		
35462	—	5		65243	65**342**	
45236	S	—		35642	35426	
23456	—		—	54326		53246

6 = — — S — — S
5 = — — S — —

I do not think there could be a simpler handbell peal of Royal. However, for those who prefer a parts-composition, here is a simple 4-part, based on the last one.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

23456	W	M	H	W	M	H
43652		—			53462	
24635	—*	S		34562	34265	
56432	3	—	—	**34**265	34652	36542
46235		—			36425	
23465	—		—	64325		63245

Repeated 3 times, Singles at (*) in 1st and 3rd parts.

While we are on 4-part peals, this well known one is also suitable, being to Royal as Burton's is to Major.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
By H. J. Tucker

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
36245	—		3
43265	—		3

Repeated 3 times. Singles for Bobs half-way and end.

Little Bob is useful in higher numbers, where the short recurring work on the back bells is in the same relative positions above 4ths place.

5,040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
By G. Dodds

23456	W	M	W	M
52436	—*	3	32546	32**546**
65423	—	S	25346	25643
42365	2	—	**62**543	62435

Repeated 4 times. Singles at (*) in 1st and 4th parts.

34265			
53642	—	2	43625	43**562**
65234	—	—	35462	35624
23465	2	—	**63**524	63245

All repeated once.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

Few teams are strong enough to aspire to these heights, except for the very occasional choppy course of Grandsire Cinques or Bob Maximus. When teams can do this successfully and smoothly, they can choose from many suitable standard compositions, but there are other methods worth trying. Erin Cinques offers possibilities, when Bobs at 1, 2 and 11 bring **all** the back bells coursing in tittums. However, following on Little Bob Royal, the only twelve bell peal, I will give you one of Little Bob, in which the first nine parts are based on B. Annable's (as in 6th and 12th parts of the Royal, above), and the last three are E. M. Atkins' compositions.

5,016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

23456	W	M	H	W	M	H
42635	—*	—		32546	32465	
62534		—			32654	
56423	—	—		26354	26543	
25463	—†			65243		
42356	—	—		52643	52436	
32456	Repeat 8 times.					
42635	—*	—		32546	32465	
56234		—	—		32654	36524
25463	—	—		65324	65243	
42356	—	—		52643	52436	
23456	Repeat twice.					

Singles for Bobs at (*) in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts; and at (†) in 1st and 7th parts.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Bishop of Kensington, when he went on May 5th to St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, to conduct a Confirmation service, stepped up into the ringing chamber and, after shaking hands with the ringers, took a rope with them for three or four minutes. As this is a ground floor ringing chamber and in full view of the congregation, everyone was greatly surprised and delighted.

The tenor bell at Diss was dismantled on May 9th and will be out of action for about a fortnight.

Here is a coincidence. The peal in 111 methods at Hatherop on May 4th was Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew's 111th tower for a peal.

When a Sapcote, Leics. ringer questioned a new resident living within 200 yards of the church if the bells disturbed him, the reply he received was, 'No, because you ring with such good rhythm.'

The consecration of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Fison as 74th Bishop of Salisbury Diocese at Southwark Cathedral on April 27th was heralded by a quarter peal tour by Wareham ringers in Dorset villages. Four out of five attempts were successful.

St. George's Guild of bellringers, Jesmond, Newcastle, raised £11 4s. 6d. for the local hospital's Kidney Research Fund by a coffee morning on April 27th. 'Two nights were spent by the females of the band (writes Miss S. Scott) making cakes, sweets and toffee apples, all of which sell well. No casualties have yet been reported.' The average age of this band is 15 years.

Mr. Neil Carter, who left Ottershaw some five years ago, sends greetings to all his friends in the Guildford Guild. Since going to Canada he has worked for the Ontario Department of Highways, and has now moved to Connecticut, U.S.A. He has married a Canadian girl from Cobourg, and has a daughter. A regular reader of the 'R.W.', he hopes to visit England from June 29th to July 21st, and do some ringing, which he misses more than anything.

At the annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association, the adoption of the change of name to the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers was adopted. For the benefit of any touring bands, peal fees and names and addresses of members elected in a belfry prior to a peal should be sent to the treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley, Selworthy Lodge, Burley Lane, Quarndon, Derby.

The peal rung at Parbold, Lancs. on April 20th was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Ridyard, of Southport.

The attempt for a peal for the royal wedding at Leeds Parish Church was lost after almost two hours' ringing, through a broken rope. Amends were made by a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major on May 2nd.

Mr. C. J. Groome brings to our notice another Yorkshire four, at Stockton-on-Forest. The bells were cast in 1896 by Taylors, with a tenor of 5¼ cwt. They are in their original iron frame and 'go' very well.

Mr. Ernest R. Warner has collected from the staff of Woking Railway Station and friends £15 for Guildford Cathedral bells. His list contained 109 names and many of them were not church people.

Teenagers from Harwich, Kirby-le-Soken and Ardleigh, Essex, cycled during the Easter holidays to Tendring (6) and enjoyed their ringing, which ranged from call changes to Treble Bob. Ringing on the eight bells at Great Bentley followed in this useful get-together.

One hundred years ago, according to 'The Western Gazette,' it was proposed at St. John's vestry meeting, Yeovil, that as church bells were a continual expense, a charge should be made to the ringers for ringing, and the money applied to keeping the bells in repair. It was agreed that a sum not exceeding 10s. be paid to the churchwardens for ringing the bells on private occasions, and before permission be given for ringing such money to be applied to the repair of the bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	TREVOR N. BAILEY	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
ALAN F. THIRST	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN D. ROCK	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS / WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*MRS. H. B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	§JOHN A. ACRES	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
†MRS. D. HUNTING	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	9
ALFRED BALLARD	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	11
‡DEREK J. TRANTER	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Maximus. † 50th for the Guild. ‡ First of Maximus in the method. § 25th of Yorkshire Maximus on tower bells.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
MURIEL REAY	3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	9
*ANN E. FELLOWS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
PETER S. BENNETT	5	FREDERICK ROSS	11
RODERICK W. PIPE	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	RONALD C. NOON	7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	8
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	9
GEORGE W. MASSEY	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*DENNIS J. MURFIN	*Treble*	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	DAVID W. PARKIN	7
CYRIL HAYNES	3	GORDON A. HALLS	8
DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	4	BRIAN DAWSON	9
JOHN K. SMITH	5	†JOHN SCATTERGOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. Brian Dawson has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

BRO. WILLIAM HIBBERT, M.M., Victoria 2671	*Treble*
BRO. ALBERT M. TYLER, M.M., Burnett 6789	2
BRO. S. ARTHUR READ, M.M., Elizabethan 7296	3
BRO. RICHARD C. INGRAM, S.W., Orion 4993	4
BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER, M.M., Northcote 2659	5
BRO. WILLIAM F. J. COPE, M.M., Elizabethan 7296	6
BRO. WILLIAM H. COLES, M.M., Hillingdon 3174	7
W. BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, W.M., Elizabethan 7296	8
BRO. W. BERTRAM KYNASTON, M.M., Royal Sussex 355	9
BRO. THOMAS SETTER, M.M., Progressive Science 5007	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by W. BRO. ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the conductor's year as master of the Elizabethan Lodge.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

HERBERT W. WOOLEN	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
ALBERT W. BOND	3	JOHN A. HOWARD	8
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	9
CYRIL S. JARRETT	5	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
Rung to the respected memory of Ernest Morris.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
†NORMAN SHERRATT	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	7
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	8
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	ROY WORRALL	9
†WALTER SHERRATT	5	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells. Fastest peal of Royal on the bells.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTT,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt.

*KATHLEEN M. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN H. LOTT	6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
VERONICA E. DUPRE	3	C. MONTAGU MEYER	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	A. FRANK UDALL	9
ROGER F. OVERINGTON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT E. HARDY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	8
ALFRED BALLARD	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
W. ERNEST RAWSON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy; also for the Sunday School teachers' annual festival service.

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LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31½ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*BERYL E. CAWSER	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	8
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	9
GEOFFREY DAVIES	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 50th peal. First in the method on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	7
W. GEORGE PAGE	3	*JOHN MOORE	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	†JACK CRANMER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy; also a compliment to Mr. Roland Baker, for over 60 years a chorister at St. Giles', and to Mr. Edward G. Bowyer in achieving 50 years' faithful service as a ringer at Penn (St. Bartholomew's). An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. H. Davies, mother of the ringer of the second.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK PEARSON	*Treble*	*ERIC J. F. WALL	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	7
*TERENCE M. FITZGERALD	3	JOHN ROBINSON	8
*RICHARD J. PARKER	4	WALTER E. WILKINSON	9
†DEREK A. ASHTON	5	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (Circuit B.S.).
Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells, at first attempt. First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Eric J. F. Wall; also to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. Edward Jenkins', first peal, which took place on April 26th, 1913.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
FREDERICK LEECH	4	REGINALD H. NEWTON	9
PHILIP J. EVANS	5	ROBERT NICHOLLS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung immediately following Evensong in the presence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in celebration of the 1,000th anniversary of the granting of a charter to this church by King Edgar.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 86 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	5
*MRS. K. LAWSON	2	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	6
KENNETH LAWSON	3	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
* First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

FREDA CLAYTON	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	DAVID J. TAYLOR	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the seventh.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

RODNEY A. YEATES	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	2	NORMAN ERRINGTON	6
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	4	FREDERICK ROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

IRIS THOMSON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
M. ELAINE MURCOTT	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
JOHN E. ANDERSON	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
Rung as a compliment to Madeline Wright (ringer at this church) and A. Iain B. Moffat, who were married here earlier in the day.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	5
JOYCE I. BARTON	2	PHILIP H. D. JONES	6
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
DAVID J. TAYLOR	4	J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Syd Bailey.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Treble*	*WALTER SHERRATT	5
*NORMAN SHERRATT	2	MICHAEL WILSHAW	6
*DENNIS LATHAM	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
*ROY WORRALL	4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

LANCASTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

WILFRED BOLTON	*Treble*	*ERIC PEPPER	5
JAMES E. DICKINSON	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	6
JAMES BLACKBURN	3	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	7
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	4	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.
* First peal of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

COLIN JOHNSON	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
ALAN M. BARBER	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to Stedman H. Symonds, of Lavenham.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID J. KNIGHT	*Treble*	*ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	NORMAN G. N. KNEE	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
GILBERT H. HARDING	4	*JAMES CASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung to commemorate 41 years' service as a ringer at this church by Mr. P. W. J. Harding.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*Ann Jenner	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
*Doris E. Colgate	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Ralph Bird	3	*Stanley Jenner	7
*Arthur S. Richards ..	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 896 Lincolnshire, 672 Gainsborough, 672 Nailstone, 672 Johannesburg, 672 Amsterdam, 448 Fordcombe, 448 Zürich and 576 Vancouver; with 19 changes of method, and all the work of every method for every bell. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Pauline Fennell	*Treble*	*Anthony G. Osborne ..	5
Mary S. Taylor	2	Nicholas J. Davies ..	6
Mikaela Erik	3	John C. Eisel	7
*Marcus P. Barton	4	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.
Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Spliced S. Major. First of 8-Spliced on the bells, for the Society, and by all the band except the conductor.
Johannesburg, Amsterdam, Zürich and Vancouver Surprise Major are now rung in a peal for the first time.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*David C. Everett	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke..	5
Barry J. Davies	2	*Donald H. A. Drayton..	6
Jennifer Sceeny	3	Howard Oglesby	7
†Noel R. Waite	4	Michael W. Coleman	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal attempt. † 25th peal.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. Ronald K. Russ and family, who are now on their way to Australia.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Reginald H. Newton ..	*Treble*	Michael R. Wycherley ..	5
John W. Griffiths.. ..	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst..	6
Clifford H. Barron ..	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
*Phillip J. Evans	4	Frederick G. Beddow ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal using the recently-added 'sharp' second bell.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Colin Johnson	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	George E. Thoday	6
Geoffrey A. Lucas	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	7
Alan M. Barber	4	*Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 300th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 78
L.H. = 12 – 5738264. F.c.e. 24365.

AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 1258 x 36.12.78
L.H. = 12 – 5738264. F.c.e. 24365, 42563, 26543, 36245.

ZÜRICH SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 58.12.36 x 78
L.H. = 12 – 5738264. F.c.e. 24365, 42563, 26543, 36245.

VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 58 x 36.12.78.
L.H. = 12 – 5738264. F.c.e. 24365, 42563, 26543, 36245.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in D.

Arthur J. Scott	*Treble*	Henry G. Keeley	5
G. Stedman Morris.. ..	2	Harry J. Gaylard	6
Mrs. C. W. Powell.. ..	3	*Frank Knight	7
Joseph T. Barrett	4	Cuthbert W. Powell ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung in memoriam Ernest Morris, composer of this peal and brother of the conductor, on the nearest possible date to the first anniversary of his death.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Pamela M. Turner ..	*Treble*	Peter S. Bennett	5
Linda M. Hughes.. ..	2	V. David Jenner	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	3	John K. Foot	7
*†Maurice C. Hughes ..	4	Ian C. Maycock..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal, and 'circled the tower.' First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung to mark the Coventry Cathedral Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Frederick R. Scott.. ..	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	2	William Birmingham ..	6
Gillian A. Neal Smith ..	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Anthony G. Tyers	4	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Norman Smith	*Treble*	*Derek Ashton..	5
*Philip J. Crossthwaite..	2	Neil Bennett	6
*Richard J. Parker	3	Frederick Shallcross ..	7
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	†Eric J. F. Wall	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of David Gilbert, a former local ringer, on April 13th; also the dedication of St. Mark's Church, Burnley, by the Lord Bishop of Burnley, held the same day.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 EDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Cyril R. Burrell	*Treble*	George W. Massey	5
John E. Allen	2	Edwin T. Chapman	6
Raymond Daw	3	Ronald C. Noon	7
Albert W. A. Leggett ..	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	*Treble*	†Frederick Ross	5
*Iris Thomson	2	†Eric N. Harrison	6
John E. Anderson	3	J. Alan Ainsworth.. ..	7
Norman Errington.. ..	4	George S. Deas	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 50th peal together.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens.. ..	5
William T. Beeson	2	George Francis	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The conductor's 750th peal.

EDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
x 34 x 1458 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 56 x 78
Group D. F.C.E.'s B.D.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

SHEILA COPPING	*Treble*	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ..	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	*RICHARD C. STEVENS ..	6
F. J. HILDA OAKSHETT ..	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ..	7
D. PAUL SMITH	4	JOHN W. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.
* First peal of Major.
Rung on the occasion of the royal wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

MRS. J. HAROLD WHITE ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ..	5
ALBERT G. HALL	2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	6
J. HAROLD WHITE	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.
Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

EDWARD HOWES	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
CLIFFORD BIRD	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	SUSAN FUNNELL	5
ANN E. FELLOWS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MARTIN L. HOWE	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
MARGARET M. LADD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
First peal in the method for all the band except the conductor. First in the method, as conductor, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung for the royal wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ALMA M. GREAVES	*Treble*	*JOHN H. INSLEY	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
*ANN E. FELLOWS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	*‡RICHARD E. MORRIS ..	5
*†PETER MORRIS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*ROGER HAWKSWORTH ..	3	*REGINALD H. NEWTON ..	7
*PHILLIP J. EVANS	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal.
A compliment to Phyllis Timmis on the occasion of her marriage to Eric J. Boffey at this church. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
FRANK C. PRICE	2	DAVID P. HILLING	6
	3	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
JENNIFER SCEENY	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
PETER J. COLES	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 151).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock (April 23rd, 1963) and Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner (April 26th, 1963); both marriages were at this church.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MICHAEL B. TYERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH ..	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
ANTHONY G. TYERS	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	7
DAVID P. HILLING	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	2	†CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	6
*DAVID S. OSENTON	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	JOHN W. COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal on eight. † First in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice to peals.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*FREDERICK E. JONES ..	*Treble*	‡GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
*THELMA P. JOHNSON ..	2	§VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
†E. WILLIAM FORD	3	‡ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
SHIRLEY M. DREW	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ 25th peal together. § First of Triples in the method. First of Triples in the method as conductor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

SHIRLEY A. MUDD	*Treble*	*WALTER PYGOTT	5
IRIS LEMARE	2	*ROBERT PYGOTT	6
ANGELA M. SKIDMORE ..	3	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	7
PETER A. KIRKBY	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Angela Skidmore and Mr. Walter Pygott.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

KEITH F. GARDNER	*Treble*	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
*JENNIFER M. COOK	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	6
†LINDA M. HUGHES	3	PETER S. BENNETT	7
†ANN E. FELLOWS	4	MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Grandsire, and of Triples. † 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to John K. Foot and Linda M. Hughes on their engagement.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir Arthur P. Heywood's transposition. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
*WALTER H. RAXTER	2	JOHN LLOYD	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
C. FREDERICK JUKES	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS THURSTANS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ROGER HEYWORTH	*Treble*	STEPHEN FRANKLIN	5
*PHILIPPA J. P. DIXON	2	P. GERALD MCILHONE	6
ANGELA M. AYRES	3	‡ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE	7
†BARBARA BUTLER	4	GERALD G. TINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Bob Triples 'inside.' ‡ First of Bob Triples.
This and peals at Brightwell and Berrick Salome were rung by combined bands from Wallingford Grammar School and the School of SS. Helen and Katharine, Abingdon.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	GILES B. THOMPSON	5
JOYCE DODDS	2	VERNON GREEN	6
RUTH M. FOREMAN	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
MICHAEL HATCHETT	4	*ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* 100th peal together.
Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock (April 23rd, 1963).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOHN MARJORAM	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK	2	ALAN R. KNIGHT	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
RICHARD CHAMBERS	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	PETER BORDER	6
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	3	TREVOR N. BAILEY	7
ERIC J. HITCHINS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	ROGER J. LUMLEY	7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	4	*IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 14).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., April 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.
A PEAL OF 5088 BISHOPSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
E. JANE SIBSON	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	6
JOHN C. EISEL	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALAN J. FROST	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.
A PEAL OF 5344 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
VERNON GREEN	3	ANTHONY R. MANN	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Association.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

PETER D. TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
GEORGE ROOBOTTOM	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
MICHAEL H. PAULSON	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	ERNEST PAULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
First peal in the method as conductor.
A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. R. J. Stanford; also a birthday peal for Mrs. Phyllis Clarke (née Smallwood) and the conductor.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE	5
*ANTHONY E. STAMP	2	*JOHN POTTS	6
*ALLAN SHEPPARD	3	*JOHN WEAVER	7
*C. BARRIE DOVE	4	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

D. PAUL SMITH	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
TREVOR H. CROSS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).
Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
The conductor's 750th peal.
A birthday compliment to Nicola Le Saux.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	†DAVID H. PRITCHETT	5
*BERYL N. REED	2	†CYRIL H. PRITCHETT	6
*MARGARET E. CHILTON	3	COLIN W. REED	7
WILLIAM L. EXTON	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN W. REED.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First in the method as conductor. First of Triples on the bells.

BISHOPSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
56 x 56.14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 14 x 38. L.e. 12. 15738264.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Mrs. T. G. Forrester	*Treble*	Harry Collwood	4
Ernest Pimlott	2	†David Harradine	5
*Robert Barratt	3	George Barber	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

* 25th peal on the bells. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Brian Harradine, son of the fifth ringer, on the occasion of being made a Queen's Scout.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 93 lb. in B flat.

Norman Errington	*Treble*	Michael Maughan	4
Frederick Ross	2	Robin G. Turner	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Agatha.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Roger Heyworth	*Treble*	Angela Ayres	4
Barbara Butler	2	Gerald McIlhone	5
Gerald Tinson	3	Robert Partridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Partridge.

* First peal of Minor.

COLMWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising six 120's each of Grandsire and April Day, and 15 120's each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in A flat.

Roger W. Smith	*Treble*	Percy Amos	3
Ronald Russell	2	Grahom C. Paul	4
Alan A. Paul	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal on the bells for 24 years.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Robert C. Heazel	*Treble*	Alan Syder	4
Jennifer Dye	2	Peter Wood	5
Frank Roper	3	Ronald Suckling	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Suckling.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HORNCASTLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Single Court, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 12 lb.

G. Angus Dixon	*Treble*	John R. Ketteringham	4
Paul Coddington	2	Charles V. Cade	5
Amos Ingall	3	Ronald Applewhite	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents Plain Bob, two Kent and three Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Joseph Papworth	*Treble*	†Edward Coulsdon	4
Winifred Elliott	2	Charles Burton	5
*Arthur Hunwick	3	Alan R. Elliott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Elliott.

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

Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Joseph Elliott (tower captain); also a welcome home to E. Coulsdon, on completion of his service with the R.N.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*Valerie J. Hollingsworth	*Treble*	William Button	4
M. Peter Howard	2	John A. Howard	5
Derek Slater	3	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal attempt.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary (April 23rd) of Mr. and Mrs. William Button; also a 21st birthday compliment (April 21st) to the treble ringer.

PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Curig.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Roger G. Havard	*Treble*	Bryn A. Taylor	4
Mary E. Pryor	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
John Owen	3	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of the following 11 methods in seven extents, viz.: Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

Maurice A. New	*Treble*	*Michael J. Stanley	4
Shirley M. Drew	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Brian Bladon	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal in 11 methods.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

BERRICK SALOME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being in seven methods, viz.: Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Fulbeck, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Stephen Franklin	*Treble*	Robert A. Partridge	4
Barbara Butler	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	5
Angela Ayres	3	Charles J. Adam	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

First peal in more than one Minor method for all the band.

IRON ACTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*John H. Taylor	*Treble*	Ian G. Smith	4
Hugh N. Evans	2	Anthony W. Gibbs	5
Malcolm M. Powell	3	Henry Taysom	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except the fifth ringer.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Piran.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 78 lb. in G.

*Frances M. Rickard	*Treble*	Anthony Locke	4
Anthony J. Davidson	2	Michael J. Thomas	5
Douglas R. Burnett	3	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome Jane Carveth, daughter of Alan and Mary Carveth, of Truro; also as a birthday compliment to Michael J. Thomas.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Verna Rix	*Treble*	Anthony H. Smith	4
Geoffrey W. Mayes	2	Alan S. Smith	5
†Audrey R. Alexander	3	Martin Major	*Tenor*

Conducted by Martin Major.

* First peal in four methods. † First 'inside.'

Rung as an advance wedding compliment to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy; also as birthday compliments to Anthony H. Smith and Raymond J. Fuller.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, Bourne, Beverley, London, Norwich, York and Cambridge. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	GERALD PENNEY	4
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 125th peal of Minor Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JUDITH M. ATKINSON	*Treble*	*MARTIN FOSTER	4
*JANE B. TUFFIN	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
ANTONY R. KENCH	3	†BRIAN BAVERSTOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First of Stedman Doubles for the Society, and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

GREAT WILBRAHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being six extents Stedman and four each New Bob, Huntspill, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in G.

ALAN M. BARBER	*Treble*	COLIN JOHNSON	3
JOHN IVINGS	2	ROGER J. PALMER	4
JOHN E. GOODWIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.

Rung for the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN G. MITCHELL	*Treble*	SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4
JAMES MITCHELL	2	IAN W. HALL	5
BRENDA COLLINS	3	ARTHUR H. IDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.

* First attempt for a peal.

Rung by members of the SS. Peter and Paul, Kettering, band for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

LUPPITT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 360's, eight 240's and 20 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK J. SAGE	*Treble*	LEONARD MARKER	4
*MARY SAGE	2	†EDRIC W. BROOM	5
†JOHN SAGE	3	*ARTHUR W. SAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. SAGE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHRUB END,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt. (approx.).

NEIL AVIS	*Treble*	JAMES L. TOWLER	4
DOREEN FAIRHEAD	2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

First peal on the bells.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

R. CYRIL TYLER	*Treble*	*ARTHUR J. STIMSON	4
BRIAN L. BURROWS	2	*MICHAEL T. STIMSON	5
LAWRENCE WATKINS	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on the bells. R. C. Tyler has now 'circled' this his home tower to peals, being first to do so. Rung for the royal wedding.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Three each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford, and one of Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN F. PEARSON	*Treble*	PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD	4
*VAUGHAN P. EVANS	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

CHEVERELL MAGNA, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT	*Treble*	WALTER BEAVEN	4
*DENNIS A. POWNEY	2	†A. GEORGE HEATH	
NORMAN G. N. KNEE	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt. First on the bells.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Consisting of 100 methods in the following seven Spliced extents: (1) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, College, Wavertree, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham, Windermere, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, Wath, Carisbrooke, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (2) Ellacombe and Finchley Alliance, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Sutton, Poynton and Denton Special Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Cornhill and Cripplegate Special Little, Bastow L.C., Double Oxford, Double Court, Wavertree, College and London Bob; (3) Morland, Bodenham, Kirkthorpe, Kippax, Felkirk, Crofton, Pencombe and Eardisley Special Alliance, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob, Barham, Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Bastow Little Court; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; (7) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York Surprise; with 205 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included.

Tenor 6 cwt.

PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

*MICHAEL C. DANIELS	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
CECIL W. PIPE	2	ROBERT F. DOWNING	5
MRS. BRENDA E. DOWNING	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Miss Elizabeth Block, of Hasketon, and Mr. Rufus St. John Scott Plummer.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods: three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and April Day, seven of Grandsire, 11 of All Saints and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*PETER FRIEND	*Treble*	*JOHN WALLETT	3
CHARLES E. HILL	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
RAYMOND G. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN WALLETT.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

For the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	*FELICITY WEBBER	4
†HELEN M. DISERENS	2	PETER M. WILKINSON	5
JANE FOSTER	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Minor, and completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two of Single Oxford and Plain. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*STEPHEN HALL	*Treble*	FRANK CHAMBERS	4
RICHARD CLIFTON	2	JIM BOWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	TOM HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal, aged 11 years.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

MICHAEL EDWARDS	*Treble*	IAN R. PANTON	4
P. ANNE EDWARDS	2	RICHARD HARRISON	5
FRANK V. GANT	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. A. Newbury, instituted as Rector this day.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods with different back works: Morning Star, College Exercise, Braintree, Wragby, Snowdrop, Sandal, Oxford. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRED BROOK	*Treble*	ELIZABETH PEACE	4
*CHRISTINE M. SAVILLE	2	TREVOR TARBATT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. Crow, who is leaving Shelley.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD LOVELOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BOX	4
DAVID L. NIBBS	2	ROBERT J. DREWETT	5
PHILIP S. GAISFORD	3	ROBERT J. PURNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung to commemorate the marriage on the previous Wednesday of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.
THE ST. OSWALD SOCIETY
AND
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents of St. Vedast, New, Huntspill, St. Hillary, Westminster II, Blackburn, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DEREK B. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROGER W. POWELL	4
*MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	2	IAN FRIEND	5
PETER MORRIS	3	†IAN H. BANNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK B. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor. First in 14 methods by all the band, whose average age is 17 years 5 months.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal by the Society and the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy; also as a 19th birthday compliment to Roger W. Powell.

THEALE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In two methods. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*TERRENCE E. J. ADAMS	*Treble*	DAVID L. WILCOX	4
ROGER B. PIKE	2	†JAMES E. HARMSWORTH	5
TONY PRICE	3	JAMES M. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. WILCOX.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, Rev. E. L. King.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Consisting of 105 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe and Stratton Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob; (2) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, College, Wavertree, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham, Windermere, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob, Wath, Carisbrooke, Donottar and Pontefract Delight; (3) Ellacombe and Finchley Alliance, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Sutton, Denton and Poynton Special Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Cornhill and Cripplegate Special Little, Bastow Little Court, Double Oxford, Double Court, Wavertree, College and London Bob; (4) Morland, Bodenham, Kirkthorpe, Kippax, Felkirk, Crofton, Pencombe and Eardisley Special Alliance, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob, Barham, Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Bastow Little Court; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Donottar, Pontefract and Alderbourne Delight; (7) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York Surprise; with 208 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
*SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 100th peal together. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*FRANK R. MORTON	*Treble*	J. DEREK SMITH	4
†R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	2	*YVONNE M. HUGHES	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	*FREDERICK S. SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside' in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

MARGARET WRIGHT	*Treble*	DEREK A. ASHTON	4
JOHN F. BARLOW	2	JEFFREY BRANNON	5
DARRYL GILLESPIE	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

First peal in more than one method for all the band except the conductor.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 26 methods, viz.: (1) Canterbury and Morpeth, (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (4) Westminster and Allendale; (5) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; with 112 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOHN WATKINS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	BRIAN L. BURROWS	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

HINSTOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford T.B. and four of Kent T.B., different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

E. Marion Key .. .. .. *Treble*	*William H. Talbot 4
Peter Morris 2	Richard E. Morris 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	Barnabas G. Key .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in two T.B. methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Grace Burchnall .. .. *Treble*	*Harold Denman 4
Katherine Burchnall .. 2	A. Harry Hawcroft .. 5
John Coates 3	Ernest Preston .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Preston.
* 200th peal for the Guild.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 2,160 of Kent and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

George Challans .. .. *Treble*	John Coates 4
*Martin J. Kirk 2	‡John A. Harrison 5
†David A. Whetton .. 3	Harold Denman .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First of Minor. 300th peal by conductor.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of the following: Old, Dedworth, Seighford, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Diane P. Davies .. .. *Treble*	‡James Ward 4
Philip G. Morgan 2	†E. Charles Biggs 5
†Leonard J. Walters .. 3	‡George Gwynne .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal. † First in 14 methods/variations 'inside.' ‡ First in 14 methods/variations. First as conductor.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

William A. Stote .. .. *Treble*	George P. Hammond .. 4
Keith F. Gardner 2	Joseph W. Cotton 5
David J. Allen 3	Geoffrey Pratt .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Jennifer Wall, of the local band, to Mr. David Ormerod; also a compliment to the ringer of the second on the eve of his 19th birthday.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PHILIP'S DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, three variations of calling. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*†Alan A. Paul .. .. *Treble*	Percy Amos 3
Ronald Russell 2	*‡Roger W. Smith 4
††‡Graham C. Paul .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* 25th peal. † 25th together. ‡ 25th together. First in the method.
Rung for the Festival of SS. Philip and James (May 1st).

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. REMIGIUS BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 93 lb. in D.

*John H. Taylor .. .. *Treble*	†Edward D. Elderkin .. 3
†Alan S. Harrison 2	*Malcolm M. Powell .. 4
Hugh N. Evans .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.
* First peal on five bells. † First of Doubles. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. First of Doubles for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., March 10, 1963, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
At 27, Bowfell Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Mary S. Taylor .. .. 1—2	John C. Eisel .. .. .. 3—4
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Minor on handbells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At 3, Salters Road.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin G. Turner .. .. 1—2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5—6
Eric N. Harrison .. .. 3—4	Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. Dodds. Conducted by Martyn L. J. Jordan.
First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 14, 1963, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*David W. Struckett .. 1—2	††‡Anthony G. Tyers .. 3—4
‡Michael B. Tyers .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Anthony G. Tyers.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First 'in hand.' ‡ First of Minor.
Rung to the glory of God on Easter Day.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of four extents of Netherseale Surprise and three of Old Oxford Delight. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land .. .. 1—2	Brian Bladon .. .. .. 3—4
Anthony R. Peake .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Malcolm D. Barsby .. .. 1—2	B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
First peal in the method by all.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the American School, Bushey Hall.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret D. Woolley .. 1—2	Anthony R. Mann .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	*Robin A. Hodgson .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
At 128, Leicester Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

John A. Acres .. .. .. 1—2	John M. Jelley .. .. .. 3—4
Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 21, 1963, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
At Llys Esgob.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Grandsire and six different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 12 in F.

David S. Bishop .. .. 1—2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3—4
William J. Goodfellow .. 5—6	

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
At the Humphrey Perkins School.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2	B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6
David F. Moore .. .. 3—4	Brian G. Warwick .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Major 'in hand'
Rung on the Feast of St. Mark.

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BIRTH

ROAST.—On April 28th, 1963, at St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, to Mary and Joe, a son (Paul Antony)—a brother for David. 2514

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Chris Hayter and Jennifer Wallace will take place at all Saints', Hertford, on June 8th, 1963, at 12 noon. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 2476

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Maggs, is now 15, Whitmore Road, Taunton, Somerset. 2499

PERSONAL

'Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto ye.' (Job xx. 21.)

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET (WAREHAM).—18 ft. 4-berth caravan. Flush toilets, showers, shop. Central for Swanage, Bournemouth, Weymouth.—R. Vacher, 24, Grove Road, Wimborne, Dorset. 2486

GOODRINGTON SANDS, DEVON.—Popular holiday centre. Holiday caravans. Electric cooker, lighting. Ideal site, shop, laundry, showers. Vacancies June 29th-July 13th, August 17th-24th. Also bed and breakfast in Plymouth.—Thomas, 15, East Park Avenue, Plymouth. 2504

LILLIPUT, POOLE.—Bed and breakfast, evening meal if required. Close to golf course. On bus route to Bournemouth. Sandbanks and Chines beaches.—Mrs. I. Davis, 22, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Poole, Telephone No. Canford Cliffs 78755. 2435

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of 12 No. 15 'C' handbells, by John Taylor, good condition. Best offer over £30.—Wiblin, 4, South Drive, Harwell, Berks. 2482

SET of 10 handbells by J. Shaw, tenor size 18 G. All refitted throughout and refurbished. Nice tone and in brand new condition. Price £33 or nearest offer.—Frank R. Barnett, 22, Grove Crescent, Bromyard Road, Worcester. Phone Worcester 23628. 2498

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual tour, Cornwall, August 24th-31st. Any member wishing to come on this tour who has not received a circular should write as soon as possible to W. T. Cook, 2, Sandford Road, Bromley, Kent. 2471

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Tour of Shropshire, July 28th-August 4th. Any member who has not received details, and would like to do so, is invited to write to John Croxton, St. Patrick's Hall, Northcourt Avenue, Reading. 2473

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices, Saturday, May 18th, from 6-7.30 p.m. and Saturday, June 15th, from 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome. 2472

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, ABBOTSBURY.—Practice night at above church is postponed until September.—H. J. Ford. 2485

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS.—New members welcome on cycling tour of Cornwall, July 27th to August 5th. Qualifications: Bike, Y.H.A. membership, interest in ringing.—Details from Miss Marilyn Gibbs, 17, Stonny Croft, Ashtead, Surrey. 2495

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Monthly evening practice meeting at Brewood (8). Saturday, May 25th, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2502

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Hinton St. George, Saturday, May 18th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2511

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell (8) on Saturday, May 18th. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2456

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, South Normanton on May 18th. No afternoon ringing owing to weddings. Light refreshments **only** at 4.30 p.m. Meeting and ringing to follow till 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2489

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. M. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2497

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2464

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by own arrangement. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6-7 p.m. 2500

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Miss I. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 2463

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me. Special methods: Sandal and Double Court.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 2433

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on May 18th. Ringing at Harlington, 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Evening ringing at Harmondsworth.—F. T. B. 2451

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Saturday, May 18th, meeting at Daybrook, 3 p.m. **Names for tea** to Mrs. F. N. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold.—P. Nix. 2450

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 18th, South Collingham. Prayers in church 2.20 p.m. Bells 2.30-4.30. Crawford Cup contest, North Callingham, 6 p.m. Regret cups of tea only, for limited number in South Collingham Rectory. 2440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary and Higham, Saturday, May 18th. Stratford St. Mary (6) bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Higham (6) bells after tea and business meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 2393

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's Bob Major. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2458

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Storrington (6) on Saturday, May 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2449

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Tickhill, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster. Bells also available at Bawtry (6) 3-4.30 p.m. and Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and new reports will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 2493

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horsley Cup ringing contest at Horsley, May 25th, 2 p.m. Judge: Denis A. Frith. Non-competitors requiring tea send names to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 2484

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Rawmarsh, Saturday, May 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Parkgate, Rotherham.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2509

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Barnard Castle, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., also available Cotherstone belfry. Names for tea to E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington, not later than Thursday, May 23rd. Tel.: No. Aycliffe 2240. 2492

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Great Totham, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2367

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hempstead on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Ryecart, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Alveston (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 6 p.m. 2503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Puttenham (6) on May 25th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2505

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, May 25th. Bells (8) from 3 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 21st.—R. G. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Free meal, but names essential by previous Wednesday to Peter Lomax, 69, Manchester Road, Walkden.—Thornley, Sec. 2508

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Batley, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss S. Mudd, 129, Healey Lane, Batley, by previous Wednesday.—I. North, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Kirby Bellars, May 25th. Ringing 6-9 p.m. 2496

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th at Bigby. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to the Rev. Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs.—C. A. H. 2453

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at North Creake, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Owen, The Flat, Slys Farm, North Creake, Fakenham. 2467

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.M., Hook Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by 21st latest.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 2460.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallingford, May 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea, 3s 6d. per head, Hartwells, High Street, 4.30. Meeting in church 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than 20th, most essential.—C. Corderoy, West Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 2437

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, at Olney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 22nd, to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Road, Olney.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 25th, Langley. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead 2479

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Durrington, May 25th, 6-9 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 25th, 1963, at Wellingborough.

Committee Meeting 3. Service 4 p.m. Transport will be provided from the church to St. Andrew's Hall, Berrymoor Road, for tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea tickets, at 3s. 6d., each, obtainable from Mr. A. R. Elliott, 29, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough, before Tuesday, May 21st. Please send C.W.O. and S.A.E.

BELLS AVAILABLE

Wellingborough (8), 3.15-4, 7-9 p.m.; Ecton (6), 1-2.30, 7.30-9; Mears Ashby (6), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Doddington (5), 2-3.30, 7-8; Wilby (6), 2-3.30, 7.15-8.15; Yardley Hastings (6), 1-2, 7.30-9; Castle Ashby (5), 2-3, 7.30-8.30; Bozeat (5), 1.30-2.30, 7.30-8.30; Wollaston (6), 2-3, 7.15-8.15; Irthlingborough (8), 1.30-3, 7.30-8.30; Stanwick (6), 1-3.30, 7.30-9; Higham Ferrers (8), 2-3.15, 7.30-9; Rushden (8), 2.15-3.15, 7.15-8.30; Irchester (8), 2-3.15, 7.15-8.15 p.m.

—E. Billings, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, May 25th. Names for tea to T. A. Pulmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2491

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting at Bicton, near Shrewsbury, May 25th. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Cup contest, Saturday, May 25th, **Hucknall** (8). Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Contest 6.15 p.m. Handbells available for visitors. **Please note:** Afternoon ringing, Greasley (8) only, 2.30 to 5 p.m. Service bus from Greasley to Hucknall, 4.50 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 22nd, to H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall. —D. J. Beach, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2488

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, May 25th at Ashtead. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from me. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last team has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by previous Wednesday. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 2391

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield (8) on May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 2510

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing competition at Rhydithin, on Saturday, May 25th. Judging to commence at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approx.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2475

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS (Western Branch) and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL (Tewkesbury Branch).—Joint meeting, May 25th, St. John's, Worcester. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall, Blakefield Road. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester, by Tuesday, 21st. St. Swithun's (6) from 7-8.30 p.m. 2459

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting Aylesbeare, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2480

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to W. H. Debbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, Whit Saturday, June 1st. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. N. Ward, George and Dragon Inn, Wentworth, Rotherham. Tel.: Hoyland 3280. —J. Seager, Sec. 2507

SOUTH WALES NOMADS. — Annual general meeting at Marshfield, near Cardiff, on Saturday, June 1st, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Visitors always welcome.—S. Williams, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 3rd, 1963, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow service. Tea and coffee available from 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall (tickets 3s. 6d.). Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m. (tickets 2s. 6d.). Bells available: Cathedral, 9.30-10.45 a.m. and then service touch, and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m. Great Baddow, Writtle, Widford, Sandon, Danbury; and from 6-9 p.m. Great Waltham, Galleywood, Broomfield, Little Waltham. Lunch and tea tickets from General Secretary, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E., please. —F. V. Gant. 2474

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Much Wenlock, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers available: Madeley (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. only, Willey (5). Notifications for tea must reach me by first post Wednesday, May 29th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 2477

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'R.W.' May 9th, 1913.—

A RUNAWAY CHURCH AND BELL

At the height of the recent destructive flood in the Western States of America, a wooden church surmounted by a tower was seen, partly submerged, racing down the Ohio river, pitching and tossing like an ocean vessel in a gale. Sailing by cities and towns, its career was finally arrested on the higher part of Blennerhasset Island, two miles from Parkersburg, West Virginia, where it was found stranded upon the subsidence of the waters. This island was bought by Blennerhasset, the gifted Irish lawyer, in 1798, and became the rendezvous for the gathering of arms and the training of volunteers in the conspiracy of 1805.

The structure, thus so unexpectedly landed in their midst, was promptly taken possession of by the enterprising inhabitants, who hauled it by means of rollers and windlass to a central situation, where it was secured upon a stable foundation.... In the tower was suspended a bell weighing nearly one-half ton....

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Minor Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Carol Cousins 1, J. C. Perrin 2, Margaret C. Godfrey 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in two methods 1 and 3.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 5th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Bonnett 1, A. Buck 2, M. Hopkins 3, L. Scoot 4, D. Salisbury 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8. For Evensong.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Faulkner 1, J. G. Geary (cond.) 2, H. Faulkner 3, A. N. Geary 4, J. Wadkin 5, G. Lee 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral in memory of Joseph Norton, a ringer at Billesdon for over 60 years.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oliver 1, Margaret Hill 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, R. Spencer 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—On April 7th, at St. Luke's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Sims (first in method) 1, Kathleen Baker (first in method) 2, J. Phillips 3, W. Theobald 4, D. Bennett 5, T. J. Setter 6, R. F. Overington (cond.) 7, J. Laver (first quarter) 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. K. Pratley 1, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 2, H. N. Pratley (first 'inside') 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. Ivings 5, R. M. Gardner 6. A compliment to Roger and Susan Gardner on the birth of a son (Robert Charles).

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Felton 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, F. Ranson 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Matins.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marian Cotton (cond.) 1, H. Toogood 2, Margaret Roden 3, E. Morrall 4, G. Morrall (first quarter) 5, F. Morrall 6. In honour of the Queen Mother's visit to Edgmond.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gillian Boyd 1, Rence Sturgess 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, Cmdr. J. Merritt, R.N., 4, Susan E. Smith 5, Anthony R. Cope 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, W. F. J. Cope 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. To mark the birth of Her Majesty the Queen.

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Katharine M. Guy 1, M. G. Foster (cond.) 2, R. A. Long (first quarter) 3, P. J. Long (first quarter) 4, T. Lewis (first 'inside') 5.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, Valerie J. Hollingsworth (first 'inside') 2, D. Slater 3, M. P. Howard 4, J. A. Howard (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LEIGHTON BRUMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Allen 1, L. Witten 2, E. J. Whiting 3, R. Chapman 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. For the marriage of Kenneth George Brunskill and Joan Alice Lucas.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob): B. J. Davies 1, L. A. Busby 2, C. H. Kinch 3, E. G. Jones 4, C. C. Clarke 5, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Miss P. Drury 1, J. Martin 2, Miss G. Mooring (first as cond.) 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5. For morning service.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. MacDonald 1, A. Naylor 2, F. D. Mitchell 3, H. N. Beedham 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mr. W. M. Codrington, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Comer (first quarter) 1, Hazel Young 2, R. Swift 3, F. Savidge 4, J. Holbrook (cond.) 5, C. Brown 6. Rung as the marriage was taking place at Goffs Oak, Herts, of David Hoare and Madeline Prentice.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On April 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. Birch 1, F. Ward 2, J. Kershaw 3, R. S. Long 4, J. S. Seager 5, B. Balderson 6, M. Meadows 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, G. K. Chaddock 10. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. G. K. Chaddock and Miss L. Thompson.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Pine 1, Miss A. Roden 2, Miss A. Saunderson 3, T. Hatchett (cond.) 4, L. Hatchett 5, E. Ward (first quarter after 42 years' as a local ringer) 6. Rung before Evensong to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

LATE NOTICE

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Radnor District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at 5 p.m. at Llanfihangel Rhydeithon (6 bells). 2516

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Delia F. Leslie 1, Mary Bougourd 2, C. Philpott 3, R. C. Beal 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5 F. G. Barron 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ven. Windsor Roberts, formerly Rector of Alverstoke.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, Oxford Bob): J. Hobden 1, I. V. J Smith 2, A. R. Baldock 3, Ann Harris (first on eight bells) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, A. Jackson 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, I. Holland 8. First of Spliced Triples by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 21st, at the Church of Great St. Mary, 1,320 Bob Maximus: P. H. Pigg 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, H. Muncey 3, H. Hunter 4, C. Rogers 5, M. Daniell 6, J. W. Ward 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Foster 10, P. J. Bergdahl 11, H. F. Brown 12. For the Easter carol service, and in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen, also a farewell to the Vicar (Canon J. E. Fison), on appointment as Bishop of Salisbury.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Howes 1—2, A. Howes 3—4, G. McIlhone (cond.) 5—6.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Osbon (first quarter) 1, Elisabeth M. Harris 2, Diana J. Butcher 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, C. Jane Smart 5, D. Slater 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, C. A. Osbon 8. For Evensong.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. Beck 1, D. A. Burt 2, L. J. Cox 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, D. J. Barnett 5. Wedding compliments to: Anthony Bennett and Susan Axford at Freshford; Cedric Hobbs and Barbara Jewell at Corston.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret A. Wilson 1, C. E. Truman 2, W. J. Chester 3, G. W. Holland 4, J. Linnell 5, D. Burbidge 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, R. H. Rogers 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Delwyn Tidball 1, Mavis Shires 2, J. E. Dews 3, E. Atkinson 4, M. Hunt 5, D. S. Lockwood 6, M. L. Lockwood 7, I. Slack (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Herbert Rowley, for over 70 years a ringer at this church.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. H. Rogers 1, G. Linnell 2, J. Linford 3, J. Linnell 4, D. Burbidge (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled before evening service on Good Friday.

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Now place the Ringers in the tower in groups of six, and set to rise, ring 66 changes and lower. Now return them to the Churchyard to cool and mix well.

(b) When all have rung, transfer ringers and judges to Church Room.

(c) When all the Tea has been absorbed, repeat (a) with ringers in a different order.

(d) Now put all ringers and judges in the Church for a service, and ask judges to make comments to taste. Express thanks to Local Ladies, and go home rejoicing.

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This was the main dish on the menu at Clawton on May 4th, when North Devon met South Devon for the first competition ever held between regions. The bands were West Down, Down St. Mary, Swymbridge, Plymstock, Kenn and West Alvington, and the judges were Messrs. T. Darch, F. Vanstone, G. Daw and A. Tapper.

It was fitting that the team drawn to begin should have been Plymstock, for it was Mr. Jack Hines of that tower who had the idea of holding this competition. They set a very fair standard with 37¼ faults, but Down St. Mary, following with 30¼, set a somewhat higher one for the North. This pattern was adhered to pretty closely: West Alvington had 37½, Kenn 42¾. For the North, West Down had 29 and Swymbridge 38½. When we reached half time and adjourned for tea, there was a margin of 20½ faults between the two regions—nothing that one bad peal could not upset.

Clawton bells sound, inside the tower, as if they are running a little quicker than in fact they are, and most of the ringing in the first round had been on the stiff side, about 33 rounds a minute. Kenn, the first to ring after tea, didn't do so well as they had before, earning 44¼ faults; they were varying the pitch rather, and never seemed to get it quite right. But Swymbridge, who had been the heaviest-marked of the Northern contingent earlier, went in next, and after an excellent rise got the bells exactly where they like to be—just over 35 a minute—and they kept them there for the best ringing of the day, brisk, even and 'suant,' so that after a very pretty lower nobody could have wished them a fraction more than the 21¼ faults the judges gave them. This had plainly lengthened the North's lead, and the process was continued; each of the Southern bands got a few more marks after tea than before, and each of the Northern bands did substantially better. By the time Down St. Mary had finished the last peal of the day, the North had only 71½ faults between them in their second half and the South had accumulated 135¼. The margin of the North's win was a substantial one—169¼ against 253¼.

There is as yet no permanent trophy for this competition, but small mementos were provided for the three teams of the winning region, and these were presented after the service in church.

It was Mr. Hines' belief, when he started to plan this contest, that it would not only give a most attractive day's ringing but would also help to foster comradeship and good relations between call-change ringers. If the Clawton example is anything to go by, he has been triumphantly vindicated. The general spirit of the day was a delightful one; the firmly-established rivalries between individual towers were, for the day at least, entirely set aside. If Jack Hines goes down in the history of Devon call-change ringing for only one thing, it should be because, thanks to him, a Down St. Mary man was heard, loudly and distinctly, to say: 'Come on, West Down!'. J. G. M. S.

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LORD MAYOR BREAKS WITH RINGING TRADITION

The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Ald. E. J. Loy Wooler, asked that the bells of Leeds Parish Church should not be rung when he took office recently.

This break with a 200-year tradition (except during war years) is felt by Mr. R. H. Dove, the Ringing Master.

'It would be just as logical to do away with all the pomp and pageantry in the Civic Hall Council Chamber on Lord Mayor's Day,' he told 'The Yorkshire Evening Post.'

A letter written by the Lord Mayor's secretary, Mr. William Pilts, to Mr. Dove states:

'The Lord Mayor-elect has found that there is no general appreciation, nor indeed knowledge, of the custom, particularly as the sound of the bells is confined to a very limited area in a city of the size of Leeds.'

When interviewed, Ald. Wooler said: 'One has to move with the times. In my view bell ringing on this occasion is quite out of date.'

The new Lord Mayor has also the support of Canon W. Fenton Morley, Vicar of Leeds, who is reported to have said that he and the wardens of the church have approved Ald. Wooler's suggestion that the bell ringing practice should be discontinued.

In an Editorial 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' asks: 'Why?' and takes the Lork Mayor to task. 'One has to move with the times,' he says. 'On this occasion bell ringing is quite out of date.' It still is not easy to see just why Alderman Wooler mentions: 'completely changed conditions since the custom was instituted.'

The Editorial goes on: 'But surely nothing has changed about church bells and their impact on our social life? Ald. Wooler seems to think the size of the city now prevents the Parish Church bells being heard, except in a limited area. So "there is no general appreciation of the custom."

'We would ask whether a merry peal can ever come amiss in our too materialistic and often drab era. We think, with Housman's young lovers, that bells are "a happy noise to hear." Wedding bells are part of our way of life and the continuation thereof. Even a passing bell has its own eloquence. Is not Ald. Wooler's bit of change ringing passing strange?'

BARMOUTH BELLS

After many years of Sabbath stillness, the bells of Barmouth were rung again on Easter Sunday to the excited expectation of the church-people of St. John's. At the end of six months' silent training the bells were unlashed, and at precisely 10.30 a.m. the band heard the pealing for the first time.

Commendable rounds were rung by A. Westley-Jones treble, the Viscountess Chetwynd 2, Christine Evans 3, Rev. Trefor Evans 4, Richard Williams 5, John Hayler 6, David Thomas 7 and W. Harris tenor. Judith Le-clare and Christopher Speake later took part. Visiting ringers are welcome at 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7 p.m. at the Monday practice.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting at St Nicholas', Chislehurst, on April 27th, was attended by about 50 members and friends. The Archdeacon of Bromley (the Ven. R. G. H. McCahearty) conducted the service, and ringing was under the leadership of Mr. J. D. Faircloth, the District Ringing Master.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting, at which four new practising members were elected. Further ringing concluded another pleasant meeting.

M. R. A.

CLERICAL RINGING TOUR IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

THE Clerical Ringing Week, held at the customary time during the week after Low Sunday, had for its centre this year Church Stretton. The three pre-requisites for a ringing tour are good company, good bells and good country. Shropshire and Herefordshire provided the last two of these in first rate manner and the Clerical Tour was, if anything, happier even than it usually is. Although Easter was late and therefore the tour later in April than usual we missed the apple blossom in this belated season, but enjoyed some splendid displays of daffodils and narcissi. The weather was better than might be expected in England—particularly as we were very near to Wales! We had three fine days, one very bad one, one medium. It was a pity that the really bad day came when we went westwards into the hills of Herefordshire and Radnorshire. Had the weather been fine the scenery would have been splendid.

THE RINGING

When most of the party assembled at the first tower, Aymestry, on D-Day, the standard of ringing promised well. In the second tower, Leintwardine, there was a very well struck course of Bob Major, which included several of the less talented members of the company (hereinafter called the second team). At Bromfield, the third tower, the secretary's course of Cambridge Minor, which is by now a tradition of these weeks, was successfully accomplished before dinner and in the absence of some of the experts (hereinafter called the first team). This constituted an all time record for clerical tours. After dinner at Church Stretton the first course of Yorkshire was rung. So we looked forward with high hopes to even further achievements later in the week.

D+1 saw the full strength of the ringers in action. At Much Wenlock the first team sailed through a course of Bristol, while the second team had a taste of what was to become their major diet for the rest of the tour, Grandsire Triples. At Bridgnorth, the secretary was carefully piloted through Cambridge Major, while at Broseley a musical touch of Double Norwich was rung. During this day London and Superlative were added to the repertoire of Surprise Major methods and the more ambitious began to think in terms of Spliced Surprise. Then the rot set in. At Coalbrookdale, the first team had just begun to test the excellent tea when the rope of the fourth broke, enmeshing our imperturbable secretary, who was ringing it at the time, in its coils. All that was left to do was to ring Stedman Doubles on the bottom six—which really sounded rather good.

The next tower, Madeley, brought further disaster. One of the clerical wives blotted her copy book by breaking the stay on the treble. Two local ringers seemed not in the least surprised by this; in fact they had a replacement already to put in! But time pressed and so the first team took over, with Canon Felstead on the treble. The band was horrified to see him march across the tower with the rope still in his hand, apparently oblivious of the broken back stay. It can only be the weight of Canon Felstead's learning which enabled him to avoid following the example of Elijah and being taken up into heaven at high speed! So this day ended with a ring at Hope Bowdler after dinner, where the first team showed for all their expertise they could ring call changes for the benefit of the local ringers.

D+2 took us southwards and then westwards. We were not allowed to test the bells at Ludlow, but at Leominster we were right royally welcomed by the Vicar and his curate, suitably attired to meet the Clerical Guild in cassock and cloak. The splendour of their welcome was matched by that of the church, which must surely be one of the most impressive in this area. Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were successfully rung and then some of the second team had a go at Grandsire Caters. We headed towards Wales, where Presteigne brought back memories of the late Preb. Benson, and the first team rang more Yorkshire. At Knighton, Ashtead was attempted, but failed and some moderate ringing at Clun brought D+2 to a close.

On D+3 the first team, in the absence of a practised peal conductor, were to attempt a quarter of Yorkshire at Condover. Despite the fact that the energetic incumbent already had the bells up it failed towards the end. Meanwhile, the second time had made their way to Cound, where one of the natives was more than surprised that they wanted 'to play the bells.' She thought that being parsons they had come for a service, despite the unusual hour! The remainder of the day was spent in the Shrewsbury district and by now it was clear that the early promise of a higher standard of ringing this year would only be partially realised. Those not in regular practice were becoming tired and the ringing is best described—appropriately—as like the curate's egg, good in parts. At St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, Bob Royal was competently rung, but Stedman Cinques on the Taylor twelve at St. Chad's just did not go.

PERSONALITIES

The ringing power of the party was strengthened this year by the presence of our most accomplished clerical ringing wife, Mrs. P. Robbins (nee Spice). Alban Wood, on his third tour, although still under three, successfully tried a ting tang bell, so recording his first blow. The latest recruit to the Guild, Peter Bond, made his presence felt not only by his immense height and ringing ability but also by the zeal with which he recorded our ringing at each delivery tower. Among older members of the Guild the death of one of our vice-presidents, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, was an inevitable shadow.

At the annual meeting, tribute was paid to his memory. Congratulations were expressed to K. W. H. Felstead, A. G. G. Thurlow and F. A. Oswell, on their being made Honorary Canons. Canon C. C. Cox was re-elected president, despite his customary annual protest, while Canon B. F. Sheppard and the Rev. St. J. Smith were elected vice-presidents. The name of Preb. Andrews was proposed as secretary and seconded by the whole meeting, a fitting tribute to the esteem in which he is held. Canon Felstead and the Rev. O. I. J. Richards were elected to the committee. All being well, the next tour will be held with Exeter as its centre.

THE END

So passed yet another Clerical Ringing Week, a very pleasant break for the parsons who had worked hard at Easter and their wives, ringing or non-ringing, who joined the tour. Apart from the fine churches which we visited, many of them with fortress-like towers dating back to times when this area was subject to raids from the neighbouring Welsh, we remember the interesting area of the Severn Gorge at Iron Bridge and Coalbrookdale, where even the memorials in church and the reredos are made of cast iron. We remember, too, the first evening, when our august president was taken by our dignified secretary in his car past a no entry sign and down a one-way street, the wrong way! Mercifully on this occasion the police were conspicuous by their absence.

F. A. S.

UNIVERSITY OF READING SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Reading University Society on May 6th, the following were elected to the committee for 1963-1964:

Master, Jane Foster, St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road; secretary, John H. Croxton, St. Patrick's Hall, Northcourt Avenue; treasurer, Margaret Montgomery, St. Andrew's Hall; lay members, Jane Black and Ruth Howes.

The retiring Master, Mr. P. M. Wilkinson, reported that the highlights of the year had been the summer tour of Scotland and the dinner in November. A successful joint meeting had also been held with Bristol in February. Arrangements for this year's tour were well under way; and it was decided to try to hold the dinner on November 16th.

PUTNEY'S WEEK-END

ON Friday, April 26th, two cars and a minibus set out from Putney, conveying 21 Putney ringers and friends on their annual outing. By late evening all had arrived at the guest house in Stroud which was to be the base for the week-end.

Setting out on the Saturday morning, we crossed the Severn at Gloucester and thence to St. Mary's, Chepstow. The fine ring of ten went very well, and it was noted how well the two trebles fitted in with the original eight. The next call was at All Saints', Newport, whose slender tower contained a pleasant-sounding eight. The traffic in Newport delayed us slightly and resulted in a rather hurried visit to St. Augustine's, Rumney (6).

It was after lunch at Cardiff that we encountered some trouble when one of the cars refused to start. A band was commandeered to push the car, which eventually got going; we were, however, considerably late at the Cathedral at Llandaff. This was a great pity, as not only were the magnificent ten not done justice to but there was not time to inspect the interior of the Cathedral, which houses the controversial Epstein figure.

A very warm welcome was received at Usk. The bells were most enjoyable, and the local ringers were in the process of making a wonderful restoration to the ringing chamber. We left Usk and wended our way to Monmouth, where tea was obtained before ringing at the Parish Church (8).

DEAN FORESTERS' CHURCH

The final part of Saturday's route lay through the beautiful country of the Forest of Dean to the picturesque church of Littledean. Here a very nice six were housed in the church, which was used by the Dean Foresters in years gone by. Leaving the pleasant surroundings regretfully, we returned to Stroud.

A bright Sunday morning and a quick run along the valley of the Frome led us to Cirencester, where a short ring was grabbed at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, before morning service. Proceeding on to the Parish Church of St. John, the only 12-bell tower of the week-end, we enjoyed the bells, although not attempting any 12-bell ringing. At Swindon the fine ten of Christ Church were very much appreciated, and put us in good humour for dinner. A short distance outside Swindon is St. Andrew's, Wanborough; here a well-hung six was rung with enthusiasm.

Aldbourne Church, set on the corner of a typically-English village green, has a mellow octave. Proceeding eastward, we came to Reading, where ringers refuelled with tea before ringing the very fine bells of St. Mary's, perhaps the best eight of all. A good hour's ringing was had here before bidding our farewells and making the last trek back to Putney.

Methods rung during the week-end ranged from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise and rounds to Stedman Caters. The week-end was most enjoyable, and we should like to thank all incumbents and ringers who made the visits possible. C. M. h

'FORTY YEARS ON'

In 1922 several Wallingford Grammar School boys met frequently in the attic of a painter's shop, owned by the Nash family. Many 'fire-ups,' followed by lengthy arguments, soon gave way to success, when many 720's were rung. Tower bells were then tackled with very limited results, as members of the band left to commence their careers.

Recent ringing activities by present pupils of the school urged the writer to contact the band and the result was two peals at Warborough on May 4th. We were not so fortunate in our early days as the present boys, who combine forces with a girls' school to ring peals! F. H. B.

CATHEDRAL RINGER A QUEEN'S GUIDE



Miss Jennifer Smith, of the 15th Exeter (Bishop Blackall School) Company, has gained the Queen's Guide award.

Jennifer started ringing 2½ years ago with the Heavitree ringers, and is a very regular Sunday service ringer. She is now a member of the Exeter Cathedral band, being elected at the last annual meeting. She has the distinction of being the youngest ringer to be elected to the Cathedral band.

At the 6 a.m. service last Easter Day, Jennifer rang her first touch of Grandsire Cinques: she has now mastered Plain Bob. 'I am sure she is going to make a very useful ringer,' writes Mr. H. Skinner.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District

The tenth annual meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at the Church of St. Michael, Heighington, on April 27th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and after a shortened Evensong an excellent tea, prepared by the ladies of the parish, was enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting Miss D. M. Killingley was re-elected vice-president, and Miss I. Thomson honorary secretary. Mrs. C. N. Lea and Miss S. Scott were elected as members of the General Committee, and Mrs. T. Cooke, Miss G. Douglas, Miss E. Murcott and Mrs. E. Riley were elected as members of the District Committee.

The vice-president welcomed Mrs. Riley, who had come from the Lincoln District and is now living in the Stockton area.

Next meeting (if possible): St. Peter's, Jarrow, June 8th.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Society held on May 3rd, the following officers were elected for the session 1963/64:—

Master, C. K. Cooper; secretary, R. J. Shea; treasurer, J. H. Fielden; committee member, Miss P. A. Freeman.

A 720 SURPRISE TOUR OF SURREY

An enjoyable day's tour of Surrey for ringers from Newbury, Liss and Kingston-upon-Thames was held recently, the object being to visit eight towers and ring 720's in seven different Surprise Minor methods.

A late start at Farnborough meant cancelling the first attempt, and at Ash Ipswich failed after 480 changes. Success came with Cambridge at Pirbright. After lunch in Dorking, Beverley was unsuccessful on the light six at Buckland.

The heavy six at Kingswood produced a well-struck extent of York, and at Charlwood, Ipswich was rung without trouble. The long draught at Newdigate proved tricky, but it was a late call that put paid to London here. Finally, came Merrow and while the tenor to Beverley nearly creased David Hughes the 720 was successful.

Sincere thanks are accorded to the organiser, Miss Cherry White. With four out of seven 'in the bag' the band feel well satisfied.

G. D.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The spring meeting of the Cary Branch at Barton St. David on May 11th provided the first opportunity for many of the members to ring on the bells since the new treble was dedicated, last August.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. S. Thomas, assisted by the Branch Chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson), and a collection taken for the local Tower Fund. The Vicar, in his address, said the tower of the church was the only completely octagonal one in Somerset.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, six new members from Barton St. David, two from Ditcheat and one associate member from Horsington were elected.

The possibility of a Branch outing in August in the Weston-super-Mare district was discussed, the next meeting in July fixed for West Camel, with a Branch practice in June at Batcombe.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. P. S. Thomas, Mr. W. Prescott (the local captain) and the ladies who prepared and served tea, especially one lady who had made and given all the cakes.

Ringing included Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, Beverley Surprise and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A record number of over 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch at Seaton on May 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. N. George, and the tea and meeting were held in a cafe near the sea front.

The chairman (Mr. Sage) presided. The secretary (Mr. Webb) gave his reports, which were received with satisfaction.

Certificates were presented by the Rev. J. F. Prowse, to Mr. James Arbury (aged 72), Gordon Crabb, David Thorne, David Head, Peter Smith, Robert Gardner. There was discussion as to the date of the next annual meeting. It was decided to have a fixed date in future—the second Saturday in May.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Luppitt on September 22nd. All officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Turner proposed Mr. Arbury should take his place as vice-chairman.

Methods rung included Stedman Triples, Kent Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Doubles.

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Letters to the Editor

Dedicated Ringing

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your front page article on 'Belfry Praise' (May 10th, 1963). Mr. Edgar Shepherd's clear exposition of the aims and status of ringers must have been welcomed by the people for whom it was written and by the Exercise as a whole.

At the A.G.M. of the Salisbury Guild, on the day following publication, the Master quoted from the last paragraph: 'Ringers are now widely recognised as office bearers in the Church, and their work is more clearly seen as an offering of praise to God. Their hobby . . . is dedicated to the worship of the Creator. . . .' He enjoined all ringers to live up to this status.

I am sure that to the great majority of ringers, who unseen and unpublicised ring the bells for Sunday service all over the country, this feeling of service to God and the Church is very real. But why do our more skilled brethren, the peal ringers, fail so often to use their great opportunity to spread this ideal of service and the status of church bellringers? Look at the peal records in our journal week by week and see for whom and what we offer the best that we can give—birthdays, anniversaries, outlandish names and any and every excuse under the sun, but very, very few to the glory of God and the great festivals of the Church.

It is right and proper that very important occasions should be marked by peals; indeed the peal boards in towers up and down the country record both national and local history over many years; but surely, if we are indeed 'office bearers' in the Church, ringing to the glory of God, our best efforts should be dedicated first to this end. There is no lack of opportunity: Christmas, Easter, Ascension, All Saints, to name just a few, should be given priority over all other peal dedications.

In the Branch of the Salisbury Guild to which I belong, 12 peals have been rung this year, and in only one has such a dedication been given. This was rung in a small village by a band of young people whose average age was 16; the footnote simply says: 'Rung for Easter.' Judging by the peal records over a period, this situation is typical of the whole country. Good luck to these youngsters, and may their example lead their elders to ring their peals more in the spirit of 'Belfry Praise.'—Yours sincerely,

A. J. KNIGHT.

North Bradley.

NOTE.—The phrase 'Glory to God' does not appear frequently in our columns partly because it is an assumption that all ringing for the great festivals and other occasions connected with the Church is for this purpose (including first peals on the bells). From the Editor's experience of his own Guild, the peal ringers are the most conscientious of Sunday service ringers. —*Ed.*

Renamed

Dear Sir,—In order to conform with the decision of the Methods Committee regarding the various published 'extensions' of Durham Surprise Minor to Major, Royal and Maximus, the band which rang a peal in the method hitherto known as Durham Surprise Major at Claybrooke on May 11th are renaming it Dunelm Surprise Major.

We trust that this name is acceptable to those who took part in the original peals in this method and its extensions.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

New Standard Book on Ringing

Dear Sir,—As you well know, I have agreed to the request of a well-known publishing firm, arising out of demands by libraries for Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' which has been out of print for many years, to write a standard text book on the Art and Science of Change Ringing. I hope to deal with the subject from the beginner stage, include chapters on the standard methods, with touches and peals, and introduce the reader to such matters as conducting, composing, false course ends, etc., so that it may help readers to reach the stage when they can specialise on particular aspects of our art.

I feel that the chance of giving the Exercise a comprehensive book of this nature, which can be borrowed from the local library, if indeed it cannot find a place on our bookshelves, is one that should not be missed. But one cannot write a book of this nature without depending on the work and knowledge of others, and I shall be grateful if within the next month or so members of the Exercise who would agree with the above and wish to help will send me the figures of their favourite touches, quarter peals and peals in the normal methods in a ringer's repertoire, with the name of the composer (if any) and any other details they wish, especially when there is any special quality worthy of mention.

I cannot of course promise to include them in the book, and if they do appear I cannot necessarily mention the name of the sender; there may of course be duplicates, and many of the figures will obviously be old favourites. But I will do my best to acknowledge individually everything sent to me, and the sender will have the satisfaction of having tried to share in the production of a book which I hope will be useful, even if not a 'best seller.'

Please don't decide that someone else will send your touches in—they may not.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

42, Willow Grove,
Ruislip, Middx.

To the Locks

Dear Sir,—I would like to add my congratulations to the many which will have been received by the two Locks on the occasion of their being 'Locked' in happiness for 25 years, as per your report on page 309. May they smoke the 'Pipe' (not Cecil) of peace for many years to come.

I was tickled 'Pink' (sorry, Alan R.) to also see that, according to page 314, quite a few 'Keys' have taken part in a peal.

What a 'Golden' (pardon me, Nolan) opportunity for a Lock and Key peal.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Avoid King's Lynn

Dear Sir,—I would like to warn all Council members and friends who will be travelling from the North and Midlands to Yarmouth on Saturday, June 1st, of the traffic chaos around King's Lynn, with queues of five to seven miles.

This can be avoided by taking the Downham Market bypass from Wisbech to Swaffham.

Those from the Midlands will find it well signposted before entering Wisbech. Those from the North should turn off the A.17 at Long Sutton to Wisbech, and so to Downham Market and Swaffham.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market,
Norfolk.

Ashton Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—Enclosed with this letter are details of a peal of Surprise Major rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 1st. The method rung was produced by Walter W. Wolstencroft about 1936, and was named Ashton after the town where he was then ringing and where in fact it was first practised. The method was published under that name in Corrigan's Major Collection (Method No. 12) in 1948.

Last December a peal was rung in the method at Willesden, and the name was changed to Clerkenwell 'to avoid confusion with Ashton-under-Lyne.' Although the right of a band to name a new method when they ring a peal in it is not disputed, to rename a method which has been in a standard ringing publication under its original name for 14 years is in itself likely to cause confusion, especially when the new name has no special significance, and we have therefore rung the recent peal under the original name of Ashton Surprise Major.

A request has been made to Mr. John Mayne, who conducted the earlier peal, to reinstate the name Ashton in the Central Council records.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK OGDEN.

Manchester.

On Leave in Australia

Dear Sir,—My wife (a non-ringer at present) and I have just returned from a holiday touring Australia, ringing wherever possible, and we would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express our appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown by the ringers there.

Our first call was Perth, where we were made to feel very much at home (even at 4.30 a.m. when we arrived) by the band of young ringers from St. George's Cathedral. Although this band was only formed about a year ago, the members are very keen and are making good progress, having recently scored their first peal.

Adelaide, with its more experienced ringers, was our next stop. A good number of ringers were present at the practice night at St. Peter's Cathedral, and a variety of Minor and Triples methods were rung on this heavy octave.

Unfortunately we didn't have a chance to visit Walkerville before leaving for Sydney. We arrived as the bells of St. Mary's Basilica were being rung muffled for the Anzac Day parade and for the special service.

On the Saturday afternoon I was pleased to be able to make up the band to ring for two weddings at All Saints', Parramatta. Although it was pouring with rain we managed to get to St. James', Turramurra, on Sunday morning, where I had a ring. Later in the day I was included in quarter peals at St. Mary's Basilica and Parramatta.

With regret we had to say 'cheerio' to our newly-made friends as we made our way to Melbourne. At the practice night at St. Paul's we had the pleasure of meeting not only the local ringers but also another English visitor, as well as someone we had previously met at Adelaide.

There are too many people whom we remember with gratitude to mention them all here, but we would like to say a special 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Lees and Jenny at Perth, Tom and Margaret Goodyer at Sydney and Bob and Margaret Ferris at Parramatta for all their kindness.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL and BETTY STRACEY.

Changi, Singapore.

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BATH AND WELLS: 'CHANGE RINGERS' IN TITLE

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association took place at Crewkerne on Easter Monday. More than 150 ringers from all parts of the diocese gathered in St. Bartholomew's Church for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Ashton), assisted by the Revs. H. F. Warren (Master) and C. Marshall. The Rev. N. F. Coleridge gave the address, and the lesson was read by Dr. L. E. Wear, captain of Crewkerne ringers. Another Crewkerne ringer, Mr. K. Pinney, was organist. A retiring collection amounting to £7 18s. 4d., has been sent to King's College, Budo, Uganda, earmarked for the bells of a new chapel that is being built there.

After lunch, taken at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School, the Master opened the meeting with prayer. He asked members to stand in memory of the following who had passed away: A. Cavill, E. Elkins, L. Fudge, A. Rapson, J. Scudamore, W. Thorne, C. Trenchard, Dr. C. Vaisey and C. Withers.

Apologies for absence were received from the president the Lord Bishop and from the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, also from Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, P. Field, L. McCreadie and D. Yeo. Visitors were welcomed from Hampshire, Middlesex and Warwickshire.

In presenting his report the Master stated that he had been able to visit only two Branches during the year, a fact that underlined the disadvantage of having a Master who lived in a far corner of the diocese. He was impressed by the high standard of striking in these Branches and noted the enthusiasm and friendliness that was evident.

EVERCREECH RECORDINGS

Mr. Warren commented on the new recordings of Evercreech bells now being used by the B.B.C. He thought that some, though not all, of the remarks that appeared in 'The Ringing World' were a little ungracious. 'Ringing of the quality to be heard in these recordings is rare and can only be achieved by hard practice.' He congratulated the band concerned, all members of this Association.

The general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, reported another active year and told the meeting that he had been able to visit every Branch. Occasionally he did find the tower that must be regarded as 'silent' and heard of the difficulties encountered in finding recruits. The enthusiasm of the young people at such towers as Twerton, Curry Rivel, Crewkerne, Taunton St. James and Evercreech belied that fact however, and he appealed to members to give youth every chance.

Although the number of performing members had again increased and now stood at 1,731 some members had been lost. These had been in the habit of paying their subscriptions at the end of the year and the severe weather of December and January had beaten them to it. He asked members to support their Branch secretaries in every way, and particularly by getting their subscriptions in early.

FINANCES SOUND

In presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, said that income had exceeded expenditure on the general fund by £5. An outlay that would not reoccur for several years was the £28 spent on a new peal book. Also some donations had been made from the general fund to appeals from outside the Association. Expenditure in connection with the affiliated towers scheme was £38, and, in addition, grants totalling £72 had been made to the following towers: Hemington £40, Glastonbury St. Benedict's £25, Cannington £5 and Langport £2 2s. The balance of the general fund was £221 and that of the bell fund £183.

The diocesan adviser on the care of bells stated that he had carried out twelve inspections and attended three meetings of a bell restoration committee during the year. Mr. Sanger gave a comprehensive account of his work and told the meeting that he was encouraged by the fact that much of his work of previous years was producing results. A major restoration was in hand at Glastonbury St. Benedict's, and estimates for rehanging had been invited at Wells St. Cuthbert's. Ilminster bells were now in first class order, and work had been carried out at Berrow and Stogumber. Fire damage at Batheaston had been rectified.

PEAL QUALITY IMPROVED

Mr. P. C. Wright, peal secretary, told members that 52 peals had been rung at 35 towers, with 164 ringers taking part. First peals had been scored by 15 ringers and 133 had rung something new. The leading peal ringer and conductor was Mr. Alan Lee, who had conducted 12 of his 17 peals. The quality and variety of peals had improved and six new methods had been rung for the Association.

Mr. Wright stated that peals rung prior to 1901 had never been written into the peal book. He had now been able to do this and, consequently, the peal number in the report would now be the true number of that peal for the Association. The work of writing up the old peals had proved fascinating and had been able to trace an interesting history of the Association's early days.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Massey, seconded by Mr. M. Horseman, the reports were adopted en bloc.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. W. A. Osborn, the assistant adviser on the care of bells. Mr. Osborn expressed a wish to retire and was warmly thanked for the tremendous service and devotion he had given the Association. Messrs. J. Gilbert, A. H. Reed, H. J. Sanger and the general secretary were elected as representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

The Master announced that the committee had elected as a vice-president the Rev. A. T. Stephens, of Shepton Beauchamp. In speaking of the election of two honorary life members, Miss N. G. Williams and Mr. W. A. Osborn, he stressed the fact that this was the highest honour that the Association could confer and, as such, was only to be used with the greatest care.

On behalf of the Frome Branch, Mr. G. W. Massey proposed 'that the Association revert to its old title of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.' Mr. Massey reminded the meeting that the old title of Change Ringers had been discarded in 1957. He asked the meeting to consider the objects of the Association: (1) to recognise the true position of ringers as Church workers and to encourage ringing for divine service. He said that this was the fundamental rule since the foundation of the Association in 1890, and it would remain whether we were Church Bell Ringers or Change Ringers. (2) To promote the art of change ringing. This demanded that we should be Change Ringers. Finally, the Association could not afford the expense incurred by continuing in the name of Church Bell Ringers. A large stock of membership certificates in the name of Change Ringers still existed and, at the same meeting at which the title was amended, the Association had accepted, as a gift, a die for the making of badges in the name of Change Ringers.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. R. G. Beck, and, after considerable discussion during which it was pointed out that the certificates could be easily amended and the Central Council was styled Church Bell Ringers, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A second proposition that Branches be known by their Deanery names, as they were prior to 1957, was defeated, the argument against being based on economic and geographical grounds.

Arising from discussion that arose at the meeting of the previous year concerning a possible change of day for the annual meeting, Mr. E. Fisher proposed that the meeting be held on Easter Monday, as had been the rule to date. This was seconded by Mr. G. Jeannes, and carried.

Under any other business, Mr. S. G. Coles proposed that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. An amendment that the honorarium be of £25 had no seconder. Mr. E. Chivers proposed that the Central Council representatives be given £20 to help defray their expenses. Both propositions were carried.

Mr. S. G. Coles, in proposing a vote of thanks, thanked the Crewkerne Branch for making the Association so welcome and mentioned the able way in which the Master had conducted the meeting. He also thanked the incumbents and correspondents of the 16 towers that were open for ringing during the day.

There being no further business the Master closed the meeting with prayer.

BOSTON, MASS, BELLS RING

On Sunday, April 28th, the bells at the Church of the Advent in Boston, Mass, were rung for the first time in many years. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. David Dickenson, of Amherst, Mass, and Chris Angell, Alan Dunfee and S. Parkman Shaw, of Harvard College. The top five of the eight were rung. Unfortunately, ringing had to stop after ten minutes, due to a broken support on the fifth.

Hopefully enough ringers can be found to start regular ringing for services next September.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson and Alan Dunfee learned to ring in Cambridge, England, and Chris Angell and S. Parkman Shaw at Groton School, Mass.

ALAN DUNFEE.

Harvard College.

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RINGING FOR THEIR WEDDING



In the belfry of St. George's Church, Beckington, Somerset, after their wedding, are Mr. David Thomas Robertson, a member of the St. John's, Frome, band, and Miss Teresa Ruth Jones, a ringer at this church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones, of 15, Sandy Lane, Beckington. The Rector (the Rev. W. T. H. B. Davies) officiated.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white figured brocade, with a bouffant veil held in position by two white roses. Her flowers were orange roses and freesias. She had three attendants—her sister, Hilary, in lemon brocade, Mrs. Ann Escott, of Bournemouth, and Miss Brenda Davis, who wore apricot brocade dresses and carried posies of lemon carnations.

Mr. Peter Ives, of Frome (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man, and the ushers were Messrs. Richard Ives (cousin of the bridegroom) and Gordon Jones (brother of the bride).

A reception was held at Beckington Village Hall, attended by 80 guests, and the honeymoon was spent touring Cornwall.

BROMHAM, BEDS, RINGERS' OUTING

On April 20th the Bromham ringers had a very enjoyable outing in the Gloucester area.

Leaving Bedford at 6.45 a.m. the party reached Burford in time to enjoy a cup of coffee before visiting the most interesting Parish Church, where the bells were very much enjoyed by everyone, as were those of Northleach, which came next. It was as the party were about to depart from the latter place (almost!) that the peace of the Cotswolds was shattered by a tremendous banging. Fear gripped the hearts of all, and consternation showed on their faces, whilst dogs and cats scurried for shelter, and just as everyone was becoming resigned to the breaking out of a nuclear war, it transpired that one of the younger members of the party was anxious to proceed to Gloucester, where lunch was to be taken!

The light six at Blaisdon were a pleasure to ring, and the resonant octave at Ledbury gave great satisfaction, as did the generous tea that followed!

On the homeward journey, further ringing took place at Welland, Upton-on-Severn and Cropthorne, and refreshment was taken at Banbury. So ended a most interesting and enjoyable day, and sincere thanks are accorded to the organiser, Mr. F. W. Rivett, to incumbents and to the local ringers who so warmly welcomed us. A. E. R.

CANAL CAMPANOLOGY

THE idea of a ringing tour based on the inland waterways was conceived three years ago and developed into a reality as a result of the efforts of two ringers from Sussex. The Shropshire Union and Llangollen canals were chosen for their beauty, and on Saturday, April 20th, a party of 10 ringers travelled by train and taxi to Wheaton Aston lock on the Shropshire Union canal.

During the journey we rang at Penkridge, a fine church with a collegiate foundation dating from 1180 A.D. On arriving at Wheaton Aston we saw for the first time the three boats on which we lived during the tour. These were Christine and Dawdler, both 4-berth petrol engine cruisers, and Pennine Navigator, a six berth craft, with a diesel engine. We were impressed by the interior fittings of the boats, particularly those in Pennine Navigator and Christine.

Before starting our cruise we were given a short lesson in navigation and lock operation by the boat hirer, who stressed the dire consequences of not closing lock paddles properly. After tea on Pennine Navigator, where we had all our meals, as it was the largest boat and had the best cooking facilities, we set off. We soon reached our first bridge. Like most of the bridges we were to pass through, nearly 200 in all, it had only just enough width and headroom for a narrow boat. It took much practice before we could shoot one accurately.

HARD GROUND

The first stop was at Church Eaton, a pretty little village, with a tower containing six bells. Here we had to overcome the difficulties of mooring our boats. Christine ran hard aground and some hard work with boat hooks was needed to refloat her.

After travelling a further two and a half miles through lovely country we tied up for the night near Gnosall. Ringing followed at the Church of St. Lawrence, and we paid a visit to the Boat Inn, where we entertained the customers with handbells. By 7.30 a.m. on Sunday morning a party of seven were on their way to Holy Communion before breakfast.

It was a gusty, showery morning when we reached Norbury Junction, where we had to take on fresh drinking water. During the berthing of the boats Pennine Navigator was holed in the bows when Christine reversed into her. Fortunately the hole was well above the waterline. By evening we had reached Market Drayton, where ringing for Evensong included Cambridge and Superlative Major.

15 LOCKS

An early start the following morning saw us at the top of the chain of 15 locks at Audlem. On our way through we had to give way to two narrow boats, the only commercial traffic we encountered during the week. Ringing at Audlem followed lunch, and after purchasing Wellington boots and other sundries we moved on to Nantwich.

Here we were met by the Vicar, a churchwarden and the tower captain. The Vicar was interested in meeting the party, many of whom came from Sussex, since he was educated at Lancing. The churchwarden showed us the fine carved wood choir stalls, of which only two other similar examples exist in the country. We were also impressed by the beauty of the stained glass and intrigued by ringing in an octagonal tower. The eight bells were found to go well and we enjoyed ringing several of the standard methods on them.

Tuesday was a fine day and we enjoyed ringing at Bunbury, Tattenhall, Christleton and St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester. One of the highlights of the day was the unique Beeston Iron Lock, which is built on running sand.

ROYAL WEDDING RINGING!

Wednesday morning was spent in Chester. Ringing at St. Mary-on-the-Hill was followed by ringing at the Cathedral, where we were welcomed by the Vicar of Tattenhall, who was on duty as an Ordinary of the Cathedral. The bells were unfortunately not in good order and we were confined to ringing on the front six, the eighth and the tenor. At lunch we were amused to hear from a waitress that the Cathedral bells had just been ringing for the royal wedding, an event we had almost forgotten!

The following morning, soon after passing through Hurleston locks, at the entrance to the Llangollen canal, Dawdler's propeller shaft became disconnected. The delay in effecting a repair made the party an hour late at Wrenbury, but lunch on the move helped us to make up some lost time on the way to Marbury, where we found we were at last moving out of the red sandstone country. Further trouble with Dawdler caused delays on the way to Whitchurch, and Christine went on ahead to negotiate the staircase locks at Grindley Brook.

HOOKS ON BELFRY WALLS

So much time had now been lost that a 5.30 a.m. start on Friday was necessary in order to reach Ellesmere on time. Here we were met by Mr. Whitehead, a very active old gentleman; he pointed out the hooks on the belfry wall, to which the ropes were fastened to hold the bells up in the days before stays. After ringing we set out intent on reaching Chirk on time. However, Dawdler, having decided that token strikes were only nuisance value, settled for a total stoppage and ejected propeller, shaft and all into the canal. Quick action to plug the shaft housing, up which water was pouring into the boat, and some hard work at the pilge pump, saved her from foundering with all hands, in three feet of water. The boat was now useless and towing being illegal, her crew transferred to Pennine Navigator.

From Chirk to Ruabon was the most spectacular part of the whole trip with a 487 yard tunnel and the Chirk and Pontcysyllte aqueducts. All these are remarkable pieces of engineering and from the aqueducts breath-taking views of the valleys are seen. From the Pontcysyllte aqueduct it was a sheer drop of 121 feet over the side of the boat to the fast-flowing River Dee beneath. Quite a hair-raising experience!

The tower captain at Ruabon gave us a cordial welcome and showed us a mediæval mural in almost perfect condition, and some interesting gravestones in yet another very beautiful church. The bells went well and we rang call changes with the local band, and also demonstrated change ringing.

On Saturday morning we travelled the final five miles along the Vale of Llangollen before returning the boats. So ended a tour which we believe to be unique. All of us enjoyed ourselves tremendously, but will think twice about another canal ringing tour. The necessity of adhering to a programme made for hard work and prevented us from stopping to visit places of interest near the canal, and savouring the scenery.

The tour was organised by Miss Angela Grainger, of Brighton, and Mr. John Norris, of Hurstpierpoint, who both worked very hard to make it a success. We would like to thank them, and also all the incumbents, tower captains and others who waited so patiently when we were late.

D. P. T., J. R. N.

THE BELL WITH A GRUDGE

Recently placed on a lorry for the Whitechapel Foundry were the six bells from St. Benedict's Church, Glastonbury.

One of these is 'the bell with a grudge,' according to a local newspaper, as it bears the inscription: 'Our tone would have been deeper if contributions had been greater.' And that particular bell has been carrying that grudge since 1776.

Another has the familiar inscription: 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'

The bells are to be retuned and other work done to them at a cost of £1,100. Glastonbury expects the bells back in two months' time. So far, about half the money required has been raised.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 5th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine — (first quarter) 1, P. J. Malloch 2, C. J. Clegg 3, Margaret Wright 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Cross (first quarter) 1, C. J. Clegg 2, R. Edwards 3, P. J. Malloch 4, J. F. Barlow 5, F. Shallcross (cond.) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Hampton 1, Mrs. S. R. Foot 2, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, E. E. Dodds 5, C. M. Meyer 6, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 7, R. E. Foot 8. For the Confirmation of the goddaughter of the conductor by the Bishop of Kingston.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Fuller 1, J. M. Swift (first of Triples 'inside') 2, J. Hobden 3, Christine Fuller 4, I. Smith 5, T. Barlow 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, G. FitzHugh 8. Rung for SS. Philip and James' Day.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, P. E. Wells 2, R. Chapman 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. Whiting 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Clive M. Smith and Lucy Allen. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Albert Samuel Andrews, organist at this church for 18 years and a friend of the ringers.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 28th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss H. Muirhead 1, I. M. Smith 2, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 3, J. W. McClenahan 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, S. C. Walters 7, I. R. Hough 8.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: P. Bridle 1, G. H. Pullin 2, E. Lee 3, G. Prescott 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of London Minor 2 and 4.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Oliver 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, N. Errington (cond.) 6, R. Skelton cover bell. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. G. Wall. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Zvegintzov 1, Margery Pearson 2, J. G. Wall 3, R. B. Skelton 4, J. Vickery 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 28th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Warwick 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, M. Bland 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: N. Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, J. Payton (first in two methods and as cond.) 3, Pamela Hunter 4, A. C. A. Hunter 5, N. G. Stroud 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen P. Green 1, A. Georgetta Harrison 2, N. D. Kirk 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (21 slow course methods): Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Miss J. Cook 4, Miss V. Hester 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Peatfield (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mellish (first quarter) 2, R. T. Perry 3, P. Jupp 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, J. C. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. C. Davies.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Delwyn Young 1, R. Goodliffe 2, J. Brake 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. James 1, J. Brake 2, G. Skelly 3, B. Goodliffe 4, J. Rily (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6. Also on March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. James 1, M. Long (first 'inside') 2, R. Goodliffe 3, M. Horseman 4, G. Skelly (first as cond.) 5, A. Saye 6.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 5th, 1,272 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, R. Dowdeswell 3, S. M. Drew 4, V. Willard 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. First in two methods 1 and 2.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: E. Metcalfe 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss I. Lemare 3, Miss D. Killingley 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, T. Cox 6, F. Hodgson 7, P. Wishart 8.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On April 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Josephine Hardy 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, N. J. Davies 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Bowen 1, E. Fellows 2, Phillippa Duncan 3, I. Smith 4, A. Jackson 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. L. Queen 2, P. J. Daniel 3, P. C. Plant 4, R. J. Gay (cond.) 5, J. R. Bartlett (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Mildred (first in method) 1, B. M. Smith 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, Carol L. Norman 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sybil Tonkin 1, H. Hobden 2, Rosemary Earl (first of Triples) 3, P. Pope (first of Triples) 4, F. Beeney 5, G. Beeney 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, J. Frampton (first on eight bells) 8. For St. George's Day.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hill 1, Jill Lucas (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Marion Baitup 4, P. D. Pope (cond.) 5, C. Pope 6. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Pope 1, Monica Lucas (first quarter) 2, G. Beeney 3, T. Matthews 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. To mark the engagement of Monica Lucas to John Richardson.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Young (first of Triples on a working bell) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Young (first of Triples 'inside') 4, C. T. Brown 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, J. R. H. Palmer (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a welcome home to Dr. C. T. Brown, after his safe return from the Antarctic.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Albert W. Bond received unexpected notoriety through an error in our columns that the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 27th, was his 1,100th peal, whereas it was his 100th. Congratulations have been reaching A.W.B.; indeed at the Sussex A.G.M. Mrs. Frank Hairs was rather surprised that the peal secretary should omit such a major point in his report. Forty years is quite a long time by present day standards to arrive at one's 100th peal. The error arose through the imperfect writing of our correspondent.

Those who are watching ringing in our theological colleges will note that the Culham College Society of Change Ringers have rung their first quarter peal. Congratulations!

We are pleased to state that Mr. Albert Hughes is going on fairly well after the operation to his leg and is receiving treatment from a therapeutist. The stitches were removed on Tuesday.

Mr. Ronald A. Wright rang his first peal for 14 months at Harrow Weald on May 15th, owing to his service with H.M. Forces at Aden. He goes back at the beginning of June to complete his two years' overseas service.

Only one tower was represented at the quarterly meeting of the Radnor District held at Llanbadarn-Fawr. Following the service and tea, the secretary expressed concern at the lack of interest, and appealed for support from other parishes in the district.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Whingarth, 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, would like the tape-recording of the last course of the 32,204 peal at Loughborough returned to him. It has been out of his possession for 15 months, and was last heard of in the Marsden area of Yorkshire.

Copies of the Central Council's publication, 'Preservation and Repair of Bells,' have been circulated by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to all towers affiliated to them. A practical suggestion other Associations might follow.

For end-of-term service of St. Helena's School, Chesterfield, on May 10th, the front bells of the ten at the Parish Church were rung by four of the pupils—the Misses Gill Atrill, Christine Sherwood, Kay Marsden and Jane Lowe, and the fifth by Mrs. E. M. Silcock. This was made possible as the ringing room renovations after the fire are now nearing completion.

The Lancashire Association hope to have their annual reports ready in about eight weeks' time.

Re ringers' names, a few years ago at a Salisbury Branch meeting we had two visitors—Mrs. Cockell and Mr. Mussell. (A long way from 'Dublin's fair city'!)

Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson, both well known in London ringing circles, left Liverpool for Montreal to visit their sister who lives at Peterborough, Ontario.

The peal at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on May 1st, marks the first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the sixth, seventh and eighth by local ringers, under the direction of Mr. W. Tyson.

Mr. Ronald C. Noon disputes the claim of the band who rang the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. John's, Peterborough, of the first peal on the bells for 14 years. He rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major there on November 1st, 1952, conducted by G. E. Watson.

Writing from the Bell Jones Ward of the Anglesea Road Wing of Royal Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, Mr. Alan R. Bridges tells us he will miss the Central Council as he will be in hospital. His trouble started with a minor operation for fluid on the knee, and now he will have a second in a few days on a cartilage. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bedfordshire Association, at its annual meeting, reported last week, agreed to increase the 1964 subscription to 4s. for adult members, remaining at 1s. 6d. for junior members. In future it will be possible to pay a life subscription of £4 4s. Although no longer general secretary, Mr. S. J. Ivin is peal secretary and Mrs. Ivin librarian.

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THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	J. Keith Ward	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	2	Robin G. Leale	8
Gillian A. Neal Smith	3	Alan E. Bagworth	9
Frederick R. Scott	4	Eric J. Hitchins	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	George E. Fearn	11
Norman J. Goodman	6	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal on the 12 bells since recasting.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Bro. Arthur G. Mason, M.M., Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727	*Treble*
Bro. William Hibbert, M.M., Victoria Lodge, No. 2671	2
Bro. Peter J. Staniforth, M.M., Highcross Lodge, No. 4835	3
Bro. Percival W. Cave, M.M., Banstead Lodge, No. 5032	4
Bro. Herbert C. Spencer, M.M., Northcote Lodge, No. 2659	5
W. Bro. Frank E. Hawthorne, W.M., Teddington Lodge, No. 4528	6
W. Bro. Eric Naylor, W.M., Elizabethan Lodge, No. 7296	7
Bro. Richard C. Ingram, S.W., Orion Lodge, No. 4993	8
Bro. Arthur Gibbs, M.M., Pemberton Lodge, No. 3039	9
W. Bro. Arthur D. Barker, H.L.G.R., St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351	10
Bro. Frederick E. Collins, M.M., Croydon Chantry Lodge, No. 5063	11
Bro. Thomas Setter, M.M., Progressive Science Lodge, No. 5007	*Tenor*

Composed by Bro. Frank W. Perrens.
Conducted by Bro. Frederick E. Collins.
Rung for the installation of W. Bro. F. E. Hawthorne in the chair of his Lodge.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*Janet D. Phillips	*Treble*	*Kenneth J. Rider	6
*†Judith M. White	2	Patrick J. Bird	7
Richard J. Bowden	3	Antony R. Kench	8
*†Maria E. Kirby	4	D. John Hunt	9
Judith M. Atkinson	5	C. Martin Foster	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method. The conductor's 50th peal, and first on ten bells as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, being 1,280 Rochester, 1,240 London (No. 3), 1,040 Cambridge, 840 Yorkshire and 720 York; with 46 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*Peter A. Kirkby	*Treble*	S. Barry Schofield	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	*Harold B. Schofield	7
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
*Mary H. Schofield	4	Frederick A. Munday	9
Vernon Bottomley	5	*Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal in more than four methods on this plan.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2t lb. in D.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Muriel Reay	2	Edward W. Colley	7
David J. Taylor	3	Alan E. Bagworth	8
Anthony G. Tyers	4	J. Keith Ward	9
Frederick Ross	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Frank C. Price	*Treble*	John Hill	6
	2	Dennis Knox	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Albert R. G. Twinn	8
Thomas J. Lock	4	Tony Price	9
John R. Mayne	5	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first time that Surprise Royal has been rung double-handed on tower bells.
Rung to celebrate the Uxbridge Festival of Arts.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

George W. Holland	*Treble*	*Roger Cadamy	6
William J. Chester	2	*Charles E. Truman	7
*Raymond A. Vickers	3	*James Linnell	8
*Henry B. Whitney	4	*William A. Yates	9
Valerie Willard	5	George E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by George T. Daltry. Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Rev. J. J. F. Scammell, installed canon in St. Albans Cathedral on April 27th; also as an engagement compliment to Miss M. Charleson and Mr. W. Rowe.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church with St. Ewen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Patrick J. Bird	*Treble*	Brynley A. Shackleton	6
Antony R. Kench	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
D. John Hunt	2	Don C. Exell	8
Shirley M. Drew	4	Reginald G. Hooper	9
Michael J. Hobbs	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method in Bristol, for the Association, and for all except the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*Peter S. Bennett	*Treble*	*Ian C. Maycock	5
*Pamela M. Turner	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Susan Funnell	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 14).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey; with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

James L. Towler	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
*E. Jane Sibson	2	Peter J. Eves	6
Joe E. G. Roast	3	*Frank J. Matthews	7
†Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 7-Spliced Surprise Major. † 150th peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Doreen A. Deverall	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Joan Beresford	3	*John S. Barnes	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conduoted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of London Surprise Major
Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. V. G. Nickless, B.A., L.Th., as Rector of this parish by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Ashton	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
John Robinson	2	Frederick Shallcross ..	6
Basil Jones..	3	Derek Ogden	7
Edward F. P. Bryant ..	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

David Vincent	*Treble*	Peter Crook, sen.	5
Cyril Crossthwaite ..	2	John Ashcroft..	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	*William Tyson	7
Geoffrey Fothergill ..	4	H. David Holland ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Major.
To celebrate the baptism of Josephine Ann Riley, first great-grandchild of Peter Crook, sen.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Jennifer Sceeny	*Treble*	John Young	5
Mary F. Carr	2	Richard E. Dean	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Paul R. Dean	4	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal of Stedman, and 25th peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*James C. Cann	*Treble*	Michael W. Crowder ..	5
†Jill Richardson	2	Robert Harrison	6
Stephen Bromfield.. ..	3	Jack Bray	7
†Geoffrey Bromfield ..	4	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal attempt. † First of Major 'inside.'

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans',
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Frederick Vickers	*Treble*	Charles E. Truman	5
Maurice J. Thurmott ..	2	James Linnell	6
William J. Chester	3	George W. Holland.. ..	7
Christopher C. Clarke ..	4	William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Holland.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Geoffrey Riglar	*Treble*	Gordon W. Limmer ..	5
*Jennifer Sceeny	2	*Richard E. Dean	6
*Arthur D. Barker.. ..	3	*E. Russell Gotham ..	7
*John Young	4	*Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Composition: Traditional. Conducted by Howard Oglesby.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF LLANFAIR P.G. SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D flat.

Reginald G. Hooper ..	*Treble*	Peter Bridle	5
*Gillian M. Hussey ..	2	Don C. Exell	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	*D. John Hunt	7
Brynley A. Shackleton..	4	Ralph G. Edwards.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*David S. Osenton	*Treble*	§Andrew M. Macve.. ..	5
†John D. Faircloth.. ..	2	‡Robert W. Hinde	6
‡Christopher T. Osenton	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method, and 50th peal. ‡ First in the method. § 150th peal.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Nigel Spencer	*Treble*	Donald J. Beach	5
Mrs. Mary P. Beach ..	2	†James W. Tyler	6
Mrs. S. Patricia M. Nix	3	Peter Nix	7
Alan Minkley	4	*Charles W. Hodgkinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Nix.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. C. A. W. Peglar, on his departure to Gresham Rectory, Norwich.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Colin A. S. Harwood ..	6
Vernon Green	3	Jack S. Dear	7
G. William Critchley ..	4	J. Richard Castledine ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Eric Edmondson	*Treble*	Peter J. Coles	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Philip Mehew	6
Michael D. Staniforth ..	3	Michael D. Frost	7
Alfred E. Rushton	4	Gerald Penney	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

PRESTWICH, NEAR MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 16 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

Bro. Thomas Rogers, Master Mason, Evening Star Lodge 3644	*Treble*
W. Bro. David Vincent, Past Master, De Sala Lodge 5657 ..	2
Bro. Norman Tompkins, Master Mason, Egerton Lodge 2216 ..	3
W. Bro. James W. Horner, P.P.A.D.C., Past Master, Norley Lodge 7319	4
Bro. Joseph Thornley, Master Mason, Farnworth Lodge 5301	5
Bro. Peter Crook, sen., Master Mason, Antiquity Lodge 146 ..	6
Bro. Arthur Gibbs, Master Mason, Pemberton Lodge 3039 ..	7
Bro. Richard Benson, Master Mason, Justice Lodge 4632 ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bro. Peter Crook, sen.
Rung as a farewell tribute to W. Bro. the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, P.P.A.G.C., who leaves Bolton for Derbyshire in the near future.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,144 Cambridge and 2,912 Yorkshire.
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Michael Hatchett	*Treble*	*Giles B. Thompson ..	5
John Robinson	2	Alan R. Pink	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	William Birmingham ..	7
Roger Baldwin	4	David A. Cornwall ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced on the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	2	RAYMOND HAINES	6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
PETER J. JOYCE	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Carolyn Vibert, of Bishopstoke.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LISCARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN F. GROVE	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	V. DAVID JENNER	6
*HAZEL ARROWSMITH	3	KENNETH J. HESKETH	7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*ROGER M. HEYWORTH	*Treble*	*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE	5
F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	*GERALD G. TINSON	6
*STEPHEN J. FRANKLIN	3	*ROGER A. HOWES	7
*CHARLES J. ADAM	4	*P. GERALD MCILHONE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.
* First peal of Major.
Rung by past and present pupils of Wallingford Grammar School.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

JOHN F. BARLOW	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
DEREK A. ASHTON	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	6
RICHARD J. PARKER	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.
Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
First peal in the method.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Treble*	PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	2	BERNARD MOSS	6
ARTHUR RIGBY	3	MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	7
*KEITH STAINTON	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal.
Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. J. G. Anderson, M.A., Rector of Chorley, Canon of Blackburn and Rural Dean of Leyland.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

MARION E. BRANCH	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	ROBERT H. BROOKER	6
C. JACK GIBSON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*PAUL MUTTITT	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal on eight bells.

STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58.12.36—14—58—16.34. h.l. 78. l.h. 12.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Treble*	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	MAURICE W. HARRISON	5
RUTH BLACKSHAW	3	GRAHAM J. FISHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
In memoriam Canon R. F. Wilkinson, M.A., chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in A.

*MARCUS C. W. SHERWOOD	*Treble*	THOMAS WOOD	4
AUDREY G. GLADWELL	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
†JOHN F. I. TIERNEY	3	GEORGE T. COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
A wedding compliment to Mrs. R. Hemus (née Rosemary Jarrett), of All Saints', Hereford.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANDREW HOWARD	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4
†DAVID HUDDLESTON	2	DON C. EXELL	5
*ALAN TUBB	3	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Consisting of 111 methods in the following seven Spliced extents: (1) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Iver, Ellacombe, Buxton, Sharnbrook, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Wavertree, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight; (3) Benington, Freiston, Langton, Frampton, Candlesby, Butterwick, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Poynton, Sutton and Denton, Special Alliance, Ellacombe and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Double Oxford, London Bob, College, Wavertree and Double Court, Cripplegate and Cornhill Special Little, Bastow Little Court; (4) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham and Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Felkirk, Crofton, Kirkthorpe and Kippax Special Alliance; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Hitcham, Alderbourne and Pontefract Delight; (7) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York Surprise; with 217 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*†PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
†SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	*BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

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OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings, and Pitman's and Morris' 240's. Tenor 6 cwt., app.

NOEL D. DEAM	*Treble*	LEONARD PORTER	3
*LEONARD MAUND	2	ROY H. JONES	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as an engagement compliment to John Walker and Janet Edmeads; also as a farewell to Miss J. S. Wiles and Miss D. Barton, who leave for Canada.

PURITON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC C. WADMAN	*Treble*	*DAVID K. ADNETT	4
AUDREY M. SHORT	2	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	5
RONALD D. SHORT	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Audrey Short has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*NINA B. THOMAS	*Treble*	ANGELA M. RIMMER	4
*CHRISTINA R. FOLKES	2	KEITH J. WALPOLE	5
*JULIA A. FELLOWS	3	KENNETH J. DARVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung by teenagers of the St. Albans District. Average age of band: 17 years, 4 months.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9 cwt.

EILEEN J. OSBORNE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	4
LEONARD GOODALL	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	3	*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all.

UPTON-BY-BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*HAZEL ARROWSMITH	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	3
V. DAVID JENNER	2	KENNETH J. HESKETH	4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman. First in the method on the bells.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

MICHAEL G. GODWIN	*Treble*	MALCOLM D. BARSBY	3
ROGER I. KENDRICK	2	J. RICHARD PERKINS	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung by the Sunday service band to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. C. S. Scott, of Birstall, on the birth of a daughter (Amanda Jane).

LONDON, E.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., May 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VEDAST, FOSTER LANE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, Wells, York and Norwich.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

OLIVE D. TESTER	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	HARRY POYNER	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6
DAVID F. MOORE	3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7—8

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

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

Rung on the Feast of St. Mark.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., April 26, 1963, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, differently called, every call a single.
Tenor size 11 in G.

DAN S. PONT	1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE	3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6		

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

BREARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT BEARLEY GRANGE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

PETER S. BENNETT	1—2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	3—4
MAURICE C. HUGHES	5—6		

Conducted by MAURICE C. HUGHES.

First peal on handbells by all the band. First of Doubles as conductor.

A compliment to John K. Foot and Linda M. Hughes on their engagement.

SALE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT 8, CARLYN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6
NEIL BENNETT	3—4	DEREK OGDEN	7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First handbell peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Lilian and Herrick Bowley, of Leicester.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	3—4	ALAN R. PATTERSON	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair. 100th for the Association. First on eight handbells as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 1, 1963, in 2 Hours,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor with an 'inside' bell. † 25th of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on handbells, and in the method, by all the band, and for the Association.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5—6
MARGARET E. L. CHAPMAN	3—4	*TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Yorkshire 'in hand.'

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. R. Davis 1, Mrs. A. Bennett 2, Miss C. Bennett 3, M. W. Sayers 4, A. W. Ivings 5, E. E. Pearson 6, B. J. Davis (cond.) 7, J. G. Wyatt 8. First quarter for treble. A 21st birthday compliment to C. and D. Guntripp.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Etherington 1, N. Stroud (first 'inside') 2, Nicoli Stroud 3, C. Bailey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, P. J. Stroud 6. For Evensong.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. J. Henderson (first quarter) 1, W. J. Beddow (first quarter) 2, J. Gentleman 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, P. A. Sharp (cond.) 5, R. G. Oakley 6. Rung for Evening Prayer. The first quarter rung by the Culham College Society of Change Ringers.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Josephine Hardy 1, Wendy Bird 2, P. Newing 3, A. Jackson 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6. Rung on the back six.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, R. J. Brown 4, V. J. C. Dale 5. Rung half-muffled by friends at Bentley Common in memory of Frederick J. Wood, tower master of Ingrave.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Rudd (first of Plain Bob) 1, J. Hobden (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Philippa Duncan (first 'inside') 3, Susan Hatton (first of Plain Bob) 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Prodger (first of Plain Bob) 6. For the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvie.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On April 21st, at Holy Trinity, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Holt, A. Greenhalgh, J. Ashcroft, J. Thornley, D. Vincent, N. Tompkins, P. Crook, sen. and Margaret Fort. For the christening of the great granddaughter of Peter Crook, sen.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Taylor 1, Anne Willard 2, T. T. Jones (cond.) 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, E. Sitch 6, B. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Roberts 1, A. E. Barker 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, Margaret Guthrie 5, P. J. Barker 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Constance Linford, wife of Mr. F. Linford, J.P., the Vicar's warden, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

CHERITON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. O'Grady (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Munt 2, W. C. Chandler (first as cond.) 3, Rev. N. Munt (first quarter) 4, A. Eastmead 5, D. Corner 6. To commemorate the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. Cyril Munt, on April 17th. Ringers of 2 and 4 sister and brother of the bridegroom. First quarter in the newly constructed ringing chamber. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Miss E. O'Grady 1, Miss M. Munt 2, A. Eastmead 3, Rev. N. Munt 4, A. Berry 5, D. Corner 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Alan Martin, churchwarden for many years.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, H. Colcombe 4, D. G. Blows 5, Roy Collins 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. Belated 21st birthday compliments to Sallie Buchanan (March 30th) and Anne Jupp (April 24th).

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Putnam (first quarter attempt of Triples) 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, D. Lloyd (first of Triples 'inside') 5, G. Pratt 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, D. Allen 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. T. Spence, senior curate.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynn Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. J. Butcher 2, Peggy M. Butcher 3, A. J. Carter 4, Derek Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Butcher.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selley 1, G. Marchant (cond.) 2, C. Clarke 3, W. Selley 4, G. Burge 5, M. Stone 6. An engagement compliment to Anne Harvey and Clive Marchant.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 12th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Teresa Langdon 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, Christine Bowen 3, J. Towers 4, M. G. Coleman 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Langdon 7, D. Bowen (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ENSTONE, OXON.—On March 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, L. A. Busby 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Davies 4, M. W. Coleman 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke-Parker 2, J. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, H. Ivings 5, A. Balham 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. For the Queen's birthday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Blyth 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, R. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott (first as cond.) 5, Sally Parrot 6, D. Herschell 7, J. Munton 8. For the inauguration of the Christ Church Guild of Be'lringers.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, 30 changes of method): J. Schofield 1, Olive Tester 2, R. Cook (first of Spliced Surprise) 3, F. Darby (cond.) 4, R. Lee 5, R. Finch 6, C. Tester 7, S. Kimber 8.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—On May 12th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: I. P. Unsworth 1, K. F. Gardner 2, G. P. Hammond 3, D. J. Allen 4, G. Pratt 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. For morning service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Wilson 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, A. A. Price (first quarter of Surprise) 4, L. A. Page 5, A. V. Davis 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Cheeseman 1, Miss E. Wharton 2, Miss G. F. Parkes 3, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 4, L. Crouch 5, G. Cuthbert 6, G. S. Evans 7, G. F. Partington 8. First quarter 3, 6, 7 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Wharton.

GLASGOW.—At the Cathedral, on May 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Sargent 1, Miss S. Scott 2, A. E. Haynes 3, P. Ebsworth 4, M. J. Pink (first quarter) 5, M. H. Johnson 6, E. Boumphrey 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service, also as a compliment to Dr. Ann Gower on graduating M.B., Ch.B. Also to welcome the ringers of the second and tenor on holiday in the area.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rooney (15 years) 1, June Bird (13 years) 2, Patricia Rooney (13 years) 3, Daphne P. Brown (cond.) 4, E. A. Cole 5, G. T. Brown 6. First attempt 1, 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. T. Brown and Mr. A. Bird. Also on April 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rooney 1, June Bird 2, Patricia Rooney 3, Daphne P. Brown 4, A. Bird (first as cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6. For the wedding in this church of Miss Margaret Needham and Mr. Christopher Sardeson, and a birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Brown.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Gardner 1, Miss S. Harrison 2, Miss F. Smith 3, G. Waterman 4, F. Lufkin (cond.) 5, J. Felgate 6, W. Felgate (cover). A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Felgate.

HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Erith (first quarter) 1, I. R. Panton 2, P. G. Brown 3, I. V. Foster 4, J. B. Crowe 5, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 6.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Farnsworth 1, D. W. Camm (first as cond.) 2, D. J. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, G. Foulkes (first 'inside') 5, D. W. Bannister 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 25th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Margaret Egglestone 1, R. E. Kersey 2, Alice Lester 3, A. R. Bridges 4, P. Bedford 5, N. Whittell 6, A. Beckwith 7, H. Egglestone (cond.) 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Clayfield 1, I. S. Merry 2, L. Woodburn 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cowley 1, W. R. Papworth 2, D. G. Papworth 3, W. Ransome 4, L. Cowley 5, P. Watts (16, cond.) 6. For morning service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boyack 1, C. Hughes 2, D. Ellisdon 2, Miss J. Cook 4, D. Hewitt 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 12th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. D. Tester 1, D. P. Smith (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, T. E. Sone 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. C. Stevens (first of Stedman Caters) 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, R. W. Hinde 10. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. H. Worboys 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Carrott 4, Miss J. Peacock 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McPhail 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins.

LONDON, S.E.—On April 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, L. Smith 2, D. Bennett 3, D. Darby 4, A. Stubbs 5, M. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Chilcott 8, J. Waugh 9, Jas. Phillips 10, J. Crampion 11, R. Overington 12. Rung in remembrance of Alfred B. Peck.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, R. Cousins 2, F. Tomlin 3, D. Hewitt 4, D. Riley 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, J. Waugh 7, C. Willmington 8. First of Stedman by 3 and 5.

MERTON, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooles (first quarter) 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 5. Rung for St. Mark's Day.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Batten 1, Susan Cantwell 2, N. Lesnie 3, F. Trinder 4, D. Lesnie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Susan Cantwell 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Lesnie 3, D. Floyd 4, D. Lesnie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

OXFORD.—On April 21st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Harris 1, C. Coles 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, H. W. Badger 4, A. Gammon 5, P. J. Heritage 6, A. J. Adams 7, I. D. Zass-Ogilvie 8. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Coles 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, W. A. Theobald 3, Mrs. D. R. Bould 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. G. Myers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10. For 6.30 Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wilce 1, Joy Smith (cond.) 2, L. Smith 3, K. Tyler 4, How. Meek 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Beard, also for a special musical service.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. Stockwell (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, A. W. Bridges (first in method 'inside') 3, E. Milstead 4, S. J. Gee 5, A. Hinkley 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. A farewell to Rev. S. M. Evans, curate at St. Christopher's, in this parish, who is shortly leaving to become Vicar at Bredgar, near Sittingbourne.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. G. Scott 1, Miss R. Rich 2, J. R. Pagdin 3, W. J. H. Parker 4, G. C. J. Murrell 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss M. J. Lovell 2, K. Forder 3, J. Gudgeons 4, F. Tysoe 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Watts (16, first of Treble Bob) 1, A. C. Clements 2, W. R. Papworth 3, E. J. Wakeling 4, D. G. Papworth 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on May 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. G. Peck 1, Diana Belcham 2, Monica Moore 3, W. Wainwright 4, J. M. Jelley 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On April 20th, 1,272 Minor (six methods): L. Walters 1, M. Powell 2, R. G. Powell 3, C. Lewis 4, J. Clements 5, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 6. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Davies (first quarter) 1, J. Ward 2, G. Gwynne (first 'inside') 3, L. Walters 4, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 5, E. Andrews 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. H. Hull 1, P. C. Wright 2, V. G. Roberts 3, G. Salmon 4, H. A. Usher (first of Royal) 5, P. Bridle 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8, E. T. Skipsey 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Binsted (first quarter away from cover) 1, Rosemary Earl 2, D. R. Fuller 3, P. Pope 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. M. Swift 6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pickering 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, R. Spence (first 'inside') 3, B. Shilton (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. J. Belcher 5, I. Spence (first quarter) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, Gwendolen Marshall 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, M. Church 4, R. Clist 5, E. Hunt 6. For Confirmation, and also birthday honours to treble ringer.

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BIRTH

WILLIAMS.—On May 7th, 1963, at Upney Hospital, Barking, to Betty Irene and Edward Vivian, a son—Richard George. 2523

PERSONAL

'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth in him.' (John iii. 36.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From May 25th, 1963, the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Townsend will be The Flat, The Cottage, Fradley, near Lichfield, Staffs, to whom all correspondence concerning Lichfield Cathedral bells should be sent. 2547

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ST. MARGARET'S RINGERS, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—Mr. Andrew Crowe, of 49, Sussex Road, Lowestoft, has been appointed Ringing Master to the above company. 2543

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Puttenham (6) on May 25th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2505

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, May 25th. Bells (8) from 3 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Powell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillipps, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.M., Hook Norton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 2460

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, at Olney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Road, Olney.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 25th, Langley. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2479

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Durrington, May 25th, 6-9 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Ingrave (5), 3-5 p.m., and Hutton (5), 6-8.30 p.m., Saturday, May 25th. Cups of tea. All welcome. 2517

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield (8) on May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 2510

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: May 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 11th, St. Lawrence, Jewry; June 18th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2527

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting Aylesbeare, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2480

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting will be held at Bridgnorth St. Leonard's on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m.—V. Edge, Dis. Sec. 2540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2541

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, June 1st, Marchington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 29th, to Mrs. E. Fenwick, 'Whitewalls,' Marchington, Uttoxeter. **No name no tea.**—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2528

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbech, Saturday, June 1st. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2531

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, June 1st, Chirton (6). Marden and All Cannings (5) after tea. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2521

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. E. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole, on or before May 28th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2526

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, Whit Saturday, June 1st. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. N. Ward, George and Dragon Inn, Wentworth, Rotherham. Tel.: Hoyland 3280.—J. Seager, Sec. 2507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Stutton and Holbrook, Saturday, June 1st. Holbrook (6) 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Stutton (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 31st to C. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, near Woodbridge. 2520

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (at Dial Post). Notifications for tea to Mrs. F. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by May 29th. T.N. 438. 2524

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 1st. Ringing at Lymington 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. at the Creamery, Milford-on-Sea, followed by ringing. Names for tea **essential** by Thursday, May 30th, to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 2532

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 3rd, 1963, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow service. Tea and coffee available from 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall (tickets 3s. 6d.). Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m. (tickets 2s. 6d.). Bells available: Cathedral, 9.30-10.45 a.m. and then service touch, and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m. Great Baddow, Writtle, Widford, Sandon, Danbury; and from 6-9 p.m. Great Waltham, Galleywood, Broomfield, Little Waltham. Lunch and tea tickets from General Secretary, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. S.A.E., please.—F. V. Gant. 2474

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Much Wenlock, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers available: Madeley (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. only, Willey (5). Notifications for tea must reach me by first post Wednesday, May 29th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 2477

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Open shield contest at Wortley, near Sheffield, Saturday June 8th. Names to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley. Fee 10s. Tea, please notify Mr. A. Francis, Park Lodge, Wortley, Sheffield. Both names in by Saturday, June 1st. 2535

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential by Wednesday, June 5th,** to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than the previous Wednesday, to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Witham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 3rd, to Rev. Canon N. W. Hagger, The Vicarage, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne, Lincs. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Single Oxford Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2538

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, June 8th at Pentre. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Mr. John Owen, 11, Llewellyn Street, Pentre. 2478

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kessingland, June 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, certain, to Mr. M. J. Parker, 6, Windsor Terrace, Field Lane, Kessingland, Suffolk.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton, NOR. 26 W. 2525

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants, by Tuesday previous. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pitsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

About 40 ringers met at Worplesdon for a meeting of the Farnham District on May 11th. Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Hoskyns, and this was his first association with the Guild. He commented how pleasing it was to see such good fellowship among ringers.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, and excellent fare was provided by the local ladies. During the tea it was discovered that it was the Rector's birthday; he was heartily congratulated and thanked for having spent his birthday tea with us. As the charge of 2s. per head for tea amply covered the cost, the surplus was donated, together with the retiring collection from the service, as part of Worplesdon's donation to the Cathedral Bells Fund. This amounted to £2.

The Rector was elected to take the chair for the business meeting, and routine matters were speedily dealt with. Five new members were elected from Grayshott and Worplesdon.

Ringing was resumed after Evensong until about 9 p.m. A. D. E.

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD OF RINGERS, EPSOM COMMON

After the death of their captain, Mr. G. F. Oakshott, the ringers of Christ Church, Epsom, expressed the wish to have their own tower Guild and elect their own officers. A meeting was duly held on May 2nd at Christ Church Vicarage, with the Vicar in the chair.

It was decided to call the Guild the 'Christ Church Guild of Ringers, Epsom Common.' The Vicar was elected president. The following officers were then elected.

Mr. W. Parrott, captain; Mr. Denis Oakshott, vice-captain; Miss Adrienne Gibson, secretary; Mr. Richard Fentiman, treasurer; Mr. David Herschell, steeple-keeper.

Ringing times would continue as before, i.e. 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 8 to 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, practice night.

Would all ringers please forward any future correspondence in connection with the ringers of Christ Church, Epsom Common, to the Secretary, Miss A. Gibson, 4, Ridgeway, Epsom.

BALDERTON, NOTTS

Four pleasant easy-going rings of bells, similar to their own, were selected by Balderton, Notts, ringers for their half-day outing on April 20th.

The first stop was Heydour (8), where we unfortunately had a broken rope. This was soon put right, however. At Folkingham (6) we were warmly welcomed by Mr. Bradley, and here we ate our packed tea, of necessity in the coach, as the weather did not match the bells. Billingborough's eight we found very much to our liking, and excelled ourselves with a good rise and fall. The last tower had another pleasant six, Silk Willoughby, scene of many peals.

Methods rung were simple, including Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, with rounds for 'Paul, our latest recruit.

Our thanks go to our coach driver, and the clergy and ringers who met us. B. N. R.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' May 16th, 1913:—

As will be seen from the report of the Sussex Association's annual meeting in our last issue, a very admirable foundation has been laid by that organisation for a benevolent fund, and there is now provision to the extent of £25 to assist members who may be in distress. Sussex has the proud distinction of being the first ringing association actually to adopt a scheme for such a fund—although Kent was only a week or two behind. It should give the lead to other societies who are still without such a scheme.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

The Lombardy Room and Lounge at the Garibaldi, St. Nicholas Road, Great Yarmouth, has been reserved for members and friends from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, and all will be welcome there.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.15 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, at which the Bishop of Norwich will be present.

Tea and reception in Assembly Room at Town Hall at 4.30 p.m.

Ringing arrangements as under:—

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

Great Yarmouth	(12)	6.0 to 8.30 p.m.
King's Lynn	(10)	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Thetford	(8)	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

Great Yarmouth		9.30–10.30 a.m.; 3.30–4.30 & 5.30–6.30.
Gorleston	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Pakefield (Lowestoft)	(8)	10.30–11.0 a.m.; 5.50–6.30.
Lowestoft	(8)	10.45–11.10 a.m.; 5.30–6.25.
Beccles	(10)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Norwich St. Peter Mancroft	(12)	9.0 – 9.30 a.m. & 10.45–11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.45.
Norwich St. Giles	(8)	9.45–10.55 a.m.; 5.45–6.30.
„ St. Miles	(8)	10.0 –10.45 a.m.; 5.45–6.30.
„ St. George, Colegate	(6)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Wymondham Abbey	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Saxlingham Nethergate	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Pulham Market	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Diss	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Redenhall	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Thetford	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Hethersett	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Fakenham	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

Great Yarmouth	Morning and afternoon, also 7.30 p.m.
Wymondham	3.0 p.m. onwards.
Hethersett	3.0 p.m. onwards.
Gorleston	Any time by arrangement.
Pakefield (Lowestoft)	Ditto.
Lowestoft St. Margaret	Ditto.
Norwich Towers	Ditto.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Any ringer who may be in London on Whit Sunday will be very welcome at St. Clement Danes', where ringing for Evensong is from 2.15 to 3.25.

Her many friends will be pleased to read of the return to the quarter peal columns of Miss Y. C. Porter, of Plymouth, after a break of eight months, and trust the near future will see her back to peal ringing.

Corrections.—The peal by the Ancient Society of College Youths rung at Worcester on April 27th was Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and not Cambridge. The conductor of the peal at Eardisland (page 337) was Peter Border and not Wilfred Williams.

Mr. Rupert Capon, secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, learned to handle a bell at the ill-fated church at Eastwood, Notts. He thinks that gremlins must be about there, as the church was destroyed by fire in 1852 and not rebuilt until 1858.

Miss Valerie Hollings, of East Grinstead, will remember her 21st birthday. On the day before, she not only rang her first quarter 'inside' but owing to indisposition of Miss Jane Smart, she was called upon at a moment's notice to ring her first peal. This she did extremely well.

A very helpful article on conducting by Bernard Groves appears in the April issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, K.C.A. Editor Percy M. Town is in the happy position of catering for a District full of vitality.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKINGHAM.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Newing 1, R. A. Vickers (first of Surprise Major) 2, D. Burbidge 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. E. Truman 5, J. Linnell 6, R. H. Rogers 7, G. W. Holland 8.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: F. K. Prime 1, Monica Horseman 2, G. Salmon 3, Audrey M. Short 4, R. D. Short 5, V. G. Roberts 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First of Rutland for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

COURTEENHALL, NURTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gray 1, R. W. Smith 2, G. C. Paul (cond.) 3, K. P. Wootton 4, B. R. Eglesfield 5.

HOGHTON, LANCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Illesley 1, J. Gartside 2, P. Crossthwaite 3, M. Crossthwaite 4, F. Blackledge 5, L. Walmsley 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, D. Harwood 8. To mark the retirement, after over 40 years' service, of Mrs. May Windle and Miss Jane Wadsworth, of the local band.

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LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Monthly practice meeting, June 1st, Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note: own arrangements for tea. —F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2545

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 1st, at Wilburton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2546

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Silverdale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, 'Kirkmeade,' Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 2542

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District please note. Preliminary notice. By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Further details next week.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 2549

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon Cathedral, Saturday, June 15th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2 to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Bishop Meadows Cafe. St. Mary's bells also available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stokes, 1, King Street, Brecon, by June 8th. —J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2548

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GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH

By Canon Gilbert Thurlow

HAD anyone suggested a meeting of the Central Council at Great Yarmouth in any year between 1942 and 1959, it would have been unanimously turned down. For during all those years this parish endured a ghastly silence—it had no bells. Its ringers kept up their spirits and their courage. They hoped against hope for some future event. But for ringing they had to go elsewhere.

The great Priory and Parish Church of Yarmouth, 'England's largest parish church,' had a long and honourable history. It was founded in 1101 by Herbert de Losinga, the far-sighted Norman Bishop who at Norwich in a mere five years had built the first half of one of the world's finest cathedrals. Yarmouth was at that time little more than its name implies—the mouth of the River Yare. In the estuary there had been forming a sandbank; the herring fishers found this place convenient for headquarters when plying their trade. Their temporary huts were giving way to the beginnings of a permanent settlement, and Herbert, seeing that the place would grow, built a splendid Norman church on the sands. Here the church is still. But it has experienced changes of fortune, good and evil, far beyond those which have come to most churches.

Yarmouth became very wealthy. Herbert's Norman church was twice enlarged, so that today it possesses the widest Gothic side aisles in Europe, and its once dominating Norman tower is half hidden behind vast roofs and the Gothic belfry which surmounts it. We proclaimed our gratitude to the source of our wealth by having as our arms three silver herring on a sea-blue shield. Then we became richer still. For the Battle of Sluys we provided half the British Navy—think of it!—and grateful Edward III permitted us to halve the herring on our shield with the lions of England, making the arms we bear today. Our church was adorned with many chapels, belonging to our trade guilds, and when in 1468 we 'paid the Suffragan for hallowing the bells, 6/8,' and again when in 1485 our Great Bell was 'new run,' our church was splendid indeed.

Then came reform and dissolution. Henry VIII pillaged everything, so that until two years ago the endowment of the benefice was £100 a year. The church was reduced to a state more ghastly than that of most others. It was divided into three parts separated by brick walls. The Independents had the quire, the Presbyterians the north aisle, and the Church the nave and south aisle. However, we kept such bells as we had. In 1670 we had six, and John Stevens, of Norwich, added two trebles in 1726. But the church was in a shocking state. There was disagreement as to who was responsible for what, and ruin gradually spread. The cloisters were pulled down in 1811, but the Refectory remained and is today the splendid Assembly Hall of our controlled Church school.

In 1840 our suspension bridge collapsed, drowning a crowd standing upon it. 'Ah!' said the people, 'it is because we have neglected the parish church.' There began a vast scheme of restoration through which, by 1880, the building was the most shockingly Victorianised of all the great churches of England.

On the night of June 24th, 1942, came the worst disaster of all. In six hours the building was reduced to a ghastly shell. Everything went but the tower and walls. Down came the timber spire in a cloud of flame. Down came the 12 bells—on which I and so many others had rung—with a tragic last funeral clatter. The clock stopped at 1.35 a.m., and thus it remained until 1.35 p.m. on October 31st, 1959. For 13 years there was discussion as to whether the church could be rebuilt, discussion paralelled by that at Coventry, whose cathedral had been very similar in size to our church.

I became Vicar in June, 1955. Somehow things sorted themselves out. We reached agreement with the War Damage Commission for payment of £315,000 (very different from Coventry's £1,000,000, though the amount of damage was roughly similar in extent). In 1957 we signed a 5-year contract for the complete restoration of the building. The work was carried out magnificently, and was successfully concluded after only two years 11 months' work. All honour to all who shared in it! Now we have a church of greaty beauty, redolent of 850 years of history yet strikingly new in its conception, contrasting interestingly with the far more expensive work at Coventry.

The 12 bells have been replaced by a glorious ring of 13. These have rapidly become famous, for holiday visitors from all over the land have been welcome to our tower. One Sunday evening we had together ringers from (I think) Northumberland, Kent and Cornwall. The new tenor was cast at Whitechapel on May 7th, 1958, exactly a century after Big Ben's casting there. The frame is of Burmese Gurjon resting on a 16 cwt. reinforced concrete grillage. The frame is so planned that at handstroke half the bells swing east and half swing north, so the wave motion which can develop if bells swing both east and west, and both north and south, does not happen. The bells are 20 feet lower in the tower than formerly, and we also have a simple adaptation of the organ swell box in the tower windows, so that the bells can be quietened for a peal. The only complaint I have ever heard about their sound is that sometimes they are not loud enough! Lucky Yarmouth!

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

The Lombardy Room and Lounge at the Garibaldi, St. Nicholas Road, Great Yarmouth, has been reserved for members and friends from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, and all will be welcome there.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.15 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, at which the Bishop of Norwich will be present.

Tea and reception in Assembly Room at Town Hall at 4.30 p.m.

Ringing arrangements as under:—

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

Great Yarmouth	(12)	6.0 to 8.30 p.m.
King's Lynn	(10)	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Thetford	(8)	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

Great Yarmouth		9.30–10.30 a.m.; 3.30–4.30 & 5.30–6.30.
Gorleston	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Pakefield (Lowestoft)	(8)	10.30–11.0 a.m.; 5.50–6.30.
Lowestoft	(8)	10.45–11.10 a.m.; 5.30–6.25.
Beccles	(10)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Norwich St. Peter Mancroft	(12)	9.0 – 9.30 a.m. & 10.45–11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.45.
Norwich St. Giles	(8)	9.45–10.55 a.m.; 5.45–6.30.
„ St. Miles	(8)	10.0 –10.45 a.m.; 5.45–6.30.
„ St. George, Colegate	(6)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Wymondham Abbey	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Saxlingham Nethergate	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Pulham Market	(8)	10.15–11.0 a.m.
Diss	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Redenhall	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.
Thetford	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Hethersett	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.; 5.30–6.30.
Fakenham	(8)	10.0 –11.0 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

Great Yarmouth	Morning and afternoon, also 7.30 p.m.
Wymondham	3.0 p.m. onwards.
Hethersett	3.0 p.m. onwards.
Gorleston	Any time by arrangement.
Pakefield (Lowestoft)	Ditto.
Lowestoft St. Margaret	Ditto.
Norwich Towers	Ditto.

Great Yarmouth Parish Church

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The chimes of the clock, composed by Brian Price, sound themes from Bach's B minor Mass. You can find their music in detail in the parish church guide book—and if you want another pleasing souvenir of your visit to Yarmouth, you will find a photo of the ringers at work in the June issue of 'Yarmouth Parish Life,' also obtainable in the church. This photo recalls the day of October 31st, 1959, when at a vast service the Mayor of Yarmouth in the ringing chamber said: 'At 25 to 3 on the morning of June 25th, 1942, the clock in this church was destroyed. And now, at 25 to 3 this afternoon, I rejoice, in the name of all who will see it and hear its chimes, to start this clock again.' After which hundreds of ringers joined in the ringing, the Bishop of Thetford having dedicated the bells.

They had already, on June 21st, 1959, been blessed by the Dean of Norwich who, at a service attended by 3,000 people, had named them thus: Herbert (after our first Bishop), Walter (after a bishop who enlarged the church), Felix (East Anglia's first missionary), Luke, John, James, Peter, Paul, George, Andrew, Thomas, Nicholas (after the churches of this parish) and Gabriel (the flat sixth).

Other events have filled our church since its rising to life two years ago. But centuries must pass ere men forget the days we have seen as our church has returned to life. And no events will give greater pleasure to many people than the visit of the Central Council at Whitsun, 1963.

WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

THE forthcoming visit to Yarmouth of the Central Council is anticipated with pleasure by all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. They trust that all who come will have an enjoyable time and that the meeting will be one of happy recollections. It is our intention to do all we can to ensure this. We are indeed honoured that for the third time since its inception the Council has considered one of our towns to be 'a convenient centre' for its annual meeting.

With three centuries of organised ringing behind them, the ringers of the diocese of Norwich have made a considerable contribution to the development and maintenance of church bell ringing, and the Association is proud to have taken no mean part in the formation of the Council and in its growth and work, and has consistently supported its aims. Indeed in 1885 *a vice-president was a member of the committee appointed to consider the possibility of its formation (originally referred to as the National Association), and in April,* 1890, *two members helped to frame its constitution.*

For ten years from 1892 *the Association's hon. secretary and treasurer served the Council in that capacity. A few years later, one distinguished member who sprang from Norfolk soil began his* 50*-year period of invaluable service to the Council. Another giant of the Exercise with more than* 20 *years' devoted service to the Council has settled in the diocese and has given great help with the present arrangements. Today, another member is a worthy candidate for the highest honour the Council can bestow. We can therefore fairly claim to have a 'vested interest' in the wellbeing of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.*

To all, then, who are attracted to Yarmouth—members of the Council, their families and friends, and all other visiting ringers—we offer a very hearty welcome to the gaiety of Yarmouth, to the quiet and peace of the Norfolk roads and villages, to the charm of the Broads, and above all, to the glories of our magnificent churches.

NOLAN GOLDEN, President.
Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the University of London Society, held on May 4th, was attended by 22 members and two visitors.

Prior to the meeting, good use had been made of the bells at St. John's, Deptford, St. Mary's, Lewisham, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, but an unexpected urgency prevented the Rector of the latter church (Rev. Maurice Dean) from being present to take the service. Accordingly tea, which had been copiously prepared by the lady members of the Society in St. Olave's Hall, was embarked upon a little earlier than usual.

With the president, Philip Gray, taking the chair in his usual good humour, the meeting opened with the secretary reading out a long list of apologies for absence, many due to the change of date of the A.G.M.

The Master's, secretary's and treasurer's reports were available to the meeting in printed form in the annual report, and, after some controversial discussion, were adopted.

Four new members were presented for ratification, two of whom were not accepted, since their subscriptions were overdue.

The following new officers were elected for 1963/64: President, Philip Gray; vice-presidents, David Martin, Alan Thirst and Denis Layton; Master, Alan Frost; secretary, Diana Lawless; treasurer, Tony Osborne; committee, Yvonne Edwards, Pauline Fennell and John Eisel; auditor, Peter Layton.

On the subject of forthcoming tours, the secretary outlined the Whit tour, to be held in Leicestershire, and arrangements for the summer tour in Yorkshire and Derbyshire were confirmed.

The votes of thanks included one to the retiring editor of the annual report (Marcus Barton) for a prompt and stimulating edition.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST 100 PEALS

Details of the first 100 peals rung in Australia, and also the seven rung since completing that total on Feb. 7th, are published in the Whitsun issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers.

The first peal was rung almost 73 years after the first—Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, by six Victorian and two Sydney ringers. Two peals at Hobart followed the same year and early in 1891 came the first peal in Victoria.

The visiting English ringers on the Great Adventure in 1934 added seven to the total, but their departure was followed by a gap of 10 years. After the war, ringing was revived in Sydney, Bill Rowe emerging as the most promiment figure. Under his leadership the 20th peal was rung.

The coming of Philip Gray to Melbourne in 1952 gave to Victorian ringing a much-needed impetus and he conducted the 50th tower peal, Stedman Triples at St. Paul's.

The early 50's saw the first peal at Yass, where Bill Rowe called 8,040 Doubles, and at Walkerville, where Philip Cooper was active. Also at this time a start was made on handbell peals (total now 21). Philip Gray's departure from Melbourne was quickly followed by the arrival of George Pipe, and in the next four years (1956-60) peal after peal was recorded in Victoria, including the first in Australia of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The next two years were comparatively quiet, only six peals being rung, but by the end of 1962 the total stood at 99. The first peal of 1963 achieved the century. Since then seven peals have been rung, including the first peals on the bells at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, and St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

The leading ringers are: T. W. Goodyer 26 (conducted 17), J. J. F. Roper 23, G. W. Pipe 22 (18), W. M. Rowe 20 (11), P. M. J. Gray 18 (17).

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S STRONG POSITION

The A.G.M. of the Surrey Association was held at Christ Church, Epsom Common, on May 4th. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and the Vicar conducted the service; afterwards 85 members and visitors sat down to tea in the Church Hall prior to the A.G.M. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, who welcomed those present in opening the meeting.

The committee report for 1962 outlined a year's quiet work and steady progress, which will perhaps be remembered particularly for the special general meeting held to vote on the proposed merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There had been a very slight increase in membership, and those present stood whilst the names of six members, who had died in 1962, were read: T. Blow, E. G. L. Coward, E. Goldstone, F. Hoad, W. Pellow and W. Robinson.

Beddington had again won the striking competition and was congratulated on the standard of ringing there and in the Christmas Day broadcast. The number of peals rung was 37 and the number of quarter peals had risen to 192. The Southern District had launched a scheme to assist struggling bands through a team of ringers, and the Northern District had proposed the setting up of 'teaching towers.' The report was concluded with a plan for 1963, including a survey of Surrey towers, and a proposal to encourage membership and widen tower representation.

The statement of accounts showed a healthy financial position, with a balance at December 31st of £142 in the general account and £150 in the Belfry Repair Fund. Following a request for assistance with the rehanging of the bells at Merstham, the sum of £25 was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund.

MR. A. P. CANNON MASTER

Mr. F. E. Darby relinquished the office of General Master on completion of three years' service in this capacity, and, following a ballot, Mr. A. P. Cannon was elected for the coming year. The following were also elected as general officers: Secretary, Mr. R. I. Parsons; treasurer, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Clarke; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. E. Collins.

The meeting agreed that the A.G.M., in 1964 should be held at Leatherhead and that consideration should be given to opening two or more towers.

As this was the first general meeting since May, 1962, two appeals, which had been received were discussed and it was agreed that a donation should be sent to Melbourne Cathedral and the Ernest Morris Memorial Fund.

Requests had been made by the Epsom towers to be transferred from the Northern to the Southern District. Leatherhead and Ashtead signified that they would also be prepared to transfer. After some discussion the matter was left in abeyance. The whole question of county and diocesan boundary changes in the future was raised and referred to the committee for consideration.

Mr. D. A. R. May, the Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, said how much appreciated was the work of Mr. Collins, as the liaison officer, and the Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, called for votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to the ladies for tea, to Miss Kempsell for preparing the meeting notice, to Mr. and Mrs. Streeter for collating the annual report and to Mr. Parrott and the Vicar of Christ Church for their kind hospitality.

The Association's appreciation was expressed to Mr. W. F. Oatway, for his gift of a bound volume of 'The Ringing World' for the library, and to Mr. R. F. Layton, for his willing labour on the Association peal book.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 8



MARTIN C. FAULKES,
The Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Among the 'Up and Coming Youngsters' in the Leicester Guild is one Martin C. Faulkes, a member of 'The Rambling Ringers.' Martin was born at Hinckley, Leicester, on March 16th, 1944. He commenced his schooling at Hinckley C. of E. Junior School in 1949, where he stayed until 1955. Following this period he went to Hinckley Grammar school from 1955 to 1962. He was successful in his G.C.E., both at 'O' and 'A' levels, and had three years in the VI form. He is now at Hull University.

Martin learned to handle a bell in the early part of 1958 on the magnificent eight at St. Mary's, Hinckley, and was taught by Alf Ballard, a first class ringer and member of the Leicester Guild. He was soon exploring the mysteries of method ringing, and could be seen on most Tuesday evenings in the tower at Sapcote, where he was severely drilled by another well known ringer—Michael E. Brown.

Martin rang his first peal at Sapcote on December 30th, 1958, when he rang the treble to Beverley Surprise Minor. At a later date he was invited to join the Wednesday evening peal band at the Loughborough Foundry, where he took part in a number of peals with the late Ernest Morris. His peal total of 100 plus includes over 50 in Surprise Major methods. Like most youngsters of today he has conducted a number of peals, the first of which deserves great praise. It was Plain Bob Major at Ashby Folville in 1960 and the average age of the band was 15 years and 10 months. Of his peals as conductor two have been Stedman Triples.

Martin speaks very highly of 'The Rambling Ringers,' whose annual cycling tours under the supervision of Dennis Mottershead make such interesting reading in 'The Ringing World.'

NORVING.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

THE 17th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held in Burton-on-Trent on May 11th, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from the majority of towers in the area, together with visitors from Birmingham, Whitwick and Wolverhampton. During the afternoon ringing took place on the fine, modern ring of six bells at All Saints'.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan. The president, Mr. B. Worthington, who had travelled from Northumberland, was in the chair, and, in his remarks, spoke of his 'message' written in the annual report, in which he said, 'Bells are important and serve an important purpose, whether they call us to Sunday service, marriage or funeral, or whether they ring out news of a special occasion of public or personal interest, they are doing important work and so are the ringers who ring them. Bell ringing is an art and a skill, seldom perfected in a lifetime.'

REMEMBERED

A minute's silence was observed for members who had died during the past year, namely Mrs. Soar, W. Noble and G. S. Hill, of Ticknall, A. Shaw (Ashby), H. L. Dawson (Newhall), E. Morris (Leicester) and Mrs. N. L. Ramsey, whose tragic death in a road accident took place that week.

Four new members from St. John's Horninglow, who have repaired their almost unique ring of steel bells after many years' silence, were elected.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) reporting on finances said that the balance sheet showed a balance at bank of £146, and that a donation from the Bell Repair Fund of three guineas had been made to Hoar Cross.

Mr. T. Pryce (auditor) commented on the excellent way the books were kept and the fund's healthy state, aided much by a kind gift from the president.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, said 39 peals were rung in 1962, including 'firsts' for the Guild of Yorkshire and Wye Surprise Royal, Loughborough College Major, Grangemouth Bob Major, Warwick Delight and Lytham Minor; six members rang their 'first' peal and Mr. D. P. Jones was leading conductor with 19 peals.

The report concluded with a vote of thanks to all clergy, ringers and ladies—for providing teas—all of whom combine to give pleasure to the Guild and assist its functions.

The reports were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Officers re-elected were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths; chairman, R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, J. K. Smith; treasurer, J. H. Brittan; secretary, J. W. Cotton; auditor, T. Pryce; committee, S. H. Jones, P. J. Stretton, P. Marriott and G. H. Lane; Central Council representative, J. W. Cotton.

Commenting on the 1962 report, Mr. D. P. Jones suggested that the peal inventory be reduced to a smaller type to economise space in future reports.

A collection taken for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £3 12s., and a vote of thanks to the president, for his effort to travel a long distance to be present, brought the meeting to a close.

Two hours' good ringing on the bells of St. Modwen's included touches of Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the president showed he still can ring, despite his exile, by taking part in some set changes.

So concluded a memorable and well attended afternoon's ringing and fellowship.

J. W. C.

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Letters to the Editor

The Coventry Rally

Dear Sir,—Mr. Walters seems to have travelled from Wales to take part in the Coventry Rally with the impression that he could walk into any tower of his choice to find that his party would just make up a band. I was at St. Nicholas', Warwick, during the whole of the morning ringing and agree that during one period of about half an hour the ringing chamber was extremely crowded with the result that it was not possible to enter or leave whilst ringing was in progress. Although it was inevitable that some 'tower grabbers' should turn up on an occasion such as this, Mr. Walters' impression of rope-snatching is surely not the impression gained by the majority of those who attended. As he only wished to ring at two towers, surely he could have waited until the crowd had thinned a little.

Mr. Garner-Hayward announced several times during the tea interval that there would be no ringing at Stratford-on-Avon in the evening. Another glance at 'The Ringing World' in question will show that the number of towers open should have been sufficient to cater for those who attended, but, as it happened, the towers nearer Coventry attracted a surfeit of ringers.

The Coventry Guild should be congratulated on achieving the greatest feat of organisation of this nature yet demanded of a body of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.

East Clandon, Surrey.

'A Decadent Caper'

Dear Sir,—It amazes me that the band who recently rang a peal at St. Neots; reported in your issue of May 17th, have the nerve to describe it as 'Spliced Surprise Major.'

To my mind the form in which the peal was published, however well if might have been rung, amounts to a gross deception of those of your readers who do not understand place notation and reflects discredit on the Society concerned.

A better name for it would, I suggest, be 'Lincolnshire with a Fire-up on the Front at Most Half-leads.' An even better solution would be to desist from such decadent capers altogether.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

A Welsh Custom

Dear Sir,—When a person dies in a Welsh village, the custom is for a 'cnul' (toll) to be rung the night before the funeral to show the dead person's age, when a number of blows equal to the age of the dead person are struck on a single bell.

Is this a custom in England, and if so, what is the name given for it?—Yours faithfully,

I. JONES.

Llanfairfechan.

Not a G. and B. Peal

Dear Sir,—I have had brought to my attention that the peal rung at Tytherington on December 29th (page 51) was non-association, due to the lapse of membership of one of the ringers. I would like it withdrawn as a Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association peal. I would like to apologise to yourself and the peal secretary for any inconvenience. —Yours faithfully,

W. NAYLOR.

Westbury-on-Trym.

Edward Neale, Bellfounder

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Uphill's letter, Edward Neale, of Burford, was casting bells between 1635-1683. In the 'Bellfounders' Aisle" of Burford Church is a tablet to the memory of his wife, which also records his name. His death is recorded in the registers in 1695. It appears that he migrated to Burford between 1632-1635, with his father, Henry, who also cast a few bells. His usual, though not invariable, trade mark was a large stamp on the waist of the bell, with 'Edward Neale, of Burford, made mee.' His work is mainly confined to East Gloucestershire and North Wilts. Expansion further east was prevented by his better known rivals, the Keenes of Woodstock.

I have no knowledge of J. Gardner, of Tetbury. He was probably a local iron or brass founder, who made this one attempt in the field of bellfounding. Alternatively, he may be the person who paid for the recasting of the bell.—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. M. J. Uphill's inquiry, Edward Neale, of Burford, is believed to have been born at Somerford Keynes, in Wiltshire, but he died at Burford in 1695, and his name is recorded in the 'Bellfounders' Aisle' of the Parish Church there, where there is also a tablet to his wife, who died in 1671. It is thought that his residence in Oxfordshire was temporary and that he returned to Wilts. His son, Edward, was also a bell founder.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes that he knows nothing of J. Gardner, of Tetbury, and wonders if our correspondent transcribed the inscription at Cherington correctly, as it differs from Ellacombe's version, but H.T.E. was not always reliable. An article by Mr. Sharpe on the Burford Bell Foundry appears on page 366.

Lost Correspondence

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that, at some time recently, someone applied for the use of Wadhurst bells, but got no reply.

I can assure whoever it was that I have received no letter of application that has not been answered, and can only assume that the one in question has been lost in the post.

About two years ago a Mr. A. Bassett moved into No. 10, Pendrill Place, and quite a lot of our respective mail has been delivered to the wrong address, but I hardly think that this is the cause of the above.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

3, Pendrill Place,
Wadhurst, Sussex.

Attempt for 20,160 Minor

Dear Sir,—An attempt to ring 20,160 Minor will be made on June 15th at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, commencing at 9.30 a.m. There will be two extents each of the following methods: 1 London S., 2 Bourne S., 3 Caithness S., 4 Cambridge S., 5 Oswald D., 6 Double Oxford B., 7, Thelwall B., 8 Pinehurst B., 9 St. Clement's B., 10 Childwall B., 11 Buxton C.B., 12 Oxford T.B., 13 Kent T.B., 14 Plain Bob.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Putney, S.W.

A Peal for Duffield

Dear Sir,—I would like to mention something which, although not really in danger of extinction, is suffering lamentable neglect by ringers at the present time. I refer to 'Duffield,' invented by Sir A. P. Heywood, in the 1880's, and introduced to ringers via 'The Bell News.'

To find reasons for the investion of this principle, it is necessary to examine the popularity of the Treble Bob hunt methods. The popularity of 'Treble Bob in the Kent and Oxford variations' in the 19th century was based upon their 'musical qualities' (pure fallacy!), and their ease of extension to Royal and Maximus. These same qualities are the reasons for the popularity of Stedman, which has been a favourite for hundreds of years. However, Stedman does not extend well to even numbers of bells! The popularity of Kent and Oxford was marred, however, by several faults, mainly: (i) 'The Slow,' which splits the tenors and causes the most horrible changes; and (ii) The length of the courses, a fault shared by all T.B. hunt methods.

Duffield possesses none of these disadvantages. It is musical to a very great extent, which cannot be said of even Superlative, let alone the pure Treble Bob methods. It has courses of only 60 and 72 changes for Royal and Maximus respectively; and a simple extension, identical to that which has made Stedman so deservedly popular. Moreover, being an even bell method, it eliminates Stedman's one fault; the monotony of a covering bell, a thing not so musical as many ringers would like to believe.

Why, then, is Duffield not as popular as it deserves to be? The answer is that it is 'too easy' or 'simple' (or too hard: one has to stay awake) for ringers who view unmusical rubbish, like London Surprise as a kind of 'status symbol.'

The other virtue of Duffield lies in the truth and ease of proof of the sixes, a thing not even the most devoted Cambridge Surprise 'fan' could question!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

4, Redgrave Road, S.W.15.

En Route for Great Yarmouth

Dear Sir.—When I have attended Central Council meetings it has always been a pleasure to be able to ring at two or three churches before arriving at the actual venue. This year there is no ringing until Great Yarmouth is reached.

I have advised visitors to G.Y. to use the Downham Market By-pass, and, for the benefit of any ringers doing so, Downham Market bells (8) will be available all day Saturday.

Any ringing will be doubly appreciated as June 1st is the annual gift day of the church. —Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk

A 64th ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate the anniversary of Mr. Edwin Barnett's first peal, at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on May 18th, 1899, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples there on the appropriate day. This unfortunately came to grief after an hour and twenty minutes' good ringing, though exactly what happened no one was quite sure. The failure was regretted not only for Mr. Barnett's sake but for that of the young lady of 16, who was ringing the tenor splendidly in her first attempt for a peal. The ringers were W. H. Dobbie 1, Joan Beresford 2, E. Barnett 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, E. A. Barnett 5, D. Beresford 6, F. J. Cullum (cond.) 7, Marilyn Peters 8.

E. A. B.

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THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Howden on May 4th took my mind back a little over thirty years, to the time when the present bells were dedicated by the late Archbishop Temple.

In the early hours of Wednesday, October 9th, 1929, a destructive fire began at the old ringing chamber level and destroyed the various floors and room of the tower, besides causing irreparable damage to the organ in the transept below and to the sanctuary and side screens of the alter. The ring of eight bells crashed to the ground.

So thorough was the work of destruction that it took nearly three years to carry out the work of reconstruction and renewal at a cost of £32,000. A new ring of eight bells was cast by Messrs. John Taylor, partly from the old metal salvaged from the fire, the tenor being 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat. The dedication of the bells and restored parts of the church took place on Thursday, June 30th, 1932, the ringing arrangements being in the hands of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

The tower economy was arranged in accordance with Central Council recommendations inasmuch as the bells were placed 40 ft. lower in the tower, the frame being built on a level with the cills of the lofty lantern windows. The louvres were blocked up and a lantern roof was constructed.

The architect made one mistake, however: the roof was visible above the parapet as against the Central Council's dictum that this class of roof should be hidden by the parapet.

In 1961 church authorities decided to improve the appearance of the tower, and in consequence the lantern roof was removed and an ordinary roof substituted. The accompanying photograph taken in 1961 shows clearly the improvement in appearance which took place. Since then the flag pole and gilded weather vanes have been put back.

Howden bells are now reputed to be the finest in Yorkshire for their weight, and the tower is a popular calling place for touring bands of ringers. H. W.



MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HOWDEN

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The delightful Church of St. Cadoc, Penrhos, possesses a ring of four bells in good condition, obviously carefully tended by loyal ringers. The church is set on a rise, in the heart of rural Monmouthshire, and on May 11th the countryside around was dressed in the loveliest green, and blossom of wold cherry, horse-chestnut and blackthorn abounded. It was at this church that some eighty ringers and friends gathered, to attend the first bell-ringers' meeting ever to be held in a four-bell tower in the diocese.

During the afternoon the bells of Penhros, Tregaer and Bingestow were all pealing out over the fields around.

The church was full for the service, which was conducted by the Rural Dean of Raglan, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards. The Rev. Roy Hallet, Vicar of Caldicot, read the lesson, and Mrs. Arthur Price was at the organ to lead the hearty singing. The Rev. Ivor Richards, in his welcome to fellow ringers, said a meeting at Penrhos had been a secret wish of his for many years.

Warm hospitality was forthcoming in the church room, refreshments being pressed upon the company by Mrs. Briggs and her helpers. They were thanked by Mr. Leslie Bainham, and Mr. Hannington, Master of the Association, thanked Mrs. A. Price.

At the business meeting the Rev. Ivor Richards read a letter of good wishes and encouragement from the Rev. H. S. Hanson, Vicar of the four bell tower of Studham. New members were elected from All Saints', Newport, Magor, St. Mellons and Penrhos.

It was decided to send congratulations to Mr. J. Jaynes, of Ebbw Vale, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday, and 'get well' messages to Mr. R. E. Coles at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and to Mr. I. H. Jones, of Monmouth. Mention was made of the next Branch meeting to be held at Machen on July 13th.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Penrhos, Tregaer and Abergavenny, where more visitors joined the company. Her Majesty the Queen had visited St. Mary's, Abergavenny, the previous day and Mr. George Ward, tower master, arranged that the church be open for members to see the beautiful floral decorations and the royal signatures in the visitors' book.

J. S. K.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT RINGERS VISIT COTSWOLDS

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association and their friends had their annual outing on May 11th, when the Cotswold country was chosen by Mr. L. Bywaters, who arranged the tour.

The first tower was Stanton Harcourt, in Oxfordshire, where we arrived well on time to ring the six bells. Another six, of approximately the same weight (11 cwt.) followed.

The eight-bell tower of Faringdon, Berkshire, proved to be a very pleasant ring. Lunch had been booked in Faringdon, and it was only a short ride to the delightful village of Lechlade. After an hour's ringing on the easy-going six we went on to the church at Fairford, famous for its stained glass windows.

An excellent tea was arranged at the White Hart, Fairford, and then on to the eight bell tower of Northleach.

At 8 p.m. the homeward journey was started, everyone having had a most enjoyable day and everything being most satisfactorily arranged by Mr. L. Bywaters.

Thanks also to local ringers and incumbents of the churches visited. S. R. P.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

The ninth annual general meeting of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers was held on March 20th at Chamberlain Hall, when the following officers and committee were elected:

Master, Malcolm M. Powell; vice-Master, Christine M. Hadfield; secretary/treasurer, Martin Morris; librarian, John H. Taylor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Only two teams entered the Newark District competition for the Crawford Cup at N. Collingham on May 18th. The judge was Mr. W. L. Exton, with Mr. T. D. Clarke as marker, and the result was Newark, 66 faults, and Sutton-on-Trent, 97. One of the commonest errors—bad leads—was again mentioned by the judge in his summing up.

Ringing had taken place at South Collingham in the afternoon, and the Rector, Rev. G. H. L. D. Lane, and his wife had kindly entertained the company to cups of tea in the Rectory, and afterwards allowed the use of the room for the business meeting.

Miss Celia Chandler, of Sutton-on-Trent, was elected a member, and it was proposed to hold an evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale on July 6th. B. N. R.

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THE BURFORD BELL FOUNDRY

By FREDERICK SHARPE

IN the north transept of Burford Church is a memorial tablet to Elizabeth, wife of Edward Neale, bell founder, who died in 1671. The transept is known as 'The Bell-founders' Aisle.' The reason for its name must be a matter of conjecture. It can hardly have been so called because of one memorial tablet, and may have been the scene of bell founding activities in past centuries. We know that bells were frequently cast in or near our parish churches in times past. It was easier to erect a temporary furnace than to transport heavy bells over country with indifferent or no roads. Certain it is that bells were cast in temporary furnaces in Burford in bygone days.

We first learn of Henry Neale casting bells in Wiltshire. In 'The Historical MSS. Commission' (page 358) is the record of a document stating that Henry Neale, of Somerford Keynes, Wiltshire, cast bells for North Nibley, Gloucestershire, in 1640. Other bells by him in Wiltshire are (or were) at Leigh, 1627, Sherston, 1632, and Ashley 1632. He set up a furnace in Burford in 1635 and four bells, two of them disused, remain in Burford Church today. Apparently he returned to Somerford Keynes as evidenced by the document quoted above. He cast bells for Farmington, 1637, and Little Barrington, 1638, in Gloucestershire.

Afterwards we find Edward Neale founding in Burford, where he died in 1695. In Oxfordshire, his bells are to be found at Brize Norton, Broadwell, Fulbrook, Oxford, Shifford, Swinbrook, Witney and Yelford. They also occur in Gloucestershire, as at Cherington; and in Wiltshire. (See Ellacombe, 'The Church Bells of Gloucestershire,' and Walters, 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire.')

The second Burford Bell Foundry was established in the middle of the last century. In or about the year 1825 Thomas Mears bought up the bell foundry at Aldbourne, Wiltshire, and transferred the staff and plant to Whitechapel. James Bridgeman, who had been Robert Wells' principal assistant, worked at Whitechapel for a few years and then returned to Aldbourne and re-established the foundry there. In 1851 he met with a serious accident in a tower, which permanently injured him, and he retired. To James Bridgeman was apprenticed Henry Bond I, who bought the plant from Bridgeman after his accident and established a bell foundry at Westcote, Gloucestershire. After some ten years he moved into Burford and built a foundry there. He died in 1905. His sons, Henry II and Thomas, continued the business, and the foundry closed after the death of Thomas Bond, on March 13th, 1947.

In Oxfordshire alone members of the Bond family cast or hung bells at Alkerton, Burford, Chadlington, Chalgrove, Charlbury, Chastleton, Chipping Norton, Churchill, Fulbrook, Hanwell, Idbury, Minster Lovell, Great Rollright, Rousham, Shennington, Shilton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Taynton, Wigginton and Witney. Their bells are found in many counties.

Thomas Bond's foundry in Witney Street, Burford, was the last of the one-man bell foundries of England. It was delightfully situated in his garden, at the bottom of which flowed the River Windrush. Thomas Bond would often light his furnace fire, then throw a fishing line in the river, and alternate between the two while the metal was melting. He also did a considerable business in casting mill brasses, and among the products of his foundry was a bellmetal water-mill wheel weighing several tons.

The writer was fortunate to be able to make an extensive photographic record of the Burford foundry in the last years of Thomas Bond's life; and some of these were published in his 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire.' It is to be regretted that Thomas Bond had no sons, and that the foundry has been demolished.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ferrier 1, Barbara J. Leigh 2, J. Machell (first in method) 3, E. Jones 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6, B. W. Evans (first quarter) 8. For the Queen's birthday.

RINGERS' SUNDAYS

Chilvers Coton

Canon F. F. G. Warman, Vicar of Aston, was the preacher at Bellringers' Sunday at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Warwicks, on May 5th. In his sermon he said bell ringing was the way in which the Church went out to non-churchgoers.

The basic idea of ringing was to form a connection between the inside and the outside of the Church. Some people did not like bells and new churches were rising without provision for the exercise of the ancient craft of campanology, but very many still supported and clung to the bells as the one really loud noise they were allowed to make in praise of God today.

The processional and recessional hymns were accompanied on 24 handbells, rung by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, the Misses Muriel and Christine Mason, Margaret Corcoran and William Day. The song 'Bless this House' was rung unaccompanied. The lessons were read by A. H. Beamish (captain) and Miss Christine Mason (aged 16, vice-captain). The bells rang out as the large congregation left the church and a number of interested spectators ascended the spiral staircase (only 13 steps) to watch the ringers in action.

D. E. B.

Tonbridge

On May 19th, Evening Prayer took the form of the bellringers' service at Tonbridge Parish Church. Ringing on the eight bells of this historic church preceded the service, at which the Bishop of Tonbridge, the ringers' president, was the guest preacher. He was assisted by the Vicar, Canon T. F. C. Bewes, and the Rev. T. E. Yates.

In an inspiring address he reminded ringers and congregation alike of their great responsibility in this press-button age. As each ringer in a peal by his own individual effort made one joyful sound, so in everyday life they must face the problems of retaining their individuality to carry forward that glorious heritage which was theirs and to sweeten the life of society at large.

'Ringers in the tower look to their captain for their lead and example: therefore together we must look to the greatest captain of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, for our blessed hope and salvation.'

The lessons were read by two ringers, Miss A. W. Burgess and Mr. L. T. Pope, and, in place of the anthem, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. O. D. Barnett 1—2, Mr. E. A. Barnett 3—4, Mr. W. H. Dobbie 5—6, and Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 7—8.

After the congregation had been rung out to the sound of handbells the ringers and friends from Tunbridge Wells and Edenbridge were entertained to a most enjoyable supper by the Vicar and his wife.

R. A. L.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

In connection with the Association A.G.M. at Derby on April 20th, a half-day outing was organised by the Chesterfield District. Despite a torrential downpour, 32 ringers and friends left Chesterfield shortly after 1 o'clock and arrived at Darley Dale (8) just in time to hear the advance party from Dore trying out the bells. Although one or two of the younger members were put off initially by the long rope draught, this difficulty was soon overcome and some quite reasonable ringing ensued.

The light eight at Belper were then visited, where, under the watchful eye of Jafus, a touch of Stedman was accomplished before proceeding to Derby for the tea and business meeting. Further ringing in the evening was enjoyed at St. Peter's (8) and the Cathedral (10).

Our thanks are extended to those who met us and, in particular, to Gordon Halls and the other Derby ringers who provided at the R.A.F. Club the perfect end to an enjoyable day's outing.

M. P. P.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Competition

On a chilly but bright afternoon on May 18th, six teams waited outside the Church of St. James, Finchampstead, while their leaders made the draw for ringing order—the starts of the fourth annual striking competition of the Sonning Deanery Branch. This event seems to provide more enthusiasm and entertainment as the experience gained in the past adds more confidence and friendly rivalry.

Sonning, appropriately it seemed, drew the first ring, followed by Warfield, Hurst, Easthampstead, Sandhurst and Twyford, and each, by the good organisation of Joint Ringing Masters H. Smith and W. J. Parker, giving their ten-minute performance for the attention of all and, in particular, for the two adjudicators, somewhere secretly jotting down the 'clips' and sometimes 'clashes'—not all the nerves had gone perhaps!

While the teams in turn were occupied with their call changes, Doubles and Treble Bob their opponents listened intently for any peculiarities in the bells or walked the grounds surrounding the 12th century church, set high overlooking the beautiful Berkshire countryside. 'Two's quick at hand'.... 'The light bells want keeping apart'.... 'Reckon the tenor's a bit slow at back'....advice and criticism kept pace with every pull until so many had gone that the difficulty of keeping with it gave place to general conjecture.

With time to spare before tea a team of ladies, one from each band, and a team of men, similarly selected, completed the competition.

Up to fifty ringers then sat down to a well earned and tasty meal joined by the judges, the Branch chairman and the Rector of St. James'.

After the last cup of tea had satisfied the thirstiest throat thanks were expressed on behalf of the company by the chairman, the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor, for the excellent tea provided by the local members and friends, to the adjudicators (Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers) and to the Rector of Finchampstead for the use of the bells.

In their comments both Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers stated that the standard of striking was the best since the competitions started. Their placings were: 1 Twyford (33 faults), 2 Sonning (42), 3 Warfield (45), followed by Easthampstead (50), Sandhurst (52) and Hurst (53). A close contest with only 20 faults between the first and last—an ominous task for judges at the next competition, if the rate of improvement is maintained!

Mr. B. C. Castle, Branch secretary, closed the meeting by disclosing to the judges that teams 7 and 8 were the ladies' and gentlemen's scratch teams (67 and 48 faults). Proof perhaps that practice does make perfect—proof indeed that ringing, striking competitions in particular, are good fun, good for the business and something to be looked forward to next year.

S. G. S.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves, who conducted the peal at Erith on May 17th, would like to associate this peal with all those who have rung peals with him in the past.

Many friends will note with pleasure that Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher W. Woolley, has rung her first peal—7-8 to Plain Bob Major 'hand.' Her father, who was conducting, at the same time rang his 750th peal.

A golden wedding quarter peal was rung at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, on May 10th for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose. For 56 years Mr. Rose has been a ringer at this church and for a number of years has been people's warden. Of the band who rang for their wedding, Mr. Lewis Wiffen and Mr. W. Rose are the only survivors. Taking part in the quarter peal was Mr. F. Stedman, the captain, who is in his 89th year and still rings twice on a Sunday.

CHICHESTER.—On May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Rev. C. R. R. Coussmaker 1, Patricia Diserens 2, A. Page 3, P. Stevens (first in method) 4, R. F. Diserens 5, E. Win. Keys 6, F. W. Rogers 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. Rung after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

BOLTON AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES' OUTING

Thirty-one members of the Bolton and Rochdale Branches of the Lancashire Association enjoyed a happy day out in the Chester and North Wales areas on May 11th.

Leaving Todmorden at 7.30 a.m. the early risers arrived at Rochdale and Heywood, then on to Bolton and Westhoughton. Eccleston, near Chester, was reached at 10 a.m., where an hour was enjoyed on the wonderful eight (26 cwt.). The church, built by the first Duke of Westminster, must surely rank among the finest parish churches in England; built of red sandstone with pillars and black and white chequered floor, with equally beautiful organ and interior, it is a joy to enter. Sam Jones, grand old man of this tower, is a respected man in the village. His son, Arthur, met the party and conducted them round and his brother, Sam, met us at the next place of call, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester. We were sorry not to see Percy Swindley. The bells (tenor 19¼ cwt.) here do not go too well, but sound very well outside.

After an enjoyable lunch at Chester, a pleasant run brought us to Gresford, where the eight bells (25 cwt.) go extremely well.

The next stop was the white limestone Church of St. Margaret at Boddelwyddan, a lovely church, in an equally beautiful setting with a good eight (14¼ cwt.). Nearly everybody in the party had been waiting to ring at this church. On to Rhyl for tea at 'Summers Cafe' which we had visited before, and then an hour at St. Thomas' (17¼ cwt., very good-toned bells), after a nice welcome from the leader of the ringers, Mr. Evans, and tower secretary, Miss Wallis.

We left Rhyl at 7.30 p.m., and after a pleasant run along the coast road, with a view of Liverpool Cathedral on the horizon, we finally came to stop for liquid refreshment, and arrived home in time for Boltonians to catch their respective buses home. All thanks are due to incumbents for allowing us to ring and tower leaders for meeting us, etc. J. T.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, RHODESIA

Mr. H. P. Raynor, in his annual report of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, states that the past year has in many ways been difficult for the Guild, the hardest thing being the departure, permanent or temporary, of many active members. Losses include George Collins, Joan Winter and Colin Stevenson. In spite of these losses steady progress has been made in the tower (Salisbury Cathedral) largely due to the guidance of the tower captain, Fred Wilson. 'Striking is improving, and while we may not be making the progress with change ringing that we hoped to make, the spirit is not lacking.

The main development during the year has been the erection of the new ringing chamber by Bruce Berrington and Sunday helpers. The difference made by this floor is impossible to overestimate. Much may still need doing to the clock, lighting is still unfinished and our ringing is far from perfect, but our belfry is ideal.

HYMN OF ST. DUNSTAN

By P. AMOS

(Sung to tune 355, Ancient and Modern)

1. Maker of instruments of Praise
To thee our thankful hearts we raise,
In changing chants to worship's call
To glorify the Lord of all.

2. To Holy Dunstan came the task
The Church's outward voice to cast,
To Christendom he gave his all
May we like him obey that call.

3. The sacred call the pealing bells
O'er countryside their music swells,
To every home a message brings
The Gospel of the King of Kings.

OBITUARY

THE VERY REV. R. J. F. MAYSTON

Leicester Cathedral has suffered a great loss by the death of their Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A.), at the age of 56, following an operation in St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Although he was not a ringer himself, he took a great interest in the ringers and ringing which took place at the Cathedral, and, with Mrs. Mayston, always participated in the social activities with the ringers, as he was president of the Leicester Cathedral Society of ringers.

The funeral took place at Leicester Cathedral on May 16th, and the bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

The Bishop of Leicester conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. James Good (Rector of Lutterworth), whose words gave a very true picture of the Provost.

He said that he first met Mr. Mayston as a student in 1915. He was honest and helpful to all who came to him for advice. Nothing was ever too much trouble, no matter how small or difficult the problem might be. He had a great gift of giving himself to others.

A peal of Stedman Cinques half-muffled was rung on the Cathedral bells the following evening, as a last tribute to the memory of a very dear friend of the ringers. H. B. B.

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By G. W. MASSEY

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, in thanksgiving for the restoration of the church at a cost of £24,000, had in the band six regular Sunday service ringers. The roof of the nave has been painted in its former mediæval colouring and a 15th century ceiling has been uncovered and restored. Although the appeal was only launched 3½ years ago by Preb. H. A. Barnett, only £4,000 remains to be found.

We are asked to state that the number of changes in the quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Dalton-in-Furness (see page 317) was 1,480 and not as printed.

It was a big disapointment that the quarter peal attempt at Clanfield, Oxon, on April 25th to honour the 78th birthday of Mr. George Clarke failed. Amends were made to George afterwards in 'The Plough.'

Mr. A. P. Cannon is an unofficial liaison officer between the Guildford Guild and the Surrey Association. He is Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild and Master of the Surrey Association.

The claim that the peal at Theale, Berkshire, was the first on the bells for 25 years (page 340) is incorrect, writes Geoffrey K. Dodd. A peal in four Minor methods was rung here in October, 1957, conducted by A. P Cannon.

Very high appreciation of the services to Australian ringing by George and Diana Pipe appears in the latest issue of 'Ringing Towers.' J. J. F. Roper, W. D. Watson and W. B. Pitcher write of the great work and friendships they established during their seven years in Melbourne.

Senior ringer to tyro, after recent unsuccessful peal attempt at Pontefract, Yorkshire: 'Hard luck, —.' Came the reply, 'Never mind, there is always next time, and, anyway, it makes getting a good peal all that much more worth while; if we got them all, what would be the point?' One hopes that he (and many more) may have this thought always at the back of his mind as he grows older.

To celebrate the 75th birthday of Thomas W. Metcalf, tower leader at Dalton-in-Furness, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung there on May 15th. Since joining the Association in 1899, 'Old Tom,' as he is known to most North Lancashire ringers, has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Dalton and still attends the Tuesday practices to help learners. 'His 60 odd years of service are a credit to him, the Branch and the Lancashire Association,' writes W. Wall.

Congratulations to Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves on ringing his 500th peal at Erith on May 17th. He is probably the youngest ringer to have amassed this total.

On Easter Monday a laine plaid scarf was left in the Tonbridge belfry. The owner should write to Mr. R. A. Large, Little Trench Farm, Trench Road, Tonbridge, for its return.

The premature retirement of the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, through an infection of the throat, is deeply regretted at Wadhurst, Sussex, where he has been Vicar since 1951. He was instrumental in getting two trebles added to the bells when they were rehung in 1954. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first of Surprise on the bells, was rung on May 13th, the day the Vicar vacated the vicarage.

The peal at Felpham, Sussex, on May 9th was specially rung to the memory of Mr. Horace Davis Alford and to mark the dedication of the new ringing chamber, which was met by a bequest to the church by Mr. Alford. Mr. W. Bristow, who has been in charge of ringing at Felpham for a number of years, rang the treble to his first peal of Minor.

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Seend, Wilts, on May 18th, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd achieved a small ambition by ringing his 600th peal, and also completed peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques on both tower- and handbells. His total includes 188 twelve bell peals (136 Cinques, 52 Surprise Maximus). We rejoice in our illustrious contributor's achievements. Ringing in the peal was David Nibbs, one of the 'up and comng' youngsters from Holt, Wilts. He rang well.

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A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
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Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Frederick Ross	7
*Susan Funnell	2	Clifford A. Barron	8
John S. Mason	3	Edward W. Colley	9
Charles A. S. Webb	4	†George E. Fearn	10
†Norman J. Goodman	5	Peter Border	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 300th peal together.

TEN BELL PEAL

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Frederick Ross	3	George E. Fearn	8
*Susan Funnell	4	John McDonald	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.
Rung to commemorate the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton, May 11th, 1903.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D.

A. Thomas Harris	*Treble*	Peter C. Wright	5
Percival H. Hull	2	Edgar Skipsey	6
*H. Anthony Usher	3	Gwilym Salmon	7
Victor G. Roberts	4	*David Elliott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving on the completion of the restoration of the interior of St. Cuthbert's Church.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
Harold C. Lonyon	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
John Worth	3	Basil Jones	7
*John Freeman	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	*John F. Barlow	5
Neil Bennett	2	*John C. Baldwin	6
*Derek Butterworth	3	John Robinson	7
*Derek A. Ashton	4	Barrie Hendry	*Tenor*

Composed by Denis R. Carlisle and Gordon A. Halls.
Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*Harry Baldwin	*Treble*	*Michael Whiting	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	John Hall	6
Maurice Lings	3	Jack Bray	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to welcome Rev. W. T. Armstrong, who was instituted and inducted to this parish on April 25th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

John Schofield	*Treble*	Raymond J. Talbot	5
Jean L. Lavender	2	Raymond E. Finch	6
Harold N. Pitstow	3	*Christopher F. Mew	7
Albert E. Cheesman	4	Stewart F. Kimber	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.
* First peal in the method.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 QUINBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Peter J. Coles	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
Alick Cutler	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Delia E. Smith	*Treble*	*Colin W. Reed	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	John Freeman	6
*A. Robin Heppenstall	3	John Walden	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	*Brian Burrows	5
C. Roger Hayward	2	Christopher P. Rice	6
Christine J. Stratford	3	John Vernon	7
Ernest W. Rawson	4	†George W. Brandrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Vernon.
* First peal of Stedman. † First on eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DUNELM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Edward Holdsworth	*Treble*	Richard F. B. Speed	5
Geoffrey R. Crisp	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Hubert G. Summers	3	L. Michael Callow	7
Percy Stone	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method by all the band.
This method, published in 'The Ringing World' of February 22nd, 1963, under the name of Durham Surprise Major, is now renamed.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

J. Robin J. Dyke	*Treble*	Robin J. Trebilcock	5
Peter J. Heritage	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Barry J. Davies	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Peter A. Sharp	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Thomas W. Hesketh	*Treble*	John H. Fielden	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Hubert Richardson	6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	V. David Jenner	7
*Richard S. Starkie	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal.

QUINBURY SURPRISE MAJOR.
x 58 x 16 x 1256 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 14 x 18. L.E. 7856342.
4ths place bobs.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. ATFIELD.. ..	5
*ALISON MACFARLANE ..	2	JOHN G. PUSEY	6
†M. ROGER ASHMORE ..	3	F. JOHN NELSON..	7
†JOHN W. THORP..	4	JOHN E. CAMP	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

R. M. DAMERELL (Corpus)	*Treble*	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) ..	5
V. NUTTON (Selwyn)	2	C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel)	6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) ..	3	I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse)..	7
J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	4	S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
First peal in the method by the band, and for the Guild.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*CHRISTOPHER EARP	*Treble*	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY ..	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	2	DAVID W. PARKIN	6
JOSEPH C. WOOLEY	3	JOHN F. MURFIN..	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.
* First peal.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	*DON C. EXELL	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON..	2	BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
ANTONY R. KENCH	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 25th peal together. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

JOHN A. BROWN	*Treble*	MARTIN JORDAN	5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT.. ..	2	WILLIAM G. WILSON.. ..	6
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG.. ..	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

*GILLIAN DOUGLAS	*Treble*	ALAN R. PATTERSON	5
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	2	THOMAS SEWELL	6
†SHIRLEY SCOTT	3	ANDREW C. BOLTON	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDREW C. BOLTON.
* First peal. † First on eight, and 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Shirley Scott and Andrew C. Bolton on their recent engagement.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 FROME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

DENIS WOODS	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	6
KEITH R. DAVEY..	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. MASSEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Basil Jones, of Hazel Grove (Norbury).

FROME SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 56 x 18
8ths Pl. L.E. 4ths Pl. Bob.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Joseph J. Parker's Six-Part, No. 2. Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN..	*Treble*	CLIFFORD BIRD	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	6
*JOHN KNIGHTS	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
A. SPENCER BROTHERS ..	4	CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of Walter Gowing, for many years a ringer and steeple keeper at this church, and interred this day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	6
PETER S. BENNETT	3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB.. ..	7
IAN C. MAYCOCK..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
First peal of York Surprise Major by all the band, and for the Guild.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS..	7
CHARLES A. BASSETT.. ..	4	GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.
Rung as a tribute to the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, Vicar since 1951, on his retirement through ill health.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 49 lb.

*HENRY J. TAYSOM	*Treble*	DON C. EXELL	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	2	D. JOHN HUNT	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	*Treble*	JOHN ROBINSON	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
BASIL JONES	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
JOHN BARLOW	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

HARRY W. HOWARD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	DAVID HOLLAND	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
JOHN RYDER	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
First peal in the method by all the band, as conductor, and for the Guild.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 VERMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	RONALD A. WRIGHT	6
ROGER BALDWIN	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	4	DAVID J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.
First peal in the method.

VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR.
—5—6—2—3—34—45—6.34.7 L.E. B.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morriss' var. of Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

NORMAN COTTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
COLIN LORD	2	JOHN K. SMITH	6
WILLIAM CURSON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
RICHARD CLIFTON	4	WILLIAM WOODWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ANDREW M. MACVE	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
The conductor's 500th peal.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
PETER J. COLES	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	*Treble*	BRIAN H. COATSWORTH	5
MARGARET E. FORT	2	MICHAEL J. UPHILL	6
ALAN R. MILLIDGE	3	DAVID C. BROOKES	7
BRIAN J. BULL	4	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
First peal of Major in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

DONALD F. MURFET	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	6
*ALAN M. BARBER	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JOHN W. WARD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. (aged 15).

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

CHARLES H. TURNER	*Treble*	ERNEST W. BRIGHT	5
*JOHN H. NICHOLS	2	CHARLES W. BURTON	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
†WINIFRED ELLIOTT	4	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ANDREW T. BECKWITH.
* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*ANDREW C. MAYES	*Treble*	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	4
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	MARTIN MAJOR	5
TERRY R. HATCHETT	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal.

BROMFIELD, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN KEENE	*Treble*	LEO EVANS	4
†VALERIE M. EDGE	2	DESMOND FERGUSON	5
WILLIAM H. LLOYD	3	ALFRED T. HOLLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND FERGUSON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mapp.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	JOHN L. WHITE	4
*CATHERINE SLATER	2	PETER CARBUTT	5
DAVID LOCKWOOD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal attempt.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY FOSTER	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
*ASHLEY PUGH	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
DAVID A. GODFREY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in seven methods.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
JOHN K. SMITH	2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	5
RICHARD CLIFTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
The ringers of the treble and fifth hail from Cornwall.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM BRISTOW	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
MICHAEL J. WAKE	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	5
†PHILIP STEVENS	3	ROBERT WAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT WAKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First on the bells since the construction of the new ringing chamber.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Ipswich, (2) Cambridge and Primrose, (3) Bourne, (4) Netherseale, (5) College Exercise and Norbury, (6) Duke of Norfolk, (7) Ockley. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Peter J. Heritage .. .. *Treble*	D. Kay Adkins 4
Edward R. Venn 2	Robin J. Trebilcock 5
*Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* 100th peal.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

Leonard M. Raphael .. *Treble*	Thomas J. Brock 3
Ralph W. Bickers 2	*Norman P. J. Cossey .. 4
Michael J. Parker .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

* 30th peal. First of Grandsire by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

V. David Jenner .. .. *Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh 4
Thomas W. Hesketh 2	John H. Fielden 5
Christopher K. Cooper .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Hull, Surfleet, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Andrew M. Macve .. .. *Treble*	John D. Faircloth 4
*D. Paul Smith 2	John S. Barnes 5
Ralph Bird 3	Ian H. Oram .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First peal of seven Surprise 'inside.'

CALVERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G sharp.

Ronald Russell .. .. *Treble*	Roger W. Smith 4
Jacqueline A. Downing .. 2	George F. Roome 5
Alan A. Paul 3	Graham C. Paul .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hammons on the birth of a son.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Mary Bloxham .. .. *Treble*	Ian W. Hall 4
Murray A. Coleman .. 2	Anthony Sansom 5
Sheila J. Staley 3	†Michael J. Staley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Staley.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor, and first as conductor.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 31 methods: (1) Canterbury and Morpeth; (2) Whitley, Northumberland, Carlisle and Wooler; (3) Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick and Chester; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Cunecastre, London and Wells; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 141 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

D. Paul Smith .. .. .. *Treble*	Andrew M. Macve 4
*John D. Faircloth 2	Ian H. Oram 5
*Richard G. Crosland .. 3	Ralph Bird .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in 31 methods.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Angela Rimmer .. .. *Treble*	John G. Cull 4
Joyce Dodds 2	Stanley Huckle 5
Geoffrey Dodds 3	Gerald Penney .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in nine methods by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

Rung as a compliment to Thelma Burrows and Stanley Huckle on their recent engagement.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John F. Barlow .. .. *Treble*	C. John Clegg 4
Margaret Wright 2	Derek J. Marshall 5
Peter J. Malloch 3	Frederick Shallcross .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band of St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne. Average age of band 18 years 1 month.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Childwall, (6) Buxton, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Christopher F. Mew .. *Treble*	Brian J. Bull 4
Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2	Alan R. Millidge 5
Alison M. Mann 3	Michael J. Uphill .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First peal in eight methods for all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Laurence's Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Roger A. Howes .. .. 1—2	F. Hector Bennett .. .. 3—4
P. Gerald McIlhone .. 5—6	

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

* First handbell peal.
Rung by past and present pupils of Wallingford Grammar School.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	Anthony R. Mann .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on handbells.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
In the School.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16¼ in B flat.

Gerald Penney .. .. .. 1—2	Kenneth J. Darvill .. .. 5—6
Stanley Huckle .. .. .. 3—4	Walter Ayre .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At The Limes, Station Road,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frank Osbaldiston .. 1—2	Robert B. Smith .. .. 5—6
*†Neil Bennett .. .. .. 3—4	‡Frederick Shallcross .. 7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights (C.C.C. No. 7).
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of T.B. Major on handbells. † First of Kent T.B. ‡ First of T.B. on handbells.

LONG LENGTH

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On May 11th, 2,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Shuttleworth 1, N. M. Newby 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, L. Clement 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, L. Boumphrey 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: H. Ivings 1, E. Hotine 2, E. J. Lockwood (first of Kent) 3, N. Whittell 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, J. Ivings 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, H. Luck 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, T. Milsted 6, F. Carter 7, A. Hinkley 8. A farewell to the Vicar.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Leighton 1, K. Arthur 2, Miss S. Scott 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, A. C. Bolton 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Leighton 1, A. C. Bolton 2, Miss S. Scott 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, J. Crowther 5. Both for Matins.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on April 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): Jane B. Tuffin 1, Diana Chapman (first 'inside' and of Minor) 2, Janet D. Phillips 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, C. M. Foster 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janet C. Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, D. Wilson 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for Matins, also birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 5, also Hazel Portch and Derek Harding.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 18th, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs' R.C., 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. R. F. Muncey 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, J. W. R. Quinney 3, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, R. M. Damerell 5, C. H. Rogers 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8. Also on April 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. H. Pigg 1, C. R. F. Muncey 2, J. W. R. Quinney 3, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, D. J. Mundy 5, P. J. Bergdahl 6, C. H. Rogers 7, S. C. Walters 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 12th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major: R. M. Damerell 1, C. Dillamore 2, H. Muirhead 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, S. C. Walters 6, I. M. Smith 7, W. J. Ridgman 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Waddington 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, Olivia A. Marshall 4, J. Rhodes 5, R. A. Appleby 6, P. M. Dawson 7, R. J. Lumley (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, P. M. Saunders 2, A. T. Wingate 3, M. V. Powell 4, R. G. Powell 5, M. T. Johns 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. A. Ellis 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): J. Linnell 1, G. C. Paul 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, R. W. Smith 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, A. A. Paul 6. First of Surprise for 2, 4 and 6.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Little Bob Major: N. Chaddock 1, R. Lindsay 2, D. Nichols 3, D. G. French 4, N. Donovan 5, G. S. Lee 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8.

COSSINGTON, LEICS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Brown 1, R. A. Clarke (cond.) 2, B. Law 3, D. F. Moore 4, M. R. A. Kirk 5.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—Near the Cathedral, on April 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: P. L. Bill 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, M. D. Fellows 5—6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on May 14th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Folwell 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4. For Adult Confirmation service.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Bowerman 1, B. Davsh 2, R. Sturgess 3, W. F. Cope 4, M. Marshall 5, H. A. Nobes 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, M. R. Manship 8.

DALTON-ON-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. T. Turner 1, W. T. Turner 2, V. Forshaw 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. K. Bell 5, A. Capstick 6, W. Wall (cond.) 7, N. M. Newby 8, T. F. Metcalfe 9, R. Suart 10. Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Thomas W. Metcalfe, tower captain.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Howsden 1, Veronica Dupre 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, Kate Branson 4, S. Croft 5, H. Pickett 6, J. H. Lott 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. Rung in connection with the annual tour of Chelsea ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—On April 24th, at St. Peter-de-Witton, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jennifer Stone-Wigg 1, A. White 2, Sylvia Cater 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, G. M. Cater (first quarter 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and Hon. Angus Ogilvie. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Cater 1, S. Bridge 2, A. White 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 6. Rung to welcome Mr. S. Bridge, who has recently moved to Witton, as a member of St. Peter's Guild of Ringers.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, D. Reeve 2, H. Ivings 3, J. Ivings 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, J. Y. Parker 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Carlisle Surprise Minor: R. Mills 1, P. Joyce 2, S. Joyce 3, H. Reed 4, C. Kippin 5, R. Kippin (cond.) 6. Twenty-fifth quarter together for R. Mills and P. Joyce.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS. — On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Vincent 1, J. Thornley 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Ashcroft 4, J. Cunliffe 5, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, D. Holland 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Isgar 1, Mrs. J. W. Brown 2, W. Rouse 3, J. W. Brown 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. N. Isgar 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On May 19th, 1,280 Glasgow Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 2, Mrs. P. Knight 3, Miss M. V. Copping 4, J. F. Bryant 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Yates 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, H. Johnson 3, R. Moxley 4, S. Bowyer 5, R. Preece 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. R. Robinson, a ringer and member of the church.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, F. Tonge 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, C. Smith (first quarter) 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Kewell (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the christening of the seventh grandchild of the treble ringer.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Muncey (first quarter) 1, H. Muncey 2, A. Carpenter 3, M. Carter 4, C. Muncey 5, H. Foster (cond.) 6. For the Sunday school festival.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Holmes 1, S. W. R. Crewe 2, Carol F. Ferris 3, Ann Evans 4, E. C. Crewe 5, F. R. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan Laurence Maund and Miss Marian Elizabeth Kynaston, married in this church the previous day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger 4, A. Salisbury 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8. For Matins.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boyack 1, D. Ellesdon 2, D. Hewitt 3, Miss J. Cook 4, R. Cousins 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, J. Waugh 7, T. Earle 8. For the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bent 1, J. Cook 2, C. Cattell 3, W. Tanser 4, T. Still 5, H. Bray 6, G. Olliffe (cond.) 7, G. Deene 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. Frank Stapleton, churchwarden for 18 years, who died the previous Wednesday.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Withams (first quarter) 1, M. J. Erith (first 'inside') 2, J. B. Crowe 4, P. G. Brown 4, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 5, I. R. Panton 6.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. W. Holland 1, Miss J. Sommerville 2, E. Stanton 3, A. Stanton 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, on May 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Hibbert 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, D. Bennett 3, A. Stubbs 4, L. Smith 5, W. Rawlings 6, R. Overington 7, D. T. Darby 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 3rd, 1,320 Morpeth Surprise Minor: Margaret Fort 1, Alison Mann 2, C. F. Mew 3, D. C. Brookes 4, A. F. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 6. —

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.—On April 27th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 840 Grandsire): P. Graves 1, Elaine Graves 2, R. Ferris 3, T. Goodyer 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, D. Langdon 6. Rung between two wedding services, also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gates 1, Elaine Graves (first of Minor) 2, R. Ferris 3, R. Clark 4, W. Watson 5, M. Stracey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: E. Blower 1, G. Sandwell 2, P. Sloman (first in method) 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,344 Double Oxford Bob Major: G. Sandwell 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On April 28th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Ferris 1, J. Sheehy 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, J. Fryer 4, W. Watson 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, M. Stracey 7, P. Richards 8. For evening service.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, T. Bryant (first quarter) 6. Rung before Evensong, in honour of the birth on April 30th of Karl Robert Bown, grandson of the ringer of 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 19th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, P. L. Bill 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. D. Fellows 5, R. Smith 6, G. Westwood 7, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong, in memoriam Mrs. L. Harper. Conductor has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, B. Spiers 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, Arthur Halling 5, Albert Halling 6. First in the variation by all. Rung half-muffled during Holy Week.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Meakins (first quarter) 1, Toni M. Rogers (first in method) 2, M. D. Chown 3, Margaret A. Wilson 4, D. Burbidge (cond.) 5. Rung by scholars of Towcester Grammar School, before their Founder's Day service, attended by the Bishop of Peterborough.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. M. Steele (cond.) 5, D. Neal 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): Mrs. D. Cobb 1, D. Hawkins 2, M. C. Austin 3, D. Cobb 4, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 5, H. Duncan 6. Rung for the centenary service of the British Red Cross Society.

WARNFORD, HERTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. J. C. Hurst, M.A., as priest-in-charge.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Avent 1, Jennifer M. Bunyan 2, R. D. Bell 3, W. G. Paul 4, R. G. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Evening Prayer.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Glanvill (cond.) 1, J. Briggs 2, L. K. Dawe 3, G. West 4, G. Ellett 5, P. Pratt 6, J. Gooding 7, T. Gooding 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Leach.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wooler 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, J. Thorpe 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung for Passion service, with the bells half-muffled.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. M. Burns (first quarter) 1, A. J. Dunn 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, H. Byrom 4, T. H. Wilson 5, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth this morning of a son (Mark) to the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Crosthwaite.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Herbert 1, J. Vardy 2, F. Symonds 3, W. J. Chapman 4, E. Amey 5, F. Stedman 6, Jack Rose (cond.) 7, G. Abbott 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose.

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LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL PRACTICE.—At St. Nicolas', Guildford. Tuesday, June 4th, 7.30-9 p.m. 2583

SILSOE, BEDS.—There will be no regular weekly practices held during the months of June and July. 2557

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CANCELLATION

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.—**Claverdon** meeting **cancelled.** An evening meeting for Saturday, June 8th, will be arranged, if possible. See 'R.W.' next week. 2569

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Monthly practice meeting, June 1st, Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note: own arrangements for tea. —F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2545

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 1st, at Wilburton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2546

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, June 1st. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and 6-9 p.m. No service. Own arrangements for tea.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2571

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 2555

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne on June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 2556

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, Whit Saturday, June 1st. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. N. Ward, George and Dragon Inn, Wentworth, Rotherham. Tel.: Hoyland 3280. —J. Seager, Sec. 2507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Stutton and Holbrook, Saturday, June 1st. Holbrook (6) 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Stutton (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, near Woodbridge. 2520

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (at Dial Post). Notifications for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2524

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 3rd, 1963, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow service. Tea and coffee available from 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall (tickets 3s. 6d.). Tea, as a running buffet, from 5-6.15 p.m. (tickets 2s. 6d.). Bells available: Cathedral, 9.30-10.45 a.m. and then service touch, and from 4 p.m. From 3-6 p.m. Great Baddow, Writtle, Widford, Sandon, Danbury; and from 6-9 p.m. Great Waltham, Galleywood, Broomfield, Little Waltham. Lunch and tea tickets from General Secretary, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. S.A.E., please. —F. V. Gant. 2474

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Eight bell practice, Shepton Beauchamp, Wednesday, June 5th, 7 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2560

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Bradshaw, June 8th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Lord, 636 New Hey Road, Mount, Outtane, Huddersfield. Doubles methods, please.—D. Smith. 2515

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise (5), Saturday, June 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.16. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 2551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2559

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northallerton on June 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2565

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton (6) on Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea **only** at 5 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2568

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, June 8th, from 3 p.m. and during the evening. Tea by own arrangement. Lower Beeding (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m., if available. 2563

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential by Wednesday, June 5th,** to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, June 8th, Bishopstone (8). Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2564

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 2576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than the previous Wednesday, to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, June 8th, Bearsted. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Church Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2582

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District).—Joint meeting, Tempsford, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 to 4.40 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea and meetings 4.45 p.m. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Double Court and Cambridge.—Miss S. Law and Mr. A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2567

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 8th, at Somerton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Crocker, 29, St. Cleers Way, Somerton, Somerset. 2552

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kendal, Saturday, June 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Peat Lane, Sandylands, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 2586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, June 8th. But 142 2.20 p.m. from Preston. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to me.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 2588

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Healey on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Please note competition is postponed.—J. P. Partington. 2553

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, Loughborough. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Reverse St. Bartholomew's.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 2581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Witham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 3rd, to Rev. Canon N. W. Hagger, The Vicarage, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne, Lincs. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Single Oxford Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2538

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, June 8th at Pentre. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Mr. John Owen, 11, Llewellyn Street, Pentre. 2478

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Kilburn. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2584

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kessingland, June 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, certain, to Mr. M. J. Parker, 6, Windsor Terrace, Field Lane, Kessingland, Suffolk.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton, NOR. 26 W. 2525

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Granborough (5), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks. 2513

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Stanton St. John, June 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2562

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants, by Tuesday previous. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pitsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benefield, Saturday, June 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 4th latest to A. Hinton, Police House, Warmington, Peterborough. 2561

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2544

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 8th, at Hazelbury Bryan. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All welcome. Names for tea to Richard Longridge. Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, Blandford. Tel.: Childe Okeford 311. 2589

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch—A by-meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, June 8th Bells available from 3 o'clock Please bring your own food.—J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 2579

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, June 8th. Bells available: Worfield (6), 2.30 to 4.30; Claverley (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. Morris. 2585

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—District Cup contest and meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea by 4th to Mr. J. P. Wright, 'Eastfields,' North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman. 2580

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, June 8th, 6.30-9 p.m. at Stonham Aspal (10). 2554

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.— Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Easebourne (8) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2572

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2578

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District, please note. By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Fellowship Hall, cost 2s. per person. Those requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, June 11th, together with cash, Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. 2590

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Badby Road West, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 2566

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Lucas, 18, Orchard Way, South Park, Reigate, before June 12th. Buckland bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2573

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual meeting, Ilkley, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be available for a limited number of persons who notify me by June 10th; this will be followed by the business meeting. The District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Oakfield, Shell Lane, Calverley, Pudsey. 2587

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.—Specially arranged post-rededication ringing meeting at **Farnborough, near Banbury**, on Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Fuller details after Whitsun. 2570

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SPRING-TIME OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, WATFORD

On May 11th Watford ringers and friends broke some new ground. A pleasant eight at Eaton Socon provided the first ring, which was enjoyed, as was also the first sign of sunshine after a rough start.

Through the flat countryside to Whittlesey, where the beautiful spire of St. Mary's contrasts sharply with the clusters of tall brick chimney stacks (some of them leaning) which abound in this area. Ringing on the good eight at St. Mary's was followed by lunch at the Falcon Hotel. Only a few minutes away is St. Andrew's, where another eight were put to good use.

Turning south, Huntingdon, the next objective, looked attractive in the brilliant sunshine, and touches in various methods were rung at St. Mary's. A mile away picturesque Godmanchester, with its pretty riverside, old houses and gardens, was much appreciated, as were the fine eight bells. Tea was taken here.

The journey back lay through St. Neots, the last call where, after a welcome by the Vicar, the majestic eight sounded well to the delight of ringers and listeners alike.

Old friends in the party included Steve Hoare and Harold Cashmore, with whom it was a pleasure to ring. Many thanks to all those who were waiting at the towers, particularly the young men at St. Neots who coped with a troublesome clock hammer, also to Dennis Laud for his faultless organisation. R. G. B.

ST. JOHN'S, FROME

A small band of ringers, with a large company of friends, visited five Hampshire towers for their outing on May 18th. St. John's captain, Mr. D. Flower, was unable to join the trip due to a slipped disk, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Ringing took place at West Meon, Soberton, Alverstoke, Bishopstoke (all eights), and King's Somborne (6). A visit to North Stoneham tower had been arranged, but a broken clapper made this impossible. Members of the band are most grateful to Mr. D. Forder, who arranged alternative ringing at Bishopstoke at very short notice.

All the bells were easy going, with the best ringing of the day taking place at King's Somborne. Here a course of Beverley Surprise Major made a satisfactory ending to a pleasant day's ringing. After leaving this village, Mr. W. Mills, aged 81, found that he had lost a gold ring, given to him by his mother, and he thinks it may have caught on the rope while he was ringing at King's Somborne.

Frome was reached at 11 p.m., after a day of sunshine, good fellowship and excellent food. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Robertson, our driver, for able 'coachmanship,' and to the tower secretary for arranging the outing. We would also like to thank the ringers who met us and incumbents.

H. M. M.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

A very enjoyable outing to Somerset was arranged by Henry Trewin, of Stratton, for Easter Monday. It was foggy when the Stratton party left at 6.45 a.m. by way of Barnstaple and across Exmoor to Bishop's Lydeard, the first tower. Here we joined forces with ringers from Plymouth, Saltash, Tavistock, Plympton and Combe Martin. Ringing was not enjoyed here because of the oscillation.

The other towers were happily chosen. There was good ringing at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and St. John the Baptist, Weston-super-Mare, and on the noble ring at Congresbury.

Wrington was reached at 3.45 p.m. and the delightful ten were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. After Winscombe there was a long trek of about 50 miles to Martock, where it was generally agreed the best ringing of the day was accomplished. South Petherton and Shepton Beauchamp received a hasty visit. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bishop and John Cornelius were very helpful as ringers and guides. The Stratton contingent arrived home very tired at 12.45 a.m. H. S.

FIRST DAY OUT

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN'S Church, Marlborough, Wilts, has a tower whose membership has grown in the last year from almost nothing to about 35 ringers and learners. On a Saturday this month some of them, with friends and children, spent a day ringing their way round the Hampshire-Surrey borderland. The trip was organised by Mr. and Mrs. G. L. E. Brown, and the party was accompanied by the chairman of the tower, Rev. F. Armand-Smith. Ringing was in the charge of the tower captain, Alf Johnson, and included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, with a considerable amount of rounds and call changes for the learners.

A good start was made at Sherborne St. John, but at Odiham the ringing was rather thinly supported, due to the proximity of a place of refreshment. At Guildford, the party dispersed for lunch and reassembled for ringing at the delightful old Church of St. Mary, the first anti-clockwise tower for many of the band. The afternoon was spent at Puttenham, Seale and Ash, all with bells less than half the weight of those at the home tower. Nevertheless, the learners were undismayed, and a good standard of striking was maintained throughout. After tea at Farnborough, the party adjourned to the Parish Church for the final ring of the day.

The experience of ringing on strange bells seemed to have helped the standard of striking, as the service ringing the next morning was some of the best the team had ever managed. M. L. S.

LADY RINGER AS MAYOR

We have only heard so far of one ringer as a new Mayor—Councillor Miss B. Temple, of Lewes. She is a niece of the late Archbishop Temple, and rings at Southover Parish Church.

On May 22nd, the day of her election, her fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Southover bells.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', May 23rd, 1913:—

We record quite a curiosity in a handbell peal this week. It is a peal of Bob Major rung at Haggerston, and each of the four ringers conducted a quarter-peal, while each quarter was by a different composer. The peal was the outcome of a suggestion made some time ago, and, despite its novelty, it was well struck. Indeed, throughout the whole of the ringing, only some half-dozen words were spoken apart from the calling of the bobs.

'R.W.' May 30th, 1913.—

The two following peals were rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Victoria Louise, of Prussia, and Prince Ernst August, of Cumberland. Prince Ernst is descended from William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, who was the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

(The two peals were Superlative at Mortlake, conducted by Frank Bennett, and Superlative at Edmonton, conducted by James Parker.)

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QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Astridge 1, Marilyn Gibbs 2, Margaret Rippon (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Prynn 5, D. Astridge 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, R. D. Mills 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck 1, J. I. Dear 2, C. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, L. Scoot (cond.) 5, J. S. Dear 6, P. Flack 7, E. Buck 8. For Rogation Sunday.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 19th, 1,440 St. Clement's: G. Dodds 1, M. Rose 2, H. Fuller 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, R. Rose 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, J. Y. Parker 8. For Evensong, and the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Mitchell 1, J. Mitchell 2, W. Lawrence 3, S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, B. Spring 5, A. Idle 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Reverse St Bartholomew Bob Doubles: J. Bennett 1, M. Hawkes 2, Joan Gainey 3, C. Haylings 4, B. Spiers (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. A. Cowan 1, D. J. G. Wilson 2, M. C. Petts 3, J. N. E. Chilton (cond.) 4, C. Alban 5. First quarter by an all local band. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. N. E. Chilton ('circled tower' to quarters) 1, D. J. G. Wilson 2, D. J. Goodman 3, M. C. Petts (first in two methods as cond.) 4, K. A. Cowan (first 'inside' two methods) 5. For Family Communion.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Saunders 1, J. Papworth 2, A. Hunwick 3, G. Everett 4, C. W. Burton (cond.) 5, A. T. Beckwith 6. For Matins.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. E. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Miss M. M. Roden (first on eight) 3, E. W. Ford 4, B. Bladon 5, A. R. Peake 6, V. Griffin (cond.) 7, Miss J. Cook 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,560 Doubles (four methods): M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Tyack 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, A. R. Cope 4, Susan E. Smith (cond.) 5, R. G. Draper 6. First in four methods by all the band. Rung for the official opening of the new C. of E. Primary School.

WICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Ward Haugh 1, S. Thompson, jun., 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

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A NOTABLE PARTNERSHIP

ON JUNE 5TH, 1909, the first peal of Erin Triples was rung at Gateshead by the Durham and Newcastle Association. In these days of enterprise in the ringing of new methods little particular notice seems to be taken of a new venture, and 50 and 60 years ago, too, many methods now well known and well rung received an unobtrusive baptism. Erin Triples, so easy to learn, so exacting for the conductor and so challenging to the composer, was no new thing. It had been known, discussed, argued about and named quite a long time before 1909; but it was the mathematical genius of Joseph Parker that solved the difficult problem of producing a 5,040 and it was the uncanny ability of William Barber that inspired the ringing of it.

Joseph W. Parker was a North Country man. He began to ring rather late in life, for he was round about the age of 30 when he came under the tuition of Mr. Thomas Hudson at Bishopwearmouth. His progress was manifestly rapid, for in a very short time he was becoming notable both as a practical ringer and as an officer of the Durham and Newcastle Association. But what is more remarkable is that one beginning to associate with the art in the approach to middle life should reveal such an aptitude for theoretical investigation and develop such a masterly control of the principles and difficulties attached to the more abstruse aspects of composition.

No investigator worked more unobtrusively, none with a more sure touch. His writings reveal him as an earnest searcher after truth and the solving of problems; his approach was objective and never for self-appraisement or self-gratification, and it would appear that he was more concerned that the truth should appear or the problem be resolved than to be troubled as to who should light upon the essential facts. In Volume I of 'The Ringing World' one may find a long and not uninteresting controversial correspondence between Parker and Law James on the relationship between Stedman and Erin, and it will be seen that in his determined defence of what he considered truth Parker relentlessly hounded the brilliant Law James into a corner from which the reverend gentleman could not finally escape. In the same volume will be found Parker's very sympathetic reference to George Astbury's investigations into the possibility of securing the extent of Erin Triples with only two singles.

Pioneer of Spliced Surprise Major composition, exponent of Spliced Minor, brilliant investigator into the mysteries of Stedman Triples, J. W. Parker was placed by that great student Trollope among the leading composers of all time. And none can deny him his place.

William H. Barber was a Clent man and, together with his very able brother John, learned to ring at an early age. His work caused him to travel a great deal, and after some residence in Dublin, Bangor and Edinburgh, he settled in Newcastle upon Tyne to add one more famous North Country name to those of Routledge, Storey and the Gofton brothers.

His brilliance as a conductor was speedily apparent, and his fame as the exponent of the calling of difficult compositions was soon established. There was no limit to his mastery in all methods, but his favourite intellectual exercise was (as with Maurice Swinfield) Stedman Triples, and in the directing of some of the intricate compositions in this principle Barber's touch was as sure and unerring as was the touch of Parker in the production of the figures. Among the notable feats of this extraordinary man are the calling of Law James' Seven-Part, John Carter's Odd-Bob for the first time on tower- and handbells, and that amazing performance at Gateshead when Barber conducted the Odd-Bob blindfolded.

It was either Barber or Washbrook (recollection is here unsure) who expressed the following desire: To be one of four people to walk into a room, take any pair of handbells, sit down blindfolded and ring Carter's Odd-Bob. The above two gentlemen were doubtless capable. And the other two? Challis Winney probably. And the fourth? Might we say John O. Lancashire?

Great ringers and distinguished composers invariably have a fame that rests on their own achievements, but it is not unusual to find the name of a notable conductor associated with the works of a particular composer. There will come to mind John Austin and Bankes James, John Carter and Albert Walker, the Holifields senior and junior, and perhaps William Pye and Gabriel Lindoff. These were happy and portentous associations, and with them we do well to recall that formidable combination of the North, J. W. Parker and William H. Barber. E. C. S.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

By Canon K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS usual these days, there has been quite a length of time since the last article on this subject, which means a correspondingly large number of towers to mention in the various categories. The number of towers which have still to have their first peal has been reduced by 23 in this period—quite a good number. Most of these were claimed as such, viz.: Tilton, Peter Tavy, Napton-on-the-Hill, West Overton, Colyton, Dunblane, Ryton, Wroxton, Meanwood, Warnford, Broadchalke, Hickling, Chitterne, Modbury, Exeter (St. Petrock's), London (St. Vedast's), Barford St. Martin, Hampstead (Essex) and Newton Valence. Four first pealers were not claimed—Brighstone, Dolton, Ossington and Cherry Hinton. Since I have quite often had requests of late for lists of towers in different counties which have not had a peal, I expect a lot more will 'fall' before long.

It isn't often we have a tower in the peal columns which has had a peal but before the ringing press came into existence in 1881! In fact, Dunham Massey is the only such case I can think of offhand previously. This time we welcome Inverness in this category, where the only previous peal was rung in 1877. So an 85 years' silence here. There have been five towers which have not been heard in a peal since before the first war. Ullington had two peals 60 years ago and none until the recent one. They were both of Bob Minor in 1902 and 1903. Unless the bells at Nuthall have been recast, the peal a month or two ago was not the first on the bells. Grandsire Doubles was rung in 1906 and Doubles in two methods in 1908, but none since. At Swanwick the only previous peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1910, whilst the claim at Builth Wells for the first peal for more than 30 years was very modest! It should have been 50 years, for the last was in 1912—there were five peals from 1907 to 1912. Then Netherbury had its only previous peal (Grandsire Doubles) in 1912 also.

Eight towers last had peals in the 1920's. Cropwell Bishop's last was in 1920, and there had also been one in 1905. Upton Snodsbury's one and only former peal was in 1923. Chelmarsh had its last in 1925, with a previous one in 1908. Littledean and Keynsham both appeared last amongst the peals in 1926. The former had had peals in 1921 and 1924, whilst the latter had peals in 1910, 1912, 1913 (two) and 1924 also. The last peals at Thurstaston and St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, were both in 1927. The former had also had its first peal in 1923 but there had been no other at St. Paul's. Hale's last was in 1928, with the first on the bells in 1925.

As usual, quite a few towers last appeared in the peal lists in the 1930's. Feckenham seems to go in for peals every 30 or 40 years. The one before the recent one was in 1930 and before that, 1889. For an eight-bell tower, this is very infrequent. Barrowden's only previous peal was in 1931, in which year appeared also Ilmington for the last time before the recent peal. But here there had been peals in 1922, 1924 and 1925 also. Before the first war, South Hackney's name was seen quite frequently amongst the peals. But it ceased in 1932. From 1909 to 1913, 13 peals were rung, then four from 1919 to 1922 and three in 1931 and 1932, and no more until now. The peal at Wick St. Lawrence was claimed as the first on the bells, but I fear it wasn't unless the bells had been recast. I have one in 1932. St. Osyth likewise has had a single peal before (Bob Minor in 1933). The last time Sheriff Hales appeared was in 1935—it had also done so in 1925. Lingfield's last peal was in 1936. This is another eight-bell tower with very few peals. As a six-bell tower, Grandsire Double was rung in 1907. Then there was silence until 1935 (I suspect the bells were augmented in 1934). Then, in 1935, Cambridge and London Major were rung and in 1936 London Major again. Now, in 1963, we get Nailstone Major. I'm not sure that any other tower can say that nothing but Surprise Major peals have ever been rung on our eight bells! Of course, it was the last war which has kept the name of St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, out of the peal columns, and it is a pleasure to read it there again. Before the first war, there had been 26 peals, from 1882, then nine peals between 1922 and 1937 (the last).

25 YEARS WITHOUT A PEAL

West Kirby is still another eight-bell tower which hasn't had a peal for 25 years. The first peal here was in 1890 (Double Norwich) and 10 had been rung by 1914. There was one in 1920 and one each in 1935 and 1937 (the latter the only Surprise on the bells) and silence until now. St. Paul's, Chippenham, has a similar history. First peal 1886, seven peals up to 1914 and eight from 1921-38 (the last until recently). All but two of these, by the way, were Triples. The two were Double Norwich. Strangely enough the next tower, Neston, makes a 'hat trick' of eight-bell towers with a similar history again. Fourteen peals from 1885 to 1910, then eight from 1921 to 1938 and now activity again after 25 years. Finally, in 1939, we have three towers last seen in the peal columns—Church Oakley, Moreton-on-Lugg and Colmworth. The first had had peals in 1914 and 1932 also; the second peals in 1922 and 1930 (I confirm the recent peal as the first of Minor on the bells) and the last one previous peal in 1937.

Now we come on to 'milestones.' A special article appeared when, a few months ago, the first tower to produce 1,000 peals hit the headlines—Loughborough Bell Foundry. Already there have been another 20 or so peals there, so I expect the 1,100 will be up next year! I am very pleased to confirm the 600th peal at Erith since I last wrote. A wonderful record here, and going great guns still. The tower now is about 80 peals ahead of Crayford, which was the first church tower to reach 500 peals. In fact the latter may soon have to take 3rd place, for Willesden is creeping up and has passed the 450 mark a few months ago (actually, I made the claim for the 450th the 451st on the bells). We have 20 to 25 peals a year here, so maybe the 500 will be up at the end of next year. No tower passed the 400, 300 or 200 in the period under review. Accrington has scored 150—58 were on the six before augmentation and of the 92 since 32 have been on six bells. In fact, only one of the last 10 has been on the eight bells.

Eight towers have passed the century mark—some claimed and some not. They are Handsworth (Staffs), Claybrooke, Halewood, Salehurst, Southport (Christ Church), Conisbrough, Gateshead (here I made it 98 when the 100 was claimed, although two more have been rung since) and Great Yarmouth (in the tower, of course). North Stoneham also acclaimed the 100th peal since augmentation to 10. I made it the 102nd. Then for the half-century, we have Cranford (Middlesex), London (St. Olave), Coleman's Hatch, Kirtlington, Over (Cambs), Farnham Royal, North Bradley, Branston, Heydour and Sawley. Derby All Saints where the 50th peal was claimed, has actually had more than that. I have 52 when older than 1881 peals are included.

Now a few false claims! The peal at Micheldever was not the first on the bells. Bob Minor was rung there in 1938. A peal at Theale was not the first for 25 years. There was one in 1957. Rutland Major at Soberton was not the first in the method there. It was rung in 1956. Unless I missed the withdrawal of the peal, Cambridge Maximus was rung at Worcester Cathedral in 1962 and so the one last month was not the first on the bells.

I confirm the first of Major at Glasbury-on-Wye. This is a quite extraordinary tower. Before the peal of Major, there had been 30 peals commencing in 1907. First peal was of Grandsire Doubles, the second Grandsire Triples. Of the 30 peals, six are of Grandsire Triples, 14 of Grandsire Doubles, nine are of Doubles from two to five methods and one (in 1960) was of Bob Minor. So it had to wait a long time for an even bell method. I confirm the first of Minor at Prestbury. There are only two previous peals here—Grandsire Doubles in 1911 and 1949. Fairford, too, has had its first peal of Major. Here, there was a peal of Stedman Triples in 1898; Doubles (two methods) and Bob Minor in 1921 and 1923 respectively, and then six peals of Grandsire Triples from 1923 to 1931 and in 1954.

CORNHILL'S NARROW CHOICE

Cornhill, London, had its first peal of Maximus since 1923. There is an interesting record here. Sixty-seven peals have been rung since 1882. Of these, 54 have been Stedman Cinques (all since 1923 have been until the Cambridge Maximus six months ago); nine have been Kent Treble Bob Maximus; three have been Cambridge Maximus, and, in 1900, there was a peal of Superlative Major. Not much variety so far!

The claim for the first peal of Stedman Triples at Stratton, Cornwall, is quite true for the present bells, which were recast in 1911. However, the very first peal in the tower, in 1901, was Stedman Triples, so the method has been rung there before. In that peal, four parsons took part. We don't often find as many in peals these days!

I presume the claim for the 100th peal in Australia includes handbell peals. As far as I can see, tower bell peals have not yet reached that total.

Finally, three more five-bell towers which have reached double figures. They are Norton Canon, Bentley Common and Blaby. Congratulations to them.

BISHOP OF SALISBURY ENTHRONED

Summer came suddenly for the enthronement of the 74th Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. Joseph Edward Fison, D.D.) in Salisbury Cathedral on May 24th, before a congregation of over 3,000. Many more were able to watch the colourful procession from Mitre House, through the High Street Gate and across the green to the open west doors, where the arrival of the Bishop was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets of the Royal Artillery Mounted Band.

The enthronement taking place the day after Ascension Day, the Bishop preached from the text, 'That He ascended, what is it but that He first descended...' and showed that our way must, to some small extent, resemble our Lord's—we must look to the descent and God would look after the ascent. Our Lord descended to the lowest place on earth in His Baptism, and if we went down to the lowest place—which is where we belong—then we could not but look up to everyone: and what a difference it would make if we looked up to and not down on others, each esteeming other better than himself. Supposing Conservatives looked up to Socialists, and vice versa, the Forces and the Nuclear Disarmers, in the Church family High Churchmen and Low Churchmen, Vicar and churchwardens, organist and bellringers.... If we are at the feet of God we shall know that we are right down in the lowest place and must look up.

It is not known, of course, how many ringers were in the congregation, certainly the president and Master of the Guild; and one of the clergy and a licensed woman worker of the diocese rang in the quarter peal later that day in St. Thomas', Salisbury, in honour of the new Bishop. He came from being Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and though we did not rise to Cambridge Surprise Major, at least we rang the method composed by a famous Cambridge printer.

The Bishop and his family listened from their garden, and he afterwards sent a message of thanks to the ringers for their welcome.

Y. L. E.

E. DERBYSHIRE & N. NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Bleby) a wide variety of methods, together with rounds and call changes, were rung at the monthly meeting of the East Derbyshire and North Notts Association at South Normanton (6) on May 18th.

Ringers present were from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston, Blackwell, Morton, Clay Cross, Mansfield, Duffield, South Normanton, Todmorden and Heptonstall, Yorks.

M. J. K.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT ROCHESTER

THE seventh A.G.M. of the British Railways Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Rochester at the week-end May 10th-12th. Those who arrived on Friday visited St. Mary Magdalene's Church at Gillingham, and had an enjoyable evening.

Saturday opened very promisingly, and at the Cathedral Mr. Norris conducted the party to the ringing chamber. The Dean, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard, also climbed the steps to welcomed the Guild to Rochester, and hoped all would enjoy themselves during their short stay. Entering and leaving the belfry is no place for tall people, as one of the members found out.

During lunch it was found that a wedding was booked at the next church to be visited, so arrangements were made to ring at both All Saints', Frindsbury, and St. Margaret's, Rainham. After this exercise all were ready for tea at Pat's Cafe, where the business meeting was also held.

With the Master in the chair, the business opened with a special welcome to the visitors, amongst whom were Mr. S. Robinson (secretary, Joint Committee, British Railways Staff Association), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. L. Mitchell (honorary secretary, Rochester District), Mr. A. Dunk and Mr. F. Cheal (District representatives), Mr. C. Norris (captain, Cathedral ringers) and Mr. J. Willis (vice-president, K.C.A.). Mr. Barnett replied with a story of his very amusing travels on the railway.

Members heard with deep regret of the death of the wife of Mr. R. E. H. Goodman, the general secretary, Southern Region, B.R.S.A., and the honorary secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy. A letter of good wishes was also to be sent to Mr. A. J. Pitman, who was unable to make the journey.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Following the adoption of the minutes, the accounts were presented by Mr. Brough, senior auditor, who commented that it was a good statement, but there were many subscription arrears. Following the honorary secretary explaining that there were retired railwaymen who were unable to meet the subscription, Mr. F. Hodgson proposed, and the meeting agreed, that a fund called 'The Retired Railwaymen's Benevolent Fund' be created to meet such cases. A collection for this realised £2 18s.

The honorary secretary reported a very satisfactory year, with membership steadily increasing, and also a very happy relationship with the British Railways Staff Association. Although the ringing competition was thrown out last year, he suggested that an annual dinner should be considered in any future programme.

The new Master elected is Mr. C. Bassett, who was proposed by Mr. Foskett, and seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson. The honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. A. Hoare, was re-elected, also both the auditors. All Regional Masters remain the same.

Mr. F. Hodgson moved that the Guild visit Crewe for the 1964 A.G.M. This was agreed to: arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. Frank Stenson. Mr. B. Kynaston's proposal that the autumn meeting be held at Cambridge was carried.

Mr. S. Robinson, secretary, Joint Committee, B.R.S.A., explaining the new rules, said that honorary membership would not meet with the committee's approval. Membership would therefore come under the following four headings: (a) Active, (b) Retired, (c) Family, wives, etc., (d) Associate. The four ringers who rang in the 1962 peal were consequently elected as association members at a subscription of 1s. each.

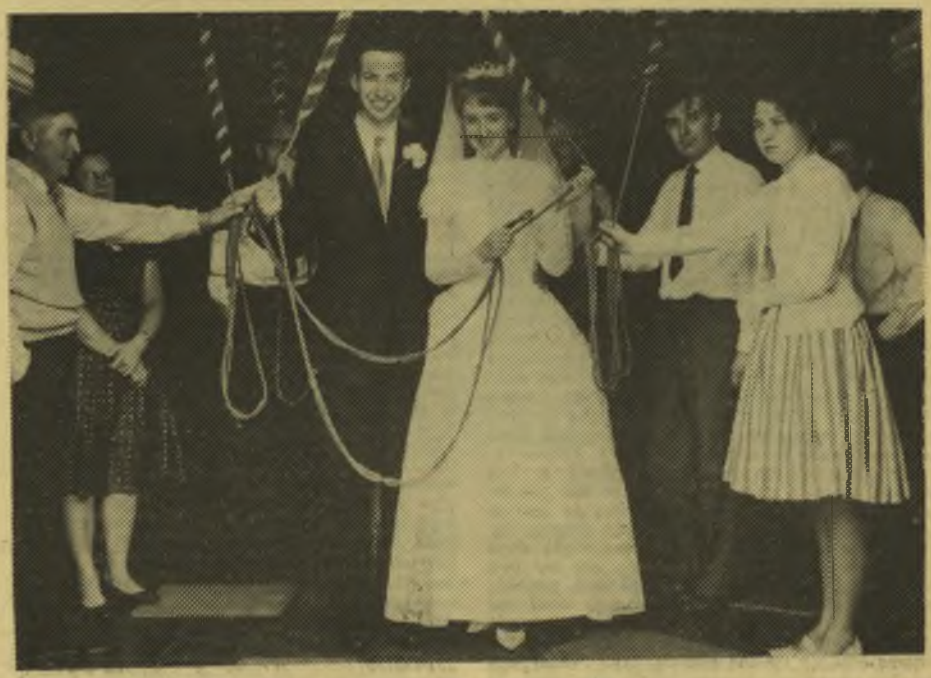
Mr. H. Walker promised to help with the arrangements for the autumn meeting at Lincoln on September 28th.

Mr. Stenson moved a vote of thanks to all those who helped to make the meeting such a great success, especially to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollands. Mr. B. Kynaston read a letter, received from the manager and friends of the Black Horse, Taunton, thanking the ringers for the very interesting handbell ringing last year.

The programme for the day ended with a visit to St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Chatham.

J. A. H.

TWO HERSHAM RINGERS MARRIED



When two members of the St. Peter's, Hersham, Surrey, band were married there on May 18th, ropes were let down through the belfry floor to enable this picture to be taken.

The bride, Miss Gwendolyn Peggy May, wore a full length lace dress, with high neck-line and nylon bustle. Her shoulder length veil was held in place by a white fur-trimmed coronet.

The bridegroom was Mr. Colin Norman Chinnery, and the bride's two sisters were attendants.

After a reception at Church House, Hersham, the honeymoon was spent at Ilfracombe.

[Photo: Frank B. Rice ('Surrey Herald').

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The picturesque village of Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, was the venue for the Barnsley and District Society's meeting on May 11th. Fourteen towers were represented, and an excellent tea was served by local ladies. The Vicar (Rev. E. V. Wright), who is retiring this year, presided at the business meeting. Mr. H. Chant reported that permission had been given for a tablet to the memory of Mr. Dan Smith to be placed in Felkirk Church. John Weaver, of Pontefract, was elected a member.

The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 8th. Darton was suggested for the July meeting, and Bradfield, near Sheffield, for August 10th. Replying to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. Moxon, the Vicar hoped the Society would visit Armitage Bridge again.

CHELSEA (ST. LUKE'S) 1963 TOUR

The Chelsea ringers, accompanied by a few friends who have in the past been associated with St. Luke's, went on tour in Derbyshire, Staffs, Notts and Cheshire. They made their headquarters at Darley Dale, where they were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bullen, G. H. Poulson and 'Jafus.' Among the churches they visited were Alton, Stone, Tunstall, Norton-on-the-Moors, Wirksworth, West Hallam, Ilkeston, Bolsover, Crich, Ripley, Mansfield, Cresswell, Fairfield, Glossop, Norbury (Hazel Grove), N. Wingfield, Staveley, Barlborough, Bakewell, Matlock, Tideswell, Hope, Castleton, Eckington and, of course, Darley Dale.

The tour was arranged and planned by Veronica Dupré and John Lott. Those taking part were Kate Branson (Edinburgh), A. W. Lloyd (Oxford), Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson, Molly Powell, A. F. Udall, Squire Croft, W. H. Pickett (Staffs), J. H. Lott, V. Dupré, D. Kingman (Matlock) and J. F. Smallwood (Darley Dale).

The party thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and, although the weather in the first part of the week was cold and sometimes wet, they had some good ringing in many methods, including Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. A few quarter peals were rung, and in the evenings handbells were put to good use. Everywhere a warm welcome was awaiting the visitors, and local ringers were invited to take part in the ringing. Thanks to all incumbents for giving permission to ring, and to those local ringers who met the party.

J. F. S.

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Letters to the Editor

Coventry National Rally

Dear Sir,—I was very disturbed to learn that Mr. Walters and his party were so disappointed in the arrangements for ringing at our ringing rally ('R.W.' May 17th). We in the Coventry Diocesan Guild very much regret that the Cardigan ringers had so much misfortune.

I feel I must offer some explanation.

At St. Nicholas', Warwick, I gather that the tower was very crowded: it was necessary to ask those who had just rung to go downstairs so that there would be room for others to take their place. It was realised that this was going to occur, so there was another tower opened, within several hundred yards of St. Nicholas', at the same time. The party could have had a ring if they had transferred themselves to the ten at St. Mary's. The only way to cater for a large number of ringers is to open many towers and depend on the ringers to go to another one if they find their selected tower is full.

At Stratford-on-Avon we received a last minute message that the tower would not be available in the evening. (This was so also at Allesley.) It is just not possible to arrange for ringing at some 40 towers some eight days in advance, without there being one or two last minute alterations. It was not possible to make these cancellations known until tea time, when all of the ringers were not present At Stratford the party, no doubt, saw the verger locking up the church, after which one of the Stratford ringers kindly managed to return in time to see that any people who did not know about the change could ring.

In conclusion, I must say that the success of an event of this magnitude depends not only on the organisers, but also on the co-operation of those taking part, together with the realisation that things can go wrong at the eleventh hour.

Whilst we do offer our sincere regret that Mr. Walter's party was disappointed, we do feel that the remedy was largely in their own hands.—Yours faithfully.

H. M. WINDSOR (Ringing Master).

Bromham Outing

Dear Sir,—After reading A. E. R.'s report of the above outing, we feel a few comments are necessary. We never realised the president of the Bedfordshire Association could be so rude!

For 'young ringer' the report should read, 'the oldest and most loved past president of the Association.' Also the so called nuclear explosion was the other 36 or so members of the party waiting for 'A. E. R.' and his friends to consume their drinks. Surely the president realises a time schedule should be kept on such an outing.

We hasten to add we all enjoyed the outing, but regret such remarks were ever sent to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully.

OTHER HUNGRY PASSENGERS.

Changes of Title

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 17th we find that the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers wish to be known in future as the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, and in your issue of May 24th the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers wish to revert to their old title, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

Although this is purely a 'domestic' issue of the Associations concerned, one wonders just what advantage is to be gained by the change of titles!—Yours sincerely.

HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale, Derbys.

Easy Handbell Peals

Dear Sir,—I enclose two of my compositions in answer to Mr. Dodds' article. The Stedman contains equal amounts of Tittums, Handstroke and Backstroke, with 1—2, 3—4 and 5—6 in the 7—8 position virtually all the time and 7—8 in the 7—8 position for two-thirds of the peal. This is the easiest position for Stedman Caters because it is maintained throughout the course, the bells always go in to the front work in the same way and are coursing with one bell in between. Apart from 9—10 it is easiest to call off 5—6, which remain in the same position throughout, but cross over each course.

The Bob Royal is easier than Mr. Dodds' because 3—4 remain in course from the end of the second course to the end of the peal and 5—6 from the end of the fourth course to the last course, and 5—6 are home otherwise. There is much to recommend the Tittums position for Royal; both to help the ringer of 7—8 and on musical grounds in half and half peals. I will gladly send anyone who writes peals of Royal or Maximus, with 3—4 and 5—6 coursing throughout and the back bells in Tittums or Home or any combination of the two.—Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

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34625	— Y			
54236	S	2		
23456	S		—	

Mr. Dodds comments:

(1) Stedman Caters.—This certainly looks an interesting structure, with the most elementary of turning courses, just what is wanted. The basic part is neatly repeated six times, without any awkward extras or omits. Providing 50 singles doesn't put one off and that the peal is true (I presume it has been thoroughly checked), I should think this is well worth calling.

(2) Plain Bob Royal.—Ideal for an 'unsafe' band, in fact remarkable how three 'tenors ringers' can be accommodated on 3—4, 5—6 and 9—10. For most of the peal the 2nd merely 'makes the bob twice, makes the single twice.' I would agree that it is an easier peal than mine. The choice between them lies in the mental approach of the conductor—he may find mine easier to remember, with calls at one position only for several courses—and if one worries about large numbers of singles. There are 22 out of 39 calls in Mr. Hunter's and 10 out of 36 calls in my one part, both numbers of singles being excessive in many ringers' view.

Congratulations to Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,—I would like to send best wishes and congratulations, via 'The Ringing World,' to Alan Dunfee and Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson, on account of Boston bells sounding again. We at Trumpington had the pleasure of ringing with them last year, and were thrilled to read of the achievement.—Yours sincerely,

URSULA STUBBINGS.

25, Hills Avenue,
Cambridge.

Four Bell Towers of Berkshire and Hampshire

Dear Sir,—Of the eleven known four bell towers in Berkshire I have rung on the eight ringable ones. Details are as follows:

Barkham.—Bells are ringable, but cannot be rung at the present time because of broken ropes and stays on all the bells.

Brimpton.—Are ringable, but very rough.

Chaddlesworth.—Go extremely well, but very light, tenor about 5 cwt.

Denchworth.—Church is seldom used, the bells have not been rung for some considerable time.

Lockinge.—Three of the bells were removed about seven years ago.

Lower Basildon.—A good four that go well, tenor about 9 cwt.

Hatford.—Very musical four that go well.

Ufton Nervett.—Very noisy, are seldom rung.

Stanford Dingley.—Go extremely well, ropes fall in a straight line.

Sparsholt.—Go well, but heavy, tenor 10 cwt.

Shellingford.—Very light, are rung regularly, having a Sunday service band of eight ringers.

Of the Hampshire four bell towers only three appear to be ringable. Details as follows:

Weyhill.—Hung dead.

Droxford.—Death watch bettle in the frame.

Newton.—Rung regularly by local team.

King's Worthy.—Heavy going.

Ovington.—Have been rung, but reputably now safe for ringing.

Lower Clatford.—Bells removed in preparation for reaugmenting to six.

Breamore.—A good four, rung regularly.

I hope that this information will be of assistance to outing organisers. On our visits to these towers we have been made most welcome, the Vicar and all the local band turning out to meet us.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.

Flight?

Dear Sir,—I simply must tell you this story over again. When I left an address, five years ago, I cancelled my 'Ringing World' and was told that they thought it was a racing pigeon book. On arrival at my new address I promptly ordered 'The Ringing World' from my nearest newsagent, and for five years have always had delivery. On cancelling it to move to this new address, the last delivery of it again was none other than 'The Racing Pigeon.' Needless to say I was quite amused. Fortunately my new agent ordered for me as well so I managed to get one 'Ringing World' for the pigeon to fly round with.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON (Miss).

Bramcote, Notts.

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WIMBLEDON'S WEEK-END IN EAST ANGLIA

On April 19th a group of twenty ringers set out for Harleston, Norfolk. We travelled in a mini-bus and two cars, those in the mini-bus heralding their presence by innumerable fragments of Bob Minor on handbells. The hotel had prepared sandwiches for us, and after eating as many of these as we could we spent an evening of relative peace—handbells only until eleven, when we retired to bed.

The next morning we gathered for breakfast from 8.30 onwards. The last member of the party came in at 8.55 a.m., having been dragged from bed only a few minutes before. However, we arrived on time at the first church—Redenhall. We were grateful that the first bells of the day were so easy to handle. This seemed a good omen, especially to those who were not used to ringing strange bells. The inscription, 'Use no bad words,' seemed a delightful but unnecessary motto. At Bungay, however, we fully appreciated their importance. We left with nerves more frayed than the ropes and wondering whether the business of the town had been more disturbed by the occasional firing of bells or the creaking of pulleys, wheels and frame.

There were only two six-bell towers on the outing, and we were pleased to find that Ditchingham, despite its long draught, had another easy six. After some good ringing there we drove on to Beccles, where we had a very good lunch. Those who had not rung at Beccles before were interested to find that the bells were hung in a detached tower. Among other methods we rang a course of Stedman Caters.

The long drive to Great Yarmouth gave those in the mini-bus a good chance for ringing handbells. We had been ringing even in the short drives in the morning, so the art of wedging ourselves and continuing to ring whilst the mini-bus shot over hump-backed bridges or turned hair-pin bends had been mastered.

A visit to the fair at Yarmouth before ringing was planned, but the more prudent, or cowardly, of us preferred to keep out of the rain by looking round the church. We admired the beautiful decorations inside. The church has been restored since the war, when only the outer walls were left standing. The beauty of the stained glass and the coloured ceilings was emphasised by the plain glass in the nave windows. However, the others returned from the fair to ring at the correct time, and we competed with the cacophony of sounds coming from the fair. We were impressed by the appearance of the ringing chamber and the neat circle of sallies, but far more by the bells themselves. We improved upon our performance at Beccles by ringing a good touch of Stedman Caters on the back ten, although we used the light eight later. Apart from rounds we only used the twelve for a course of Grandsire Cinques. After ringing for an hour we walked back through the churchyard, golden with daffodils, and drove to Lowestoft. We were all glad to return to the hotel for a very enjoyable dinner.

During the evening most of us played cards. However there were various suspicious exits and entries during the evening, and the youngest members of the party were most unfairly suspected of preparing apple-pie beds for everyone else. Warily we felt in our beds before attempting to get in and several of us found such misplaced objects as dried peas spread under the bottom sheet, hairbrushes, and even a pair of sandals.



WIMBLEDON RINGERS AT EAST BERGHOLT.

Next morning at breakfast we not only talked about bells, but were forced to eat to the accompaniment of the Sunday morning broadcast, just before the news. There was, in fact, no escape. After breakfast we gathered our scattered belonging into the cars, and, after ringing handbells in the hotel car park, we left Harleston to its more customary sound of the town clock.

Ringing for morning service at Halesworth included a good course of Bristol. This was the only church we actually rang at in the morning, for we then visited East Bergholt, arriving just as Matins was finishing. A member of the local band came and opened the bell cage for us, and after talking to us about bells he rang the tenor. Many of us were surprised to notice that he rang by holding the headstock and not by catching the edge of the bell. However, we realised that in this way he had more control over the bell. We were then shown round the church and told its history by a very friendly sidesman. After an excellent lunch at Dedham we went on to ring at Langham. The treble was very difficult to handle, but just before leaving we rang a good touch of eight Spliced Minor. We rang at Feering for three-quarters of an hour, and then had tea at Witham before ringing there for evening service. The outing finished with a service touch of Stedman Triples.

V. R. & E. Z.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 19th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. C. Walters 1, Miss A. M. Mann (first of Cambridge) 2, Miss C. Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, I. M. Smith 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, V. Nutton 7, C. H. Rogers 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The venue for the quarterly meeting of the Northern District on May 25th was the beautiful village of Hempstead. Some 50 members and friends wended their way through the winding roads of rural Essex to the village famous as being the birthplace of Dr. William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, and also the birthplace of its notorious son, whose name is recorded in the baptismal register as Richard Turpin, i.e., Dick Turpin, highwayman. The tower, which was rebuilt in honour of Dr. Harvey, is an outstanding achievement, and the Rector and churchwardens have been awarded an architectural prize.

The bells are a grand six despite the fact that after the fall of the tower, 70 years ago, they lay in the churchyard, where they had fallen, for many years. The old five have been rehung in the new tower and a treble added. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. R. Ryecart, who gave an inspiring address on the subject 'As sound as a bell.'

At the meeting, following tea, provided by the Rector's wife, the Master welcomed visitors from other Districts, the Master of the Association and one of our elder members, Mr. Claydon. Mr. P. Wood was elected assistant secretary.

Next meeting: Felstead, August 31st.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, J. Woodward 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, K. F. Gardner 5, S. Woodward 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 St. Columb Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings 4, W. Williams 5, R. Clarke 6. First in the variation by all.

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A RINGER does not very often pick out his 513th peal with a star in its report, 500 yes, but the significance of 513 to Basil Jones would be lost on most ringers. To Basil and those who have had the great pleasure of ringing with him it means a great deal. Basil Jones (or Don Basilio, as Rodney Meadows christened him) had rung only 13 peals when he was handicapped by the loss of his left arm, and 500 peals rung literally single handed call for more than ordinary congratulations.

On returning to the belfry, encouraged by the late James Fernley and John Worth, Basil made up his mind that there was not such a word as defeat and every practice meant increasing confidence.

John Worth watched the progress carefully and Basil took part in a slow but steady flow of peals. Blisters on that all too precious right hand were a source of worry in the early stages, but the problem was solved by Joe Whittaker, who suggested the use of a wash leather cot encircling, and tied firmly to the tail end of the rope. This enabled Basil to take his place among the great hierarchy of the justly famous Cheshire band, and relish the good ringing which the band had to offer. Intricate methods were mastered with ease, and now and again the spirit of adventure would take over and Basil would try his hand on the heavy end. The ringing of a two ton tenor behind to a touch with consummate ease, and of that rather awkward bell, the 11th, at Manchester Town Hall to a course of Surprise Maximus, caused admiration, amazement and wonder. How was it done?

Basil Jones has been known to give ringers a fright, and on one occasion he had the opportunity to go up to St. Paul's, where he was offered a rope. It was not till rounds were being rung that the 'high priests' of the Exercise noticed his handicap; the fright almost took their breath away. To their eternal credit, when the touch was finished, they appreciated that here was one worthy of their own high standard.

Whenever the occasion arises Basil is ready to ring tenors to peals, and has rung that 'rock and roll' affair at Christ Church, Macclesfield, and Surfleet to Surprise Maximus. At Quex Park he was cheated by a broken rope five leads from home!

Among the noteworthy performances in which Basil has taken part are: The first peal when the band travelled by air to Ireland to ring the first peal of Spliced Surprise in that country, first peals of Spliced Surprise in Scotland and Wales, 9,568 and 13,440 records of Spliced Surprise Major, four Surprise peals in one day and the twelve bell peal week.

On Sundays Basil rings at Norbury (Hazel Grove), where, on the death of James Fernley, he took charge and has been a most successful Ringing Master.

His friends wish him many more years of enjoyable ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch Competition

With the exception of the three guest judges everyone present at the Blackburn Branch's striking competition on May 18th was a regular Sunday service ringer from a tower within the Branch. Good use was made of the hour of pre-competition ringing, during which time no complete band was allowed to practise together. A warming-up touch of three minutes preceded the competition.

After tea, in the schoolroom, the judges, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (president of the Association), Messrs. A. Dimmock (Preston) and E. Humphriss (Loverpool), gave helpful comments and criticisms with the result. The placings were: 1 Burnley St. Peter's, 25½ faults; 2 Accrington, 30½; 3 Blackburn Cathedral I, 41½; 4 Clitheroe, 51½; 5 Blackburn Cathedral II, 60.

Before further ringing, to bring the day to a satisfactory conclusion, the best thanks of the members were expressed to those who had helped in the arrangements; in particular to the judges, the organising committee, the Vicar and wardens and the ringers of Accrington for acting as hosts, when efforts to arrange the event at a 'neutral' tower had failed, at short notice.

J. P.

COMPOSITIONS

13,440 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE & PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. F. B. SPEED
(from E. Hims' 12,896 of Cambridge)

234567	1	2	3	4	5	6
672534	—	—	—		—	—
246537	—	—	—		—	—
736542	—		—	—	—	—
627543	—	—	—		—	—
276543	—	—	—	—	—	—
632547	—	—	—		—	—
326547	—	—	—	—	—	—
263547	—	—	—	—	—	—
372546	—	—	—		—	—
723546	—	—	—	—	—	—
367542	—	—	—		—	—
673542	—	—	—	—	—	—

Repeat five times.

Primrose is rung at the second lead of the 1st and 3rd courses of each part and is rung with a 6th place bob.

5,088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	M	W
35264	X		
63254			—
35426		—	2
52643		—	2
43625		—	—
23564		—	—

Repeated.

Rung at Harrow Weald on May 15th, 1963, conducted by David J. Taylor.

5,504 DOVER SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. I. ROWSON

2345678	B	W	M	H
52436		—		3
35426		—		3
42356		—		—
34256				—
45362	—			
36452		—		—
43652				—
63254			—	
2435678			S	—

Repeated.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-in-the-Wold Branch

An increase of 50 per cent in membership during 1962 was reported at the A.G.M. of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch at Stow on May 18th. Mr. L. G. Dowdeswell (honorary secretary) also reported that a record number of meetings had been held. New bands had been established at Adlestrop and Bledington, and a new band was being taught by the secretary at Bourton-on-the-Hill. The five bells at Broadwell had been retuned and rehung on ball bearings and would be dedicated after Whitsun. To stimulate interest there, it was decided to hold an evening Branch meeting.

The Rev. L. W. Potter, who presided, was re-elected chairman, and Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell reappointed secretary and treasurer. Mr. A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, was elected Branch Ringing Master in succession to Mr. F. Ewins. Mr. L. Joynes, of Loughborough, was elected Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Newton, of Bishop's Cleeve, was appointed to the Association Management Committee.

During the afternoon 'touches' of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. A short service was conducted by the chairman. After tea further ringing took place.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss M. E. Kirby 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. M. Drew 3, G. W. Land (first in the method) 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, V. Griffin 6, G. R. Drew 7, B. Bladon 8.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD LONGDEN

Mr. Richard Longden, the head ringer at Manchester Cathedral, died suddenly on May 7th after a short illness, at the age of 67. He learned to ring before the First World War, at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, but stopped ringing when he undertook military service during the war. He returned to ringing in about 1922, and became a member of the Manchester Cathedral band in 1930. He had been head ringer at the Cathedral for the last eight years.

He was always a most loyal and regular attender at service ringing, and he will be much missed by other members of the band. He rang about 30 peals during his ringing career, including several peals of Grandsire which he conducted, and for many years this had been the method that gave him the greatest pleasure.

The funeral was attended by representatives of the Cathedral band and the Lancashire Association, and a memorial quarter peal was rung at Manchester Cathedrad with the bells half-muffled. A memorial peal was also rung at Bilsborrow.

Mr. Longden leaves a widow and daughter, and our sincere sympathy is extended to them.

D. O.

MR. WILLIAM WICKS

With the passing of 'our Billy,' Shiplake has lost its oldest ringer. Born in 1884, Mr. Wicks had been been a ringer at this Oxfordshire village for over 60 years. He was a member of the old St. Peter's Society, Caversham, until joining the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was made a life member in 1961.

A reliable and keen service ringer, he rang but few peals; his name, however, is recorded in the tower as a member of the band to ring the first peal of Triples by a service band, on April 29th, 1905.

A keen churchman he had also been verger, sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. Failing health of recent years had prevented him from actual ringing, but he always accompanied the band on outings, and his pleasant smile and ready wit will long be remembered.

The funeral took place at Shiplake on May 25th, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in the evening by a mixed band representing the tower and the Reading Branch.

E. H. S.

MR. J. E. LYDDIARD

A founder member of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, when the bells were installed in 1910, Mr. John Edwin (Jack) Lyddiard died on May 20th, aged 73. From 1910 until eight years ago, when failing health caused him to retire, he was a faithful Sunday service ringer. For many years he was tower captain, and also a sidesman. He took a keen interest in his church.

Following the funeral on May 24th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted the next day as a tribute of respect, but unfortunately was not successful.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 6th, 1913.—

There was some justification, we feel, for the comment made by the president of the Central Council, in connection with the debate on the subject of bells and the public, when he said that members sometimes went to the meetings, but did not go back and give their associations the benefit of the knowledge they had acquired. Unquestionably the association who send representatives to the Council meeting are entitled to receive from them some report from the proceedings. It need not necessarily be lengthy, so long as the important points of discussion are brought out, in order that the rank and file of the Exercise may at any rate grasp the view of their delegates in regard to the various matters of general interest.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The second striking competition for Sunday service bands of the Manchester Branch was held at Stretford on May 18th. In all 13 teams from nine towers took part, three teams competing in the eight bell section and 10 in the six bell section. Towers represented were Ashton St. Michael, Birch-in-Rusholme, Flixton, Manchester Cathedral, Mossley (Roughtown), Northenden, Pendlebury, Prestwich and Stretford. This meant that over 80 Branch members and a dozen visitors were present.

At the A.G.M. of the Association, a few weeks previously, some doubts had been expressed about the desirability of competitions in that the ill-feeling which had sometimes surrounded them in the past might return. However, it was obvious both at West Didsbury (where the previous competition was held) and at Stretford that no one intended to let it do so.

The standard of ringing was quite good and that of the winners of the six bell section, Ashton St. Michael, excellent. As the same tower's team also had fewest faults in the other section, they now go forward to an Association final (hoped to be in September) as an eight bell band, with the runners-up, Birch-in-Rusholme and Prestwich, representing the best six bell bands of the Branch. An important feature was that a large proportion of the younger generation was included in the teams, some comparative newcomers to the Exercise, which reflects the enthusiasm of the Branch Committee.

A short Branch meeting followed, at which eight new members were elected. It was also suggested that the committee and judges (Messrs. John Partington, John Robinson and John Baldwin) meet to devise a system of awarding faults with respect to an absolute standard, which might take the form of a tape recording.

A sincere word of thanks is due to the ladies, who provided tea under the awkward conditions that were prevailing at the time.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Barnes tower is losing its Ringing Master, Mr. J. Harrold, who is moving to Leicester.

Mr. Trevor Taylor, an accomplished ringer from the Manchester area, is now living at Ambergate and helping the Ripley, Derbyshire, band.

Another bright issue of 'The Belfry News,' the Derbyshire bellringers' monthly, has been received. The lead story, by D. G. Astridge, tells of the birth of the Roving Ringers in 1947 and 'still going strong.'

Congratulations to Miss Sandra E. Chesterton, on ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques in the 'in memoriam' peal at Leicester Cathedral on May 17th. Sandra rang her bell perfectly throughout the peal, which was as near perfect as possible.

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon, has been recently appointed local correspondent to the Buckfastleigh 'Western Guardian,' a newpaper which is published each Wednesday. The publishers, in the past, have always given a great deal of prominence to ringing events in South Devon, and it is to be hoped that this state of affairs will long continue.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby, the new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, attended the meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch on May 11th at Beckford. He was voted to the chair, which he accepted with much pleasure. The meeting was the first he had attended outside his own Branch since being elected Master of the Association.

The successful conclusion of the peal attempt at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on May 21st, the nearest convenient date to suit Messrs. S. F. O'Shaughnessy and D. F. Wheeler, to celebrate their respective silver weddings, provided the opportunity for Messrs. H. F. and T. G. Myers to complete 'the circle.' It took Fred 32 years and Tom 37 to achieve this end. Over liquid refreshments afterwards, Walter H. Marks, the tenor man, said only that morning he learned from his wife that they had been married 30 years to the day!

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District's Striking Competition

In spite of one or two misgivings, the Chesterfield District striking competition, held at Barlborough on May 11th, proved to be an outstanding success. The competition was designed to cater for all types of ringing from rounds and call changes upwards; the only condition of entry being that the majority of any team's members must be from the same tower.

Seven teams entered and the attendance of over 50 was almost double that of a normal meeting! Apart from a slight delay, the competition proceeded smoothly with each team having a few minutes' practice in rounds before the test piece of either 240 changes or 10 minutes of rounds and call changes, etc.

When all the teams had rung, the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, where they were joined by the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Barnsall, who also took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. After congratulating the District on holding such a competition, the judges, Messrs. D. R. Carlisle and A. Mould, gave some helpful advice and criticism.

The result of the competition was: 1 Dronfield (Cambridge, 18 faults); 2 Bolsover (Bob Minor, 22); 3 Old Whittington 'A' (Little Bob, 33); 4 Old Whittington 'B' (Little Bob, 67); 5 Old Brampton (Plain Hunt, 83); 6 Clowne (Plain Hunt, 113); 7 Staveley (call changes, 117).

Graham Ball, of Clowne, was elected a new member, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, judges and local ringers, together with the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Next meetings: Old Brampton (6) on June 8th; Glossop (Association meeting), July 6th; District outing to the Foundry, September 14th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 'Old Church' at Marple, Cheshire, is to be pulled down to within four feet of the ground. The tower is to be buttressed and the bells fitted in a new frame lower in the tower. The cost of the project will be £5,000, apart from £620 the ringers would have to raise for the addition of two new trebles. We hope to publish an article at an early date on this old church.

To the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (see page 360) should be added 'repeat nine times.'

Mr. P. G. Harris wishes to express his regret to those members of the Guild of Medical Ringers who turned up at West Wycombe and found no one there to meet them, and were thus unable to ring. This was because Mr. Harris had received a letter earlier in the week stating that the meeting had been cancelled.

The Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth Cathedral, have adopted St. Dunstan as the ringers' patron saint, following correspondence with the late Ernest Morris, and also some research by the Guild chairman, Commander C. F. Jackson, R.N. On St. Dunstan's Day (May 19th) the Guild held a Ringers' Sunday, when the belfry was open to visitors in the afternoon, and the Provost dedicated the Burnett Memorial in the belfry in the evening. There was also a ringers' tea in the Cathedral House.

The Chelsea (St. Luke's) band toured Derbyshire, Staffs, Nottingham and Cheshire districts during the week May 18th-25th. They made their headquarters at Darley Dale, and amongst those who joined them were W. H. Pickett, who was at one time a member of William Pye's famous band, Aubrey Lloyd, late head postmaster of Edinburgh, and Dr. Kate Branson, who holds an important medical position in Edinburgh. All have been at one time or another connected with St. Luke's Chelsea. Jafus kept a watchful eye on the party—but did not succeed in selling them the famous yew tree which is in Darley Dale churchyard!

His many ringing friends will no doubt share Mr. A. York-Bramble's disappointment and regret in that as medically advised he is to give up, for the present, participation in practical ringing.

'The Kentish Gazette' had an attractive picture of the Railway Guild in all Saints' Church belfry, Frindsbury, where they rang for a wedding.

Rogert Gosling is the 50th person for whom Mr. David Walklate, of Derby, has called his first peal. This was at Spondon on May 4th.

Participating in the quarter peal in honour of his 87th birthday at Littleham, Devon, was Mr. J. West. It is gratifying to see ringers of this age still active members of the Exercise.

We are asked to state that the number of changes rung in the peal of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major at Chew Magna, Somerset, was 5,120 (page 354).

At Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford, there are 22 men who are capable of ringing at least rounds and this augurs well for a continued sympathetic attitude of the clergy towards bell ringing. Three of their change ringers will be ordained on Trinity Sunday, but there is a prospect of about a dozen potential ringers in the new intake next term. It is Cuddesdon that has a College Society of Ringers, and not Culham, which was erroneously stated on page 352.

A Cheshire correspondent complains that from his observation at Branch meetings, Sunday ringing and practice nights few ringers have much dress sense, particularly females, who appear 'in most extraordinary clothes, usually totally unsuitable for the purpose in hand.' He suggests that one of our women readers should take the matter in hand and make appropriate suggestions. The smartest ringing photograph we have seen came from New South Wales, some years back, where the mixed company all wore blazers with an appropriate badge.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
MRS. J. HUNTING	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
ERNEST W. RAWSON	6	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A., greatly beloved Provost and President of the Leicester Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JAMES W. RAITHBY	10
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	5	EDMUND MALIN	11
DAVID W. FRIEND	6	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman, and of Cinques.
A compliment to Mr. Alan Jackson and Miss Eileen J. Gurnhill on their engagement; also to Mr. Bernard Townsend and Miss Marlene Jones on their marriage. Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ANTHONY LOCKE	6
MRS. H. POYNER	2	KEITH H. MILDRED	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	9
†RUPERT A. CLARKE	5	*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal together. † First on ten bells. 200th peal on the bells as conductor, and 550th as conductor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(St. Andrew's Society.)
On Tues., May 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*ROSEMARY JOYCE MARKS	*Treble*	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY	6
†MRS. D. ROY BOULD	2	FREDERICK E. DAY	7
D. ROY BOULD	3	A. WILLIAM MYERS	8
‡DENIS F. WHEELER	4	H. FREDERICK MYERS	9
THOMAS G. MYERS	5	WALTER H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal on ten. † First of Caters on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First of Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Messrs. S. F. O'Shaughnessy and D. F. Wheeler, who recently celebrated their respective silver weddings; also to W. H. Marks, married 30 years ago this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	DONALD F. MURFET	6
ALAN M. BARBER	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
IAN M. SMITH	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

DENIS WOODS	*Treble*	*ROGER BAILEY	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	RAY H. DAW	6
*A. ROY WITHYMAN	3	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Wilson as Vicar of the parish.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	JOHN C. BALDWIN	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
RICHARD J. PARKER	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
Rung in memoriam Richard Longden.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5152 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. PARKER	5
DEREK OGDEN	2	*ERIC J. F. WALL	6
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	*NEIL BENNETT	7
*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	4	*JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
‡ First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. WARNER	*Treble*	GEORGE FRY	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	3	JOHN W. SMITH	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANNE E. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	5
J. NEVILLE PARKIN	2	DAVID SMITH	6
*ARLENE FLATHER	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	7
PETER A. KIRKBY	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of Surprise.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. HESKETH	*Treble*	PETER S. BENNETT	5
KENNETH J. HESKETH	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
V. DAVID JENNER	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

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ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Bega.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Stanley Richardson	*Treble*	Alex Forsyth	5
Geoffrey Tembey	2	Harold Wilson	6
John A. Haile	3	Alan Capstick	7
Graham McKay	4	Graham Eilbeck	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Capstick.
Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on these bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Eleanor Doloughan and John A. Haile.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mildred.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 Bristol; with 99 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Stanley Jenner	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Our Lady and St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert C. Heazel	*Treble*	*Dennis A. Hewitt	5
*Dennis Ellisdon	2	John H. Crampion	6
*Jane K. A. Cook	3	John Armstrong	7
Aidan St. J. Boyack	4	Lionel S. Woods	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

W. Arthur Riddington	*Treble*	†Bernard J. Stone	5
*Angela M. Wright	2	*Bernard G. North	6
Leonard Stilwell	3	‡Henry C. Weaver	7
Ernest Treagus	4	Herbert W. Woolven	*Tenor*

Composed by William Harrison.
Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
* First peal in the method, and first of Major. † First in the method, and first of Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal. Tenor 10 cwt.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Sun., May 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Harry Sear	*Treble*	Donald J. Meager	5
Frederick Vickers	2	Joseph Marks	6
Albert E. Daniells	3	William A. Yates	7
Roger Cadamy	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by George W. Holland.
Rung in gratitude for his 16 years as chairman of the North Bucks Branch, and as a farewell peal, to the Rev. A. Campbell, who is leaving Bletchley for Amersham. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Peter S. Bennett	2	Christopher K. Cooper	6
William H. Deacon	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
V. David Jenner	4	John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
Rung for the golden jubilee of the ordination of Rev. A. Powell-Miller.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Holy Trinity, Castle Hall.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Derek Butterworth	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
John F. Barlow	2	Derek A. Ashton	6
Derek J. Marshall	3	*Ronald M. Edwards	7
*C. John Clegg	4	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler (No. 8).
Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., May 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Stanley G. Ponting	*Treble*	†William T. Bfeson	5
Frank I. Hairs	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
*E. Jane Sibson	3	*Derek E. Sibson	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Raymond P. Wood	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the method. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald C. Noon	*Treble*	Keith R. Davey	5
*Denis Woods	2	Frank Taylor	6
George W. Massey	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Roger Bailey	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Jeffrey Sawyer	*Treble*	Peter Crook, sen.	5
David Vincent	2	John Ashcroft	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Norman Tompkins	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

E. Dennis Poole	*Treble*	Richard E. Dean	5
Royston Blackler	2	James Rumble	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Mrs. Arthur D. Barker	4	A. Charles Tovey	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
First peal in the method by all the band, and to mark 25 years as a ring of eight.
A welcome to Nigel David Tate, one day old, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Tate. Mr. Tate is the 'R.W.' auditor, and Mrs. Tate is the daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Edward R. Venn	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	Christopher M. P. Johnson	6
J. Howard Freeborn	3	Cyril H. Kinch	7
Charles Coles	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung to mark Ascension Day.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

William C. West	*Treble*	Archibald T. Knight	5
Frederick S. Slatford	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	6
*Robert W. Mitchell	3	Norman G. N. Knee	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Charles F. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.
* First peal of Triples. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung on the day of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Fison, D.D., as the 74th Bishop of Salisbury.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Jacqueline S. King	*Treble*	Brynley A. Shackleton	5
David J. Llewellyn	2	Reginald G. Hooper	6
Donald G. Clift	3	Roger Havard	7
Thomas Yeoman	4	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David J. King.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Beverley, (3) Surfleet, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEN BRIGHTON	*Treble*	*RAY H. DAW	4
CHARLES E. BLACK	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in nine methods.
A birthday peal for Charles Black.

HORNINGSEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury and 11 each of St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

A. KEITH PHILLIPS	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	3
COLIN JOHNSON	2	ALAN M. BARBER	4
GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.
Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 58 methods/variations: (1) St. Simon and Braywood, (2) St. Martin and Welford, (3) St. Martin and Slapton Slow Course, (4) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (5) Winchendon Place and Thornborough Slow Course, (6) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (7) Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, (8) St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund, (9) St. David, (10) Litchurch Bob, (11) St. Lawrence, St. Jude and St. Osmund, (12) St. Crispin, St. Mary and St. Remigius, (13) Cassington and Elford, (14) St. Leonard and Austrey, (15) St. Thomas and Shareshill, (16) St. Luke and Ryton, (17) April Day and Seighford, (18) Clifford's Pleasure and St. Columb, (19) St. Albans, (20) Eynsham, (21) Shropham, (22) St. Paul, (23) St. Peter, (24) Mileham, (25) St. Giles, (26) St. Andrew, (27) Norwich, (28) St. Miles, (29) St. John, (30) Walsingham, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Kennington, (33) Old Single, (34) Besthorpe, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (36) Southrepps Pleasure, (37) Little Aston, (38) Costessy, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Morning Star and All Saints, (40) All Saints, Rushall and Reverse St. Bartholomew, (41) Marchington and Fortune, (42) Grandsire and Newborough. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD A. COBLEY	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. BROWN	3
RUPERT A. CLARKE	2	BRIAN C. LAW	4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.
Most methods by all the band, and on the bells, and most Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild, and in the county.
A 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.

DERBY.
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM ALLSOPP	*Treble*	‡BARRY WAYNE	4
*KEVIN A. BETESTA	2	*GEOFFREY BRIDGES	5
†ALAN H. BRIDGES	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent. ‡ First peal.
Rung in memory of Canon R. F. Wilkinson, one time curate of the above church.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

*G. KNIGHT	*Treble*	M. R. REED	3
E. H. MASTIN	2	G. MANN	4
†A. K. PHILLIPS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung to convey to Mr. H. G. Ayers the thanks of the church for 49 years' faithful service as People's Warden; also in recognition of 60 years' loyal service to the church by Mr. T. Hurst, now 77 years, and a local ringer at the church for 60 years.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, with different back work: Morning Star, College Exercise, Braintree, Wragby, Snowdrop, Sandal and Oxford. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRED BROOK	*Treble*	ELIZABETH PEACE	4
*CHRISTINE M. SAVILE ..	2	TREVOR TARBETT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. Crow, who is leaving Shelley.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Single Oxford and Single Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	*RAY H. DAW	4
KEITH R. DAVEY	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
‡ First peal in ten methods.
Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being three extents St. Clement's and one each Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*ROGER GOSLING	*Treble*	GEOFFREY BRIDGES	4
KEVIN A. BETESTA	2	ALAN H. BRIDGES	5
†WILLIAM ALLSOPP	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	BERNARD BRANSTON	4
GEOFFREY DAVIS	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
*ALFRED WALLER	3	GILBERT F. COWLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.
* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Oxford T.B., (5 and 6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GILLIAN M. FANSHAW ..	*Treble*	RONALD DAWSON	4
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	ALAN G. KIRK	5
ALEX. RICHARDSON	3	HENRY KIRK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.
The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Cyril St. Martin Bloomfield MacFarlane, recently inducted as Vicar of this parish.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	*Treble*	*HOWARD OGLESBY	4
*HERBERT A. BRADBURY ..	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
*JENNIFER SCEENY	3	*GILES B. THOMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GILES B. THOMPSON.
* First peal in eight methods. First as conductor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

PETER M. FLECKNEY	*Treble*	ALAN M. BARBER	4
COLIN JOHNSON	2	CHRIS. L. BELL	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt. (approx.).

WENDY HOLLOWELL	*Treble*	*ALLEN TWYMAN	4
JOHN M. ROFFE	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
RAYMOND DAW	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal in eight methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*†ALAN SHEPPARD	4
JOHN POTTS	2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS ..	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. Beedon, ringer and benefactor of this church, who died on May 8th, 1963.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN V. CRAYFORD	*Treble*	‡EDWIN G. JENNER	4
DAVID K. PUTNAM	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	5
†NORMAN R. MATTINGLEY..	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First 'inside.'

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ALAN M. BARBER	*Treble*	CHRIS. L. BELL	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	2	PETER M. FLECKNEY	5
*COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* 25th peal together.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods: (1 to 6) St. Simon's, (7 to 12) All Saints, (13 to 18) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (19 to 24) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (25 to 34) Grandsire and (35 to 42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN LEPPARD	*Treble*	M. PETER HOWARD	4
*C. JANE SMART	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*DEREK SLATER	3	*BENJAMIN W. PARKE.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in six methods. First of Doubles on the bells. First on the bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Kent T.B.; (4) Oxford T.B.; (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*LEONARD CROUCH	*Treble*	†CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	4
†JOHN W. GANDER	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
†DAVID S. OSENTON	3	JOHN W. COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Minor. † First in ten methods.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	*Treble*	D. ROY BOULD	4
MRS. D. ROY BOULD.. ..	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS.. ..	5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall; (6) College, Wavertree, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 181 changes of method. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*STEVEN L. GREEN	*Treble*	JOHN M. BLAIKIE	4
DELIA E. SMITH	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal. First in 30 methods by all except the conductor.

BISHOPTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In ten methods, being 21 extents each of Single Court, Reverse Court, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

DAVID PEARSON	*Treble*	COLIN REEVES	3
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER ..	2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.
First peal of Minimus by all the band, and on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

FRANK C. PRICE	1—2	MARGARET CHAPMAN	5—6
DAVID J. FORDER	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD..	7—8
		ROBERT B. SMITH	9—10

Composed by JOHN M. JELLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 45, WESTERCROFT LANE.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JEANNE BOTTOMLEY	1—2	WILLIAM BARTON	5—6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	3—4	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ..	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* First peal on handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	GILES B. THOMPSON	7—8

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells by all except the conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of ten methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Wath Delight, (2) Pontefract Delight, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.
Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
		ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
Most Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye Lynas 2, D. J. Bleby 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, Enid Roberts (cond.) 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, W. L. Robinson 7, B. R. Cox 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' for 2 and 3. For Anzac Day. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kaye Lynas 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, R. K. Russ 4, D. J. Bleby 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, W. L. Robinson 7, Enid Roberts 8. Rung as a farewell to Enid Roberts on her departure for Sydney, and as a welcome to Ronald R. Russ, of Reading.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 3, J. Weaver 4, Mrs. M. G. Taylor 5, H. E. Balaam 6, J. Chesterman (cond.) 7, J. J. Hill 8. Rung following the marriage of Miss Patricia Woodhall, daughter of Rev. N. J. Woodhall (Vicar), and Mr. G. W. Webb.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. D. Bishop 1, E. J. Goringe (first 'inside') 2, H. J. Goringe (first quarter) 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, J. G. Goringe (first as cond.) 5, G. Franklin (first quarter) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth and Mrs. Brinkworth.

CUTLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hodge 1, K. Clarke 2, D. Salter 3, B. Coles 4, W. Sparkes (first 'inside') 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Hardy 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Marchant (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): Miss J. Smith 1, M. Black (first 'inside') 2, T. R. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Coddington 6. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Cotton (cond.) 1, G. Morrall 2, Margaret Roden 3, E. Morrall 4, J. Morrey 5, F. Beech 6. First in the method by the Sunday band. Rung as a get well message to Mr. H. Toogood. Also as above on May 19th. Rung for Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Molly E. Powell 1, Kate Branson 2, Veronica Dupre 3, S. Croft 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. H. Lott 7, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Hilary N. Kippin 1, R. H. Mills 2, Jessie M. Kippin 3, P. J. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, D. P. Treble (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together for conductor and P. J. Joyce.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, B. Howard 2, Miss R. Millham 3, R. Woodcock 4, D. Hodgson 5, H. Parter 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Brandon (first as cond.) 8. Rung for Civic Sunday, and also as a 94th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Green.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Pickering 1, B. E. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, M. J. Fellows 4, A. B. Ellsmore 5, L. W. Clissett 6, M. D. Fellows 7, T. Greenhall (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for St. Peter's Church, Lapal, by Admiral Sir William Tennant. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Bolton (nee Cole), married this day at Halesowen Parish Church.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sealy 1, T. Hancock 2, H. Taylor 3, A. Knight 4, W. A. J. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung prior to the opening recital on the new organ, donated to this church.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, G. Clare 3, B. Horrell (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnard.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dawn Colcombe 1, Genebeth Mooring 2, Pamela Bird 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Martin (225th quarter) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Pauline Drury 8. A wedding compliment by local ringers to Gwendolyn Peggy May and Colin N. Chinnery, married on May 18th.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 21st, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Broom 1, C. Manley 2, W. Baker 3, R. Watts 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparkes 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Crouch (first quarter) 1, Joyce Drury 2, J. Bliss 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, Pauline Drury 6. For Evensong, and the christening of Andrew, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Priestley.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, R. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. Mack 1, J. West 2, C. Deem (cond.) 3, J. Gatter 4, J. Cockerton 5, F. Williams 6, H. West 7, T. Sparks 8. An 87st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. R. C. Mann 1, A. J. Smith 2, A. Day 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, D. Sanderson 6, J. G. Newman 7, H. Wood 8, G. Hawkins 9, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 10. Rung in honour of the wedding this day of the Rev. A. M. A. Turnbull and Miss B. Merchant.

MANCHESTER.—On May 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Frost 1, D. M. Barraclough 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, F. Barraclough 5, B. Walshaw 6, G. Pye 7, D. Gillespie 8, D. Ogden (cond.) 9, I. Frost 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Richard Longden.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Webb 2, J. Knight 3, P. Doble 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, J. H. Lott 2, Molly E. Powell 3, Veronica Dupre 4, Kate Branson (cond.) 5, A. F. Udall 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, W. H. Pickett 8. Rung during St. Luke's, Chelsea, tour of Derbyshire, Staffs, Notts and Cheshire.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, R. G. Morris 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): G. S. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Roffe 3, W. Barker 4, V. Chamberlain 5, F. T. Boyall 6, J. H. Bluff 7, B. Harris 8. First for all except 7. For morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Dawn Handley 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6. For Ascension Day.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Day 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, D. Linnington 3, H. F. Myers 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. For 6.30 Evensong. Also on May 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, D. Linnington 3, T. G. Myers 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Carr 1, Mrs. J. Brown 2, P. Sloman 3, Miss J. Rowe 4, P. A. Sadler 5, B. C. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, J. Belcham 8, G. A. Bacon 9, L. Beal 10. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Sloman.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Euston 1, A. Bull 2, Judith Geiringer (first in method) 3, A. Streeter 4, W. Dunn 5, D. Martin 6, K. Game (first in method as cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. Rung for a service of Thanksgiving for the Arts. Part of the centenary celebrations of the Borough of Reigate.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, D. Coley 3, K. Chatwin 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. First quarter 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled before evening service in memoriam Mrs. G. Brown, wife of a ringer at this church.

RUISLIP, MIDDX.—On May 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Ive 1, Mrs. E. Savory 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, C. Poulter 4, J. Bunce 5, W. Bunce 6, E. R. Gotham 7, W. Pitchall (cond.) 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins. Tom is captain of St. Martin's ringers, Ruislip. A. Hunter wishes to be associated with the congratulations.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Beach 1, D. A. Murdoch (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. M. P. Beach 3, W. Fay 4, D. J. Beach 5, B. Sutton (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret R. Page 1, J. E. Daniels 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, R. N. Marlow 7, E. C. Read 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. J. E. Fison, D.D., who was enthroned Bishop of Salisbury this day.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Wilkinson 1, C. Tigwell 2, Patricia E. Buss 3, Jane Foster 4, A. K. Street 5, F. G. Henbest 6, N. J. Diserens 7, J. Smith 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Wicks, over 60 years a ringer at this church.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Trudy Newcombe 1, Monica Moore 2, Christine Bowen 3, Diana Belcham 4, H. J. Hazell 5, L. G. Gates 6, S. G. Peck 7, D. Bowen 8, T. Hawkins 9, D. Belcham (cond.) 10. For Festal Evensong on the Eve of the Ascension.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Hawke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Elphick 2, G. P. Elphick 3, B. J. Stone 4, J. Smith (first quarter) 5, R. C. Hide 6, H. S. James (first quarter as cond.) 7, F. Fuller 8. Rung as a compliment to Councillor Miss B. Temple (a member of the local band) on becoming Mayor of Lewes.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. H. Mildred 1, A. R. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,512 Plain Bob Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. W. Grassby (first of Triples 'inside') 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. W. May 8. For Evensong. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (4 Plain Bob, 6½ Grandsire): A. B. Stevens 1, A. R. Mildred 2, K. H. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, June E. Wood 6. For Evensong.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood (first quarter) 1, M. D. Staniforth 2, Verna Rix 3, Audrey Alexander 4, P. Mehew 5, D. R. Saunderson (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of fourth.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 16th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. Wheeler 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, M. Penney 3, B. Bladon 4, Miss S. Little 5, Dr. C. C. Roworth 6, R. E. G. Luton 7, V. Griffin 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. First of Caters in the method for 1, 3, 5, 7. Rung prior to Evensong, terminating the Christian Family Year in Swindon. Also on May 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Merritt (first of Caters) 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, M. Penney 3, B. Bladon 4, Miss S. Little 5, Dr. C. C. Roworth 6, M. Stanley 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung prior to Evening Communion for Ascension Day.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Jenner 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Angela W. Burgess (first of method, first 'inside') 3, Hilary A. Swallow 4, R. A. Large 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. A compliment to Mr. B. P. Bezant, who has retired from the office of Vicar's warden after ten years' service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 20th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: T. B. Holloway 1, Mrs. B. Newton 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, G. H. Harding (cond.) 5, F. S. Slatford 6, P. W. J. Harding 7, N. G. Knee 8, F. A. Penn 9, L. E. Hitchins 10, E. J. Hitchins 11, J. Lucas 12. First of Cinques for 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. J. E. Fison as Bishop of Salisbury.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Mary E. Elmes (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, G. W. Elmes (first in method) 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong on Rogation Sunday. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary E. Elmes (first of Triples) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, C. M. Heawood 4, G. W. Elmes 5, M. J. Young 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, R. W. Young 8. To celebrate the enthronement on May 24th of the new Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Edward Fison.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. R. Strange (first Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. R. L. Harbut 2, Veronica G. Rees 3, D. A. Smith 4, A. M. Horn 5, M. Fromm (cond.) 6. First 'inside' Bob Minor 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Anthony M. Horn.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,344 Mixed Kent and Oxford: G. Reynolds 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss V. Rodrigues 3, Miss J. Geiringer 4, R. Mayes 5, Miss S. Rawlings 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. The first for all the band in the two methods. For Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENT

MORLEY—GREAVES.—The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Mr. L. J. Morley and Mrs. E. E. Morley, of Ipswich, and Anthea, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Paul Greaves and Mrs. R. E. Greaves, of Pakenham, Suffolk. 2598

TAYLOR—DAVIES.—The engagement is announced between James R. Taylor, of Bosham, Sussex, and Jennifer M. Davies, of Bedford. 2631

WHITE—SANGER.—The engagement is announced between Michael Vivian, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White, of 'Foxfield,' Birch Avenue, near Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, and Bridget Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sanger, of 'Rockyville,' Evercreech, near Shepton Mallet, Somerset. 2614

DEATH

COLES.—On June 1st, 1963, at 41, Lavernock Road, Penarth, formerly of Cowbridge, Robert E. (Ted), beloved husband of Catherine and devoted father of David and Eve. After illness patiently borne. 2608

PERSONAL

'Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' (I Cor. iii. 16-17.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

With effect from June 6th the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley will be 22, Gorsey Lane, Wythall, Birmingham. Telephone No. Wythall 3508. 2621

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. EDITHA'S CHURCH, TAMWORTH.—The ringing of these bells for service and practice has been suspended until the tower buttresses have been repaired and made safe. —H. J. Dakin, Tower Sec. 2595

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The usual Wednesday practices for the following dates, June 19th and July 10th, have been altered to Thursdays, June 20th and July 11th.—H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Cathedral band. 2593

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Porlock, June 8th, 7-8 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 2607

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Ringing meeting, evening only, Bidford-on-Avon (8), Saturday, June 8th, from 6 p.m. 2602

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton (6) on Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea **only** at 5 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, June 8th, from 3 p.m. and during the evening. Tea by own arrangement. Lower Beeding (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2563

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential** to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 2576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, June 8th, Bearsted. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Church Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2582

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District).—Joint meeting, Tempsford, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 to 4.40 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea and meetings 4.45 p.m. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Double Court and Cambridge.—Miss S. Law and Mr. A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2567

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 8th, at Somerton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Crocker, 29, St. Cleers Way, Somerton, Somerset. 2552

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Kilburn. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Stanton St. John, June 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2562

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pitsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 8th, 6.30-9 p.m. at Stonham Aspal (10). 2554

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Easebourne (8) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2572

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 5 p.m. —D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2623

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Own tea arrangements.**—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 2604

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8: Heavitree, 2-3.30; St Mark's, 3-4: St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2616

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Saturday, June 15th, meeting at Bromesberrow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Minchin, Bromesberrow Heath, near Ledbury. 2600

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—June 15th, Tewin (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Burnham Green) 5.15 p.m. S.M.—Killamarsh T.B. Welwyn (8) 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—M. A. Coburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District, please note. By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Fellowship Hall, cost 2s. per person. Those requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, June 11th, together with cash, Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. 2590

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 2603

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting June 15th at Bitteswell. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Church Room at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th to Mrs. Sharpe, The Courts, Ashby Lane, Bitteswell. Outing to Ipswich, July 6th, names, please.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 2609

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in School Rooms at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. Frank Dove, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2592

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting with NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION at Diseworth on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, to Mr. C. G. Fletcher, 18, Clement's Gate, Diseworth, Derby. 2599

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 15th, at Mapledurham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th, please, to the Rev. E. Wood, The Vicarage, Mapledurham, Reading. 2630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Arborfield on June 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Village Hall 5.45 p.m. Notify for tea by June 10th to Mr. L. Hall, Langley Common, Barkham, Wokingham.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Broad Hinton, June 15th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30.—W. Hacker.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2617

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6) (not Wivelsfield), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2612

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Lucas, 18, Orchard Way, South Park, Reigate, before June 12th. Buckland bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2573

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon Cathedral (8), Saturday, June 15th. St. Mary's bells available 2 to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Bishop Meadows Cafe. St. Mary's bells also available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stokes, 1, King Street, Brecon, by June 8th —J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2548

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bewdley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting at Town Hall 5.45 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Se., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2594

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Ilkley, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be available for a limited number of persons who notify me by June 10th; this will be followed by the business meeting. The District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Oakfield, Shell Lane, Calverley, Pudsey. 2587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Corporate Communion at Banwell on Sunday, June 16th. 8 a.m. Bells (8) 7 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. W. Day, The Square, Banwell, by June 12th. 2628

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival this year will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Service at Godalming 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells: Shere, 10.30-11.30 a.m.: Albury, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Ewhurst, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shalford 1.45-3; Bramley, 2.30-3.30: Wonersh 3-4; Godalming 3.30-4.30; Hascombe, 6.30-7.30; Dunsfold, 6.30-7.30; Witley, 7-8; Chiddingfold, 7.30-8.30; Haslemere, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Shackstead Lane, Godalming.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 2619

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, June 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 2605

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, June 22nd, Compton Chamberlayne. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Striking competition after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Tuesday, 18th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2626

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in W.I. Hall (Lombard Street), 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Yoxall (6), 10.15-11 a.m. King's Bromley (6), 11.15 a.m.-12 noon: Longdon (5), 12.15-1 p.m. also 7.30-8.30; Lichfield St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 and 8-9; Lichfield St. Michael's (6), 3.15-4 and 6.15-7.30; Cathedral (10), 3.45 (not before)-4.25 and 6.45-8; St. Chad's (4) 7.30-8.30 p.m. Numbers requiring tea, please, before June 19th to C. M. Smith, 'Roiselle,' Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel.: Lichfield 2124. 2610

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Westham and Pevensey, June 22nd. Ringing: Westham (6), 3 till 4.30; Pevensey (6), 6 till 8 p.m. Service (Westham) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to D. R. Fuller, 'Droslyn,' High Street, Westham, Pevensey.—I. Smith, Sec. 2622

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Hemingbrough, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, Yorkshire, by Thursday, June 20th. This will be followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Annual reports available.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 2597

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

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KILBURN, LONDON.—On May 19th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 1, Christine Bradburn 2, Ruth How 3, Enid Town 4, D. T. Darby 5, D. A. H. Bennett 6.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Payne 1, C. G. Johnstone 2, J. H. Payton 3, I. Weatherley 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. D. Fuller 6.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

ST. THOMAS', STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE

Five towers in Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire were visited by ringers and friends on May 4th.

Arriving at St. Alphege's Church, Solihull, at 9.15 a.m., we soon had the glorious bells tapping Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal; not forgetting rounds for the learners.

On then to Stratford-upon-Avon and the good Taylor ten at Holy Trinity Church. Here we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters before journeying to Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch.

New ropes and weighty bells at Stow Church rather narrowed our choice of methods, and we did not really do justice to these bells. St Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Water (a light Taylor eight), were put to good use and some quite decent Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London were brought round.

After tea in Bourton we made our way across country to Evesham Bell Tower, where we were met by Geoff and Gerald Hemming. On the majestic bells we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major on the 'back eight'; also rounds on the twelve.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains for permission to ring; also D. H. Watson for arranging such an enjoyable day.

M. D. F.

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON

Ringing Master Eric Sutton and his able 'secretary,' Shirley, provided another good day's ringing for the annual outing of Christ Church, Swindon, on May 18th.

By 8.15 a.m. the party was well on the road bound for Bidford-on-Avon, two hours' hence. The ring of eight provided scope for several spirited touches in standard methods, and the back six gave young ringers from Rodbourne Cheney an opportunity to exercise Plain Bob and Grandsire. Standard methods were also rung at St. Stephen's, Redditch, before adjourning to 'The Talbot' for an excellent chicken luncheon.

The heavy eight at Chaddesley Corbett followed, and in the final touch of Stedman two local ringers participated. Their compliments were greatly appreciated. Perhaps we weren't too bad after all! Ringing at Bewley was enjoyed, and 'The Central,' where we went for tea, was adjacent to the church, and everyone left Load Street well loaded!

Later there was ringing at Hartlebury and Hallow (a beautiful church with an immaculate ringing chamber). The presence of three guests from Denmark, who were studying nursing, added to the delights of the outing and who knows if they might not be enrolled as new members in one tower?

To incumbents, local representatives and our driver sincere thanks. A. M. E.

SILSOE, BEDS

On a glorious day and in excellent spirits St. James' Guild of Change Ringers, Silsoe, left on May 25th for Rutland. Many interesting towers were visited, including Empingham, Cottesmore, Whissendine and Uppingham, and while the ringers enjoyed the bells and rang many different methods the non-ringers were able to enjoy the villages set in a beautiful countryside. At Empingham we were pleased to help the local W.I. in their efforts for the 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign' by attending a coffee morning and bring and buy.

Many methods were rung from rounds to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Bob. On Uppingham's eight a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were achieved.

The weather, excellent meals and a most hospitable county helped to make this a truly memorable outing, and we are grateful to both the organisers and all incumbents for their co-operation. A. J. T.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. D. Nicoll 1, P. J. Bird 2, A. Howard 3, A. Tubb (first as cond.) 4, P. E. Parry 5, M. J. Harris 6. For the Bristol Cathedral School Society.

HORBURY AND OSSETT

Ringers and non-ringers from Ossett and Horbury were joined by friends from Batley, Thornhill, Rothwell and Calverley for an outing to North Yorkshire on May 18th. An early start was made from Horbury, collecting the rest of the party at Ossett and Leeds. The first tower, Norton, was reached a little behind schedule, but no time was wasted putting the popular North Yorkshire eight to good use.

A journey of some 30 miles, during which the famous Sutton Bank was negotiated, brought us to Thirsk, where we had a pleasant lunch at the 'Three Tuns Hotel.' The new octave at Northallerton (tenor 17½ cwt.), although rather noisy in the ringing chamber, was much appreciated by all the band, and some very good ringing ensued.

In pouring rain the journey was made across the North Yorkshire moors to Whitby. Here where the sun made one of its all too infrequent appearances, we had tea. A short ride of about 20 minutes brought us to St. Stephen's, Fylingdales. The rather slender tower houses a comparatively light eight (tenor 11½ cwt.), which were found to be tricky to handle by the more inexperienced members.

Our last recollections of North Yorkshire were a short thunderstorm, hailstones and snow on the moors. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Irvin Slack, who arranged the outing, local incumbents and to those who welcomed us at their respective towers.

IAN NORTH &
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD.

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM

Despite rain for most part of the day, St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers and friends enjoyed their outing into Surrey on April 20th.

An hour of a good standard of ringing took place at St. Giles', Ashtead, to be followed by the 10 bells at Leatherhead, where it must be confessed justice was not done to the bells. A most satisfactory lunch at the Watermill, Dorking, preceded ringing at St. Martin's Church, where a nice touch of Kent came round.

The beautiful and historic church of St. James, Shere, was admired before ringing. Next came the unusual bells at St. Michael's, Betchworth, and lastly the swaying tower of St. John's, Redhill.

To incumbents and local ringers, without whose co-operation the day would not have been so enjoyable, we extend our thanks.

M. F.

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IMPACT OF YARMOUTH

THE artificial atmosphere of Great Yarmouth on holiday, with its crowded streets, bingo and sea food establishments, did not invade the quietness and dignity of two buildings—the resurrected ancient Church of St. Nicholas and the quayside Town Hall. It was here that the Central Council functioned on Whit Tuesday for the first session of its 25th Council.

More than 100 members of the Council were in St. Nicholas' Church at 7.15 a.m. for Holy Communion, at which Dr. Lancelot Flemming was the celebrant; and specially remembered was Pope John XXIII, who died the previous day. Not only was this an indication of the universality of the Christian Church but also that the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is not an exclusive unit of the Church of England. It rejoices in this country and overseas in Eire, Australia and Canada of members of the Roman Catholic Church and also Free Churchmen.

'The welcome of 'Church and State,' which preceded the actual business of the Council, combined cordiality with interest. Councillor Winter, the recently-installed Mayor, had indulged in research into local bells and bell ropes, subjects quite unexpected from civic heads, and the Archdeacon of Norwich's injunction about cobwebs in the belfry will not go unheeded. His vision of the bellringer being a light in a church window seems apposite, as such is occupying the thoughts of Leicester ringers in commemorating Ernest Morris' life and work.

There was no contest for the presidency of the Council. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who for six years had held the office, made a sacrificial withdrawal after a discussion with the Standing Committee. To be No. 1 in English ringing would have enhanced his position enormously in America, where he is going shortly.

To Canon Gilbert Thurlow it was after his first Council meeting, 'a day I shall not forget.' The expression of thanks to Mr. Sharpe came from the new president, and he gave the Council a glimpse of the busy background constituting the I.P.M.'s life. His work for the Towers and Belfries Committee last year occupied 43 days, and his other activities for the Exercise included unspectacular things from judging a striking competition in Wales to lecturing learned bodies. And within a fortnight he is crossing the Atlantic to be guest of honour at the convention of the American Guild of Handbell Ringers.

With Gilbert Thurlow in the chair, meetings of the Council will never be dull, and playfully he foreshadowed some of Mr. Sharpe's experiences which include, apart from lecturing, the crowning of the king and queen of the festival. There was a word of warning, too, about the two cover girls on the festival issue of 'Overtones,' but a concluding note about the precautionary steps taken by the festival organisers that in the application form the name of the chaperone was required!

In a sense Mr. Sharpe, before leaving office, gave a presidential address; and in parenthesis we would say that it could with advantage be introduced to the Council. The picture he presented was that the Exercise was in a healthy state—evidence was given later that during the past year 588 people had rung their first peal and that 1,681 copies of the Beginners' Handbook had been sold. Such factual information is significant. Another good point made by Mr. Sharpe was the introduction of courses in ringing, and an estimate was given that during the past year 500 ringers attended these courses. Although it was not mentioned, we would call attention to the growth in striking competitions where entries come from the Sunday service band. All this augurs well.

Mr. Sharpe repeated what he had said previously about the impact of the quinquennial survey of churches on bells generally, and he foretold a busy time not only for his committee but the bell foundries—not that they have been quiet for many years. Many of the towers to benefit by these measures will be those classified as 'silent,' *sans* ringers and *sans* instructors. Guilds must be on the alert for such occasions, and equally so incumbents and archdeacons should be on the watch ready to co-operate. Training arrangements should be put in hand some months in advance of dedication, and recently we have had the pleasure of recording two occasions when the bells were rung immediately after the dedicatory prayers by those who were to constitute the future Sunday service band.

The most important discussion arose over towers and belfries matters, and the first thought in this matter was one of congratulation to Mr. Edwin Lewis, on his jubilee in this class of work. His speech at the Newcastle upon Tyne Council in 1913 led to the formation of this important committee, and to the delight of the Council Mr. Lewis delved into past history and produced three outstanding 'cases.'

Architects were criticised at the meeting under two headings—in the matter of charges and in ignoring the advice of the experts in the know. Should the church have to pay an architect's commission on bell jobs done to the bellfounder's specification? Guidance was given to P.C.C.'s generally to arrange for special terms with the architect or to have a separate contract with the bellfounders with advice from the Towers and Belfries Committee. Alas,

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CANON GILBERT THURLOW TO LEAD CENTRAL COUNCIL

Installed as President in His Own Town

CANON A. G. G. THURLOW, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, is president of the 25th Council of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. His election was unopposed. At the meeting of the Standing Committee, held on Whit Monday, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who had been president for the past six years, withdrew his nomination and at the Council meeting in the Town Hall on Whit Tuesday the Canon was elected president.

The new vice-president is Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, who, in a ballot, defeated Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Proceedings on the Tuesday started with a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Nicholas' Church. The Bishop of Norwich (Dr. L. Flemming) was the celebrant, and assisting were the Archdeacon of Norwich, Canon Thurlow, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. Afterwards the Bishop had breakfast with the officers of the Council and of the Norwich Diocesan Association at the Star Hotel. Another engagement prevented the Bishop from attending the meeting in the Town Hall.

At the opening of the proceedings Mr. F. Sharpe presided and called upon the Mayor of Yarmouth.

THE PORT OF YARMOUTH

The Mayor (Councillor J. P. Winter), in his welcome to the Council, said Great Yarmouth was an ancient borough, with a lively sense of history, and especially with reference to bells. In the old days, when water was the means of transporting heavy objects, many bells cast in Norwich, between 1350 and 1750, no doubt passed through their port on their way to other places and many bells cast in London passed the other way through their port on their way into Norfolk.

'As a great sailing port we had our rope making industry, and, probably before bell ropes became a specialised matter, we supplied them as a side-line. Indeed, a 14th century reference in Norwich Cathedral accounts, "to cables from Jermout," probably means bell ropes from here. As an important port supplying a large part of the Navy in the 14th century, we probably placed many orders.

'We are very proud of our Parish Church, the largest in England. As no doubt you know, from 1942 to 1957 it was a complete ruin. Many people doubted whether it could ever be rebuilt, and sometimes we were told that our once famous bells would never rise again. But during these last few hectic years, from 1957 onwards, we have seen the apparently impossible happen, and now our church stands again, beautifully restored, constantly filled for one purpose or another, and alive with worship and work.

NO IMITATION BELLS

'From 1940 to 1959 the sound of church bells was never heard in Yarmouth. Few towns of such importance and with such a history could have been in such a state. How easy it would have been for Yarmouth never to have had bells again! How easy it would have been for our church leaders had they been innocent and ignorant, to be deceived by the sales talk of the imitation "bell" manufacturers, and to be led to think that ringing is a dying art, bells too expensive to obtain and to have disfigured our church tower with a noise like that of the itinerant ice cream cars. So far as I know, no such rubbish has ever been tried on our church leaders here.

'Let me leave with you a wish, that you have a most profitable and enjoyable time together, and when you have finished wrestling with the deep problems on your agenda, go out and get a deep breath of Great Yarmouth's dustless, invigorating and, as yet, untaxed sea breezes!'

Another message of greeting came from the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. — Aitken), who, 'because his voice was not only a question of "treble gone," but tenor and bass gone,' asked Canon Thurlow to read it.



CANON THURLOW, PRESIDENT

The Archdeacon wrote that as a native of Norfolk he had grown up as a member of the great Church of St. Nicholas in that town.

'I bid you welcome as fellow workers in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of His Church. In the full and thrilling life of this Church, many people have their varied parts to play and you ringers, in the exercise of your skilled and ancient craft, are fulfilling a high calling of God in the service His Church. I hope that churchpeople as a whole do not take for granted the great and splendid service that you render.

'I always made it a practice as a parish priest to visit my belfry as often as I could on Sundays and on practice nights, as I am sure that a close personal relationship between priest and ringer is essential. Indeed, it is a privilege for the clergy to be able to share in the happy fellowship that is so often found amongst ringers.

RINGER IN STAINED GLASS

'If I were to design a stained-glass window, I think I should like to make room for a representative bellringer in one of the lights. There would be a churchwarden in the window, and, no doubt, an organist or choirman, but I should want to find room for a ringer too, so great are the services that you render to our Lord and His Church. He would have to be a handsome ringer and we might easily select a lady ringer, but looking round the assembly I can see many who would look well in stained glass—much as they would dislike it!

'I hope I am right in claiming that ringing is in a more healthy state than ever before. If this is so, and I believe it to be so myself, then this is a cause for profound thankfulness in the Church as a whole. I have been particularly struck by the number of young ringers learning this great craft, and I put in a plea for all of you experts that you will exercise the greatest possible patience, perseverance and kindness in teaching the younger generation of ringers.

'I make one further and last plea. We have done our best to give you a real East Coast welcome and have provided a fair old east wind to blow away your cobwebs. My query is "Are there any cobwebs in your belfries?" On the whole I would say not, as I have been impressed by the care and labour that is put into keeping our belfries in good order. I am sure we ought always to remember that our belfries are as much a part of God's house as the nave, the choir or the sanctuary, and should be kept in as fair condition as are these. I know that you, members of this Council, will use your influence to see this is always so in all towers.'

Thanking the Archdeacon for his welcome the president said if all dioceses had the same relationship between Archdeacon and ringers it would be better for their art as a whole. We were in a very healthy condition and there was more interest in the art today than ever before.

Mr. Nolan Golden (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) also gave a welcome. 'We in the diocese are extremely pleased to have you with us.'

In a word of thanks to the Archdeacon, Mr. Golden said he was brought up at Yarmouth and his father, of blessed memory, was extremely kind to ringers. He (Mr. Golden) had many a supper in the vicarage after ringing the bells of Yarmouth. They had splendid leaders in the church of this diocese to help them in their work.

The president thanked Mr. Golden and Mr. Barrett for all the work they had done in preparing for the meeting.

A prayer for the success of the Council meeting was then offered by the Vicar of Yarmouth.

The honorary secretary reported that the Council had 59 Associations, with a total of 164 members, 24 honorary members, eight life members, making a total of 196. There were seven vacancies, one among representative members and six honorary. All subscriptions had been paid.

A NEW MEMBER

The honorary secretary reported that an application for membership had been received from the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association as a non-territorial association. The Standing Committee considered the application the previous evening, and recommended that it be accepted.

Mr. G. A. Halls (Derbyshire Association) said the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association was formed six or seven years ago by a group of angry young men, who were dissatisfied with the number of meetings in their area. At that time the district of the Derbyshire Association was a large one and they could only visit towers once in three years. The solution was to form another district of the Derbyshire Association.

'At the outset we did our best to resist this Association,' said Mr. Halls, 'on the grounds that the area was already served by five Associations, and an extra ringing Association was not necessary. At that time we had 20 members in South Derbyshire, now we have four and two of those are in arrears with their subscriptions. In a small Association a drop in membership like that is by no means insignificant.'

Mr. Halls emphasised that the Derbyshire Association represented the whole of the diocese, but as this Association had been formed and they recognised that it did a certain amount of good in the area they were prepared not to oppose the application.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed and Mr. P. J. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild) seconded that the application be granted.

This was carried, but there were 18 votes against.

PRESENT

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

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APOLOGIES

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Upon the chairman's suggestion the honorary secretary was requested to send a letter to Mr. A. A. Hughes, wishing him a speedy recovery.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented: G. W. Pipe, Mrs. Speed (honorary members), W. T. Cook (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. H. Gilbert (Bath and Wells), J. H. Edwards (Bedfordshire), Miss A. D. Edwards, J. Scott (Chester), H. Windsor (Coventry), M. Phipps (Derby), T. A. Bevis (Ely), J. E. G. Roast (Essex), D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting (Guildford), Miss J. Beresford (Ladies'), J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh, D. Ogden (Lancashire), J. M. Jelley (Leicester), C. W. Ottley (London County), D. J. Roaf (Oxford Un.), Miss S. R. Collins (Peterborough), R. B. Morris (Shropshire), W. H. Dobbie, Dr. D. E. Sibson (Cumberlands), W. L. Exton (Southwell), Miss A. E. J. Lester (Suffolk), N. S. Bagworth, W. Parrott (Surrey), Mrs. F. I. Hairs, A. V. Sheppard (Sussex), J. E. Collins (South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire).

PRESIDENT, 1963-66

Before vacating the chair, Mr. F. Sharpe said two names had been received for the presidency. "May I express my deep gratitude to Mr. A. Barker and Mr. W. G. Wilson in nominating me to this office. I want to make it perfectly clear to the Council that neither Mr. Barker nor Mr. Wilson knew that I had nominated Canon Thurlow. That placed me in an invidious position, having nominated one candidate and being nominated myself. I discussed the matter with the Standing Committee last night and I have withdrawn my name from the nomination list. Therefore we have one nomination standing for the presidency for the ensuing year and that is the name of Canon Thurlow, proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association."

Continuing Mr. Sharpe said Canon Thurlow needed no introduction; he was well known and had a life-long interest in bells and ringing. He was a Canon of the Church and Vicar of one of the largest parish churches in the country. "I have every confidence that he will make an excellent president, and I have pleasure in declaring him as president and in asking him to take the chair."

Amid the applause of the Council, Canon Thurlow took the chair. "At this moment," declared the president, "I am full of gratitude and humility. Gratitude to Mr. Sharpe for his noble act in withdrawing and proposing me, and humility when I think of the predecessors in this office, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Canon Coleridge, Edwin Lewis and Frederick Sharpe."

In a tribute to Mr. Sharpe, the new president said the ways he had served the Exercise and the amount of work he had done for bells and ringing was quite encyclopædic. He supposed no one knew the extent of his achievement, the help he had given to diocesan authorities all over the country, the number of lectures he had given to learned Societies and Societies less learned, the tremendous help he had given all over the country in various technical courses, the help he had given in judging ringing competitions, the brilliant books he had written, such as "The Church Bells of Oxfordshire," which was so much finer than the old county histories. Quite the most spectacular thing in his career was to come later this month, when he would go to America to attend the Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Not only was he to lecture and judge competitions, but he was to crown the king and queen of the festival.

The president expressed the hope that Mr. Sharpe would survive his trip to America and that he would be spared to guide and teach the Exercise for many years to come. (Applause.)

TWO OUTSTANDING THINGS

In reply Mr. Sharpe said he had enjoyed every moment of his position as president. When he took office, six years ago, he said he did not wish to introduce any revolutionary changes; as they had gone on so well under the guidance of Mr. Lewis he did not want to make any radical changes.

There had been certain changes and distinct features during his period of office. The first was the inauguration of residential courses for ringers, which had now become a recognised means of training. The first of these courses was very experimental and he had the pleasure and privilege of giving the inaugural lectures in most of the dioceses where these courses had been held. They had done a tremendous amount of good. He would also like to pay tribute to the wonderful work of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committees. The fellowship at these courses had been good.

The other thing of outstanding interest was the passing by the Government of the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure. It meant that, for the first time, it was

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

required by law for every church to be inspected and reported on by an architect. This had meant an overwhelming amount of work for the Towers and Belfries Committee. In this work that of dealing with the roof and building would come before the bells. Most of the churches had completed that work and some were giving attention to bells. He had been to many dedications and enjoyed going into all the dioceses. He had visited all the Associations except six during his term of office.

Mr. W. G. Wilson rose to assure the president that he would have his loyalty and support throughout his term of office. A reason for his nomination was that he wanted Mr. Sharpe to go to America as president of the Council. He wanted Mr. Sharpe to know that when he was in America he would have their support as a whole.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

There were two nominations for the office of vice-president—Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. J. Freeman. A ballot was taken and later in the proceedings the president announced the result:

Mr. John Freeman 86.
Mr. W. B. Cartwright 52.

The president added that both had served the Council splendidly in various ways. He congratulated Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Freeman then took his seat on the right of the president and thanked the Council. He said he felt that his election was a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which he had the pleasure of serving.

OTHER RE-ELECTIONS

The re-elections were announced of Mr. E. A Barnett as hon. secretary and treasurer and Mr. F. W. Perrens as honorary librarian.

The honorary secretary stated that the Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Harold N. Pitstow, one of the Council's auditors, be elected an honorary member of the Council. It was proposed by Mr. R. A. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. J. Sanger, that Mr. Pitstow be elected and this was agreed to.

The honorary secretary also reported that under the Standing Orders he proposed that Mr. Albert A. Hughes be elected a life member. This was agreed to.

The following were re-elected honorary members: Messrs. J. P. Fidler, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow were re-elected honorary auditors, on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Members of the Council stood while the following, who had died since the last meeting, were remembered: H. E. C. Goodenough, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Ernest Stitch and Daniel Smith.

Mr. B. G. Key, speaking of Mr. Stitch, said he spent some years after he retired in the Archdeaconry of Stafford and did quite a lot of ringing. He was a most lovable character.

Mr. Norman Chaddock paid a tribute to Miss Margaret Snowdon, whom he said he visited at Cartmel. She had a lovely character, and always sent a message to the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association until last year. She was the last of the Snowdon family, but the Snowdon series of books was being continued by Mrs. Turner.

Mr A. D. Barker, speaking of Mr. Horace Goodenough, said he was a very enthusiastic worker in the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association, and was largely responsible for getting the Abbey bells increased to 12.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The honorary secretary stated that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World' and circulated to members. He moved that they be accepted.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the president signed them.

REPORTS

HONORARY SECRETARY & TREASURER

Among the inquiries dealt with during the year were ones from St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, for advice and information on restarting a band there; from Hong Kong Cathedral as to the significance of abbrevations in 'The Ringers' Diary'; from the John Hilton Bureau of 'The News of the World' on numbers, organisation, training, etc.; and from 'Woman' in connection with a leaflet on hobbies, in which ringing was included.

At the time of writing, information shows that the following have now ceased to the members of the Council and we offer our thanks to them for their past services:

J. E. Chilcott, A.S.C.Y., 1960-62; Miss N. G Williams, Bath and Wells, 1939-62; S. Foskett, Bedfordshire, 1954-62; A. R. Elkins, Chester Diocesan, 1960-62; J. Worth, Chester Diocesan, 1960-62; J. L. Garner-Hayward, Coventry Diocesan, 1960-62; D. E. R. Knights, Ely Diocesan, 1960; J. H. Champion, Essex, 1954-62; C. W. Denyer, Guildford Diocesan, 1960-62; H. N. Pitstow, Guildford Diocesan, 1957-62; Mrs. J. Jeffrey, Irish, 1953-62; Mrs. A. Richardson, Ladies', 1932-62; P. Crook, Lancashire, 1957-62; F. Dunkerley, Lancashire, 1951-62; J. Ridyard, Lancashire, 1951-62; Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Lancashire, 1954-62; T H. Taffender, London County and A.S.C.Y., 1900-62; Dr. J. E. Spice, Oxford U.S., 1960-62; E. G. Orland, Peterborough Diocesan, 1957-60; H Poyner, Shropshire, 1960-62; Rev. P. N. Bond, S.R.C.Y., 1950-62; F. J. Cullum, S.R.C.Y., 1959-62; Miss R. J. Seabrook, Suffolk, 1960-62; A. P. Cannon, Surrey, 1957-62; W. F. Oatway, Surrey, 1954-62; R G. Blackman, Sussex, 1945-62; R. Overy, Sussex, 1957-62; H. Stalham, Sussex, 1954-62; Rev. A. S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan, 1957-62; H Miles, Truro Diocesan, 1948-62; L. W. G. Morris, Yorkshire, 1939-62.

Special mention should perhaps be made of the four pre-war members who have retired. Mr. T. H. Taffender's 62 years' membership is, I think, the longest in the history of the Council, although his attendances were somewhat infrequent. Mrs. A. Richardson and Miss N. G. Williams missed only two meetings during 30 and 23 years' membership respectively, while Mr. L. W. G. Morris attended every meeting since his election in 1939.

A number of Associations have failed, despite several requests in 'The Ringing World,' to notify names and addresses of members as required by Rule 5(iv). Even if no change has taken place I do not necessarily know this unless so informed, and I do not appreciate the extra work entailed in trying to find out. I have therefore sent papers to the former members where the rule has not been complied with.

Once again I record my thanks to those who have sent copies of their annual reports and other publications, and to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers.

E. A. Barnett.

Mr. Barnett moved the adoption and Mr. Harold Rogers, in seconding, said he saw Mr Taffender on Whit Sunday. He was in hospital at Epsom, and was likely to remain there for the rest of his life. He was more alert then than in the past year.

The report was adopted.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

Mr. F. W. Perrens wrote: Again I am pleased to report a very good year for the sale of publications, resulting in a record profit Early in the year the fourth edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was on sale, followed by a reprint of the 'Beginner's Handbook' and a revised edition of 'A Handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell Frames and Fittings.' The 'Beginner's Handbook' and 'Doubles Methods' continue to sell well and there has been a fair demand for the new edition of 'Minor Methods.'

We are most grateful to Mr. Maurice Hodgson for defraying the cost of the typesetting for the 'False Course Heads' publication and to Mr. E. E. Shepherd for the gift of another 56 copies of 'Grandsire Caters.'

We tender our sincere thanks to the gentlemen concerned for the following additions to the library:

1962 Edition of Dove's Church Bells of Britain, per Mr. W. H. Viggers;

Proceedings of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow—containing a paper on bells and their tones:

A short account of the Society of College Youths (A. J. Trollope), A book containing touches and peals in various methods given to Mr. Lewis by an Australian admirer, Tintinnalogia by Richard Duckworth, 1668, all per Mr. E. H. Lewis;

Negatives and photos of Clock Jacks (E. Morris), Chimes and Chime Tunes (E. Morris), Ringers' Jugs, Pitchers, Gotchers (E. Morris), Story of a Great Bellringer's Career—William H. Fussell, all per honorary secretary, Leicester Diocesan Guild:

Claverley's Phantom Bellringer, per Mr. T. W. White;

Copies of Irish Bell News, per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The value of the stock of publications at the end of the year indicates how much the Exercise owes to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed for housing it, to say nothing of the work and time necessary to despatch 3,600 copies of various publications. We are indeed grateful to them for a very valuable work so well done.

The total of sales amounted to £851 17s. 2d. Publication sales included: Beginner's Handbook 1,681, Preservation of Bells 317, Minor Methods 302, Doubles Methods 201, Handbell Ringing 154, On Conducting 144, Village Bells 92, Stedman Compositions 87, Ringing for Service 84, Handbook 78, Plain Major Methods 76.

The report was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, and adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

The report of the Trustees stated three demonstrations were given during the year to the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association, the Great Gransden ringers and to young ringers of the Edmonton County Grammar School. During these demonstrations touches of London, Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich were successfully rung. The machine continues to operate satisfactorily.

(Signed) A. A. Hughes, F. E. Haynes, Douglas Hughes, Trustees.

Mr. Douglas Hughes moved the adoption and Mrs. Staniforth seconded, and the report was adopted.

The president expressed his gratitude to Mr. Hughes for the demonstrations given and care of the machine.

To be continued.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major C H Turner 1, J Papworth 2, J. Nicholls 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, G. Everett (cond.) 5, H Nicholls 6, C W Burton 7, B D. Shepherd 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Wade, local ringer for many years.

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Letters to the Editor

London University's St. Neots Peal

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Leale's letter concerning the University of London Society peal at St. Neots, I would suggest that he read the relevant passage concerning the splicing of methods in the Central Council regulations. As the regulations stand there can be no possible valid objection to this peal being called 'spliced.'

I cannot imagine why Mr. Leale should take it upon himself to write such an unfortunate, scurrilous letter, but it can only be construed as a personal attack upon the band which rang the peal, and the last part throws doubt upon the band's abilities.

If Mr. Leale did not mean his letter in this way, the only decent way open to him is to write a letter of apology, to be published in the 'R.W.'—Yours faithfully,

Tooting, London. JOHN C. EISEL.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Robin Leale on his humorous letter. His point re place notation is quite apt; after all, how different is Ditchling from Bristol? The place notation 'looks' different.

Why doesn't someone go and ring a peal of about 35 spliced, incorporating three 'Pudseys,' six 'Cambridges,' eight 'Yorkshires,' eight 'Superlatives' and eight 'Lincolnshires'? If this can be done!

Why Robin Leale's outburst against Brian Woodruffe's activities? Can this possibly be due to the fact that the latter took part in the the recent 11,552 Superlaive, and thus prevented Robin Leale from ringing 11,360 or 11,456 and getting the record, which, one understands, he was intending doing in the near future?

To David Brookes' complaint about London ('unmusical rubbish') I would say go and listen to a peal of it sometime—you'd be surprised where the music comes. Unlike forward hunting methods, in which you can almost imagine what the next change row is going to sound like, London, etc., is different and is well worth ringing for its music, let alone interest in work.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles.

Dear Sir,—I was astounded to read Mr. Leale's letter in your issue of May 31st, regarding the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at St Neots.

It appears that those who do not understand place notation are not the only ones under a misapprehension. To imply that it was not 'spliced' is sheer nonsense. Each bell rang the work of each method, even though this was only changed nineteen times; the fact that these methods are similar to Lincolnshire is irrelevant.

If the tone of his letter reflects anything on his own standard of striking 'spliced,' I can only conclude that Mr. Leale's peals contain five-ups at places other than just the half-leads.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN H. ROGERS.

Hull University.

Groton has Stay Problem

Dear Sir,—We too have had a stay problem. Ash and hickory are hard to come by these days. The school carpenter has made a few oak stays to replace the ones sent from the foundry. (I have 18 learners who have broken several stays.) The oak is obviously not ideal, so credit goes to our very clever carpenter, who has himself made some beautiful laminated stays, four thicknesses, edges towards the slider. I have the impression that they are perfect. They have give and are very hard indeed to break.

Shall we send a sample to the mother country?—Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School,
Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Long Length Attempt

Dear Sir,—I give notice that, by kind permission of the Rev. A. J. Pearson, M.C., an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 11,328 Rutland Surprise Major at New Alresford, Hampshire, on Saturday, June 22nd, beginning at 1 p.m. The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

11,328 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin

23456	M	W	H	
		Omits		
43526		—	—	
32546	3	—	3	
35426		2	2	
52436		—		
52364	—	—	—	
26354		—	3	
23564		2	2	
25634		2	2	
62534	3		—	
62345	—	—	—	
24365		—	3	A
23645		2	2	
42635		2	3	
34256	—	—	2	
43652	—		2	
63542		—	—	
34562		—	3	
35642		2	2	
64352		2	—	
24653		A		
23456	—		—	

N.B.—Each course is basically called M, B, W. The calls indicated above at M and W are OMITS; the H's are actual calls.

IMPACT OF YARMOUTH

(Continued from front page)

through inexperienced architects, unqualified advisers and big-headed local ringers, mistakes—and costly ones, practically tantamount to pouring money down the drain—have been made. The answer is education, and there is a promise that the Towers and Belfries Committee will produce a pamphlet giving the technical gen. It is a subject that could well be publicised in the architectural press.

A final topic we would mention this week is the creation of a new committee to deal with overseas ringing. It was a spontaneous act after hearing a comprehensive review from Mr. G. W. Pipe, who is in the happy position of having circled the globe. With travel facilities easier and young people from overseas coming to this country for higher education and professional training, many more links are now being forged. This new committee can do nothing but good under two headings—in stimulating interest in the problems of overseas ringers and eventually providing useful ringer-emigrants, and secondly by placing the resources of the Council at the disposal of ringers and the Church authorities in distant lands. Last year the Towers and Belfries Committee dealt with two overseas cases. Bells are being shipped overseas in increasing numbers. No one, for instance, can foresee the influence on America of the new ring going into Washington if they are rung English fashion, or of the two tens going to Africa shortly. As the world contracts in the matter of time-distance in travel, so will an increased familiarity of those peculiarly English customs prevail among those who stem from British stock. The sound of bells ringing across the English countryside on a Sunday will not be an almost exclusive local perquisite but will gradually be repeated in new towns in the five continents where the British way of life is favoured.

'Decadent Caper'

Dear Sir,—I would like to know just what Mr. Robin Leale's objection is to the Spliced Surprise peal that he describes as a 'decadent caper.'

I do not understand Spliced Surprise myself, but if the peal concerned is a true one and conforms to the usual standards, I don't see why it should be criticised.

I have no doubt that the composer and conductor will be able to give a suitable reply to what, if anything, has caused this objection.—Yours sincerely,

S. J. ELLIOTT.

Northampton.

Duffield

Dear Sir,—Concerning the letter from David C. Brookes on page 364, I would like to draw attention to the fact that two meetings of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association have recently been devoted to the practice of Duffield.

After several successful touches, the company agreed that there wasn't much future in the method, and we prefer to spend our time trying to learn to ring 'unmusical rubbish' such as London Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

BRIGHTON BELLE.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Year Of Steady Progress

THE annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held in Lincoln on April 27th. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Dean of Lincoln in the ringers' chapel at the Cathedral and the service was well attended.

During the day ringing took place at Welton, Dunholme and Scothern, as well as the Lincoln towers of St. Botolph's, St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Giles' and the Cathedral.

After attending Evensong in the Cathedral some 120 members and friends sat down to tea in the Tithe Barn. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the president, the Dean of Lincoln, took the chair. Apologies for absence included one from the Bishop of Lincoln, who had intimated that he hoped to attend the annual meeting of the Guild in 1964.

In the annual report for 1962, which was presented to the meeting for approval, the Master (Mr. J. Bray) reported that the past year had been one of steady progress and a total of 135 peals had been rung. The Elloe Deaneries Branch had rung seven new Surprise Major methods for the first time and Lincolnshire Maximus had been rung for the first time by the Guild.

During the year the ring of eight bells at St James', Grimsby, was augmented to ten and the five bells at Upton to six.

Mr. Bray said that one thing that caused some concern was when one heard of competent change ringers who did not ring at their own local tower and this was to be deplored. Loyalty to one's own band, to the Guild and, most important of all, to the Church and all it stood for should always be one's first consideration.

The honorary secretary and treasurer reported that the peal booking fee system, which had come into operation during the year, was working satisfactorily, and that this, with the increased subscriptions now operative, should restore the Guild's finances to a satisfactory position.

The principal officers of the Guild to be elected were the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop, Dean of Lincoln, as president, Mr. Jack Bray as Master and Mr. John Freeman as honorary secretary and treasurer. Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. J. L. Millhouse asked the meeting to consider whether or not to hold a 65th annual dinner. It was agreed to do so and a small sub-committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

On May 18th the St. Albans District, together with the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, held a meeting at South Mymms, where the bells had been unrung for about 40 years, until Mr. G. Dodds began to teach a new band early this year. This band rang their bells open for the first time in a service touch of rounds.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Clare, conducted the service, and in welcoming us said what pleasure it gave him to hear his bells ringing out and thanked those who were teaching his band.

After tea, served by the local band, Mr. Tom Lock thanked the Vicar, organist, choir and tea makers. The St. Albans District held a business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Bonnett (Association president), at which the following from South Mymms were elected probationary members: S. Chilton, A. Pugh, R. Owen, B. J. Fost, Mrs. B. T. Fost, H Billis, G. Billis and M. Charlton. A. Wilby and Mr. Bew, from Harpenden, were also elected.

Evening ringing took place at South Mymms and Monken Hadley.

Next meeting: Welwyn and Tewin, June 15th. J. D. C.

OUTINGS

CATTISTOCK, DORSET

Cattistock ringers, under the leadership of Mr. George Gorringe, their captain, returned to Bristol for their annual outing on May 18th. En route, there was ringing and coffee at Somerton (tenor 20 cwt.), and on arrival at 60, Cotham Road, Bristol, an ample lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Grant (George's brother-in-law and sister).

The afternoon's ringing was at Emmanuel, Clifton, and St. Stephen's, followed by tea in one of those post-war 'palaces' which rose from war-time bombing. A nostalgic three-quarter hour was spent by Tom Lippitt at Brislington, where he was baptised, 72 years ago, while the others rang. Finally at Keynsham (25 cwt.) ringing for the day concluded. The striking of the Grandsire Doubles showed a marked improvement in confidence in change ringing since last year.

The ringers wish to think George, for his arrangements, and also the incumbents and tower captains who made ringing possible, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant for their hospitality.

C. E. C. B.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

Making an early start from the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham ringers and friends enjoyed the beautiful Suffolk countryside on May 24th and made a pre-breakfast stop for ringing at Copdock St. Peter's (6). After a satisfying meal at Capel St Mary, the journey continued into Essex to ring at Ardleigh, where Mr. Felix Earth met the party.

A novelty was pointed out at Great Bromley by Mr. Arthur Cole, of a row of ringers' hats. Before lunch, at Colchester, a number of Minor methods were rung at Wivenhoe, and also at St. Leonard's, Colchester. Then came the very light six at Shrub End (tenor 4 cwt.), and the eight at St. Peter's, Colchester (21 cwt.). Tea was at Tweeds Restaurant.

On the homeward journey an hour was spent at Wormingford and on the anti-clockwise eight at Bures. Mr. Leslie Wright, the organiser, was thanked for his excellent programme, which included methods to suit all ringers. G. R.

HOLBEACH, LINCS

The sturdy tower of North Elmham, where the eight bells have recently been rehung, was the first tower visited by the All Saints', Holbeach, band and ringing friends on their outing on April 20th. The ruins of the old cathedral were also visited, as North Elmham was the seat of the Bishops of the Diocese from 673-1075.

Ringing at Reepham was delayed by a funeral, and during the wait it was discovered that the churchyard once accommodated three churches—Reepham, Whitwell and Hackford. On the ten bells at Aylsham ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Royal. An excellent lunch at the Ship Hotel was tackled with zeal.

The journey was continued in the rain to Buxton St. Andrew's (a fine six), where one of our budding conductors called a Morris' 240. A tower grab at Lammas, at the instigation of a local ringer, preceded Wroxham (6), where the bells went well. After tea, at Hethersett, St. Remigius'. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, though a touch of Double Norwich was not so obliging.

Our thanks go to various tower correspondents, incumbents and our organiser, Roger Bailey. K. R. D.

CUDDESDON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 1, Miss E. Dixon 2, R. F. Acworth 3, M. R. Platt 4, M. L. Lesiter 5, D. S. Dormer 6. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. Runcie, in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter, Rebecca. Also on May 31st, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Pain Bob): R. F. Acworth 1, M. R. Platt 2, J. P. Dart 3, M. L. Lesiter 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, C. J. Gregorowski (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to those members of Cuddesdon Theological College who are to be ordained at Trinity.

DEDICATION

SOPLEY, HANTS

Many ringers will know of St. Michael's Church, Sopley, as three or four years ago a coloured picture of the ringers in action appeared on the front cover of the Christmas number of 'The Field.' More recently the same picture became the subject of a popular Christmas card.

The original bells, a ring of five (tenor 7 cwt.), were placed in the tower in 1784; of these bells, the fourth is the only one remaining in its original casting and bears the inscription:

James Willis, Vicar of Sopley.
Stpn. Pardy & Thos. Pope, Ch. Wardens, 1784.
Robert Patrick, of London.
Founders.

At the end of World War I the tower and the bells were found to be unsafe. After some years of effort to raise the necessary funds, the tower was restored in 1925, the old bells, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and all the bells rehung in an iron frame. The opening ceremony in November, 1925, was broadcast from the old 6.B.M. Station, Bournemouth, and was the first time bells were heard on the air locally.

This new frame was made for six bells in the hope of an augmentation, but it was not until just over two years ago that a serious move was made to fill the vacant bell pit. Great credit is due to Mr. Harry Harrison, who has worked untiringly to bring the project to its successful conclusion. The new bell was installed in March and was rung for the first time on Easter morning.

The ceremony of dedication took place at Evensong on May 26th and was performed by the Rt. Rev. Nigel Cornwall, Assistant Bishop of Winchester. The large congregation present included Mr. W. T. Godfrey, representing the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mr. Gerald Scragg, captain, Christchurch Priory band. The Bishop was conducted from the chancel to the tower by the Vicar and churchwardens, and after prayers of dedication chimed the bell. A short touch of Grandsire Doubles was then rung by the following: Roy Childs 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, F. W. Freeman 3, J H. Stone 4, Gerald Scragg 5, Roy Edwards 6.

In his address, the Bishop briefly outlined the history of bells and their associations, and the difference in bellringing in this country and in foreign lands.

The new bell has the followng inscription:

JOHN TAYLOR & Co.
The cost of this bell was provided
by the united efforts of the Parishioners of
Sopley.
Assisted by the Barron Bell Trust.
1963.
C. D. Kirkham, M.A., Vicar.
Andrew Lane) Churchwardens.
F. A. L. Lawrence)

After the service the ringers present were joined by others, who had been ringing for service in their own churches, and touches in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. A. V. D.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS

Fortune favoured North Bradley ringers in their choice of May 25th for their annual outing, as it proved to be one of the finest days of late spring.

The soaring spire of St. Mary's, Tetbury, a familiar landmark on entering the Cotswold country, was the first call, and the ringing set an excellent standard for the day. It was a long run to Witney for lunch and St. Mary's Church, where the bells do justice to their lovely setting. The sight of winning certificates of striking competitions at St. Mary's, Bampton, caused a slight feeling of inferiority complex, which was soon dispelled.

Although they went well, the bells of St. Mary's, Buckland (8), sounded noisy after the previous towers. The party left for Faringdon, with the satisfaction of not having lost a touch all day. Alas, after tea, taken almost next door to the church, the first touch of Stedman came to grief, although the position was retrieved, and the last touch of Stedman was one of the best of the day.

A most enjoyable day, thanks to the organisation by Mr. P. Harding, the people who met us and the clergy who gave us permission to ring. A. T. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch members were delighted to have with them at their monthly meeting at Ramsbury, on May 25th, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge). The Rev. R. A. Bennett conducted the service, and Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, was the organist.

Following a bountiful tea, the chairman (Mr. George Newman) extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and thanked the Vicar and all who had contributed to a successful meeting. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Kent T.B. Minor and was under the direction of Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary and Ringing Master).

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at All Saints', Batley, on May 25th. During the afternoon ringing took place under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Miss Angela Skidmore, and, in spite of only a moderate attendance, a wide range of methods were rung. After an excellent tea, provided by the local company, the business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. Douglas Thorp, in the chair.

The secretary announced that the June meeting would be held at Drighlington, but there was some doubt about the date as the Yorkshire Association were holding a committee meeting on the last Saturday in the month, to which two representatives from each local Society had been invited. It was agreed that the president and secretary represent the Society at this meeting, and the meeting at Drighlington be held on the previous Saturday. A suggested list of meetings for the next two years was read out and accepted on the proposition of Miss Angela Skidmore, seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. M. Brown, and further ringing continued in the evening until 8.30. I. N.

IN AMOUNDENESS

Amoundeness is one of the sub-division 'Hundreds' of Lancashire and has Morecambe Bay on one side of its boundaries. It is a gateway to the Lake District. I attended a joint meeting of the Preston and Lancaster Branches of the Lancashire Association at Scorton, a pretty and unspoilt village. St. Peter's Church has a very good ring of eight (tenor about 18 cwt.). It was an exceptionally good meeting, many methods, including Surprises, being rung, and a splendid tea provided. After tea the rebuilt Woodhouse ringing machine was operated by Mr. Gordon Thwaites and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite.

Travelling onwards I found that at the church at Pilling, a third bell had recently been added, with a view to eventually having a 'ring' of bells. Then I went up the Lune Valley to Caton, and, in the older part of the village, found another beautiful hamlet, known as Brookhouse. The original church is 12th century; it has been rebuilt twice and only the original tower remains. In it are five bells, three of which are hung for method ringing, the other two were ships' bells: one 'Dreadnought,' the other 'Defende.'

The largest of the three (about 10 cwt., inscribed '1617. In Incanditati soni soni sonabo tibi Deo') has arms of Elizabeth, unicorn with wings, probably an Oldfield bell (Roman letters).

The middle bell: '1724. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.' Luke Ashton, of Wigan.'

The smallest: 'In Dolcidine Vocis Cantabo Tuo.' 1605' (Gothic letters).

The Vicar, Rev. R. W. H. Entwistle, is very interested in these bells, and hopes they have a ring of bells sometime.

In the next village, Claughton, hung in a turret are two bells, one of which is reputed to be the oldest dated bell in the country.

I was fortunate in having as guide 80-years-young John Woods, a ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, who has a wide knowledge of the district.

PETER CROOK, sen.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. Dodds has taught a band for South Mymms Church, where the bells have been silent for about 40 years. When a meeting was held there on May 18th, the local band rang their bells open for the first time in a service touch of rounds.

Many incomprehensive things are done by ringers. On May 21st three ringers assembled at Rickmansworth and rang a handbell peal of Minor to commemorate the Feast of Kassin of Uglich, 1504. Kassin does not get a mention in the Russian Encyclopædia or in three books of saints consulted. Even a brief history of Uglich ignores him.

The Derby Diocesan Association is holding a one-day theoretical course on bell ringing in St. Michael's Church Hall, Derby, on October 19th. Lectures will probably be in two streams—elementary and advanced, and for the latter composition, proof and conducting will be included. Mr. D. J. Marshall, of 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham, is the organiser.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The Chertsey District meeting at Egham was blessed with bright sunshine and there was the feeling that summer is here at last. Ringing in various methods took place under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Walton-on-Thames, the Rev. J. M. Evans, and an excellent tea, served in the Church Hall by local ringers, was followed by a short business meeting, with the Vicar of Walton in the chair. During this meeting two junior members from Egham were elected.

A large variety of methods were rung in the evening, including rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, as well as some Surprise methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the social evening that followed the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday, held at the Garibaldi, Great Yarmouth, Canon Felstead and the Rev. John Scott were in great form in organising the entertainment. Mr. Schott composed a special song in honour of the Australian Adventure II, which he sang to the tune of the sea shanty 'Spanish Lady.' Mr. Fred Scott sang an old Gloucestershire folk song, 'The three drunken ringers.'

The photograph of Howden Church that appeared in our issue of May 31st was one of the tower as it appeared on Dedication Day, 1932.

St. Collen's Church, Llangollen, has three pairs and one trio of brothers among its young ringers, and the vice-captain, Mr. Frank Jones, is father of one pair of brothers.

According to 'The Bridgwater Mercury's' 50 years ago column, the ringers of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, spent a delightful day on the Quantocks, travelling by brake. They rambled amongst the heather and played cricket.

Mrs. Collins, mother of Miss Shelagh R. Collins, a new member of the Central Council for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who accompanied her daughter to Great Yarmouth, had the misfortune to fracture her shoulder as the result of a fall at her hotel on Whit Sunday.

Although Keynsham U.D.C. does not boast of a Mayor, the newly-elected chairman of the Council, Mr. Leonard Elles, is the secretary of the Keynsham ringers and has held that office for a number of years. This is his second term as chairman, the first being during 1961-62.

Six teams competed in the first striking competition for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held on May 4th at St. Peter's, Little Aston. Placings were: 1 Little Aston, 2 Lichfield Cathedral, 3 Penn. Other competitors were Sunday service ringers from Aldridge, Cannock and Gnosall. Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, J. McDonald and Anthony Ager were the judges, and the arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. H. Allen.

Visitors to the recent spring tulip festival, held in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, were surprised to hear a carillon being played in the 'Dutch village.' This was a very small portable instrument of 35 bells, cast by Petit and Fritsen in 1962, with a bass bell of only about 6 cwt. in C sharp. During the three week festival the carillon was played on four evenings by Clifford E. Ball, of Bournville, on ten occasions by Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, and on the Saturdays by a Dutch carillonneur, flown in from Holland.

Miss Temple is not Mayor of Lewes, but holds the office of Mayoress. The error is regretted.

At the Church of the Ascension, Burghclere, Hants, was rung on Ascension Day by the Sunday service band a quarter peal of Ascension Doubles.

St. Mary's, Swansea, won the ringing competition of the Swansea and Brecon Guild of Ringers, followed by St. Paul's, Sketty, and St. Mary's, Brecon.

In the eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup in the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Warsop, who rang Norwich Surprise, were placed first and Kirkby-in-Ashfield third.

Missed from the Central Council meeting was Mr. L. W. G. Morris, honorary secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He has been a member for something like 20 years, but this year failed to secure election.

Mr. Frank Hicks, at the Central Council meeting, did big business selling pencils for the East Grinstead Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund. The Vicar has given permission for the recasting, and the ringers are hoping for an augmentation to 10. The tower has a company of 24.

The best standard of striking since the competition started, was the view of Mr. C. H. Kippin, the judge at the Surrey Association's striking competition for Sunday service bands held at Ashtead on May 25th. Placings were: 1 St. Mary's, Beddington, 2 St. John's, Croydon, 3 Christ Church, Epsom Common.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	William Kyncott	7
William Hibbert	2	Reginald G. Hooper	8
Rodney B. Meadows	3	D. John Hunt	9
Emlyn F. Hancock	4	Harry J. Sanger	10
Donald G. Clift	5	Brynley Shackleton	11
Bertram Kynaston	6	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
In memoriam Alan A. Hilliar, a member of the Society and St. Mary Redcliffe Guild.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Geoff. D. Fearnehough	7
Neil Bennett	2	*Derek Butterworth	8
John Robinson	3	F. John Nelson	9
John E. Camp	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
*Edward F. P. Bryant	5	John H. Fielden	11
Barrie Hendry	6	Dennis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*Malcolm M. Powell	*Treble*	Thomas H. Francis	6
John R. Faithfull	2	Michael J. Thomas	7
M. Elizabeth Chapman	3	David J. Forder	8
Robert C. Kippin	4	David E. House	9
Tom Charman	5	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* First 10-bell peal. First of Royal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

*Peter Morris	*Treble*	†Philip J. Evans	6
*Frank Beech, jun.	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
Alfred S. Bayley	3	*Richard E. Morris	8
F. Hector Bennett	4	Reginald H. Newton	9
†Michael R. Wycherley	5	*Ian Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by Herbert J. Tucker. Conducted by Ian Friend.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.' First on ten as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. S. Bayley, wife of the local tower captain.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Derrick J. White	*Treble*	Michael J. Thomas	5
John R. Faithfull	2	Thomas H. Francis	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	David E. House	7
David J. Forder	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
First peal in the method.

CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 1236 x 1270 x 38 x 14 x 50 x 18 x 90
L.E. 157. 4th place Bob. c.p.

CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 12 x 38 x 16 x 7
L.E. 157. 4th place bob.
F.C.H.: 24365 (2/3, 3/2, 5/6, 6/5); 43265 (1/1); 32465 (7/7); 46253 (1/3, 3/1); 32546 (5/7, 7/5).

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Kenneth J. Rider	*Treble*	Cecil T. Clarke	5
*Michael J. Hobbs	2	*Peter Bridle	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Antony R. Kench	7
Henry Taysom	4	Don C. Exell	*Tenor*

Composed by A. W. Cleaver. Conducted by Don C. Exell.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

John Robinson	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
*John F. Barlow	2	C. Frederick C. Pearson	6
*Derek Ashton	3	*Eric J. F. Wall	7
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Maryl R. Crossthwaite has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

George J. Butcher	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Trevor H. Cross	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
*Andrew M. Macve	4	*James T. Stevens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Empire Day.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Frederick Hogan	*Treble*	*Christopher T. Osenton	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
*David S. Osenton	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marjorie Clarke and John Mannering, married at Sissinghurst this day.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Brian H. Coatsworth	*Treble*	Jean L. Lavender	5
†Christopher F. Mew	2	Robin J. Lee	6
*Michael J. Uphill	3	Stewart F. Kimber	7
Charles W. Ottley	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.
Rung as farewell compliments to the Rev. A. C. Heath, Rector for the past seven years, and his daughter Mary, a member of the local band, who have moved to Epsom; also to the Ringing Master, J. Harrold, who is moving to Leicester.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

P. Gerald McIlhone	*Treble*	*Helen J. Butler	5
*Barbara M. Butler	2	Roger A. Howes	6
James E. Godman	3	*Andrew J. Howes	7
Frank E. Godden	4	Frank Absolom	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
* First peal of Major.
For the Patronal Festival.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Robert W. Hinde	*Treble*	John D. Faircloth	5
*Janet H. Buss	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
*Ann Jenner	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Andrew J. Corby	4	*Stanley Jenner	*Tenor*

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ..	*Treble*	*JOHN F. UNDERWOOD ..	5
ALAN SHEPPARD	2	JOHN POTTS	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS ..	7
*MELVYN A. ROSE	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal of Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	5
IAN M. HOLLAND	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
EILEEN J. OSBORNE	3	LEONARD GOODALL	7
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except ringers of treble and tenor.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 EASTBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

PETER J. COLES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
KEITH WHITTELL	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first Suffolk Guild meeting to be held in this tower.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

DAVID C. BROOKES	*Treble*	ALAN R. MILLIDGE	5
PETER N. FELTON	2	*PHILIP H. D. JONES	6
ALISON M. MANN	3	MICHAEL J. BANGHAM ..	7
MARGARET E. FORT	4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL J. BANGHAM.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.
A first birthday compliment to David James Royle, nephew of the conductor.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW ..	5
NORMAN SMITH	2	JOHN C. BALDWIN	6
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	IVAN KAY	7
RICHARD J. PARKER	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN P. PARTINGTON.
* 150th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the bells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
*GEOFFREY PRATT	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
*DAVID J. ALLEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

HAROLD DOWLER	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	WALTER SHERRATT	6
BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	ROY WORRALL	7
DAVID J. DANBY	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
First peal in the method for all the band.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

KENNETH J. RIDER	*Treble*	*PETER BRIDLE	5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ..	2	*HENRY TAYSOM	6
ANTONY R. KENCH	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	DON C. EXELL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 6120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

ANDREW DUNCKLEY	*Treble*	JULIA A. CHANDLER	3
ROY H. JONES	2	NOEL D. DEAM	4
		ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.
The conductor's 100th peal. Longest length of Grandsire Doubles for the Guild; also believed to be longest in the country.
Rung after meeting short for Plain Bob.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Beverley and Cambridge, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	*RAY H. DAW	4
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	*LEN BRIGHTON	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Brighton on their wedding anniversary; also to Ray Daw on his birthday.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*ROBERT CLAYFIELD	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
IVAN S. MERRY	2	K. PAUL GILLIVER	5
CHRISTOPHER P. RICE ..	3	GEORGE W. BRANDRICK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by K. PAUL GILLIVER.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Legh Fisher, former rector and father of the present Rector.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*ANNE SEEAR	*Treble*	GEOFFREY RIGLAR	4
†MARTIN SCEENY	2	‡GORDON W. LIMMER ..	5
JENNIFER SCEENY	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* First peal. † First in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the eve of the wedding between Miss Anne Seear, a Hitcham ringer, and Mr. 'Bill' Mercer, with the best wishes of the rest of the band.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

BRIAN HUNT	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
JACK GREEN	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
*KEITH R. DAVEY	3	*ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.
* 25th peal together.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*HAROLD DOWLER	*Treble*	WALTER SHERRATT	4
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	*WILLIAM S. DAVENPORT	5
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY WORRALL.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor. First attempt of Minor as conductor. Fastest peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Silvester, St. George, St. Jude, St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Simon, St. Alban, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, St. Columba, St. Bartholomew and All Saints. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Treble*	*ALAN A. PAUL	3
PERCY AMOS	2	ROGER W. SMITH	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* 25th peal together. First in 24 methods for the band.
Rung for the Festival of St. Dunstan.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK PEERS	*Treble*	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	4
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
EILEEN A. OSBORNE	3	LEONARD GOODALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.
First peal in the method by all.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY H. SMITH	*Treble*	AUDREY R. ALEXANDER	4
MARTIN MAJOR	2	ROY A. WARD	5
*VERNA RIX	3	RAYMOND J. FULLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY H. SMITH.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Audrey Alexander.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	*ERNEST MORRALL	4
MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
RICHARD E. MORRIS	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in two methods.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	*HERBERT G. BLANCHARD	4
*DAVID L. NIBBS	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
*NORMAN G. N. KNEE	3	†PHILIP ROYNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles on tower bells. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has now rung 600 peals, this peal completing the 'family' of Stedman for him, from Doubles to Cinques, on both tower bells and handbells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	WALTER E. WILKINSON	4
ANTHONY HELLIWELL	2	RICHARD J. PARKER	5
FREDERICK H. PRICE	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	4
*MARGARET J. PUDDIFOOT	2	†GEOFFREY E. REES	5
WALTER AYRE	3	‡WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal attempt (aged 15). † First 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

KEITH F. GARDNER	*Treble*	MAURICE C. HUGHES	4
GEORGE P. HAMMOND	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WOODHOUSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's, differently called, and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL	4
VALERIE LACEY	2	RONALD CARTER	5
FRANK CHAMBERS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* 900th peal. First in the method, which is 6th place Caithness Surprise.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Thurs., May 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN AND REVERSE CANTERBURY BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of calling. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN	*Treble*	RODNEY E. LLOYD	4
MICHAEL J. COPSON	2	*JOHN A. CLARK	5
N. RODERICK ELLWAY	3	MICHAEL W. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.
* First peal attempt. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung for Ascension and Commonwealth Days; also as birthday compliments to Raymond R. Brown, Rodney E. Lloyd and Rod Ellway; and a wedding compliment to Roger Bates, married in Sweden.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

TREVOR J. FROLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD PREECE	4
ARTHUR W. THOMAS	2	GARETH H. JONES	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	LEWIS GROOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

GILBERT D. PARK	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	5
ALEX EDGAR	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., May 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

MARGARET EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
*ANTHEA M. GREAVES	2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second: also an engagement compliment to her and James Morley.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A flat.

*ROBERT CLAYFIELD	*Treble*	K. PAUL GILLIVER	4
†IVAN S. MERRY	2	JOHN WATKINS	5
DENNIS ALLSOPP	3	‡MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th of Plain Bob Minor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BARBARA YAPP	*Treble*	FRANK BENTHAM	4
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	5
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Rung to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. Ralph Pilling Thomas.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Bourne; (5) Beverley; (6) York; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	BRIAN L. BURROWS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Fri., May 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods: Ten extents each of Rev. Canterbury and April Day, 11 extents Plain Bob, and nine extents and one (240) Morris' Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*STANLEY DAVIS	*Treble*	DAVID J. BARNETT	4
DAVID A. BURT	2	†‡TERENCE J. MILSOM	5
†ALAN F. LEE	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. BURT.

* First peal away from cover bell. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First as conductor.

Rung for the induction of Rev. Richard Bennett as Rector of Camerton and Priest-in-charge of Dunkerton.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHRUB END,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4½ cwt.

ADRIAN G. SEMKEN	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	4
NEIL V. AVIS	2	DENNIS WHENT	5
JOY MUNSON	3	PHILIP G. ERITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. ERITH.

First peal as conductor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Single Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

G. ANGUS DIXON	*Treble*	WALTER S. SMITH	4
PETER BURTON	2	TREVOR SMITH	5
CHARLES V. CADE	3	PAUL CODDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

Rung for Whitsuntide and in association with the County Youth March and Rally, Dunholme being a centre of activity and the Vicar of Dunholme (Rev. H. Waite) being the Diocesan Youth Chaplain.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY	1—2	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5—6
ANTHONY R. MANN	3—4	†SARA K. D. WOOLLEY	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* 750th peal. † First peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins Campanological Society.)
On Fri., May 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

E. M. Atkins'. Tenor size 18 in G.

DAN S. PONT	1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE	5—6
DAVID F. MOORE	3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal of Major by the Society.

A birthday compliment to Dan Pont and Malcolm D. Barsby.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., May 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT M.7, WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newnham)	1—2	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5—6
		V. NUTTON (Selwyn)	7—8
A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	3—4	S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	9—10

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

First peal of Royal 'in hand' by the band. First of Royal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours exactly,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Netherseale, York, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor on handbells. 100th as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8
		REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	9—10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 12, RANDALL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ANTONY W. CLEAVER	1—2	DON C. EXELL	5—6
*ANTONY R. KENCH	3—4	*PETER BRIDLE	7—8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal 'in hand.' First 'in hand' as conductor.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Carter (first quarter, 2 days before 14th birthday) 1, R. Willoughby 2, D. Maultby (cond.) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith 5, C. Wilkins 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Dacre (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, G. Noakes 4, E. Hedger 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bone, on their recent 50th wedding anniversary.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, Mrs. J. Mead 2, Rev. O. Willmontt 3, J. Mead 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Salisbury.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brain 1, J. Riley 2, W. P. Blake 3, B. Goodliffe 4, T. G. Phillips 5, L. Derrick 6, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7, J. Lott 8. First of Triples 'inside' 2 and 4.

BAUGHURST, HANTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colleen Prictoe (first quarter) 1, A. Littlejohns 2, L. West 3, Sheila Taylor (first 'inside') 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, Elaine Webb (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. Rung for Parish Communion, and the 10th anniversary of the coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

BUCKINGHAM.—On May 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. A. Yates (cond.) 1, Margaret Wilson 2, R. A. Vickers (first in method) 3, I. W. Hall 4, C. E. Truman 5, F. Vickers 6, J. Linnell 7, G. W. Holland 8.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS. On Ascension Day, at Ascension Church, 1,320 Ascension Doubles: Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 3, F. Gosling 4, P. Watts (16) 5, Miss M. Gosling 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal in this variation. Rung by the Sunday service band for the Patronal Festival.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On April 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Lucas 1, D. Murfet 2, A. Barber (cond.) 3, C. Johnson 4, G. Thoday 5, H. Brown 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On May 19th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Hunt (first quarter) 1, T. Lewis 2, R. A. Long 3, P. J. Long 4, H. Oram (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong. First quarter on the bells by a entirely local band for 11 years.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 5th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. J. Razzell 3, N. G. Steere 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, K. Taber 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, Litchurch, on April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Walklate 1, W. Allsopp 2, K. Betesta (cond.) 3, B. Wayne 4, A. Bridges 5. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Earp 1, W. Allsopp 2, G. Bridges 3, K. Betesta 4, B. Wayne 5, D. Walklate 6, A. Bridges 7, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 8. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): K. Betesta 1, W. Allsopp 2, B. Wayne (first as cond.) 3, D. Walklate 4, A. Bridges 5. For Parish Communion. Also on May 23rd, 1,296 Plain Bob Major (tenor cover): A. H. Bridges 1, W. Allsopp 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, K. A. Betesta 4, B. Wayne 5, D. G. Astridge 6, D. Walklate (cond.) 7, S. Walklate 8, C. Earp 9. For Evensong.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Swift 1, Christine Fuller (first of Minor) 2, A. Jackson 3, I. Smith (50th quarter) 4, T. Barlow 5, A. Baldock (cond., 50th quarter) 6. Rung for the Confirmation of five ringers from Willingdon on May 26th.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, J. E. Warner 5, J. M. Hollyman 6. For Evensong.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORD.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. S. W. Morton 1, P. D. Sell 2, D. M. Morton 3, A. T. Wingate (cond.) 4, G. T. Cousins 5, Audrey M. Gladwell 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on April 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Whelan (first on ten) 1, J. E. Reed (first 'inside' on ten) 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. A. Hales 6, J. L. Bell 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong. Also to congratulate John Hales, son of the ringer of the 6th, on attaining his Ph.D. degree at Texas University.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Comer 1, C. Gibbs 2, Miss E. Overend 3, D. Massey 4, D. G. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. T. Green (tower captain) and Mrs. Green.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and St. Ethelbert, on May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. T. Cousins 1, Audrey M. Gladwell 2, M. V. Powell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, A. F. Lewry 5, C. Smith 6, H. Parkes (cond.) 7, M. Munn 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3. For Ascension Festival.

HILL FARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: H. Young 1, Mrs. C. F. Miles 2, D. Bellamy 3, J. Upton 4, W. Ware (cond.) 5, P. Cork 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Lovell, of Hill Farrance.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 12th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: June Creak 1, P. N. Felton 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. F. Low 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, C. T. Richards 8, C. F. Low 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On May 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss S. Rawling (first quarter) 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, S. D. Edwards (first in the method) 3, B. R. White 4, W. F. Judge 5, N. J. Alnatt 6, F. A. White 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8.

LAPWORTH, WARWICKS.—On May 12th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, Jennifer M. Cook 2, P. J. Rothera 3, M. C. Hughes 4, I. C. Maycock 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band and on the augmented ring of bells.

LINCOLN.—On April 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: G. R. Parker 1, J. L. Millhouse 2, H. Lownor 3, Clare Dillamore 4, S. Chambers 5, G. Paul 6, W. Tomlinson 7, R. F. Smith 8, G. H. Randles 9, J. Walden 10, G. R. Porker 11, J. Edwards 12. For the Queen's birthday.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): N. Markovits 1, A. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. Jones 3, E. M. Jones 4, J. E. Jones 5, D. Spilsted 6, W. Young 7, D. G. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Ernest O. G. Archer, organist at this church, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

LONDON, S.E.—At Southwark Cathedral, On May 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bangham 1, Margaret E. Port 2, Alison M. Mann 3, A. R. Milidge 4, M. J. Uphill 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, A. E. Clayton 8. Rung on the back eight to celebrate the institution and installation of Rev. C. F. Weaver (formerly of Blackfriars) as an Honorary Canon, and Rev. J. D. Pearce-Higgins (formerly of Putney) as a Canon Residentiary and Vice-Provost; also to celebrate the birth of Allison, granddaughter of Mr. A. C. Winn, Ringing Master and steward of the Cathedral.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. S. Cobb 1, L. S. Woods 2, Miss J. Cook 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. H. Worboys 5, D. Cobb 6, D. Ellison 7, D. Hewitt 8, T. Earle 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Cinques: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morlidge 2, H. Lomas 3, G. Owen 4, J. Smith 5, M. M. Mottershead 6, G. Earles 7, D. Wright 8, H. C. Lenyon (cond.) 9, J. Taylor 10, F. Yates 11, C. Morlidge 12. First in method by all the band. Rung by the service band for the new Mayor; also to mark the birthday of one of the senior ringers, Mr. V. J. Norbury, who obligingly stood down.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On May 22nd, at All Saints', Church, Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, E. Gosling 2, A. L. Pearson 3, Miss K. North 4, Miss P. Gibson 5, Miss D. Hague 6, J. Blackwood (cond) 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Winifred Cooke, a lifelong church worker, whose funeral took place this day.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Collins (first quarter) 1, C. W. Partridge 2, B. Whitworth 3, B. A. Vickers (first quarter) 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6.

MODBURY, DEVON.—On May 30th, at the Church of St. George, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, H. F. Myers 3, D. R. Bould 4, R. A. Southwood 5, T. G. Myers 6. Conducting shared equally by R. A. Southwood and T. G. Myers. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. R. Bould.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Brake (first of T.B.) 1, D. G. Yeo 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. J. Horseman 4, L. Derrick 5, Brain (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Bateson (first quarter) 1, Elisabeth Tutty 2, A. E. Chilton 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, C. F. Briggs 5, D. Simpson 6, J. W. Raithby 7, B. Plummer 8. For Mayor's Day (Councillor D. P. Blatherwick).

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,560 Doubles (five methods): W. J. Clayton 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, C. A. Lewis 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. Preece 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. C. Hughes 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, R. G. Morris 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, Susan Funnel 5, I. C. Maycock 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, J. K. Foot 8. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,250 Havant Surprise Major: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, P. J. Rothera 3, Jennifer M. Cook 4, P. S. Bennett 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Cedric J. A. Goy and Hilary M. Burrill, of Hampton-in-Arden, upon their engagement.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, for 9.45 a.m. celebration, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, T. G. Myers 2, H. F. Myers 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, R. G. Bell 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Also for 6.30 Evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, R. D. Bell 2, E. G. Bennett 3, Mrs. D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 26th, at the Parish Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. H. Coatsworth 1, Margaret E. Fort (first in method) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, M. J. Uphill (first in method) 4, A. R. Millidge (first in method) 5, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 4 and 5 have now rung 50 quarters together.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. Lindsey 1, J. Bruce 2, Elizabeth A. Wardill 3, Mrs. P. Burns 4, G. A. Holroyd 5, D. Nicholls 6, N. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8, N. Donovan 9, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Philip Walker.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Stockwell 1, A. Bridges 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, Miss M. Taylor (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, J. Baxter 7, W. Bridges 8. Six and eight were cover bells. First quarter for P. Stockwell and first 'inside' for A. Bridges.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Lucas 1, J. B. Powlesland 2, Margaret R. Page 3, Yvonne L. Eloie 4, L. A. Page 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, E. C. Read 7, H. O. Skelton 8. For Evensong.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On May 27th, 1,277 Stedman Caters: S. C. Walters 1, B. C. Webster 2, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 3, H. J. F. Muncey 4, J. M. H. Hunter (comp.) 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, C. H. Rogers 7, H. Foster 8, P. J. Bergdahl 9, C. R. F. Muncey 10.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bown 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, A. W. Dyer 4, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 5, T. Bryant 6. Rung for Whit Sunday, before Evensong.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. White 1, F. Hodson 2, G. Hodson 3, J. Causer 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Payne 6. For Evensong.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Emmett 1, G. Hollis 2, J. Upton 3, G. Court 4, W. Ware (cond.) 5, P. Cork 6. For Whitsuntide, and as a farewell to Miss S. Levene, on her departure to Australia.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss S. M. White 1, C. W. Simpson 2, Miss L. E. Simpson 3, B. C. Burrough 4, L. J. North 5, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Coales 1, Ann Skinner (first 'inside') 2, Vanessa Rodrigues (first as cond.) 3, Susan Rawlings 4, K. Newman 5, N. Castle 6. For Evensong.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Chapman 1, Jean Endall 2, Mrs. J. Belcher 3, B. D. Shilton 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5, F. Pawley (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On April 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Bonus 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Crisp 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, G. Thoday 6. For Sung Eucharist.

YATTENDON, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, G. K. Dodd 2, F. Tonge 3, C. Smith 4, R. Crook 5, T. Goddard 6. A birthday compliment to F. Tonge, ringer of 3 and popular captain of Longparish, Hants.

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MEETINGS

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DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2616

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells from 6-7.30 p.m. or later if required. Names for tea by June 14th to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel.: Stow 350. 2642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Welford-on-Avon, June 15th. Bells (6) 3-4.15 and 6-7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting following tea. Clifford Chambers (6) 7.30-8.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 2639

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—June 15th, Tewin (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Burnham Green) 5.15 p.m. S.M.—Killamarsh T.B. Welwyn (8) 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—M. A. Coburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice on June 15th. Ringing at Stanwell 3-4 p.m. Staines St. Mary's 3.30-5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Staines St. Peter's 6-8.30 p.m. Tower correspondents to collect reports at this meeting.—F. T. B. 2660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 15th, at Mapledurham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to the Rev. E. Wood, The Vicarage, Mapledurham, Reading. 2630

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6) (not Wivelsfield), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's. Names for tea to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2613

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bewdley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting at Town Hall 5.45 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Se., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2594

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chard (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notice for tea essential to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2661

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea (8), Saturday, June 22nd 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 2629

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, Stanbridge (5). 3-4.45 p.m. Tea at Tilsworth at 5. Short service 6. Ringing Tilsworth (6) until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than 20th to Mr. Derek Bunker, 'Derphine,' Tilsworth, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 2669

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 2655

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Burton, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring your own tea (no cafes).—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2675

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Selston on June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Double Court and Norwich Surprise. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, please, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham.—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2656

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting and service.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2652

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Fairford, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Notify W. A. Godwin, 12 Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester, by June 20th. Further ringing after service. —R. Wenban, Sec. 2670

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service and tea at Marshfield, ringing at Colerne after tea. Names for tea to J. Edwards, Woodham, Market Place, Marshfield, near Chippenham. 2676

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stroud, June 22nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by June 18th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2677

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival this year will be held on June 22nd. Service at Godalming 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells: Shere, 10.30-11.30 a.m.: Albury, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Ewhurst, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Shalford, 1.45-3: Bramley, 2.30-3.30; Wonersh, 3-4; Godalming, 3.30-4.30; Hascombe, 6.30-7.30; Dunsfold, 6.30-7.30; Witley, 7-8; Chiddingfold 7.30-8.30; Haslemere, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Shackstead Lane, Godalming.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 2658

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, June 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 2605

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. No business. All welcome. —Thornley, Sec. 2643

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 152nd ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome, bar one.—F. S. Mortlock. 2640

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Drighlington, June 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by previous Friday Mr. Maurice Brown, 3, Driftholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington. 2665

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 2674

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Dorney, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew.—Miss Hague. 2673

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2644

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at Culworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 2646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lowick, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Sudborough. Ringing Sudborough bells (5) 6.15 to 7 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous tod Peter M. Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering. 2650

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, June 22nd, Compton Chamberlayne. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Striking competition after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Tuesday, 18th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2626

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 18th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset. 2664

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in W.I. Hall (Lombard Street), 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Yoxall (6), 10.15-11 a.m. King's Bromley (6), 11.15 a.m.-12 noon; Longdon (5), 12.15-1 p.m. also 7.30-8.30; Lichfield St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 and 8-9: Lichfield St. Michael's (6), 3.15-4 and 6.15-7.30: Cathedral (10), 3.45 (not before)-4.25 and 6.45-8; St. Chad's (4) 7.30-8.30 p.m. Numbers requiring tea, please, before June 19th to C. M. Smith, 'Roiselle,' Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel.: Lichfield 2124. 2610

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Westham and Pevensey, June 22nd. Ringing: Westham (6), 3 till 4.30; Pevensey (6), 6 till 8 p.m. Service (Westham) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to D. R. Fuller, 'Droslyn,' High Street, Westham, Pevensey.—I. Smith, Sec. 2622

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, June 22nd, Highclere. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Further ringing after tea.—G. Dodd. 2666

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Hemingbrough, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, Yorkshire, by Thursday, June 20th. This will be followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Annual reports available.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Sunday, June 23rd. Bells available 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast. Names for breakfast, please, by Thursday, June 20th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 2624

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Midsomer Norton on Sunday, June 23rd, 8 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. T. Saward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Sec. 2668

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—Rededication of the bells (8). Sunday, June 23rd, at 11 a.m. Preacher: Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. All ringers welcome.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Evening practice at Thames Ditton on Monday, June 24th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. —Rupert Caporn. 2667

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please. —A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2601

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at Cradley on June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2596

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoodleigh, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Hollis, 'Roseneath,' Avenue, Tiverton. 2648

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss M. A. Moore, 'Chippings,' Icklingham Road, Cobham, Surrey, by June 26th. Stoke D'Abernon bells also available. 2659

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Barnet bells available in evening. All cordially welcome.—K. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting at Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, near Station, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2654

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estab. 1623).—The 340th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch 4s. 6d. and tea 1s. 6d. arranged only for those notifying me by Thursday, 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 2649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting, Abbotsbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset, by Wednesday, June 26th, please.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2671

VETERANS' REUNION.—London, June 29th. Service 5 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. All welcome. Names, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 2633

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton on Saturday, June 29th. Bells: Bitterne Park (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Mary's (10), 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (10), 1.30-2.40 and after tea. General meeting 2.45 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 22nd. Other towers available in the evening will be announced at meeting.—R. Roger Savory, Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 2647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.— Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 28th, at 3 p.m. at the Birmingham police training and recreational centre, Tally Ho., Edgbaston (by kind permission of the Chief Constable). Dinner, followed by entertainment, at 6.30 p.m., also at Tally Ho. Ringing at St. Martin's (12), Cathedral (12), St. Chad's R.C. (12), Edgbaston (8) during the day. Tickets, £1 each, from Secretary, A. Pearce, 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. Postal orders preferred, payable to A. Pearce. 2635

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th, at 6.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. T. Clarke (Archdeacon of Macclesfield). Preacher: The Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C. Tickets, £1 1s., obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Details of ringing arrangements later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2657

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OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT E. COLES

A former Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch from its formation until the last annual meeting, Mr. Robert E. Coles, of 41, Lavanock Road, Penarth, died in hospital on June 1st. For many years he lived at Cowbridge and was associated with the local company. Mr. Coles was one of the best known ringers in South Wales, and his enthusiasm did much to stimulate the art in that area. He had rung over 100 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

MR. STANLEY HONOUR

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Stanley Honour, aged 73 years, a retired architect, who worked for the railways. Although a newcomer to Rainham, Kent, he soon made many friends in the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, and joined St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, company of bellringers, about two years ago. His cheerful personality will be greatly missed by the Rainham ringers. As a tribute of respect the bells of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were rung half-muffled on May 5th. In his younger days, Mr. Honour had rung several peals.

F. J. C.

COMPLICATIONS FOLLOW MINIMUS

The conductor of a peal on the easy-going four bells at Bishopthorpe, York, writes to say that whilst ringing Minimus is both an arduous and tricky task it is nothing compared to sending in the peal report.

He first received from a members of the band a letter which stated that this member did not wish to be connected with the peal. This was followed, a few days later, by another letter from the same member (crossing with the conductor's irate reply to the previous letter) stating that he **did** wish to be connected with the peal; the previous letter was due to a misunderstanding.

When the 'pipe of peace' had been 'smoked,' and the matter sorted out, the conductor found himself entering a correspondence concerning the Association for which the peal ought to be rung. It was at this point that the conductor, who is attempting to revise for exams, decided to send in the peal as Non-Association, hoping that he would not offend anybody!

Moral: Think of the implications, before ringing peals of Minimus!

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LATE NOTICE

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Saturday, June 29th, ringing meeting, with special invitation to members of the Banbury District of OXFORD GUILD. Ringing as follows: Burton Dassett, 2-4 p.m.: Avon Dassett, 2—4; Farnborough 4-4.30. Service, Farnborough, 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing: Farnborough, 6-8; Cropredy, 6.30-8 p.m. Your support for the service, please. Teas are limited to 50 at the moment.—Apply: P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 2679

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hayward 1, R. Huddleston (first 'inside') 2, D. Huddleston 3, G. Locke 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Abbott 6. For Confirmation.

LAPWORTH, WARWICKS.—On May 26th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. C. Hughes 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. K. Foot 3, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis, sen. 6.

LONDON.—On May 12th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. A. Hughes 1, Miss M. E. Lewis 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, A. Fulwell 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. Cadamy 6, W. G. Wilson 7, J. Marks 8 W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. Also at St. Clement Danes', on May 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. M. Bibby (first on ten) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger 4, J. Fowler 5, F. G. Richardson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins. Also on May 19th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. Martin 1, Miss R. Rich 2, Miss Y. Edwards 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, T. Pett 5, P. Bushell 6, A. G. Osborne 7, A. G. Spreadbury 8, N. J. Davies 9, A. J. Frost (cond.) 10. First on ten for 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Morris 1, G. F. Randle 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, M. C. Hughes 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Lansley 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, R. Fry 3, F. E. Jones (first 'inside') 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Wallen 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Ascension Day.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Chris. Smith 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Viccy Keeling (first of Triples) 3, B. Brant 4, Mary Poyner 5, H. Humphreys 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, J. Newborn (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and to welcome Miss Keeling to the parish.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORD.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Lloyd 1, W. J. Clayton (first 'inside') 2, R. L. Hughes 3, C. A. Lewis 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET. — On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Miss M. Legg 2, B. G. Williams (first in method) 3, R. J. Ballam (first in method) 4, S. G. Smith 5. First of Stedman on the bells.

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MR. FREDERICK SHARPE

I SHOULD be grateful for the privilege and opportunity, through your columns, of adding to the tribute paid by Canon G. Thurlow to our outgoing President, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A.

During the six years he has been President I have been greatly impressed by his extreme fairness, impartiality and courtesy to all wishing to contribute usefully to Central Council debates.

He has graced the office of President with dignity, charm and modesty, and when acting on our behalf towards other bodies and personalities has created in them respect, and indeed admiration towards our organisations and activities.

Nor is he a man of words only but also a man of action, for the amount of work he has done in the cause of church bells and bellringing is really unbelievable. Apart from his work in his own church and diocese and for his own Guild he has, busy man though he is in other respects, devoted a prodigious amount of time to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to assistance with residential courses, to innumerable lectures and handbell demonstrations up and down the country, and to furthering our cause with the Central Council for the Preservation of Ancient Churches and other ecclesiastical bodies.

We could have no finer missionary. His immense knowledge of everything connected with bells and his terrific enthusiasm infects all his listeners. Long may we have the benefit of his wisdom and services in all the fields in which he is so talented. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

GREAT YARMOUTH — THE SOCIAL SIDE

WE are told loudly and often that we, the members of the Central Council, go to the annual Council meeting to enjoy ourselves. Of course we do, and this year was quite certainly no exception. What we do not hear so much about is that members of the Council serve on committees which are responsible all the year round for special aspects of our work. Also that, when they have written their reports and the Council's officers have prepared and presented them suitably, we spend all day on Whitsun Tuesday confined to barracks—though that is an unworthy description of the City Hall of Great Yarmouth. We debate those reports and other matters and act as a clearing house for the problems of the Exercise.

What was different this year was that for the whole weekend the sun shone brilliantly, whether because of the efforts of the Norwich Diocesan Association or as a reward for those efforts doesn't matter, and that for the whole afternoon of Whit Monday we ignored the claims of the local towers, climbed no stairs, pulled no ropes, and talked not about bells and ringing. We enjoyed the complete change provided by a boat cruise on the Broads.

But to get things in order. On Whit Sunday afternoon a coachful of Council members, their wives or husbands, their friends, left Yarmouth for the pleasant countryside of Suffolk, and enjoyed a ring at Beccles (10) and on the eights at Redenhall, Diss and Pulham Market. These bells, and a tea which was almost a dinner, could not fail to please.

After this, Whit Monday might have provided an anti-climax, but not a bit of it. Continued good weather, and this time two coaches had been ordered and we left Yarmouth soon after breakfast. Aylesham (10), Marsham (8) and lunch at Wroxham beside the sparkling waters of the River Bure brought us to the day's highlight. For two-and-a-half hours in a comfortable modern boat, with all mod. con., we cruised along the rivers and round the Broads, dodging sailing boats at the last minute, avoiding luxurious motor cruisers more easily and hoping that the occasional speedboat would avoid us. A pleasant skipper discoursed at intervals on the wild life we saw (the little coots or ducks—I still can't tell the difference—were the reverse of wild), told us of interesting people whose homes we passed, and of the motoring on the ice during the past winter, and outlined the obvious attraction of a Broads holiday. We went round Wroxham, Salhouse and the South Walsham Broads; the stewardess served us all with tea, and we docked at the end of Ranworth Broad within sight of the tower at which we were to ring. Here also we saw the coaches waiting for us, and Nolan Golden, with car, to take certain important people back to Yarmouth in time for that mysterious but impressive-sounding 'Standing Committee' on which they sat!

At Ranworth, as well as ringing on the pleasant six we were treated by an enthusiastic incumbent to a talk on his lovely church, with its famous painted screen and the illuminated missal, recently returned to his church after an absence of several hundred years, and worth perhaps more pounds than there are changes on eight bells.

A ring at Acle, where we were pleased to meet Miss Doris Lidbetter again, and a return to Yarmouth in good time to join the gathering at H.Q. for the evening. Our thanks are due for both trips to all who helped to make such pleasant days; to members of both parties for heeding the soft, cooing voices of Ted Collins and the writer to such an extent that all got a ring and no one was late; to all those, both local ringers and others not with the coaches, who enabled the parties to keep to their tight time schedule; and to the Norwich Association for arranging the tours. Above all to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett, who made such splendid arrangements and looked after us so well, on both days, we can only say, in sincere gratitude, the words we were to hear from the new President on the platform the next day: 'Thank you very much indeed.'

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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STRONGER FINANCIAL POSITION

PROFITS FROM PUBLICATIONS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'—CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST INTEREST FOR SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

THE ACCOUNTS

CENTRAL COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET
ON DECEMBER 31st, 1962

Sundry creditors £595 (£589); amounts received in advance £1.539 (£1,425); Clement Glenn Fund £876 (£853). Capital Accounts £8,576 (£7.775); making a total of £11.587 8s. (£10.706).

Library £10 (£10); office and library equipment £14 (£21); stock of publications £852 (£470); investments at cost £6.563 (£6,563); cash at bank and in hand £3.118 (£2,659); total £11.587 8s.

The General Fund showed creditors £514 ('The Ringing World' £508); balance brought forward £643; excess of income for year of £54 8s. 7d.

The Publications Account showed that the stock at January 1st, 1962, was £470 3s. 6d. Purchases were: 5,000 Beginners' Handbooks £169; 2,000 Minor Methods £336; 1,000 Preservation of Bells £54; 203 Treatise on False Course Heads; making a total of £570 (£209).

Sales were £296 (£242); sundry receipts 16s. 8d.; stock at December 31st, 1962, £851. The Publications Account made a profit on the year of £58 12s. 7d.

The Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £54 (£49).

Commenting on the accounts, Mr. Barnett said the General Fund's Income and Expenditure Account would have shown a loss of £4 on the year's working but for the large profit on publications. Expenses had been very much as usual; one extra item on the income side was 'bad debt.' £1 had been received from Australia for a gramophone record.

Regarding the Clement Glenn Fund he said that £763 had been invested. This was redeemable at par (£960), plus interest.

They had had a very good year regarding the Publications Account, the whole idea being to sell as cheaply as possible. He would like to say how great a debt they owed to Mr. and Mrs. Speed, for all their work in connection with the library. It paid to have large quantities printed. They had obtained another 5.000 Beginners' Handbooks, which had reached the astonishing figure of 15,000. They had 2.000 copies of Minor Methods, which worked out at 3s. 4½d. per copy. If it was only 1.000 the cost would have been 5s. 8½d. Trade discounts, £9, arose from people who ordered books through booksellers and not from the Council's library.

Turning to the Council's balance sheet, Mr. Barnett said £3,118 cash in hand included £1,539 money received for subscriptions in advance to 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Barnett moved and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded the adoption of the accounts.—Agreed.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that the Standing Committee at its meeting the previous evening made a number of recommendations. In accordance with the instructions of the Cardiff meeting the committee considered the use of the interest on the Glenn Bequest and recommended that the interest from the fund should be allocated for the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee. The committee also suggested that members might consider, when he retired, the outstanding services to the nation of Sir Winston Churchill.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The report, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood (convener), stated: 'Your committee is able to report that despite continued rising costs, a satisfactory balance resulted on the year's working. Analysis of this balance discloses that it is mainly due to donations and interest on investments. The net profit, in view of the size of the turnover, is small. We have not yet felt the full impact of the last increase in printing costs, which came into force in the last quarter of the year, and it is probable that the balance for the present year's trading, even if donations continue at their present level, will be considerably smaller.

'Your committee took note of sentiments expressed last year by the Council, and being in full agreement with them decided to increase the Editor's salary as from July 1st. We deeply appreciate Mr. White's conscientious work and shall not easily forget his action in the very difficult years when he voluntarily relinquished a portion of his salary to help us in our effort to keep solvent. It is our earnest hope that he will be able to continue his useful work for many years.

'During the year a new series of articles on "Up and coming youngsters" was planned, and is now appearing. Your committee is most grateful to the writer of these articles, and all other contributors of literary articles to provide instruction and interest. Those who initialled the correspondence on the improvement of bell stays and oddstruck bells are to be especially congratulated and thanked.

'Your committee also wishes to thank all those who have made donations, especially those Associations which have contributed voluntary peal levies; to Mr. Jeater, for his work on the accounts; to Mr. H. L. Roper, for his expert compilation of the index; to the Woodbridge Press for producing the journal always on time; to all regular readers and to everyone who has helped in any way to make "The Ringing World" lively and interesting.'

Mr. Smallwood moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. R. A. Anderson seconded. The report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD'
BALANCE SHEET

Sundry creditors £588 (£587); amounts received in advance for postal subscriptions and notices £1.536 (£1,424); Capital Account carry forward £7,131; profit for year £743; making £7.878; total £10.003 (£9.207).

On the other side were debtors £1.028 (£986); investments at cost £5,800 (£5.800); cash at bank £2.666 7s. 4d. (£1,997); amount due from the Central Council £508 (£423); total £10.003.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
Expenditure

To Woodbridge Press.—Printing £5.040 (£4.830); blocks £157 (£171); total £5.196 11s.

Editorial Office Expenses.—Editor's fees and expenses £689 (£539); clerical assistance £199 (£192); postage and sundries £27 (£22); total £914 12s.

Postal Subscribers.—Dispatch of copies £1,237 (£1,042); addressing and wrappers £340 6s. 9d. (£307); total £1,577.

Accounts Department.—Clerical assistance and expenses £234 (£208); postage £28 (£25); stationery and sundries £40 (£37); total 303.

Miscellaneous expenses £23 (£43);
Audit and accountancy £37 (£37);
Income Tax £105 (£89);
Profit for year £747 3s. 3d. (£1.261);
Total £8,903 (£8.803).

Income

Rolls Publishing Company £2.772 (£2,826);
Postal Subscriptions £4.204 (£4.052);
Donations £449 (£452);
Advertisements £536 (£579);
Notices and peal reports £639 (£605);
Sundry receipts £39 (£64);
Interest from investments £265 (£225);
Total £8,903 (£8,803).

Commenting on the accounts, Mr. Barnett said regarding the Profit and Loss Account expenditure had risen under most headings. There was an increase of £200 on the cost of dispatch of copies, which was due partly to the increased ½d. on postage, this being the first full year. There had been a further drop of £50 in income from Rolls House, but on the other hand an extra £150 had been received from the sale of postal copies, which was very gratifying. Other receipts were very much the same. The profit of £747 was very satisfactory in the circumstances, but £450 came from donations and £265 from investments. On the balance sheet the £508 due from the Central Council to 'The Ringing World' was more or less an internal transaction. He moved the adoption of the accounts. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the accounts were adopted.

Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, R. S. Anderson and W. G. Wilson were re-elected to the committee on the proposition of Mr. F W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The committee has little to report; routine work continues, but it asks for the ratification of the following unanimous decisions published in 'The Ringing World' of March 8th, 1963:—

(1) The methods rung as Durham Surprise Major. Royal and Maximus are not acceptable extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.

(2) The Royal and Maximus are acceptable extensions of the Major.

(3) One new name should be given to the Major, Royal and Maximus by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

C. KENNETH LEWIS (Convener),
Woodstock, 52, Wellington Road,
Altrincham, Cheshire.

Mr. C. K. Lewis moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. T. Blagrove seconded.

Mr. P. J. Staniforth said they had renamed the extensions 'New Durham'; were they acceptable?

Mr. Lewis: I have consulted other members of the committee and we are quite satisfied with New Durham.

Canon Felstead said he had been a member of the committee for 15 years and he would like to retire.

The hon. secretary said he felt the retirement of Canon Felstead should not go unmarked. It was his privilege to be one of the members of the new committee formed in 1948 when the previous committee faded out. They did not have much to go on. Canon Felstead contributed some interesting points.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said as sole survivor of the 1948 committee they would miss Canon Felstead very much. They were very grateful for what he had done, and he thanked him personally on behalf of the committee.

The report was adopted and the committee elected, consisting of Messrs. C. K. Lewis, F. I. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.

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JUBILEE OF WORK FOR TOWERS AND BELFRIES

ADVICE GIVEN FOR 68 CHURCHES.—ARCHITECTS CRITICISED.—EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET TO BE PREPARED ON TECHNICAL MATTERS.—FACULTY PETITION MOTION FROM TRURO GUILD.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

During the year 1962 the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee diminished a little. Advice on bell and tower restoration was given in 68 churches, 13 less than the outstanding peak year 1961, but still far above the average for the past. This diminution is not due in any way to a lack of interest in bell restoration but to the fact that we have now completed the first cycle of inspections occasioned by the passing of the 'Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure.' A tremendous amount of bell restoration is contemplated and will be done in the future. Naturally much has had to be postponed while urgent repairs to the fabric of our churches, revealed by the first cycle of architects' reports, was put in hand.

The 68 churches in which advice was sought in 1962 may be analysed geographically thus: Berkshire 4, Breconshire 1, Buckinghamshire 4, Caernarvonshire 1, Cambridgeshire 2, Cheshire 2, Cornwall 2, Derbyshire 1, Devonshire 7, Dorset 2, Essex 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 1, Hertfordshire 1, Huntingdonshire 1, Kent 1, Nottinghamshire 1, Northamptonshire 6, Oxfordshire 5, Somerset 15, Staffordshire 1, Surrey 1, Sussex 1, Warwickshire 2, Yorkshire 1, Overseas 2.

Of the total of 68 reports, 13 were dealt with by correspondence, including the two from overseas—one in South Africa and the other in Australia. The remainder were visited by members of the committee. In addition, the Convener has again given over 20 lectures to diocesan, architectural and professional organisations.

For the first time for many years no advice was sought on augmentation. In six towers advice was given on recasting. Thirty-one churches sought advice on rehanging or were advised by members of the committee to completely rehang their bells. The number seeking advice on repair and maintenance is higher in proportion this year and has reached a peak figure of 37. Also at an exceptionally high level is the number of churches where extensive damage has been done to masonry or where there are structural defects in towers, and this year these were 11 in number. Advice on sound control and modification was given in 17 churches. It will be noted that the largest number of enquiries came from the West Country, Somerset heading the list. Here Mr. W. Osborne and Mr. H. Sanger have done much excellent work, and we welcome the latter to our committee.

In view of the fact that we expect much restoration work in the future, it would be wise if members would emphasise the necessity of obtaining a faculty, or alternatively, if the work is of a minor character, an Archdeacon's Certificate, before any work is done. Recently advice was sought in a tower where bells and gear had been dismantled and restoration work put in hand without either the chancellor of the diocese, the archdeacon or an architect being consulted, and without a professional bellhanger being employed. Again, when restoration work is necessary to *both* tower and bells, it is important that the two should be done together. In two instances attention has had to be drawn to cases where bells have been put into excellent ringing order and no attempt made to stitch and bond vertical vibration cracks in the masonry of the tower walls.

FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., F.I.O.B (Convener), Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

B. Austin, A.R.I.B.A.; J. W. Clarke; F. E. Collins; J. Freeman; E. H. Lewis; W. A. Osborn; H. J. Sanger; J. G. M. Scott, M.A.; B. D. Threlfall, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.

Mr. Sharpe, in moving the adoption, said the report was compiled from statistics sent in from individual members of the committee.



EDWIN HUGH LEWIS, M.A., who 50 years ago presented his first report on Towers and Belfries.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconding, said owing to infirmity and living in Scotland, he would like to say he had done no work for the committee during the year. He could not travel 400 to 500 miles from Scotland, but if re-elected he would be prepared to answer any question by post.

So far as the Towers and Belfries Committee was concerned he looked upon it as his jubilee. It was at the Newcastle meeting on May 13th, 1913, that he first reported verbally to the Council on the result of investigations undertaken by him into the action between bells, and he wanted to say now that he did not wish to alter a single word he said to the Council then nor to alter a single word to what he contributed to Sir Arthur Heywood's book a year later. Sir Arthur Heywood gave him six copies: they were all borrowed and not returned, and when he wanted to talk to the Council on a matter of fact he had to borrow a copy from the librarian.

As the result of these investigations he had visited a number of towers, and he would like to mention three. The first was Croydon Parish Church. In that case he suggested a circular band of concrete. The second was Boston Stump. It was reported in 'The Ringing World' what he recommended. The third was typical of a number of towers that had been split. A few years ago he was called into Handley, Cheshire, where the east and west walls were split from top to bottom, and in the ringing chamber there was a crack large enough to put one's hand in. What he recommended was a girdle round the tower to bind it together, and the bells to be rehung so instead of swinging north to south would swing east to west. All he could say was that quite a few peals had been rung at Handley.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead congratulated the committee on all the work they had done, but he would like to make a suggestion. Many members of the Council were members of diocesan advisory committees specifically for bells. He noticed that there was a report from a tower in Hampshire. When the matter came before the Diocesan Advisory Committee he knew nothing about the report. He suggested that when requests were received to report on a church the member of the advisory committee should be invited to be present at that inspection.

Mr. F. Sharpe said he appreciated Canon Felstead's suggestion. When one received an invitation to meet the church architect, churchwarden or vicar it was not always easy to fix a convenient date. Last year he spent 44 days on inspections, and it was not always easy to contact a third person. If it was possible they would do it. They did not wish to be discourteous but there were circumstances at times that made it difficult.

Canon Felstead replied that he would not regard it as discourteous if he did not hear as he fully appreciated the difficulties.

Mr. P. A. Corby said last year the Towers and Belfries Committee were asked for information in the matter of professional fees charged by architects in respect of bell work. He wondered if the committee had any answer to the question.

Mr. F. Sharpe replied that nothing further had been investigated. They all knew that in a building contract there were sub-contracts, and an architect was entitled to a percentage charge.

Mr. B. Austin said this affected him in two ways. In a church and bell restoration say, the church costing £3,000 and the bells £400, it seemed a little unfair perhaps that the architect was taking a fee on £3,400. There was a way round it which happened in hospital work. Where a small extension contained expensive equipment, the percentage fee on the building was scaled and there was a considerable reduction on the special work. He suggested that the way round from the R.I.B.A.'s point of view was that a special case be made out.

Mr. T. J. Lock said they did provide in the bills of quantities provision for such scales and that there were sums of money under the heading 'direct payments.' The effect of that was that no profit was shown under that heading, and the order for the provision and delivery of that work was directed by the employer.

Mr. F. Sharpe said they were really in the hands of the architects. If they proceeded by way of bills of quantities the thing to do if they had a bell restoration which was part of a church restoration was to warn the rector and P.C.C. and try and get them to treat the bells separately.

Mr. H. L. Roper suggested that the advice be published in 'The Ringing World' and one or more of the Church newspapers.

Mr. P. A. Corby said lay people would not understand that they would have to pay fees in the matter of bells. The average layman knew nothing about bells; he relied on his professional adviser, or the bellhanger or the Central Council. It did not seem equitable that he should receive a 10 per cent. fee. If he could help Mr. Sharpe in making public the matter he would be delighted to do so.

The President: We are exceedingly grateful to Mr. Sharpe and all those who have shared in this very important work. The report was then adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Corby, seconded by Mr. Ayre, the Committee was re-elected.

Congratulations were then extended to Mr. Edwin Lewis on his jubilee.

TRURO GUILD MOTION

The Council decided at this stage to consider the motion submitted by the Truro Diocesan Guild. Mr. D. Burnett said the original motion on the agenda had since been discussed by the Truro Guild, and he asked permission to substitute the following motion:—

That all chancellors be urged to ensure that in all faculty petitions arising as a result of quinquennial surveys of consecrated buildings expert opinion has been taken in matters of bells, their frames and hanging, such matters being normally outside the usual work of the surveying architect; and when architect and experts are not in agreement note to be taken of such disagreement.

Towers and Belfries—Cont.

In the absence of Mr. A. J. Davidson, the hon. secretary formally seconded the amended motion.

Mr. H. L. Roper: May I ask before we discuss this what effect this motion will have and what will the Council do to circulate it to the various dioceses? It may be idle to discuss it if nothing is done.

The hon. secretary: This matter was touched on at the Standing Committee last night. It was suggested that it should be debated and then referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said he was a new boy on the Towers and Belfries Committee. They had heard from Mr. Lewis that 50 years ago he first put forward the knowledge which had become general among bellhangers and people like themselves. But 50 years was a very short time to educate most ringers and architects. Old ringers would tell them that it was good for the frame to have a little give in it. As regards the architects, it was very hard to educate them and tell them what Mr. Lewis discovered over 50 years ago.

Continuing, Mr. Scott said if the motion was carried it would help them no doubt. As far as he was concerned he would like to have something to send to the architects. He was approached by one architect who said he knew very little about bells and would be glad of some help. Later the architect wrote: 'There being a general mess-up, what could you send to help me?'

Mr. Scott said he could not give him a copy of Sir Arthur Heywood's, and there were not enough technical details in the 'Preservation of Bells.' Would it be possible, he asked, for Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Austin to produce something in cyclostyle, something they could put into the hands of architects?

Mr. Austin confessed that he felt like a black sheep at that meeting. He said it would be very helpful to architects to have this sort of information they could draw upon. It must be factual right up to the last detail. If the Towers and Belfries Committee could compile something of this nature it would answer the question. He was glad the wording of the motion had been altered, and he was for it.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis proposed that the motion be referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee to prepare something.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded.

Canon Felstead said he was sure the final wording would have to be extremely carefully done, especially so when dealing with diocesan chancellors.

'WRONG ADVICE'

Mr. P. A. Corby said they could now see why he did not think the architects should draw fees on bell restorations. His purpose in raising the matter was to draw attention to the methods of these so-called experts. One expert he knew of gave advice which was completely misleading about bells and resulted in a waste of money. It was a case of rehanging in an existing frame which was against the advice of the bellhangers. He gave the opinion that the old frame was good for another 100 years, whereas it was only good for five minutes. It was hardly possible to ring the bells now.

Mr. John Freeman said he did not think they should be too hard on the architects. On two occasions he knew that a sound job had not been done because the local ringers thought they knew better than the bellhanger. In a tower of North Lincolnshire the bells were to be rehung. There was considerable movement of the frame, but the local ringers thought that it was not because the bells were rung too high in the tower but it was all right when the wind blew in a certain direction. They had to co-operate with architects and there was need for a great deal of propaganda among ringers.

Mr. Brian Threlfall said he would like to take up the point made by Mr. Scott of more facts. They had a Central Council publication, 'The Care and Preservation of Bells' which was reprinted a year ago and partly rewritten. It was done somewhat in a hurry. They had 1,700 copies still in stock, having sold 370. Might he suggest that they revise the work thoroughly?

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said of the 300 copies they sold, 200 went to one diocese.

In summing-up a 'most interesting discussion,' Mr. Sharpe said regarding the architects they had sometimes to prove to them that the bells were hanging in the wrong direction. He put this point to one architect by saying: 'If you refuse you will be called in in ten years' time to advise on a crack in the tower wall.' It seemed to him that what was needed was to reprint the Towers and Bell Preservation book which in substance contains all the original pleas. In addition they should publish a book of this type. It should be written in conjunction with the latest preservation book because a lot had happened since 1914.

In regard to educating architects and ringers, in these college courses lectures had been given to the ordinary rank and file in the elementary principles. He also lectured at the Institute of Architectural Studies.

As to chancellors, they could not tell what a chancellor was going to do. All the diocesan advisory committees were linked with the Central Council for the Care of Churches. They had a conference with them two or three years ago, and the result was they reached agreement, and that agreement had been printed in the Preservation Booklet. He suggested that more use be made of that booklet.

So far as the quinquennial survey was concerned, the law of England was that all churches be surveyed once in every five years, and also its contents. The architect could call in a special adviser, and in such cases the fees were not paid to the architect but the special adviser. They did sometimes get a chance of going along and advising the architect. It was not a case of nothing being done. A lot had been done. In their library there was that wonderful treatise written by Mr. Lewis 50 years ago, which formed the basis of what they had published. He appealed to members of the Council to make use of the library.

The Council decided that the motion as amended be referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE'S RESEARCH

Although two new members joined the Council in 1962, the last year of the present Council, the total of those who through the years have been members remains as before at slightly under 800. This is due to the discovery of a few persons who in the early years of the Council were present as visitors at meetings and became included in the attendance as official representatives of Societies which did not elect them. We have for some time known of one important gentleman who was present at the 1891 meeting, included in the attendance as representing a Society which, however, did not elect members to the first Council. Those *known* to be passed to their rest now total 409, leaving 379 who in the present state of our knowledge must be presumed living. It is probable that this figure of 409 should be greater.

The attention of present members of the Council is directed to a list which appeared recently in 'The Ringing World,' containing the names of 13 former members who share three characteristics: (1) They were in most cases elected for short periods; (2) They did not attend any meeting of the Council; (3) The Biographies Committee has no knowledge of them, beyond the fact of their election. Not even their addresses were known. It is possible that some of these persons are known to present members, and any information regarding them, however slight, would be welcomed.

The following deaths of members and past members have been reported since those up to the end of January, 1961, included in our report to the 1962 meeting at Cardiff: Ernest Morris, Leicester Diocesan Guild, 1960–62 (attended two meetings); H. E. C. Goodenough, Hertford County Association, 1936–47 (two meetings); Miss M. E. Snowdon, Life Member, 1952–62 (no meeting); Ernest Stitch, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 1939–50 (six meetings); Daniel Smith, Barnsley and District Association, 1948–50 (no meeting).

At the time of preparing the text of this report the number of deaths of past or present members noted since our meeting at Cardiff is small when compared with the long lists of recent years, yet it contains one of significant importance. The death of Miss M. Snowdon ends a 90 years' link with the Snowdon family. Her brothers Jasper and William rang their first peal on December 7th, 1872, and early volumes of 'Church Bells' were seldom without a contribution from one or other of them. The name will continue but without a living representative.

We are again indebted to very many for help cheerfully given in what are often quite complicated enquiries. To mention one, Mr. T. J. Lock has kindly undertaken the task of a search of back volumes of Crockford's Clerical Directory for information regarding eight clergymen about whom we know very little.

Another massive operation began about the time of the death of Miss M. Snowdon with some letters written just before his death by Mr. S. Flint, who knew and rang with the late Mr. W. Bentham. An enquiry of Mr. J. Ridyard resulted in a whole train of letters leading to the loan of photographs of Miss Snowdon, also of group photographs containing the late W. Bentham. We are very grateful to all at Wigan and elsewhere who assisted.

With the ready co-operation of Miss Hill and with others of Bishop's Stortford we were put in touch with a son of the late Mr. H. Dew, whose death was reported in 1958 and who was present at three of our meetings about 60 years ago. Later in life a busy professional man, he could spare little time for ringing, but throughout all his life he did ring and assisted with teaching. We hope this contact will result in the loan of a photograph.

A. C. HAZELDEN (Convener), 109, Grange Road, Guildford, Surrey.
L. STILWELL, W. H. VIGGERS,
J. WILLIS.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. A. C. Hazelden said since the letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' they had received three replies, of whom two were well. He regretted the retirement of Mr. Len Stilwell but welcomed Mr. Tom Lock to the committee.

Mr. W. H. Viggers, in seconding, said 44 biographies were in the process of being written. All new members of the Council had been supplied with a questionnaire, which he asked should be returned with a photograph to Mr. Hazelden.

The report was adopted and also the election of Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, J. Willis and T. Lock to the committee.

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LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

ENCOURAGING SURVEY OF WIDE INTEREST IN BELLS AND RINGING.—BELLRINGERS RECEIVE PUBLIC SYMPATHY FROM BISHOP'S ATTACK.—PUBLICATIONS LISTED.

We desire to open this report with an expression of deep regret at the loss during the year of Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., our beloved historian and antiquarian. Mr. Morris was probably the most important link between our art and the general public, and his authority, integrity and industry made his name known and respected not only in this land but in America and the far countries of the world. The Literature Committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation of Mr. Morris' help and unflagging enthusiasm for the cause of bellringing.

'The Star Rotherham Magazine,' in a short article on the bellringers of All Saints' Church, remarks: 'Time probably touches the bells and their message less than most things,' and this comment perhaps helps to explain the continued popularity of essays on bells and ringing. The past year seems to have indicated an increasing number of visits to belfries by reporters, particularly round about the end of the year, and the resulting articles have been almost invariably restrained and informative. Much emphasis has naturally fallen on the work of young ringers, and lay writers have clearly been impressed by this feature.

'Murder in the Belfry,' in 'The Sunday Post,' was lighthearted, good-natured and somewhat vulgar, and in 'The New Strand' David Boyce discoursed cheerfully under the heading 'Bells Are So Bellicose'; but alongside these trivialities we have a good survey of bells in Northamptonshire in 'The Northampton Advertiser,' a well-written interview with Mr. Arthur Hoare in 'The South Wales Evening Post,' the South Wigston youngsters in 'The Leicester Evening Mail' and (a very pleasant and thoughtful essay) Marjorie Craddock writing in 'The Hereford Times' on a visit to the Cathedral tower.

From Ireland we have a number of feature articles, among them the ringing for the New Year in 'The Evening Herald,' accompanied by photographs of ringers at various Dublin churches, the Ballymena lady ringers in 'The Weekly Telegraph,' and Christmas ringing, showing John Irwin and the Lurgan band in 'Belfast Telegraph.' 'Cork Examiner' gave prominence to a reporter's visit to the belfry of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral and his talk with Fred Bogan.

HIGH STANDARD

The articles on ringers and ringing this year are of high standard, and among those we have received we may cite the following as examples. 'The Exeter Express and Echo' gave a survey of the restoration of St. Petrock's bells and the plans for the forming of a ringing society; the articles by J. Cassidy in 'The Ashton Reporter' discoursed on the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, with reference to the redoubtable Sam Wood; and the summer issue of 'Hertfordshire Countryside' printed an essay by E. A. Humphrey Fern on the county's bells and founders. By a curious error the writer gives St. Albans Abbey eight bells only.

Probably the two outstanding articles are the excellently-constructed account of the bells of St Paul's Cathedral by C. G. J. Watts in 'The Record of Friends of St. Paul's,' and 'The Bells of All Saints', Wraxall,' by B. J. Greenhill, in 'The Clevedon Mercury.' Both these show evidence of much patient research, and their authoritative touches will be clear to the ringer and helpful to the public.

'Edmonton County Grammar School Magazine' has provided some telling evidence of ringing activity in the School. Michael V. White, the geography master, writes broadly on bell history and the work of ringers, and tells of the formation of the School's Guild. And in the December issue Jacqueline Hughes, aged 13, describes a visit to the bell foundry of Mears and Stainbank. Not only is her observation good but her little essay has a refreshing frankness. Of one stage of the visit she tells us: 'This workshop smelt strongly of machine oil and grease and made me feel quite sick.' There is, however, evidence that the trip was much enjoyed.

In 'The Sign' for December, Ida Hancock provides a delightful account of her boys and the start of their ringing career. She writes as one who watches with interest, and her little story contains references to Dove's immortal Directory, Ringers' Diary, and 'The Ringing World.' This kind of article provides our art with the very best publicity and must be highly commended. Readers of 'The Guide,' and particularly those concerned with Guide badges, will welcome the friendly and dignified essay on Church Bell Ringing by E. A. Barnett in the issue of November 22nd. The secretary of the Central Council here offers an attractive approach to thought on the subject and some gentle advice for those likely to be interested.

BISHOP OF DUNWICH

In June the bells at Eye were dedicated, and the pleasure of the occasion was marred by some unguarded and ill-chosen remarks by the Bishop of Dunwich on the conduct of bellringers on Sunday mornings. His words, taken from their context and prominently displayed by portions of the less reputable Press, received wide publicity. Sober opinion expressed by more restrained papers was clearly on the side of the bellringers, and 'The East Anglian Daily Times' in a special leader deplored what it considered to be a slur on an important body of Church workers.

To set against this incident it is pleasing to note the high view of the work of ringers as it has come before the public from many sources. In 'The Gravesend Reporter' the Rev. Kenneth Stuart, clearly inspired by the Eye dedication, emphasised that ringing is an act of worship and commended the work of ringers. The Bishop of Chester, Dr. Ellison, preaching at the special celebration service of the Chester Diocesan Guild on November 17th, presented an impressive picture of bellringing as one of the major pieces of craftsmanship reflecting the glory and majesty of God. And as a natural corollary we quote 'The Methodist Recorder.' In a short article entitled 'On Hearing Church Bells Ring,' the writer remarks that there is a ministry in the ringing of bells, and deprecates the use of bell-simulating apparatus in these important words: 'Occasionally we hear of an enterprising vicar who broadcasts a record of chimes through a loudspeaker in his belfry, which synthetic substitute has no life in it and no message either.'

We have left for final reference three articles that we believe to be the most important and valuable that have appeared during the year. In 'Research Review,' Mr. John R. Mayne has written for general readers one of the clearest expositions of ringing and its value as a hobby that we have seen for some time. Mr. Geoffrey Dodd's article, 'Bells for the New Churches,' in 'Church Building Today' should have received mention in our last report but did not come to our notice in time. The essay, meticulously planned, provides an important and authoritative view on the problem of providing towers and rings of bells for new churches, and it is to be hoped that it will receive serious consideration by diocesan bodies. The third work is the comprehensive and scholarly address given by Frederick Sharpe to the Friends of St. David's. The monograph is printed in full in the Report of the Society, 1962, and without doubt has provided ringing with striking and highly-desirable publicity.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

We regret to notice the cessation of the publication of 'The Ringers' Magazine,' a popular journal whose pages covered a wide variety of interesting subjects for all ringers. We are pleased to note that its contemporaries continue to flourish: 'The Belfry,' as usual, contains matter relating mainly to the Kent Association. 'The Irish Bell News' this year reached a record for circulation. 'The Ringing Towers' has been completely reorganised. It is a much-improved paper, and contains articles of direct value to all Australian and New Zealand ringers and much matter of great interest to practitioners generally.

'Overtones,' the fascinating quarterly of the American Guild of Handbell Ringers, continues to record the extraordinary spread of tune ringing, and in this connection we have seen the recent publication of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing,' by Mrs. Nancy P. Tufts, an excellent instruction manual and guide for all interested in this branch of our hobby. The book has an attractive preface written by Frederick Sharpe.

'The Ringers' Note Book and Diary' has now become an established annual, and its popularity among young ringers is noticeable and encouraging.

We conclude by welcoming the third edition of 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' Mr. Dove's great work has now become a classic and, as a leader in 'The Ringing World' remarks, 'it has become an essential companion to all ringers who travel.' And, we now discover, it is at the Editor's elbow on the editorial desk at Guildford!

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),
46, Manor Gardens, Warminster, Wilts.
FRED E. DUKES.

Proposing the adoption, Mr. F. E. Dukes said they would like to thank all who had contributed or sent articles to the Committee.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded and the report was adopted.

The Committee, consisting of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd and Mr. F. E. Dukes, was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Dunwoody.

BOOKLET ON SURPRISE MAJOR NAMED METHODS

Mr. T. J. Lock said the Standing Committee had asked him to raise under 'Any other business' a matter that occurred at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association of printing a booklet containing all the Surprise Major methods that had been rung. The Association was naturally concerned with expense, and Mr. White intimated that he would print such information in 'The Ringing World.' The type could be used for the booklet, which would serve a useful purpose for the Exercise. Two members —Mr. Blagrove and Mr. Mayne—had between them a complete list. It was suggested that it should be considered by the Methods Committee and referred to the Standing Committee with power to act. The Middlesex Association would be willing to take it over in consultation with the Methods Committee.

Mr. F. E. Dukes: The Methods Committee given the task of producing?

Mr. Gordon Halls asked for information to be given of course-end leads.

Mr. R. A. Anderson thought that such a book would have a very limited appeal. One rarely saw a new method rung a second time. Mr. Lock had given them no indication as to what the cost would be. The Council were being asked to commit themselves to something they did not know.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed: Mr. Corrigan produced his in 1949, and many more Surprise methods have been rung since then. He thought this book would be of value and of use.

Mr. J. R. Mayne said there had been for a long time a demand for this book. Surprise ringing was one of the most vital parts of ringing, and unless the Council produced such a book it would be embroiled with extension matters. Mr. Anderson had suggested that many of the methods were not rung more than once. He would point out that the Collection was indispensable to those who thought they had a new method. There was no place where people could consult. As to Mr. Halls' question of printing false course-ends, he thought that should be left to the committee.

The Council decided that the publication of the booklet should be left to the Methods Committee with power to act.

BETTER RELATIONS WITH B.B.C.

STATE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE.—CHRISTMAS BROADCAST: ALL RECOMMENDATIONS EXCEPT ONE ACCEPTED.—SOME NOTED PROGRAMMES.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

From Northern Ireland we are again pleased to report that relations with the B.B.C. are very good. Discussions have proved fruitful and led to a better understanding of problems on both sides. Various towers were heard on both sound and television during the year, and the standard of ringing was high. Radio Eireann also broadcast a fair number of bells in their territory, and interviews were recorded by the President, Mr. A. F. Bogan and Miss F. Wyman.

Other than the Christmas broadcast, there is little to mention from Scotland. Whilst enthusiasm is great, opportunity is very small in this region and the use of bells in broadcasting is very rare.

With the retirement of Mr. Chaddock in the north last year, Mr. Bayles, our new member, has been very busy making contacts and generally getting acquainted with the job. Thanks to the generous assistance of Mr. Chaddock, this has been progressing very well, and by exchange of letters with the broadcasting authorities and various personal contacts some useful work has been done. The rededication of the bells of Northallerton received mention in the local Home Service in 'The Week Ahead.'

A number of items of interest appear from East Anglia. The legal ceremony of a new rector tolling a bell at his induction was televised as part of the televised induction service at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Recordings of Yarmouth bells were heard before and after each of seven epilogues given by Canon Thurlow on television, together with a picture of the church. The same pattern was used by at least three other clergy who took part in epilogues. Only once were bells used in a sound broadcast service. In the programme 'What, Where and When' the tower secretary of Yarmouth sent a clapper tie and muffle, and the former foxed the panel. On December 31st Anglia Television presented an extremely interesting programme from Kirby-le-Soken: some excellent ringing was heard and there were shots of the bells in motion, the ringers and the church and village. Mr. Frank Lufkin and his company are to be congratulated on a first-class show.

Little of interest has come to hand from the Midland Region, but some useful contacts have been made.

Nothing worthy of note has come to our notice in the London Region, but we have been by no means idle, as will be seen in a later paragraph.

ACTIVITIES IN THE WEST

In the West we have been blessed with by far the greatest opportunities since the formation of the committee. Firstly the making of the new recordings of Evercreech bells, and secondly participation in the production of the sound programme 'Ring Out, Wild Bells.' The former was first discussed by the committee at a meeting in Cardiff, when the preliminary correspondence with the B.B.C. concerning this and other proposed recordings was put before them. Unfortunately a car accident to the B.B.C. executive responsible held up progress for some weeks, but eventually plans which we had formulated were accepted by the B.B.C. and the new Evercreech recordings were made. The scope of these was strictly limited in view of the decision to bring in other towers for use on the Light Programme.

Almost before this job was completed we were approached by the Plymouth Studio with a request for help and advice in the production of an Anthology on Church Bells, to be entitled 'Ring Out, Wild Bells.' This proved to be a most interesting venture, and eventually involved something over 350 miles of travel and a very considerable letter file. The producer, John Blunden, was found to be a first-class critic of bellringing, so much so in fact that he refused to use any of the existing recordings from the B.B.C. library, which we are bound to agree were far from perfect, and new recordings to suit the programme had to be arranged and made, this with but a few weeks in hand before the broadcast. However, all went well, and with the exception of the Evercreech recording included, which became available at that time, some excellent recordings were made, and finally a most interesting and informative programme resulted.

A few broadcast services included bells, among which were Alton, Hants, and St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. Advance notice of the former was kindly provided by the captain of the tower, and in this connection we would appreciate more news of similar events.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

At our meeting in Cardiff the Christmas broadcast of bells was fully discussed, and a plan which included six, eight and ten bells was prepared and later put up to the B.B.C. Later again a meeting with the executive responsible was arranged at Broadcasting House, London, and the plan elaborated. The result was that our recommendations were used in all regions except the Scottish, where the actual choice of tower was made by the B.B.C., and a satisfactory broadcast was heard. This meeting with the B.B.C. was also arranged to vet the Evercreech recordings and was attended by Mr. Pitstow and the Convener, who were pleased to meet among others the Assistant Heads of Sound Recording and of Outside Broadcasts, together with some of the technicians responsible for these and future towers to be dealt with. An interesting and we feel profitable afternoon was spent, which did much to improve our relationship with the departments concerned by giving us the opportunity to discuss at first hand the many problems involved.

Some correspondence has taken place with A.T.V. and A.B.C. Television: the former concerning some excellent ringing used in a Drama 66 play which we attempted, unsuccessfully, to identify, and the latter in connection with the use of bells before televised services. We attempted to get notice of the inclusion of the bells in programme publications, but we were informed that this was not possible. We were, however, informed that it was the policy of the company to include the bells whenever the church concerned had bells and ringers to man them, and to broadcast them for two minutes. This we feel is reasonable.

The old Bow Bell recordings, the corruoted use of which was much criticised last year, have now been discontinued by the B.B.C. and an alternative signal substituted.

We have had some talks with the B.B.C. with a view to increasing the time allowed on Sunday mornings, and have been promised an extension to three-and-a-half minutes. This will allow some of the short touches to be run through in their entirety. To date, personnel problems seem to be hindering this increase, but we hope our persistence will triumph in the end.

TRIENNIAL REVIEW

This being the last report of our third triennial period as a committee, it would seem an opportune time to make the following points:—

(a) With regard to ringing before service broadcasts, we find that in general no problem about the inclusion of the bells exists where the relationship between ringers and clergy is good. Where, as is usual, these broadcasts are 'live,' the whole programme is run to a very tight schedule, and ringers should be most careful to co-operate fully with the engineers on the job and take every advantage of the time allocated to the bells. With regard to the placing of microphones, it will be found that most of the sound engineers are very anxious to obtain the best balance possible, and in fact it is their job to do so. There are, however, many towers where it is quite impossible to do this and at the same time exclude all extraneous noise. This we have to accept.

(b) Concerning the publication of these broadcast details in 'The Radio Times' a recent investigation has shown that this can include the bells and captain of the ringers. In the West the Rev. Colin James is very keen to see that this is done, and a check on a recent omission proved the fault to be that of the printer.

(c) The proposed Library of Church Bell Ringing, which the B.B.C. is anxious to build up, should give us a splendid opportunity to give of our best in a wide field and on the finest rings in the country. Although the severe weather has delayed work on this scheme, we hope that by the time the Council meets further progress will have been made.

(d) Although the committee started from scratch only nine years ago, we feel that each year has seen at least some improvement in building up our standing with the broadcasting authorities, and has culminated in a year of very real progress in which we have enjoyed unprecedented co-operation. One of the problems not generally realised is that of changing personnel in executive positions. Just when you may think that you have someone well informed and becoming amenable you find a change has been made in that department and you have to start all over again. During the past year three changes were made with regard to the executive responsible for the Christmas broadcast.

We look forward to continued progress in the presentation of our art to both listeners and viewers alike, and we hope to the satisfaction of the ringing fraternity.

H. J. SANGER (Convener), Rockyville, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
D. A. BAYLES, J. T. DUNWOODY,
G. E. FEARN, H. N. PITSTOW,
A. G. G. THURLOW, R. S. WILSON.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved the adoption of the report and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. A. D. Barker asked if the committee had done anything about the alteration of the Bow Bells signal. There were few of them left who knew the people who made that record and of the tremendous difficulties they had in making it.

Mr. Sanger replied that last year they protested at the way the record had been used and at the same time they were told by the B.B.C. that they were going to discontinue Bow Bells.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: The greatest calamity was last Sunday, when instead of Evercreech there were traffic reports from all over the country.

The report was adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Lock, the following were elected to the committee: Messrs. H. J. Sanger, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. W. Pitstow, Canon Thurlow and Mr. R. S. Wilson.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The compilation of the second book of compositions for Major methods is continuing, though not as speedily as anticipated.

The committee would be grateful to receive examples of modern, original compositions in the popular methods, providing they can be considered to be of some merit. Such contributions should be sent direct to the Convener.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener), 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.
G. E. FEIRN, A. J. PITMAN,
R. F. B. SPEED.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn. The committee were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Dunwoody.



Members of the Council and their friends on the Whit Monday tour arranged by the Norwich Diocesan Association. The picture was taken at Pulham Market.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It was generally agreed at the last Central Council meeting that the best results in securing co-operation of theological colleges regarding church bells and bellringing could be obtained by means of personal contact.

It has been our aim during 1962 to extend the number of personal contacts made by approaching appropriate officials of Guilds in which the various colleges are situated, to assist on the following lines:—

(1) To secure agreement of the Principal for a periodical lecture on church bells and bellringing, say once a year. Once established this privilege should not be allowed to lapse.

(2) To enable the theological students to follow up the lecture by a visit to a suitable local tower to see the bells, fittings, etc., and see the ringers in action.

(3) To arrange training facilities, if requested, for any theological students wishing to take up bellringing.

(4) To encourage the authorities at each college to include in the library suitable books about church bells and bellringing.

Accordingly, during 1962, some responsible person was asked to take action in the case of some 24 theological colleges.

The original letter to these responsible people included copies of the leaflet recently circulated by the Central Council about Sunday service ringing, for use when introducing themselves to colleges, and the promise of a bound set of Central Council publications as a gift to college libraries in appropriate cases. It was also requested that those who took on responsibility for making contact with theological colleges should keep this committee informed of progress made so that continuity could be maintained in future years.

The information falls into three categories:—

(1) Satisfactory contacts made, lectures given and books presented.

(2) Contacts made and hopes of giving talks, etc., but no further progress reported yet.

(3) No reply, or acknowledgment only. No progress reported.

There now follows a summary of the position to date regarding the various colleges.

Queen's, Birmingham.—Approached by Dr. D. N. Layton with a view to talks.

Clifton, Bristol.—Mr. P. Gray gave a talk in 1959 but has been unable to obtain agreement for further talks despite persistent efforts.

St. Augustine's, Canterbury.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin gave a talk in 1961. Future talks in hands of Kent County Association.

Bishop's College, Cheshunt.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin has established contact. Correspondence to be passed to new Principal. Present Principal says ringing aspects and progress in hands of David Hoare (student ringer).

Chichester.—Mr. R. G. Blackman has had a half-hour talk with Principal, who accepted C.C. books for library but has not yet agreed to lecture to students. Mr. Leslie Walker to continue Mr. Blackman's efforts to establish talks.

Cranmer Hall, Durham.—Mr. D. A. Bayles gave talk here in September, 1962.

St. Chad's, Durham.—Mr. D. A. Bayles: Principal is accepting C.C. books for library and an effort is being made to arrange a talk.

Kelham, Notts.—Mr. N. Chaddock gave lecture and took team of handbell ringers in January, 1963.

Lincoln.—Mr. J. Freeman is proceeding with arrangements for talks. Students often visit Cathedral belfry.

St. Michael's, Llandaff.—Mr. J. Prior has sent copy of C.C. books and has arrangements for lecture in hand.

London College of Divinity and Oak Hill College. — Mr. H. W. Rogers promised necessary action after consultation with Middlesex Association.

Mirfield.—Mr. W. F. Moreton is making arrangements for talk.

Ripon Hall, Wycliffe Hall and Cuddesdon have for some time been well covered by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Divinity students at Trinity College, Dublin. —Mr. F. E. Dukes has given a lecture and presented books.

Salisbury.—Ringing flourishing here.

St. Aidan's, Birkenhead; Westcott House, Cambridge; Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Ely, Lichfield, Wells, Lampeter.—Replies have not yet been received from people approached during November, 1962.

Progress is delayed by the fact that time allotted at theological colleges for occasional lectures outside the curriculum is very limited and booked up well in advance. Even when the Principal is favourably disposed a lecture may not be possible in the current term or year.

If any Guild official, Council member or other responsible person is in a position to help, other than those mentioned in the report, it would be appreciated if such person would approach either the Convener of Mr. Lufkin.

That this activity is worthwhile is demonstrated by the following extract from a letter of thanks received from one theological college:—

'The reaction of those who were present at your talk seems to be very favourable, and everyone I have spoken to who has had no previous knowledge of bellringing has expressed surprise and interest at the intricacies of the art and subject. I should not be at all surprised if there are one or two people now who will seriously think about taking up the art when they leave here. *At the very least I am quite sure that the talk has paved the way for much happier relations between at least 50 ringing teams and future vicars!*'

This section of the report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. Lufkin.

COURSES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

In 1962 two courses in which members of this committee assisted were again very successful; one at Knuston Hall, Northants, and one at Grantley Hall, Yorks (the fourth in succession). A new course has been arranged at Hereford Training College in April, with an additional advanced course in composition and conducting to run concurrently at Hereford.

The Grantley Hall Course this year will be held at the end of October, when it is half-term in many Yorkshire schools.

Advice and information about courses in bellringing was supplied to the Irish Association in response to their enquiry.

During the year enquiries received by the Convener included requests for: (1) Guidance on giving talks on bellringing; (2) Guidance re a striking competition; (3) Belfry prayers; (4) Sale or loan of instructional film-strip (several enquiries).

N. CHADDOCK (Convener), 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Brook, Rotherham, Yorks.
W. F. MORETON, F. B. LUFKIN.

Proposing the adoption, Mr. Chaddock said he would like to emphasise Mr. Sharpe's remarks as to the importance of these courses. He had a list of ten Associations who were running courses. Canon Thurlow and Dr. Layton were unable to continue. He proposed that the name of Mr. Sharpe be added to the committee.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded the adoption.

In answer to a question as to the number of people attending courses, Mr. Chaddock said generally about 30 at each course. He imagined about 500 people had attended courses during the past 12 months.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, Miss Cross was also added to the committee. Messrs. N. Chaddock, F. B. Lufkin and W. F. Moreton were re-elected.

PEAL RINGING REVIEW OF 1962

GRAND TOTAL OF 2,817 SWELLED BY HANDBELL PEALS.—LEICESTER LEADING GUILD. FOLLOWED BY OXFORD AND KENT.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

For the year 1962 there is an increase of 7 over the total for 1961, but this is mainly due to an influx of handbell peals. The grand total accepted and included is 2,817, with 2,627 on tower bells and 190 on handbells—the former down by 26 but the latter increasing by 33.

A 'peal' of Little Bob Minor is excluded as the method does not produce a 720. Two peals rung in July and October for the Worcestershire & Districts Association and published in the March 8th issue of 'The Ringing World' have not been included.

First pealers numbered 588, with 96 first as conductor—a very healthy sign and something to be encouraged.

The following table is self-explanatory, with the Leicester Diocesan Guild still at the head with 205 peals and the Oxford Diocesan Guild second with 178—all tower bell peals. The first seven positions are as follows:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Leicester D.G. ..	157	48	205
Oxford D.G. ..	178		178
Kent C.A. ..	165	5	170
Chester D.G. ..	145	10	155
Lancashire A. ..	139	1	140
Yorkshire A. ..	117	20	137
Lincoln D.G. ..	128	7	135

These seven totals constitute 39·75% of the whole.

For what it is worth, the following might be of interest: 2 Associations or Guilds rang no peals; 4 rang 1 peal; 13 between 2 and 10; 6 between 11 and 20; 2 between 21 and 30; 3 between 31 and 40; 8 between 41 and 50; 6 between 51 and 60; 5 between 61 and 70; 1 between 71 and 80; 1 between 81 and 90; 2 between 91 and 100.

The analysis breaks down as shown below:—

TOWER

	1962	1961	+or−
Maximus ..	55	47	8
Cinques ..	37	32	5
Royal ..	156	165	−9
Caters ..	78	75	3
Major ..	1,093	1,070	23
Triples ..	202	215	−13
Minor ..	741	787	−46
Doubles ..	264	256	8
Minimus ..	1	6	−5
	2,627	2,653	−26

HANDBELLS

	1962	1961	
Maximus ..	4	2	2
Cinques ..	5	2	3
Royal ..	15	4	11
Caters ..	5	3	2
Major ..	54	49	5
Triples ..	2	2	
Minor ..	68	47	21
Doubles ..	37	48	−11
	190	157	33

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Bath and Wells.—Doubles (3), 3 first pealers and first as conductor.

Coventry D.—Doubles (1), 4 first and first as conductor; Doubles (10), 4 first; Doubles (3), 3 first.

Bedfordshire A.—Spliced Surprise Major, 28, 25 methods.

Chester D.—15,904 Plain Bob Major on handbells.

Durham and Newcastle.—15,520 Yorkshire S. Major; Cambridge S. Major silent and non-conducted.

Essex A.—94, 83, 60, 50, 44 methods Spliced Minor.

Gloucester and Bristol.—85, 70, 65, 54, 48 methods Spliced Minor.

Hertford.—Spliced Surprise Major; 20, 18 methods.

Kent.—Spliced Surprise Major; 15, 14 methods. Silent Stedman Triples. Spliced Minor 34, 26 methods; 8,640 Spliced Surprise Minor, 41 methods.

Lancashire.—Spliced Surprise Royal; 11, 10 and 8 methods; 6 firsts in a peal of Stedman Triples.

Leicester.—York S. Maximus; Royal and Major; New Cambridge Maximus, Yorkshire Maximus and Royal, 4-Spliced Surprise Major, Durham Surprise Royal (all on handbells).

Lincoln.—Ullesthorpe Surprise Major, non-conducted.

Middlesex.—London S. Major 'in hand'; Spliced Surprise Major in 26, 22 methods.

Oxford D.—6 firsts in a peal of Stedman Triples. A young lady (16½)—7 Minor methods, first as conductor.

Salisbury.—First peal of Triples by all. Peal of Doubles—4 first and first as conductor.

University of London.—55 methods, Doubles, on handbells; 15,000 Doubles, on handbells. 10,944 Rutland S. Major.

Our apologies to any other worthy of mention which we may have omitted.

Much time has been wasted through the duplication of peals in 'The Ringing World.' Whose fault this is we do not know, but we ask our peal correspondents to try and obey the rules as asked for by the Editor; send them in promptly, and *leave it to the conductor*, who is really responsible.

W. AYRE (Convener), The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
K. W. H. FELSTEAD, H. L. ROPER.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Ayre said he wondered if they could get the old form of tables printed in 'The Ringing World.'

The report was seconded by Canon Felstead.

Mr. Smallwood said the printing of the tables was an exceedingly costly thing. As a committee they did not feel disposed to spend the money, which was hard to come by. They could get the same information from the written report.

Mr. D. Bayles asked if they intended to include the two peals of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Mr. Ayre: No, they are excluded. They were not in in time.

The hon. secretary: The Council's decision is 'The Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the previous year's analysis of any peals rung in the previous year not appearing in print before the end of February.'

The report was adopted, and Mr. W. Ayre, Canon Felstead and Mr. H. L. Roper re-elected.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1962.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 3, Cinques 4, Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 3, Doubles 1. Total 18.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Royal (1), Major (1). Total (2).

Bath and Wells.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 5, Minor 8, Doubles 21. Total 52.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 2, Major 18, Triples 1, Minor 13, Doubles 3. Total 37.

Cambridge U.—Royal 1, Major 8 (3), Triples 1, Minor 3 (4). Total 20 (7).

Chester.—Maximus 3, Cinques 1, Royal 12 (1), Caters (2), Major 67 (7), Triples 7, Minor 42 (2), Doubles 11. Total 155 (10).

Coventry.—Caters 1, Major 15 (1), Triples 4, Minor 9 (1), Doubles 12. Total 43 (2).

Cumberland and North Westmorland.—Major 8, Triples 1, Minor 2. Total 11.

Derby.—Royal 6, Caters 4, Major 20 (1), Triples 2, Minor 9 (1), Doubles 2. Total 45 (2).

Guild of Devonshire.—Maximus 2, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 7, Triples 5, Minor 9, Doubles 3. Total 31.

Dudley and District.—Caters 2, Minor 1, Doubles (5). Total 8 (5).

Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 34 (2), Triples 4, Minor 9 (3) Doubles 1. Total 61 (5).

E. Derby and Notts.—Minor 1. Total 1.

E. Grinstead and D.—Major 1, Doubles 1. Total 2.

Ely.—Major 22, Triples 1, Minor 24 (1), Doubles 6. Total 54 (1).

Essex.—Maximus 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 35 (1), Triples 3, Minor 40 (3), Doubles 2. Total 91 (4).

Gloucester and Bristol: Cinques 3, Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 27 (1), Triples 12, Minor 18 (3), Doubles 11. Total 81 (4).

Guildford.—Major 16, Triples 6, Minor 12, Doubles 1. Total 35.

Hereford.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 10, Triples 1, Minor 11 (1), Doubles 16. Total 42 (1).

Hertford.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 30 (3), Triples 1, Minor 19 (2). Total 64 (5).

Irish.—Royal 2, Major 7, Minor 1 (1), Doubles 1. Total 12 (1).

Kent.—Maximus 1, Royal 6, Caters 3, Major 93 (3), Triples 11, Minor 47 (2), Doubles 4. Total 170 (5).

Lancashire.—Maximus 8, Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 62, Triples 16, Minor 32 (1), Doubles 8. Total 140 (1).

Leicester.—Maximus 3 (3), Cinques 4, Royal 8 (4), Caters 5, Major 40 (11), Triples 14, Minor 55 (14), Doubles 28 (16). Total 205 (48).

Lincoln.—Maximus 2, Cinques 7 (4), Royal 3, Caters 1 (1), Major 45, Triples 4, Minor 62 (2), Doubles 4. Total 135 (7).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 7, Major 17 (2), Triples 8, Minor 5 (3), Doubles 2 (1). Total 49 (6).

London C.—Royal 2, Major 2, Triples 3. Total 7.

Midland C.—Royal 2, Major 20, Triples 1, Minor 14, Doubles 2. Total 39.

Middlesex.—Maximus 1, Royal 1 (1), Major 41 (3), Triples 3 (1), Minor 8 (1), Doubles 1. Total 62 (6).

Police.—Triples 1. Total 1.

N. Staffs.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 2. Total 18.

N. Wales.—Royal 1, Major 1. Total 2.

Norwich.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 2, Major 22, Triples 3, Minor 22, Doubles 4 (1). Total 57 (1).

Oxford D.—Maximus 5, Royal 4, Caters 7, Major 80, Triples 22, Minor 39, Doubles 21. Total 178.

Oxford Society.—Cinques 2, Royal 1, Major 1. Total 4.

Oxford University.—Royal 1, Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 1. Total 6.

Peterborough.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Major 22, Triples 2, Minor 21, Doubles 23. Total 72.

St. David's.—Major 1. Total 1.

St. Martin's.—Maximus 5, Cinques 2, Royal 11, Major 21, Triples 3, Minor 2 (3). Total 47 (3).

Salisbury.—Cinques 1, Major 8, Triples 7, Minor 5, Doubles 7. Total 28.

Scottish.—Major 6, Doubles 1. Total 7.

Sheffield and District.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Shropshire.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 5, Minor 23 (4), Doubles 3. Total 50 (4).

Society of Royal Cumberland.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 6. Total 8.

Society of Sherwood Y.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 1 (2). Total 9 (2).

Southwell.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 10, Triples 5, Minor 16 (1), Doubles 9. Total 46 (1).

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Maximus 2, Royal 9, Caters 4, Major 7, Triples 7, Minor 8, Doubles 7. Total 44.

Suffolk.—Maximus 3, Royal 6, Caters 2, Major 19, Triples 2, Minor 23, Doubles 1. Total 56.

Surrey.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 19, Minor 13 (2). Total 37 (2).

Sussex.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 36, Triples 5 (1), Minor 14, Doubles 4 (1). Total 65 (2).

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 2, Triples 1, Doubles 2. Minimus 1. Total 6.

Truro.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 5, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 19.

Universities.—Caters 1, Major 2 (2), Minor 2 (1). Total 8 (3).

University of Bristol.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 1, Minor 3, Doubles 1. Total 8.

University of London.—Major 10, Triples 2, Minor 3 (2), Doubles 2 (5). Total 24 (7).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 6, Major 34 (4), Triples 6, Minor 19 (3), Doubles 11. Total 91 (8).

Worcestershire and D.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 2, Major 10 (1), Triples 7, Minor 12 (1), Doubles 13 (7). Total 57 (9).

Yorkshire.—Maximus 3 (1), Cinques 2 (1), Royal 18 (8), Caters 2 (3), Major 58 (6), Triples 2, Minor 28, Doubles 4 (1). Total 137 (20).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Major 23 (2), Triples 1, Minor 21 (4), Doubles 5. Total 58 (6).

The totals are complete, with handbell peals in parentheses.

METHODS IN WHICH 10 OR MORE PEALS WERE RUNG

Maximus.—Cambridge 24, Yorkshire 15.

Cinques.—Stedman 33.

Royal.—Cambridge 41, London 14, Yorkshire 30, Plain Bob 32.

Caters.—Grandsire 49, Stedman 29.

Major.—Spliced Surprise 6 methods 14, Spliced Surprise 4 methods, 22, Bristol 58, Cambridge 114, Lincolnshire 40, London 60, Pudsey 21, Rutland 46, Superlative 28, Yorkshire 137, Kent T.B. 33, D. Norwich 66, Plain Bob 218.

Triples.—Grandsire 114, Stedman 67, Plain Bob 21.

Minor.—22 methods and over 22, 14-21 methods 21, 8-13 methods 49, 7 methods 170, 6 methods 27, 5 methods 39, 4 methods 48, 3 methods 41, 2 methods 29, 1 method 364.

Doubles.—14 methods and over 40, 8-13 methods 35, 7 methods 19, 6 methods 14, 5 methods 12, 4 methods 16, 3 methods 30, 2 methods 32, 1 method 102.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary reported that for the second year the Peal Boards Committee had failed to produce a report, and he had had no correspondence about the committee. The Standing Committee recommended that the Peal Boards Committee be discontinued and all matter collected be sent to the Librarian, and the best thanks of the Council be accorded to the committee.

This was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre and seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson and carried.

GREETINGS TO AMERICA

It was proposed by Mr. G. Dodds and seconded by Mr. W. Ayre that the good wishes of the Central Council be extended to the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.—Agreed.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee beg to report the following new methods, on tower- and handbells, and progressive lengths:—

Jan. 18, 5,024 Ashford S.M., Middlesex;
20, Anglesea S.M., Hertford;
20, 5,056 Walkerville S.M., Gl. & Bris.;
27, 5,280 Southwark S.M., Middlesex;
Feb. 3, 5,088 Loughborough Coll. M., Midland Counties;
19, 5,040 Noseley S.R., Leicester;
22, 5,024 Xanadu S.M., Middlesex;
Mar. 3, 5,152 Wychwood S.M., Oxford;
8, 5,024 Mayfair S.M., Middlesex;
22, 5,040 Selby S.R., St. Martin's, Birmingham;
22, 5,056 Salford S.M., Middlesex;
24, 5,056 Brecon S.M., Hertford;
31, 5,022 Deddington Hybrid M., Oxford;
31, 5,040 Spliced S.R. (8 methods), Lancashire;
April 5, 5,056 Dorset S.M., Middlesex;
9, 5,040 Woodstock S.R., Leicester;
14, 5,040 Redcliffe S.R., Chester;
May 5, 5,152 Avon S.M., Salisbury;
10, 5,024 Bedfont S.M., Middlesex;
18, 5,040 Cross Stone Imp. Bob Maj., Yorkshire;
19, 5,152 Houghton-le-Spring, Durham and Newcastle;
24, 5,120 Staining S.M., Middlesex;
June 2, 5,040 Fulbeck Bob Royal, London;
4, 5,088 Llanfair P.G., Leicester;
14, 5,088 Plymouth S.M., Middlesex;
20, 5,088 Hersham S.M., London Univ.;
23, 5,280 Wycombe S. Max., Oxford;
27, 5,024 Gateshead S.M., Durham and Newcastle;
July 7, 5,024 Chelmsford S.M., Essex;
14, 5,160 Spliced S.R. (11 methods), Lancashire;
14, 5,024 Hitcham Delight M., Oxford;
14, 5,120 Croesoswallt Imp. Bob M., Shropshire;
19, 5,024 Cuckfield S.M., Middlesex;
21, 5,040 Grangemouth B.M., Midland Counties;
Aug. 5, 5,088 Alloa S.M., Scottish Assn.;
18, 5,056 Lemsford S.M., Hertford;
23, 5,024 Twyford S.M., Middlesex;
25, 5,184 Ivinghoe S.M., Middlesex;
25, 5,024 Chichester S.M., Sussex;
26, 5,280 Lambeth S. Max., Lancashire;
27, 5,024 Warnham Imp. Court B.M., Sussex;
Sept. 1, 5,040 Quedgeley S. Royal, Winchester and Portsmouth;
13, 5,024 Colnbrook S.M., Middlesex;
22, 5,024 Weardale S.M., Durham and Newcastle;
25, 5,024 Hanley Court B.M., St. John's, Hanley;
29, 5,088 Ditchling S.M., Sussex;
Oct. 12, 5,056 Bradgate S.M., Leicester;
24, 5,040 Dereham Imp. Bob Triples, Norwich;
25, 5,184 Greenford S.M., Middlesex;
Nov. 8, 5,120 Crawley S.M., Middlesex;
12, 5,088 Sutterton S.M., Lincoln;
19, 5,024 Swineshead S.M., Lincoln;
26, 5,056 Donington S.M., Lincoln;
Dec. 3, 5,024 Pisa S.M., Lincoln;
13, 5,024 Clerkenwell S.M., Middlesex;
14, 5,040 Cringleford Imp. Bob Triples, Norwich.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

Dec. 8, 15,520 Yorkshire S.M., Durham and Newcastle;
9, 10,944 Rutland S.M., London Univ.

HANDBELLS

Feb. 13, 5,280 Yorkshire S. Max., Leicester;
Mar. 20, 5,040 York S. Royal, Leicester;
April 1, 5,280 New Cambridge S. Max., Leicester;
3, 5,152 York S.M., Leicester;
Nov. 13, 5,040 Durham S. Royal, Leicester;
Dec. 22, 15,904 Plain Bob Major, Chester;
Nov. 14, 15,000 Doubles (25 methods) (longest length), London University.

With reference to the peal of Durham Surprise Royal on handbells, the committee would like direction regarding the renaming of this method, which does not comply with the Council's Decisions (see 'R.W.', March 8th, 1963, page 154).

E. K. FLETCHER (Convener), The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
L. K. MARSHALL, JOHN R. MAYNE, F. T. BLAGROVE.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who said while they thanked one or two who sent compositions of new methods to the Convener, many did not. The secretary of every Association should send compositions of new methods to the Convener.

Mr. J. Mayne seconded the adoption.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended that Deddington Hybrid Major be called Deddington Little Alliance Major, and Durham, New Durham.

The report and Standing Committee's recommendations were adopted, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were re-elected to the committee.

REPRESENTATION

The hon. secretary announced that		
33 Associations fully represented	89	present
18 Associations partially	,, 38	
9 not represented	—	
Life Members	6	
Honorary Members	12	
	145	

There were 44 absent and 7 vacancies.

The attendance was the second best, the highest being at Stoke-on-Trent in 1961 with 147 present.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The following constitute the Standing Committee: Canon Thurlow, Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. Freeman, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, A. A. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. C. Hazelden, H. J. Sanger, E. C. Shepherd, C. K. Lewis, W. Ayre, W. E. Critchley, F. T. Blagrove, J. F. Smallwood, N. Chaddock and G. W. Pipe, and the following elected by ballot: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, F. I. Hairs, T. J. Lock, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. Staniforth, Mr. W. J. Wilson and Mrs. Barnett.

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NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOLLOWING MR. G. W. PIPE'S REVIEW OF POSITION.—HOPES OF INCREASED INTEREST IN U.S.A. FOLLOWING RING OF BELLS AT WASHINGTON

This year I have the pleasure of presenting to the Council a report on ringing activities overseas. It is something new amongst the various reports by the sub-committees, but it was felt that since the art is being practised in probably more overseas centres today than at any time, and in some places at very high standard, ringers 'at home' would be more than just interested in what the fraternity is doing in these centres.

I have received details from over 30 towers in seven different countries where change-ringing is taking place. There are also one or two other centres which I haven't been able to contact but where ringing is known to go on.

AFRICA.—The amazing thing about these vast territories is that isolated bands, with sometimes more than 1,000 miles between, manage to keep going. But they do! *Salisbury* (10, 24¼ cwt.), in Rhodesia, has a membership of about 20, and besides Doubles and Minor in the tower handbells are often rung to Major, and occasionally Caters and Royal. Their first peal, Grandsire Doubles, was rung last year for the consecration anniversary, together with two or three quarters. It is also rumoured that a light six may be installed at *Que Que*, 100 miles away. With the handbell societies at Marandellas and Umvukwes, under Peter Raynor and Val Grossmith, things here are quite flourishing.

The two *Durban* towers in Natal are kept going by Cyril Chambers: but again, through distance and lack of members, it is a struggle. Six-bell methods are rung from time to time, and two quarters were attempted in 1962.

Woodstock, in Cape Province, is well known to us through 'The Ringing World,' and we remember Vic Sheppard's work here. This tower has quite a repertoire, and no doubt occasional visits from people passing through Cape Town give the welcome boost from time to time. The ring at Grahamstown is reputed unringable, but Kimberley in Cape Province may be getting an installation in the future.

CANADA.—With my wife I had the pleasure of passing through Canada only two months ago, so I am able to report with authority! Starting in the West, we find three very progressive towers in British Columbia, all fine rings of bells and with the ringing blended with the traditional Canadian hospitality.

At the Benedictine Monastery in the *Mission City* (Westminster Abbey, B.C.) with a ring of ten (21 cwt.) the fathers are capable of ringing Grandsire and Stedman Caters under Fr. Dunstan. *Vancouver*, set in what must be one of the loveliest locations for a city in the world, has an octave in the R.C. Cathedral, and under Ted Lee, a Notts man, Sunday service and practice nights yield Plain and Grandsire Triples.

Long before one visits *Victoria Cathedral* on Vancouver Island, one has heard about its fine eight and the Izard family who ring them. The octave there (29½ cwt. in D flat) are often heard to Kent and Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Two quarters were scored in 1962.

Five hundred miles away, in *Calgary, Alberta*, Judy Midgley maintains an eight, with ten or so members to ring them. Ringing up to Grandsire Triples is heard here. Unfortunately the valuable bell metal in both Quebec and Montreal is unringable: but who knows—with some keen immigrant we may yet see change-ringing 'back East.'

U.S.A.—No details are to hand.

NEW ZEALAND.—The two active bands in this far-off country both have very fine rings and by all accounts make optimum use of them. *Hamilton* (8, 20½ cwt. in E) in the North Island rings mostly a variety of 6-bell methods, but given a visitor or two (or preferably settlers!) Triples and Major are soon heard. Athol Caldwell and David McAdam carry on the good work, which in the early '50's saw the assistance of A. J. (Bert) Lancefield and others.

In the South Island the very noble ten (32 cwt. in D) of *Christchurch* makes this a 'must' for collectors of fine rings! Several well-known ringers have been and still are linked with this tower, and ever-active secretary Nelson Sloan, with Ray Idle, from Kettering, Northants, as conductor, sees to it that a high standard with variety of methods is maintained. A quarter and a 6-bell peal were scored last year, and it won't be too long I'm sure before the first 10-bell peal is recorded at Christchurch. These ringers also occasionally ring on the light five (6 cwt.) at *Papanui* just outside. These bells were an insurance replacement, the original ring being lost at sea off the Cape of Good Hope in the last century.

AUSTRALIA.—Last but not least, to what is the largest ringing centre outside Britain. Through the revitalised Australian journal 'Ringing Towers,' and I trust a fairly good coverage of activities published in 'The Ringing World' over the last few years, I believe that members will have a clear picture of the activity there. I will, therefore, just briefly go from state to state and highlight main points of 1962–63 to conclude this report.

In *Perth* (W.A.) the bells are ringing again after many years' silence, and with the assistance of A. J. Lancefield the band has been built up from scratch to its first peal in virtually its first year, in addition to many quarters in a variety of methods. Considering this tower is over 1,600 miles from its next Society, great credit is due to the team.

Adelaide (S.A.) continues to flourish, and this year the Cathedral band rang the first peal on the very fine eight (41¼ cwt. in C). A high standard prevails at this tower under Bill Pitcher and Enid Lloyd Roberts, and with the addition of the Wilfred Robinsons, Major is now rung, together with a variety of 6- and 7-bell methods and handbells. The 6-bell tower, Walkerville, is also very lively, with a goodly number of young members.

In Victoria the two centres are *Melbourne* and *Ballaarat*—two towers in each. *Bendigo*, the third centre in this state, has its bells temporarily out of action. Five peals or so were rung last year, including Bob Royal on the back ten at Melbourne Cathedral and the first of Surprize Major outside Britain—also at the same tower. There were quarters at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral under Ivan Page, and some useful elementary teaching has been done at Ballaarat and Bendigo.

The two *Hobart* octaves are rung whenever possible—this being the only centre on the Island state of Tasmania. Sidney Smith, a Suffolk man, is the 'old faithful' here, and due to his patience several young ringers learnt the art in Hobart.

New South Wales has the most rings of bells of any Australian state, all those ringable being manned for Sunday services. Under Ian Goodyear's conductorship a great variety of methods —tower and hand—are recorded, and several quarters and peals were scored last year. The Sydneysiders also occasionally journey up to *Maryborough*, the only Queensland tower, 900 miles north.

All in all, Australia had probably the most successful year of its ringing history. The Australian and New Zealand Association was formed after several years' deliberation: there was a great amount of interstate travelling between towers, several meetings and the best part of a dozen peals and a hundred quarters. Membership is high (though no cause for complacency as our brethren out there well know!), the Journal under W. B. Pitcher's editorship has set off to a very high and successful standard, and all in all a spirit of advancement prevails. Some of the unringable and badly-going rings are receiving the attention of the bellfounder, and if this attitude and interest continues the projected tour in 1964 from Britain will provide even further stimulus.

In conclusion may I wish, on behalf of the Central Council, good luck and good ringing to all our overseas brethren for 1963–64.

GEORGE W. PIPE (hon. member).

Presenting the report, Mr. G. W. Pipe said Australia was looking forward to Great Adventure II, and they hoped it would take place in 1964. By then Melbourne Cathedral bells would be back, retuned. He had obtained permission for 30 peal attempts. All details had been looked into and there was a great welcome awaiting the visitors.

Mr. John Mayne said in regard to Groton School, Massachusetts, the Council would be aware that Mr. Russell Young was a frequent visitor to this country and had twice brought parties of boys from the school. The bells had been rehung and augmented to ten and go well. The boys had now rung a quarter of Stedman Doubles. There was also a considerable amount of ringing at Kent School, Connecticut.

Mr. H. W. Rogers: May I say how pleased we are to see this report on the agenda. I hope Mr. Pipe will be requested to carry on the good work.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood: Mr. Stan Mason is here and he has recently rung at Groton.

Mr. S. Mason said he was at Groton in April. The boys rang Stedman Doubles and can do a plain hunt on ten. He thought if they could keep together they would be a very fine band, but Mr. Russell Young has the problem of recruiting new boys each year.

Mr. Geoffrey Dodds asked as to the prospects of ringing to changes the new ring at Washington.

Mr. F. Sharpe: That will be under discussion in the next fortnight, and I will let you know what happens.

Mr. V. Sheppard, in a report on African bells, said Kilifi bells were now rung; at Woodstock, Cape Town, they had an accident recently to one of the bells. There were prospects of bells at Kimberley and Cape Town.

The Rev. John Scott said last year they had a visit from a clergyman from West Virginia, and he was tremendously interested in ringing. If the bells are hung for ringing in Washington Cathedral and are rung there would be an interest that would sweep right through the States.

Mr. P. A. Corby suggested that they should send a letter to Australia congratulating them on completing 100 peals.

The President: The secretary will do that.

Mr. John Mayne said a lady from Middlesex had gone to Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia, where a peal of Doubles was rung last year.

Miss M. Cross said they had one of the Salisbury band in Oxford. At Salisbury he travelled 60 miles each week to attend a practice.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed the election of an Overseas Committee, consisting of Mr. G. W. Pipe and Mr. V. Sheppard.

Seconding, Mr. F. E. Dukes asked if any member had information it should be sent to Mr. Pipe.

This resolution was carried.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary announced that three invitations had been received for the meeting in 1964. They had been invited to Truro by the Truro Diocesan Guild, to Northampton by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and to any place in the Coventry diocese by the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The Council had not been so far west as Truro: they visited Northampton in 1920 and Warwick in 1934.

Speeches supporting the invitation were given by Mr. D. Burnett (Truro), Mr. E. Billings (Northampton) and Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), who said that if the Council accepted the invitation the meeting would be in such a centre as Leamington.

The voting was Truro 80, Coventry 66, Northampton 12.

In answer to a question, Mr. Barnett said there was reasonable accommodation at Truro: there were three or four hotels each with accommodation for 150 people.

Miss Boyle hoped that Coventry and Northampton would be accepted another year as she would like to visit both centres.

Mrs. Staniforth: Next year we might come forward with the idea of two meetings!

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

VOTE OF THANKS

The President said the Council desired to offer their warmest thanks to those who had helped them. They would like to thank the Lord Bishop of Norwich for celebrating at Holy Communion, the Mayor (Cclr. J. T. Winter) for his welcome, and also the Archdeacon of Norwich for his welcome.

In thanking Mr. Nolan Golden, the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Canon Thurlow said they would like to thank all those who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success. With Mr. Golden there were the general secretary (Mr. Barrett), the Ringing Master (Mr. Goodman) and Messrs. Arthur Wigmore and Peter Newstead. They also thanked Mr. G. W. Fletcher for his help in obtaining the Garibaldi for headquarters.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed a most sincere vote of thanks to Canon Thurlow for his welcome and for conducting a most successful meeting. They all looked forward with confidence to his years of office. [Applause.]

Canon Thurlow: In saying thank you, I would say this is one of the highlights of my ministry in Yarmouth. This is a day I shall not forget.

The meeting was followed by a civic reception, during which the members of the Council and their ladies were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Mayoress.

Their Worships were thanked by the President, and the Mayor in reply said they were proud in having as a resident of Yarmouth one who was secretary of their Council from 1932 to 1952 (Mr. G. W. Fletcher). He hoped the conference had been successful and members would enjoy their stay in Yarmouth.

In the evening a social was held at the Garibaldi. An impromptu entertainment was arranged with songs and recitations by Canon Kenneth Felstead and the Rev. John Scott, who composed a song on the forthcoming Australian tour, sung to the tune of the sea shanty, 'The Spanish Lady.' Mr. Frederick Sharpe also sang a Gloucestershire folk song.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

When the West Lindsey Branch met at Corringham, near Gainsborough, on May 18th, it was noticeable that a large percentage of younger members were present. This was a very heartening sight after the lean attendances of recent meetings.

The six at Corringham are not the easiest bells to ring, but various methods were rung with varying degrees of skill, the afternoon finishing with a service touch prior to the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Martin Cordes, who gave a thoughtful address.

Some fifty people sat down to a tea provided by the wives and friends of local ringers.

The business meeting followed, and ringing was resumed, some members taking the opportunity to visit the tower of nearby Springthorpe Church, where the 3rd is heavier than the tenor. The bells were finally lowered by 9 o'clock. H. C. R.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society's summer meeting was held on May 11th at Newchurch, near Burton-on-Trent. The ring of five bells (consisting of bells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six, with a 14 cwt. tenor in G) were kept going until service time. This was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Society to Newborough and Newchurch. Tea followed in the old schoolrooms, at which the local ladies gave us tasty 'extras' and a lot of help. The secretary announced that the next meeting would be the annual at Lichfield on June 22nd, and that the Lichfield Diocesan festival would take place at Newcastle-under-Lyme on September 7th.

During the evening the rings of five bells at Newborough, Newchurch and Rangemore were much used. C. M. S.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be heard on the West Region, prior to the service to be broadcast at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday, June 23rd.

Whilst driving through Ware, Herts. on June 9th, Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stamford Hill, heard the bells of the Parish Church. He succeeded in getting a pull and thus completed every ringable tower of four or more bells in the county. Ware had eluded him for nearly three years.

Three recent quarter peals at Gresley, Derbyshire, have been rung by an entire local band for the first time. Their conductor, Derek P. Jones, has also rung his 600th peal, in which three Gresley ringers he has trained also took part: it was a peal of Bob Minor at Marchington, Staffordshire.

The five bells of Selborne, Hampshire, were rung before the broadcast service on Sunday, May 19th, for the opening of National Nature Week, with Selborne as its centre. The ringers, who have been service ringers here for many years, were Messrs. C. Hall, W. Coutts, D. Ham, W. Andrews (captain) and R. Crowson.

The quarter peal at Buckfast Abbey, on the eve of a Requiem for Pope John XXIII was in the nature of a 'come back' for Mr. E. M. Atkins, the conductor, as it was his first attempt since his illness. As the bells were being lowered Mr. Aubrey Bennett swung the 7¼ ton Bourdon 'Hosanna,' with very pleasing effect, as it is exactly an octave lower than the tenor.

Nearly 78 (June 28th), Mr. Peter Crook rang his 500th peal at Bolton Parish Church on June 3rd. It was here that he rang his first peal in 1905. Before ringing Mr. Crook, who conducted, entertained the band to tea. Souvenir photographs were taken of the band both inside and outside the tower after the event, and there was an adjournment to 'The Boar's Head' for refreshments and ringing yarns.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Little Horkesley, Essex, tower was bombed during the war. A new tower has been built and bells supplied by All Saints' Church, Colchester. The first peal in the new tower was rung on June 8th conducted by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells and maybe the first peal in Little Horkesley.

In honour of completing 50 years as a member of the Hertford County Association, Mr. Arthur Day took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans Cathedral on June 8th.

Messrs. A. Reeves and A. F. Marriner, who rang in a quarter at Buriton, near Petersfield, on June 6th, are the first Sunday service locals to score a quarter peal. There are prospects of more to follow.

Young ringers with cars and time to spare on Saturday, June 29th, are asked to write to Mr. Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16, or phone STR 2377 to bring veterans to London for service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, at 5 p.m.

David Eames, of Gresley, Derbyshire, celebrated his 18th birthday by turning in the difficult tenor, approaching a ton in weight, at Cranfield, Beds, where there is no previous record of any peal, several Doubles methods being rung in the successful peal.

Calling at the 'local' at Launton, the home village of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the spokesman of a party of ringers asked the landlady if it was true that a famous man of the village was shortly going to America. 'Oh, yes,' she smiled, 'Old Joe Clarke, from the Council houses, is going over to live with his daughter.' Collapse of we ordinary ringers.

There is quite a talented band of handbell ringers at the Malabar Home for the Blind, Highertown, Truro, leader Miss Doris Legg. Recently they won the cup in the instrumental class at the annual talent contest for the blind of Cornwall. The winners play again at the annual rally for the blind, which will be held on the lawn at Malabar House on June 29th.

Following the peal of Grandsire Triples at Chobham on Trinity Sunday, the Rev. R. F. Acworth joined the ringers to ring for Evensong, which was the first service he took following his ordination earlier in the day. Dick learned to ring at Chobham, where his father is Vicar. He will serve his title at St. Etheldreda's, Fulham, and hopes to do some ringing.

The Rev. Roger Fry, a former general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, will take up his duties as curate at Portishead, Somerset, in September.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at Benefield on May 11th (see page 387) was Richard A. Webster, and not Bernard Branston as submitted.

Copies of the photograph of the tour arranged by Mr. H. W. Barrett on Whit Sunday and taken at Pulham Market can be obtained from Mr. David C. Herschell, 325, The Greenway, Epsom.

The Moody Choral Club and Handbell Choir from Chicago are on a six weeks' tour. They are at Leeds Town Hall on July 3rd, in a programme of sacred classics, hymns and negro spirituals.

Members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association rang a peal at Portishead on the eve of the ordination of the Rev. David Hoare, former general secretary of the Association, at St. Albans Cathedral. David has gone to Ampthill, Beds, to serve his title.

The Coventry Guild would like to thank Mr. A. Shorey, captain at Bidford-on-Avon, for gallantly coming to the rescue at short notice for the meeting on June 8th, and apologise for the poor attendance and the broken stay.

An Oxford wag had occasion to write to Mr. Walter Judge upon his retirement to Kidlington and addressed the envelope 'W. F. Judge, Famous Bell Ringer, Kidlington, Oxon. Later the writer met Mr. Judge and casually asked if he received the letter. With a broad grin the latter said, 'Yes, thanks, after it had been delivered to my brother, Bill.'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 27, 1963, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

Frank E. Haynes	*Treble*	Trevor N. Bailey	7
Michael V. Chilcott	2	John A. Anderson	8
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Brian Harris	10
Alan F. Thirst	5	Peter Border	11
John D. Rock	6	Wilfred Williams / William A. Theobald	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.
[Correction to peal on page 333.]

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5280 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Susan Funnell	*Treble*	Basil Jones	7
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Frederick Ross	8
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
*Geoffrey Davies	4	George E. Fearn	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	*Charles A. S. Webb	11
John Worth	6	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
* 150th peal together.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A PEAL OF 5083 ERIN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	*A. Robin Heppenstall	7
*Beryl N. Reed	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
*Norah M. Randles	3	*George H. Randles	9
John Freeman	4	H. Leslie Pask	10
*Geoffrey Paul	5	*Colin W. Reed	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

E. Jane Sibson	*Treble*	†Martin D. Fellows	6
George W. Pipe	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
*Michael J. Fellows	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Frederick Ross	9
W. Eric Critchley	5	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alphege.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

John R. Insley	*Treble*	Anthony Ager	6
*Alma M. Greaves	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Muriel Reay	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
George E. Fearn	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
Frank E. Haynes	5	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 6).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Norman Leslie	*Treble*	Frederick W. Sharpe	6
Dennis Leslie	2	Frederick C. White	7
John Camp	3	Brian R. White	8
Christine McNair	4	Francis A. White	9
F. John Nelson	5	Edwin Drewitt	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	S. Barry Schofield	6
*Peter A. Kirkby	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
Iris Lemare	3	Frederick A. Munday	8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	Roger J. Lumley	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 12).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Alan R. Pink	2	Howard Oglesby	7
William F. Butler	3	William Birmingham	8
Geoffrey Harrison	4	David P. Hilling	9
Reginald W. Rex	5	J. Keith Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Ann M. Cox	*Treble*	Frank W. Rivett	6
Dorothy T. Gardiner	2	Frank L. Harris	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	Lewis F. Cobb	8
Kathleen Rivett	4	Philip N. Tubbs	9
Ronald J. Sharp	5	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	6
*Malcolm P. Phipps	2	George W. Pipe	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	George E. Thoday	8
Norman V. Harding	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Thomas J. Lock	5	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

LONDON, W.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Brian J. Woodruffe	*Treble*	Derek E. Sibson	6
*E. Jane Sibson	2	Alan J. Frost	7
†Mikaela Erik	3	John Armstrong	8
Diana M. Lawless	4	Alan F. Thirst	9
*John C. Eisel	5	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal for the Society. † First of Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Abbey Church.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Julia Fellows	*Treble*	Reginald F. Ewer	6
*Christina Foulkes	2	William J. Arnold	7
*Nicola Pearse	3	Michael D. Frost	8
Arthur Day	4	Gerald Penney	9
Geoffrey Dodds	5	*Jonathan Chamberlain	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William J. Arnold.
* First peal on ten bells, and in the method.
Rung for the Patronal and Diocesan Festival; also a compliment to A. Day on completing 50 years as a member of the Hertford Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., April 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5248 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Raymond Benfield	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. First in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	George E. Fearn	5
Susan Funnell	2	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Muriel Reay	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Edward W. Colley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Philip G. Erith	Treble	David Hollis	5
†Barbara J. Leigh	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
Michael G. Foster	3	Michael Hatchett	7
†Katharine M. Guy	4	Wilfred G. Wilson	Tenor

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Rung on the eve of Confirmation.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

Patricia A. Morris	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	W. Ernest Rawson	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
William J. Root	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

John F. M. Maybrey	Treble	Roy Collins	5
*Christopher D. J. Webb	2	Dennis G. Blows	6
Basil W. White	3	E. John Wells	7
*Joan A. Smith	4	*P. John King	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Stedman.
A compliment to Colin Chinnery and Gwen May, married at Hersham on May 18th.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Harold Smith	Treble	Bernard C. Castle	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Henry J. Lawrenson	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	Walter Hunt	7
Mrs. Harold Smith	4	Charles A. Eele	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,728 each of Yorkshire and Cambridge, 1,600 of Superlative; with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Norman Smith's arr. of Middleton's.
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Reginald E. Lambert	Treble	†Robin J. Lee	5
Robert W. Hinde	2	Stewart F. Kimber	6
Jean L. Lavender	3	Colin A. Tester	7
*Olive D. Tester	4	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* 100th peal. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sun., May 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Margaret Burns	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Elsie Chaddock	2	*Stuart Armeson	6
Richard E. Price	3	Norman Chaddock	7
*Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
Rung after Civic Service; also a 21st birthday compliment to Philip Walker, of the local band.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Derek E. Latchford	5
C. Gay Williams	2	*Brian D. Threlfall	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
T. Reginald Dennis	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 250th peal. 100th as conductor. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Butler	Treble	Hubert Richardson	5
Thomas W. Hesketh	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
V. David Jenner	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
David Vincent	4	John N. Brown	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 extents, with treble and 2 leading bells.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Pamela Todhunter	Treble	*Paul Mainwaring	5
*Sian Thomas	2	Glyn Thomas	6
*James Sawkins	3	John T. Williams	7
Ronnie Dobbins	4	*Roger Evans	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Williams.
* First peal.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of St. Catherine's Church; also as a compliment to the captain, William Dobbins, who has been a ringer there for 50 years.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*Susan Funnell	2	*Maurice C. Hughes	6
*James Insley	3	George E. Fearn	7
*Peter S. Bennett	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 7).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Frederick Ross	5
Susan Funnell	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
George E. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Edward W. Colley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 20).
Conducted by Peter Border.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ronald C. Noon	Treble	Albert W. A. Leggett	5
*Shirley Harris	2	*Raymond Daw	6
*Wendy Hollowell	3	*John H. Bluff	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 GUNNERSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY RICH	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	THOMAS J. LOCK..	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 144).

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

*BRIAN R. TRILL	*Treble*	BARRY J. COUZENS	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
†DAVID S. OSENTON	3	JOHN W. COLEMAN	7
†CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal. † First in the method. The conductor's 300th tower bell peal for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. W. Henderson, Rector of the above church, who has accepted the living of Wateringbury, Kent.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*M. ROGER ASHMORE ..	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	5
*JOHN W. THORP..	2	JOHN G. PUSEY	6
†CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON ..	3	F. JOHN NELSON..	7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	4	JOHN E. CAMP	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. CAMP.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung for the Dorchester Abbey Festival.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	NORMAN V. HARDING.. ..	6
FRANK H. HICKS..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

IAN FOSTER	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
IAN R. PANTON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	6
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	3	ANDREW S. HUDSON	7
JAMES L. TOWLER	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung for the birth of a son (Paul Antony) to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. G. Roast.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH..	*Treble*	*ANTHONY K. FORTIN ..	5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	2	EDWARD R. VENN	6
BARRY J. DAVIES..	3	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN ..	7
ERNEST G. JONES	4	JOHN F. PEGLAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First in the method as conductor.

GUNNERSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.16—12—5—34—7
8ths place L.E. 15738264. 4ths place bobs.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CYNTHIA WARRILOW	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	6
JOHN K. SMITH	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung with the compliments and best wishes of the band to David and Thelma Putnam on the birth of a daughter.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

BARBARA M. GREEN.. ..	*Treble*	STANLEY ANDERTON	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* 50th peal. The conductor's 500th peal, and 235th as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL (FENHAM),
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*IRIS THOMPSON	*Treble*	*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG ..	5
ELAINE MURCOTT	2	ALAN AINSWORTH	6
*MICHAEL MAUGHAN	3	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN ..	7
ERIC HARRISON	4	ALAN R. PATTERSON.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by MARTYN L. J. JORDAN.
* First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE..	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.. ..	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	PHILIP J. ROTHERA	5
PETER S. BENNETT	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	6
ANN E. FELLOWS	3	†JAMES CORBETT..	7
*JENNIFETR M. COOK.. ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First of Major.
Rung for the wedding on June 1st of Linda Hughes and John Foot.

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DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Fred Hodgson	*Treble*	*Janet Cooke	5
Sidney J. Woodcock	2	*Ernest Pannell	6
Rohilla M. Cooke	3	Thomas M. Cox	7
Peter Wishart	4	Thomas Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Burnett, of this tower.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	*Treble*	Andrew J. Corby	5
*Patricia Rogers	2	*David J. Herschell	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	†Chris. H. Rogers	7
Monica M. Moore	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Robin G. Turner	*Treble*	Alan R. Patterson	5
*M. Elaine Murcott	2	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
George S. Deas	4	†Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method. † 250th for the Association.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

H. William Barrett	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Norman V. Harding	2	*Christopher H. Rogers	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	George E. Thoday	7
George P. Adams	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Susan Funnell	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
George E. Fearn	3	Charles A. S. Webb	7
Frederick Ross	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Watch Tower,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative; with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

John E. Anderson	*Treble*	George S. Deas	5
*Michael Maughan	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Robin G. Turner	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5056 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Cyril H. Kinch	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	Edward R. Venn	6
John G. Pusey	3	Christopher C. Clarke	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*Stephen D. Nichol	*Treble*	†Kenneth J. Rider	5
†Angela Grainger	2	Michael J. Hobbs	6
Don C. Exell	3	D. John Hunt	7
‡Michael J. Harris	4	Patrick J. Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First 'inside.'

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Robert A. Reeves	*Treble*	Edward R. Venn	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	Michael W. Coleman	6
Noel R. Waite	3	Christopher C. Clarke	7
Barry J. Davies	4	Anthony R. Mann	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.
Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5088 MONTGOMERY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	Vernon Green	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
G. William Critchley	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
Peter J. Coles	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 228).

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Victor G. Roberts	*Treble*	*Peter C. Wright	5
*Audrey M. Short	2	*Edgar T. Skipsey	6
*Ronald D. Short	3	Eric Naylor	7
George W. Massey	4	Gwilym Salmon	*Tenor*

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the ordination of David Hoare.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

James W. Priest	*Treble*	John A. Martin	5
Roy Collins	2	John F. M. Maybrey	6
*Christopher K. Hill	3	E. John Wells	7
†Alan D. Elsmore	4	Ronald G. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire.
To mark the ordination as Deacon this day of the Rev. Richard F. Acworth in St. Paul's Cathedral.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Good Friday, April 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. George and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores: One each April Day and Clifiord's Pleasure, two each Old and St. Columb, four Kennington, eight each Southrepps and Plain Bob, and 16 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

David Perry	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	3
*Edwin Deakin	2	David Eames	4
Joseph W. Cotton	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal attempt, aged 15.
Rung fully-muffled in solemn commemoration of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MONTGOMERY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14.58 x 56.38 x 14 x 58 x 14 x 18
Lead-end 5738264. 4ths place bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods, seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob and Canterbury, (5) St. Clement's and St. Nicholas', (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

RODERICK N. ELLWAY ..	*Treble*	MICHAEL COPSON	4
*RUPERT A. CLARKE.. ..	2	BRIAN C. LAW	5
*†MICHAEL W. BROWN ..	3	†DAVID F. MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*VERNA RIX..	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
†AUDREY ALEXANDER.. ..	2	†DAVID SAUNDERSON ..	5
†MARTIN MAJOR	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung for the wedding of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Andrew Ogilvy.

CRANFIELD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores: Five each of Old Bob, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

AUDREY ALEXANDER	*Treble*	NORMAN W. ATTAWAY ..	3
DEREK P. JONES	2	MARTIN MAJOR	4
DAVID EAMES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal on the bells.
An 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HEYDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 42 six-scores: Ten of Grandsire and four each of Old Bob, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

GEOFFREY MAYES	*Treble*	NORMAN W. ATTAWAY ..	3
DEREK P. JONES	2	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON ..	4
DAVID EAMES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal on the bells, installed in 1962 in the rebuilt tower to replace the bells destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

*GILLIAN DOUGLAS	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN..	4
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	MICHAEL MAUGHAN	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal of Minor. First in seven methods on the bells.
A welcome to the Rev. Aidan W. Wilson on his induction as Rector of Morpeth.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VEDAST, FOSTER LANE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (3) Bourne and Netherseale; (4) Norfolk and Ipswich; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet; (7) Norwich; with 88 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

PAULINE FENNELL	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. ..	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in 16 Surprise Minor methods by all the band, and for the Society.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES	*Treble*	*IAN W. HALL	4
*ROBERT T. SOMERTON ..	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN.. ..	5
JAMES LINNELL	3	*J. GEORGE SHELLARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
First peal in six methods.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 840 Plain Bob, and five 240's and ten six-scores Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES ..	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ELLIS N. THOMAS	3	ALISTAIR THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
Rung as a last token of respect to Canon Edward Ishmael, who died on May 25th after 20 years as Vicar of the parish.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JANE DOWSE	*Treble*	MAURICE W. HARRISON ..	3
RUTH BLACKSHAW	2	GRAHAM FISHER	4
SYDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.
* First peal.
A compliment to the Rev. H. R. Pleming.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

EUNICE D. OVEREND ..	*Treble*	†DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON	4
*†DAVID G. MASSEY (13)	2	†RAYMOND J. BAKER	5
*†FRANCES M. MASSEY ..	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. First on the bells.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

ROBERT CLAYFIELD	*Treble*	CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD ..	4
IVAN S. MERRY	2	K. PAUL GILLIVER	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	BRIAN L. BURROWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

SHENINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 56 methods and variations: (1) Forncett Bob, Fundenhall Bob, Itchingfield Slow Course Bob, Knapton Bob, Oakley Slow Course Bob, Ockham Slow Course Bob, Intwood Bob, Haddiscoe Bob, Chipstead Slow Course Bob, Ellingham Bob, Thornborough Slow Course Bob, Longford Slow Course Bob; (2) St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, Longford Slow Course Bob, Hascombe Slow Course Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Thornborough Slow Course Bob, Itchingfield Slow Course Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Chipstead Slow Course Bob, Oakley Slow Course Bob; (3) Stedman; (4) St. Simon's Bob; (5) Eynsham; (6) Cassington; (7) St. Albans; (8) Shropham; (9) Elford; (10) St. Martin's Bob; (11) St. Leonard's; (12) St. Peter's; (13) St. Paul's; (14) Mileham; (15) Austrey; (16) St. Andrew's; (17) St. Thomas'; (18) St. Giles'; (19) Norwich; (20) Shareshill; (21) St. John's; (22) St. Luke's; (23) St. Miles'; (24) Walsingham; (25) Ryton; (26) Plain Bob; (27) April Day; (28) Old; (29) Kennington; (30) Besthorpe; (31) Seighford; (32) Norfolk; (33) Dedworth Bob; (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (35) Clifford's Pleasure; (36) St. Columb's; (37) Southrepps Pleasure; (38) Costessy; (39) Little Aston; (40) Grandsire; (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (42) Northrepps Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	ANTHONY K. FORTIN	3
BARRY J. DAVIES	2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN ..	4
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.
Most methods and variations yet rung by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. Hannah as Rector, which took place on May 30th.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., June 2, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Pauline Turner	*Treble*	James E. Sumner	4
John Nelson	2	†Keith Stainton	5
Thomas Turner	3	Bernard Moss	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard Moss.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.
Rung for Whitsunday.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Meugan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris' 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*David G. Pugh	*Treble*	Malcolm T. Johns	4
J. Anthony Ellis	2	Michael R. Thomas	5
Alan V. Protheroe	3	*Ronald N. G. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael R. Thomas.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for Whitsuntide; also as a loyal tribute to Her Majesty the Queen on the tenth anniversary of the Coronation.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Jack Pilgrim	*Treble*	Harold Leather	4
Walter W. Miller	2	William J. Button	5
Frank Ruffles	3	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Especially arranged and rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Stannard, of Bedfield. Edward Jenkins and Harry Hall are the only survivors who rang for his wedding 50 years ago.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Peter M. Shipley	*Treble*	Michael Utton	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
Rung for Whitsuntide.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ellis N. Thomas	*Treble*	Harold Preece	4
*Paul M. Evans	2	Sidney Lunn	5
William T. Petty	3	Lewis Groom	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Robert E. (Ted) Coles, for many years a ringer at this church, and interred this day.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christine Andrew	*Treble*	Thomas W. Smith	4
John P. Partington	2	Albert Greenhalgh	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	3	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal attempt.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

J. Alan Ball	*Treble*	David Eames	4
*Edwin Deakin	2	John K. Smith	5
Joseph W. Cotton	3	†Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Minor. † 600th peal (conducted 326).

HANDBELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 16, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
At the Vicarage Flat,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Michael Hatchett	1—2	Frank C. Price	3—4
		Giles B. Thompson	5—6

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung for the Uxbridge Festival of Arts.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

*R. R. Warford	1—2	Alan Sheppard	3—4
		Kenneth B. Sissons	5—6

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
* First peal of Minor on handbells.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 21, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
At the Vicarage Flat,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Michael Hatchett	1—2	Frank C. Price	3—4
		Giles B. Thompson	5—6

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung to commemorate the Feast of Kassian of Uglich, 1504.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., May 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Humphrey Perkins School,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
E. M. Atkins' arr. Tenor size 18 in G.

Dan S. Pont	1—2	David F. Moore	5—6
*Rupert A. Clarke	3—4	*B. Stedman Payne	7—8

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 50th peal together.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 27, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
At 33, Bridge End Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of 12 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Carisbrooke Delight, (2) Donottar Delight, (3) Pontefract Delight, (4) Wath Delight, (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Gordon W. Land	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
		*Anthony R. Peake	5—6

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. The most Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At 170, Headstone Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne. (2) London and Wells. (3) Cunecastre. (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (5) Netherseale. (6) York and Durham. (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	John R. Mayne	3—4
		Roger Baldwin	5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Humphrey Perkins Grammar School,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Mary C. Poyner	1—2	David F. Moore	5—6
Rupert A. Clarke	3—4	B. Stedman Payne	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by David F. Moore.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The King Edward VI Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the King Edward VI Grammar School,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 15 in B.

*David L. Chambers	1—2	Harry Poyner	3—4
		†P. William Brett	5—6

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal. † First handbell peal. First by the School Society.

LONG LENGTHS

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On June 8th, at Christ Church, North Shields, 2,160 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: M. Elaine Murcott 1, M. Maughan 2, M. Armstrong 3, M. L. J. Jordan 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, E. J. Munday 6, A. R. Patterson 7, K. Arthur 8, E. N. Harrison 9, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 10. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. P. Chappell, Vicar here for 15 years, who is leaving for Ludlow Shropshire.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On June 3rd, 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Tailby 1, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 2, R. Chapman 3, B. D. Shilton 4, B. C. Law 5, H. Needham 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Hayne 1, M. W. Ford 2, W. G. Trevett 3, Rosemary A. Woodward (first quarter on working bell) 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayne. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Trevett 1, N. J. Hayne 2, J. H. Hayne 3, Rosemary A. Woodward 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For Evensong.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Hodister (first of T.B.) 1, D. Holden 2, W. Blake 3, J. Allen 4, R. Warrilow 5, E. Speake (cond.) 6, H. Griffiths 7, E. Malin 8. First in method 3 and 4.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): S. Holland 1, H. Ballard 2, G. A. Masters 3, Susan Hatton 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Prodger 6. J. Brown 8. A 70th birthday compliment to G. Prodger, 45 years a ringer and captain of the band.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. D. Gibson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Janet I. Porter 3, F. C. Hobson 4, J. G. Hobson 5, M. C. Faulkes 6, R. H. Rogers 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8. For Evensong. A compliment to John K. Foot and Linda M. Hughes, on the occasion of their marriage at King's Norton the previous day.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Spurgeon (first of Major) 1, Rev. J. Burslem 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Laurence 5, P. Le Count 6, R. Lindsell 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Barkaway, a member of the congregation for many years, and of Mrs. June Francis, formerly a ringer of this tower.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lane 1, D. Hill 2, I. Foster 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwyne 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. William Turner, bellringer and ardent churchworker.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Nurcombe 1, H. G. Sparks 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, Mrs. D. R. Bould 4, H. Stacey 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, R. G. Pearce 8. Another visit from Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sanders.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Catherine M. Powell 1, B. G. North 2, Jean M. Warner 3, Angela M. Wright 4, A. W. Bond 5, R. A. Ward 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, I. N. Pett 8, B. J. Stone 9, F. W. Rivett (first as cond.) 10. First of Royal 6, 7, 8. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On May 17th, 1,800 Minor (three methods): M. Wade 1, R. A. Clarke 2, B. C. Law 3, D. F. Moore 4, M. R. A. Kirk 5, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 6.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Poyntz 1, Rev. R. Rotter 2, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 3, Rev. B. Prior 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, B. A. Rose 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, W. G. Lavers 8. Half-muffled on the eve of a Requiem for Pope John XXIII.

BURITON, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Reeves (first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, G. W. Sayers 4, K. Tipper 5, A. F. Marriner (first quarter) 6.

CARDIGAN.—On May 26th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (three methods): Sian Evans 1, A. Walters 2, H. Parkes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry) 3, J. Thomas 4, R. Pateman (cond.) 5, K. Hill (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHADLINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Lewis 1, M. Lewis 2, K. Wakefield 3, B. Cooper 4, W. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6. For Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,264 St. Clement's Bob Major: Miss M. J. White 1, Miss M. E. White 2, K. Sansom 3, K. G. Waller 4, R. J. Cork 5, B. R. Walton 6, D. M. Hughes 7, D. J. White (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry 1, E. Deakin (first quarter attempt) 2, D. Jones (cond.) 3, G. Freeman (first 'inside') 4, D. Eames 5. First quarter by a local band entirely. For Holy Week United service. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry 1, A. Ball (first 'inside') 2, E. Deakin 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Nora Ramsay, church organist, who met her death tragically in a road accident. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry 1, A. Ball 2, E. Deakin 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames 5.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. G. Wall 1, Margery Pearson 2, W. Tyson (cond.) 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong 6, R. Oliver 7. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Zvegintzov 1, J. G. Wall 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CORSLEY, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. G. Knee (cond.) 1, L. E. Hawkins 2, E. E. Norris 3, B. R. Morton 4, C. Butcher 5, R. Holly 6. All are employed at 27 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E., Warminster.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Boswell 1, A. Elsmore 2, E. Speake 3, H. Griffiths 4, R. Hodister 5, D. Holden 6, J. Allen (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8. First of Major 5 and 8.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley 1, Rosemary Rich 2, Dorothy Humphris 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For Whitsun Matins.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,272 Doubles (six methods): Phillipa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, J. Hobden 3, T. M. Barlow 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in six methods for all.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Allinson (first quarter) 1, S. J. Chamberlain 2, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 3, L. D. Smith 4, M. Peters (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith (first quarter) 6. First in method 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. J. White 1, Miss M. E. White 2, R. J. Cork 3, K. Sansom 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. J. White 6, K. G. Waller 7, B. R. Walton (cond.) 8.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, H. Gummer 3, W. Alexander 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey (first quarter) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss D. Bailey and Mr. Foot, also as birthday compliments to ringers of 5 and 6.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Miss B. Davies 1, D. Pike 2, T. Fitzgerald 3, J. Robinson 4, T. W. Hesketh 5, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the new church school in Halewood on May 30th.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Hodister 1, W. Blake 2, D. Holden 3, E. Speake (cond.) 4, J. Allen 5, R. Warrilow 6, H. Griffiths 7, E. Malin 8.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery (first quarter) 1, Frieda A. M. Frost 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, W. J. Bailey 4, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 5, R. R. Harmer 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,392 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, R. Marsh 2, J. Dowse 3, M. Harrison 4. For Evensong. Also on May 19th, 1,344 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, J. Heaps 2, J. Dowse 3, M. Harrison 4. For Evensong.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Burton (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Foulk 2, Elizabeth Holmes 3, David W. Camm 4, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 5, Derek J. Camm 6.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Facer (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Booth 2, A. F. Schofield 3, M. Mortin 4, J. A. Booth 5, C. H. Dewsnap (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 9th, 1,250 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Ham 1, Patricia Samuel 2, K. Kirk (cond.) 3, D. S. Johnson 4, F. C. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ, on June 2nd, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: L. Gray 1, T. Hesketh 2, C. Reed 3, J. Grove 4, K. Hesketh 5, W. Court 6, J. Brown 7, T. Horridge 8, V. D. Jenner 9, T. Edwards (cond.) 10, J. Ridyard 11, S. Bailey 12. Rung for the festival of Whitsuntide, and as a wedding compliment to the Rev. M. C. Ridyard and Dr. Alison Dow, who were married in Mussoorie, India, the previous day.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, G. Neilson 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

MARGARETTING, ESSEX.—On Whit Monday, 1,272 Minimus (Double Bob, Plain Bob): B. Coatsworth 1, A. Millidge 2, Margaret Fort (first of Minimus) 3, B. Bull 4.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Faulkner 1, Sally Cobb 2, Jane K. A. Cook 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. J. Chapman 6. First of Cambridge Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margie Ness 1, R. Cooke (first 'inside') 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, M. Uphill (cond.) 5, J. Gaze 6. Rung during cycle tour; average age 15 years.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. Belcher (first quarter attempt) 1, L. Maund 2, L. Porter 3, G. Porter 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. For Commonwealth Day. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): L. Maund 1, R. Jones 2, N. Deam (cond.) 3, J. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong, the Queen's accession and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Butler.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Arlott 1, A. Smith (first of Minor) 2, J. Harland 3, S. Burt (first of Minor) 4, A. Burt (first 'inside' and of Minor) 5, D. Wilcox (cond.) 6.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela J. Upton (first attempt quarter) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, J. H. Upton 3, J. W. Atkinson 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5.



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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Harris 1, R. Algate 2, D. Huddleston 3, A. Howard 4, D. Voss 5, A. Tubb (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. F. Judge 1, M. R. Ashmore (first of Surprise) 2, Miss C. C. Macnair 3, N. J. Martin 4, E. Venn 5, M. D. Atfield 6, J. E. Camp (cond.) 7, F. J. Nelson 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Whit Monday, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Goakes 1, J. M. Roffe 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, R. H. Daw 4, J. H. Bluff 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, R. C. Noon 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. Roffe (first quarter attempt) 1, J. M. Roffe 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, H. Goakes 4, F. T. Boyall 5, R. H. Daw (comp. and cond.) 6, B. Harris 7, G. S. Bush 8. For morning service, and as wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright (39 years), Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bush (25 years) and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roffe (2 years).

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On June 8th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Bridges (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Rev. S. M. Evans 3, A. P. Stone 4, S. J. Gee 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, E. Milsted 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, A. T. Shelton 3, C. H. B. Cook (first 'inside') 4, W. Dunn 5, W. Inwood 6, G. Oliver 7, S. Smith (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Joy Smith 1, L. Smith 2, K. Tyler 3, Howard Meek 4, E. W. Penn 5, T. Wilce 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Harper and Miss Jane Wall, who were married at this church this day.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. C. W. Hunter (first of Surprise) 1, Rhoda Housden 2, Hilary Kippin 3, Jessie Kippin 4, Elizabeth A. Stevinson 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, F. W. Housden 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 5 and 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Print 1, R. C. Chapman 2, V. B. Hunt 3, A. Brazier 4, C. R. Steed 5, A. G. Foster 6, F. C. Lyne (cond.) 7, D. White 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Pope John XXIII.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, E. Nunn 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Holford 8. A birthday compliment to E. Nunn. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. J. Diserens 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, E. J. Worth 8. Rung for Whit Sunday, and to welcome the Diserens family to Stratton.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 5th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: I. Garvie 1, C. H. Grindlay 2, A. J. Price 3, H. C. Burt 4, H. G. Summers 5, E. Holdsworth 6, E. Gower 7, W. H. Male (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. H. Adams, Ringing Master at St. Mary's Church for 50 years, whose funeral took place this day.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On June 9th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist with All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Mrs. J. Hampton 3, A. Stimson 4, J. Hales 5, M. T. Stimson 6, S. Foskett 7, A. Hampton 8. Rung in honour of the christening of Carmel Spanswick, goddaughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

WESTMINSTER.—On June 9th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Yeates 1, D. T. Darby 2, A. N. Stubbs 3, R. Lay 4, C. Simpson 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6. Rung, as a compliment to Mr. Graham W. J. Newton and Miss Jacequline A. Hughes (formerly a ringer at this church), on the occasion of their wedding, which took place the previous day.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnel 1, Mrs. J. Thurmott 2, T. E. Roberts 3, H. C. Edwards 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, C. Trueman 6, B. R. Eglesfield 7, I. Foddy 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Cole 1, V. James (first of Triples) 2, J. Yeates 3, M. Clark 4, P. J. Gardner 5, J. Evered 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The A.G.M. of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held on May 25th at Wellingborough. Many towers were available for ringing from 12 noon until the service at All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the curate, Rev. H. Beaumont. The address was given by Rev. W. Brown, Vicar of St. Mary's, Wellingborough, and the lesson was read by the Master, Mr. P. I. Chapman.

An excellent salad tea followed, held in St Andrew's Hall, after which the president, Canon G. F. Turner, presided at the meeting, attended by approximately 125 members and friends. He welcomed the visitors, and then, after reading the obituary list for 1962, asked members to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of late friends.

Apologies were given and the minutes read and signed as a correct record. The adoption of the printed annual report followed, and the secretary informed members that some peals had unfortunately been omitted. It was agreed that these should be included in the 1963 report. No nominations for officers had been received, except for the office of auditor, to which office Mr. G. F. Roome was elected. The other officers were all re-elected, thanks being accorded to them for their services.

The committee's recommendation of grants of £40 each to Weldon and Daventry from the Bell Restoration Fund were approved. The Master gave full details of the week-end course at Knuston Hall, Irchester, on July 5th, 6th and 7th. It was agreed to visit Oakham for the summer festival on September 7th, and that the annual dinner would be held in Northampton on October 19th. The venue for the 1964 A.G.M. was fixed as St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Saturday, May 9th.

The meeting had pleasure in agreeing to the committee's proposal to invite the Central Council to hold its 1964 or 1965 meeting at Northampton. A donation of five guineas had been to the Ernest Morris Memorial, and the meeting readily endorsed the committee's action. A motion before the meeting, to increase the annual subscription for a ringing member, was amended twice and the meeting finally agreed to the motion: 'that the Annual Subscription for a Ringing Member of 21 years and over be increased to 5/- and under 21 years to remain at 2/6d.'

Before the meeting was closed Mr. R. Daw proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting, especially Mr. A. R. Elliott and his committee, and Mrs. Murdin and the other ladies who had prepared and served the excellent tea. The proposal was seconded by Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner and appreciation shown in the usual manner. The president then closed the meeting and members dispersed to continue their ringing activities in the surrounding district. G. S. & T.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 13th, 1913.—

The question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was before the Newcastle meeting, the following motion being on the agenda: 'That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.'

(The Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. E. Matthews both spoke in favour, but Mr. G. P. Burton said he was opposed to it on the grounds that it was best for the ladies if they could be kept out of the belfries altogether. After a lengthy discussion the subject was allowed to drop.)

SEEND, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, H. Gummer 3, S. Cottle 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Abbot 6.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. I. Stimson 2, M. T. Stimson 3, A. J. Stimson 4, F. J. Stimson 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Christian, on the birth of their granddaughter, Julie Ann.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

80th Anniversary Honoured

THE festival and A.G.M. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Beaminster on May 11th. The meeting was held in the Public Hall, where the proceedings were opened by Canon C. C. Cox (president), supported by Rev. R. N. Longridge (Master), Messrs. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and F. S. Slatford (assistant honorary secretary). The president introduced Councillor J. W. Sill, chairman of the Council, who in turn welcomed the Guild to Beaminster, wishing all an enjoyable time and good ringing. A brief history of the town was given by the president, who then handed over to the Master to preside over the annual meeting.

After the minutes had been signed the hon. secretary, in his report, gave figures of membership: 1,012 ringing, 21 honorary, 16 associate and 24 life members were elected during the year. He regretted the slight fall in membership and hoped that Branch hon. secretaries would rectify this during the year.

The meeting stood in silence as the names of members who died during the year were read: the Rev. J. W. Goffin and R. Preston (Yatesbury), G. Pedler and C. Scott.

In regard to peals, the honorary secretary reported that the Guild's total was 25, of which 12 were rung for the 80th anniversary celebrations. Twenty-four quarters were also rung for this purpose. Quite a few young ringers had developed into peal ringers. One band—average age 16—had rung a peal in their own tower. Another band had rung a peal of Triples, which was the first in the method and first as such by the conductor. They were continuing their activities into this year. Congratulations were due to them as this was real progress.

The statement of accounts, which had been circulated, was then before the meeting. Mr. West reported: Balance in hand, current account £125 10s., deposit account £5 18s.; Edwards Memorial Fund, deposit account £72 7s., £22 of which was available for grants. The secretary and treasurer's reports were endorsed on the proposition of Mr. N. G. Knee, seconded by Capt. Mansfield-Robinson, with thanks to all concerned.

The Master, in his remarks, voiced the pleasure of the company at the presence of the president, who was no less active than a year ago. He asked members to make May 24th, the day of the enthronement of the new Bishop, a special day. He was also pleased to see so many young ringers in the Guild. Thanks were given in advance to the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway), the Archdeacon of Dorset, the organist and choir; Mr. Joe Barratt and his ringers for the work which had been put in to provide such a good day. The president gave a special welcome to Mr. E. C. Shepherd, who had come to live in the Guild's area.

All the retiring officers were re-elected for the current year: the Guild Committee had one vacancy, Mr. H. Abrahams retiring. This was filled by Mr. G. S. Morris, and Mr. N. G. Knee was added to the list of belfry inspectors. It was decided to grant a further £5 5s. to Thorncombe.

The festival service was held in the Parish Church, where the Vicar welcomed the members and later conducted the Guild office; the president and Master also took part. The Ven E. L. Seager, Archdeacon of Dorset, gave a most inspiring address. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Canon Cox, C. W. Powell, Mrs. Powell, H. G. Keeley and G. S. Morris, and the collection was devoted to the 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign.'

Tea was served in the Public Hall, to which 132 sat down and enjoyed the fare provided. Thanks were again expressed to all concerned, including the incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells.

Canon Cox was asked to write to the new Bishop in a spirit of welcome from the Guild. A reply, since received, stated that the Bishop assented most graciously to becoming patron.

During the evening the assembly scattered in all directions to visit the many rings available for their use and so ended a most enjoyable and successful day. W. C. W.

OBITUARY

MR. E. H. ADAMS

It is with regret that we have had to say farewell to that grand old gentleman, Ted Adams. When he came to Warwick in 1898 from London he soon made his mark as a ringer, and shortly after his arrival he took charge of St. Mary's bells, although he came as verger and custodian. During his term of office St. Mary's had a very good band.

His passing removes another founder member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and never tired of discussing his ringing in London. In 1936 he was presented with an illuminated testimonial in appreciation of his work for the church, and in 1957 he was presented with his portrait in oils. He died on June 1st, and the funeral took place on June 5th at St. Mary's Church. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and during the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a mixed band from Allesley, Leamington Spa, St. Nicholas', Warwick, and St. Mary's, Warwick, being conducted by the present Ringing Master of St. Mary's. J. L. G. H.

MR. R. W. CAUNT

By the death of Mr. Robert William Caunt, aged 87, on May 28th, Hose, Leicestershire, has lost the last of its veteran ringers. Failing health prevented him ringing for the last 10 years, but before that he had served the belfry and church faithfully for over 60 years. He was a member of the Framland Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild. When young he was a prominent local cricketer.

To his memory a quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire) was rung on June 8th, with the bells half-muffled, by A. E. Moulds 1, A. E. Hinman 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, J. Butcher 4, E. Tinsley 5.

MR. L. G. PALMER

Staveley Parish Church, Derbyshire, suffered a severe loss by the death on May 24th of Mr. Lewis George Palmer, aged 74.

He joined the choir as a boy, 62 years ago, and was a ringer for the past 58 years, being Ringing Master at the time of his death and for several years before. He was an honorary life member of the Derbyshire Association.

Mr. Palmer was the last in line of the older ringers at Staveley, and one cannot praise too highly the work he did in rebuilding the present band. Although he had been in ill-health for the past few years, he played a captain's part by helping and encouraging the young ringers. He was very interested in handbell ringing and over the years had organised a number of handbell ringing teams.

After the funeral call changes were rung on half-muffled bells. H. P.

MR. L. V. DAVIS

His many friends will be sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Leslie Vincent Davis, who died suddenly on his way home from choir practice at St. Christopher's Church, Brislington, on May 31st.

Leslie learnt to ring at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, where he was a member of the band for about seven years before he moved to the G.P.O. telephones at Dorchester. In this town he rang with the St. Peter's, Dorchester, band, and, shortly after the war broke out was moved to the Weymouth and Portland area, where he was in charge of telephone maintenance until 1958. During this time he lived at Upwey and identified himself with the work of the church as choirmaster/bellringer.

Promotion came again in 1958, when he was moved to Bristol as a telephone inspector. Here he attended SS Philip and Jacob's Church as chorister and bellringer. Unfortunately his health broke down and, some three years ago, he was obliged to give up ringing. It was then that he decided to attend St. Christopher's, which was but a few hundred yards from his home in Brislington.

A wide circle of friends have tendered their condolences to his wife and two daughters in their sudden bereavement. The funeral took place at St. Christopher's on June 7th and was followed by cremation. There was a large congregation and numerous floral tributes.

SURREY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS



BEDDINGTON ringers added to their laurels of previous competitions and their Christmas Day broadcast, by winning the 7th annual striking competition of the Surrey Association at Ashtead on May 25th. The comment of the judge, Mr. C. H. Kippin, was: 'The standard of ringing was marvellous; this is the standard of ringing that the other four teams should strive to attain. If ever it is possible to promote a national striking competition it will need to be a very good team that scores fewer faults than this Sunday service band.' The test was 224 Grandsire Triples. Other placings: 2 St. John's, Croydon; 3 Christ Church, Epsom Common. Also competing: Ashtead and St. Martin's, Epsom.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. J. T. Symonds for arranging the venue of the competition, the lay preacher and organist, the tea ladies, the judge and his marker (Mrs. E. M. Parrott). The judge's comments were taken down in shorthand by Miss A. Gibson and typed out so that each competing band could have a copy. W. P.

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MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Lorna Armstrong (first of Caters) 1, H. V. Young 2, W. A. J. Knight 3, B. G. Williams (first of Caters) 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Casby (first of Caters as cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, W. J. Nurcombe 8, H. W. Lloyd 9, W. Middleton 10. Rung for the Queen's official birthday, and a welcome to the Curate.

FIRST PEAL IN REBUILT BOMBED CHURCH

Twenty-three years ago a Nazi raider dropped several bombs harmlessly among the chalky downs of the Cambs-Essex border in deep countryside. Nevertheless, by a sad mischance, the last bomb struck the tower of Holy Trinity Church, in the thatched village of Heydon, destroying tower, bells and nave.

A few years ago the rebuilt nave and a new brick tower were dedicated, and in July, 1962, a pretty little ring of five bells, from the Whitechapel Foundry, were installed to complete the restoration. The first peal on these bells was rung on May 25th, and was apparently the first ring since their dedication last summer.

The happy sound drew a number of visitors and it is hoped it may arouse interest in the formation of a local band of ringers. The new tenor weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HORSLEY CUP CONTEST

This popular event of the Derby Diocesan Association attracted 13 teams to Horsley. The judges were Messrs. Denis Frith and Peter Slight, of Grantham. The event was won by Sawley. Results:

Sawley, method St. Martin's, conductor D. J. Marshall, score 289½: Duffield, Bob Doubles, D. Parkin, 284½; Alvaston, Bob Minor, B. Manning, 284½; Etwall, Oxford Bob, J. Murfin, 279; Sandiacre, Cambridge, D. R. Carlisle, 274½; St. Peter's, Oxford T.B., J. Bailey, 272; Cathedral 'B.' Bob Doubles, G. A. Halls, 269½; Cathedral 'A.' Cambridge, R. Taylor, 258½; Ripley, Bob Doubles, J. Hunt, 243; Horsley, Grandsire, G. Harrison, 232½; Belper, Bob Minor, A. Morley, 230; West Hallam, call changes, G. Futers, 213; Heanor, Grandsire, D. Camm, 190.

The highlights of the day, other than the Cathedral's firing, writes our correspondent, were the splendid tea provided by Gwen Harrison and her Horsley colleagues and the equally splendid weather.

At the annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers last Saturday a white cardigan was left in St. Petrock's Church. Will owner communicate with M. F. Lock, Devonshire House, Stocker Road, The University, Exeter.

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BIRTH

LAYTON.—To Denis and Margaret on Sunday, June 9th, 1963, a daughter, Hilary Rosemary, sister to Frances. 2696

DEATH

SMITH.—On Wednesday, June 12th, 1963, at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, Cecil Smith passed away peacefully. He was for many years a ringer at High Wycombe, and latterly at St. Lawrence's, Alton, Hants. 2701

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Raymond H. Daw, Peterborough Guild, Peterborough Branch secretary, is now 37, Elmfield Road, Peterborough. 2681

The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. May is now 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking, Woking, Surrey. Telephone Woking 5236. 2699

The address of Mr. F. A. Salter is now 64, Randal Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham.

From June 20th the address, in Putney, S.W.15, of Brian J. Woodruffe will no longer apply. All correspondence should be sent to 68, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, from where it will be forwarded if necessary. 2705

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—Bed and breakfast, moderate terms, parking space, two minutes from station, half hourly train service to Eastbourne, Brighton, Hastings, Bexhill, etc. —Mrs. G. Fuller, Droslyn, High Street, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. Westham 306. 2636

PERSONAL

'Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.' (Romans xiii, 7.)

John and Linda Foot desire through 'The Ringing World' to thank all the ringers who rang peals and quarters for their wedding and engagement, and also those who rang for the wedding service. They look forward to seeing them all at 19, Kilsby Road, Barby, Rugby, Warwickshire. Spades will be provided. 2708

Our weekly text, which has for some years appeared under the heading of Personal, has been misinterpreted as applying to another announcement under the same heading in the issue of June 14th. We assure those concerned in a message of congratulation that the text had no special reference to them and we tender our apology for any unpleasantness which the inadvertent placing of the two items under the the same heading might have caused.

WANTED

Copies of 'Ropesight' and 'Stedman,' in the 'Jasper Snowdon' series. All postage paid, state price.—R. W. Rice, 48, West Street, Banwell, Somerset. 2686

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Twenty-four handbells for sale. Two octaves, tenor 24 in. in E. All in excellent condition. £60.—Cope 239, Barton Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering. Burton Latimer 210. 2694

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of 15 handbells, 18 G and G sharp. Secondhand, good condition.—Information to K. Smith, Oakhurst, Five Ashes, Mayfield, E. Sussex. Phone Mayfield 2156 (evenings). 2715

MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, S. DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's (on the sea front), at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holidaymakers' service during the summer, in addition to the usual ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 2690

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON.—Visiting ringers welcome. Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Please note, St. Peter's ringers now ring at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sundays, 9.15 a.m. Practice, alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. [Tuesdays on left hand page of the Ringers' Diary during 1963.]—A. G. 2713

CANCELLATION

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—The practice arranged for Minehead on Saturday, June 22nd, has unfortunately had to be **cancelled.**—A. R. Tudball. 2706

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Meeting announced in 'R.W.' for Highclere on June 22nd took place on June 15th. Error regretted.—G. Dodd. 2666

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, St. James', Shardlow (6). Own tea arrangements at cafe next to church.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 2693

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Long Eaton (8), Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—David W. Camm, Sec. 2714

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Selston on June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Double Court and Norwich Surprise. Names for tea, **please,** to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham.—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2656

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting and service.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival this year will be held on June 22nd. Service at Godalming 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells: Shere, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Albury, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Ewhurst, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shalford, 1.45-3; Bramley, 2.30-3.30; Wonersh, 3-4; Godalming, 3.30-4.30; Hascombe, 6.30-7.30; Dunsfold, 6.30-7.30; Witley, 7-8; Chiddingfold 7.30-8.30; Haslemere, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Shackstead Lane, Godalming.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goodrich on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 2682

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Dorney, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew.—Miss Hague. 2673

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2644

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset. 2664

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Summer term meeting on Saturday, June 22nd, in West London area. Towers: Willesden, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Ealing St. Stephen's, 1.30-2.30; Ealing St. Mary's, 2.45-3.45; Isleworth, 4.15-5.15; Twickenham All Hallows', 6.15-7.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—A. J. Frost, Master. 2707

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, June 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 2700

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—Rededication of the bells (8), Sunday, June 23rd, at 11 a.m. Preacher: Lord Bishop of Norwich. Ringing after the service. All ringers welcome.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Evening practice at Thames Ditton on Monday, June 24th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. —Rupert Caporn. 2667

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, June 25th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: June 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; July 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 16th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice meeting, Tuesday, June 25th, at Allensmore. Bells (6) from 6 till 8.45 p.m.—R. G. Powell. 2678

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please. —A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2601

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION at Chapel-en-le-Frith, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Tea, price 4s. 6d., available only to those who notify Mr. Arthur Hibbert, Ashdene, The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith, via Stockport, by Wednesday, June 26th.—C. K. Lewis.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Saturday, June 29th, Chapel-en-le-Frith, 2.30-8.45 p.m. For teas, please advise by Wednesday, 26th, Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2695

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, June 29th, Barnby Dun. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (only cups of tea provided).—R. Stephenson, Dis. Sec. 2684

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at Cradley on June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2596

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, Warmley (6), Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. T. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley, Bristol.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoodleigh, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Hollis, 'Roseneath,' Avenue, Tiverton. 2648

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss M. A. Moore, 'Chippings,' Icklingham Road, Cobham, Surrey, by June 26th. Stoke D'Abernon bells also available. 2659

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2680

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Barnet bells available in evening. All cordially welcome.—K. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2638

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, June 26th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2645

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting at Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, near Station, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs. by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2654

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton on Saturday, June 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please.—W. A. Yates. 2681

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estab. 1623).—The 340th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch 4s. 6d. and tea 1s. 6d. arranged only for those notifying me by Thursday, 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 2649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting, Abbotsbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset, by Wednesday, June 26th, please.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2671

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—June 29th, evening meeting at Moreton Corbett. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2689

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Sedgley. Bells (8) available 6.30-8.30 p.m. Look up Plain Bob and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2611

VETERANS' REUNION.—London, June 29th. Service 5 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. All welcome. Names, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 2633

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton on Saturday, June 29th. Bells: Bitterne Park (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Mary's (10), 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (10), 1.30-2.40 and after tea. General meeting 2.45 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by June 22nd. Other towers available in the evening will be announced at meeting.—R. Roger Savory, Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 2647

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—Wymondham Ringing Day, Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Vicarage Room. Names, please, by Wednesday, 26th.—H. Tooke, 33, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 2703

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.—Friends of the Abbey annual service, Sunday, June 30th, 6 p.m. All ringers invited for ringing 5-6 and 7-9 p.m., to show appreciation to the Friends who sponsored recasting of the twelve bells. Also ringing 10-11 a.m. All welcome. 2702

CUMBERLAND & N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Monthly practice meeting at Cockermouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. D. Wetenhall, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth, by July 4th.—S. Richardson, Branch Sec. 2688

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Glossop, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service, Old Glossop Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. New Mills (8) and Hayfield (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. This is the first meeting to be held at Glossop and the ladies of the church are undertaking arrangements for tea. Please co-operate and let me have names by June 29th.—B. P. Morris, Sec., 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbys. 2692

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Magdalen (6), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Waffington (6), 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shouldham (6), 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Crimplesham (5), 1-3; Upwell (6), 1-30-3.30; Denver (6), 2.30-3.30; Hilgay (8), 2.30-4.30; Downham Market (8), 3-6. Service 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, followed by tea for those who notify E. H. Mastin, 7, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market, Norfolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 2709

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Orsett, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 4th, to F. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2698

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Rushmere (6) and St. Matthew's (6), 10-11 a.m.; St. Lawrence's (5) 11-11.30; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Clement's (6), 1.30-2.15; St. Mary-at-Quay (6), 2.15-3; St. Margaret's (8), 3-4.15; St. Clement's and St. Mary-at-Quay, 6.30. Also two evening tours: 1 Grundisburgh district, 2 Out of Ipswich, along A.45, beginning at 6.30 p.m. (own transport necessary, details on the day). Committee meeting 1.30, tea and business meeting 4.45, all in Garrett Memorial Hall. Service 4.15 p.m., St. Margaret's. Names for tea (3s.) to 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd. Everybody welcome.—Alice E. J. Lester. 2691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Elsham, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to the Rev. D. G. Tucker, The School House, Elsham, Brigg.—C. A. H. 2704

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Cromer. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by the 3rd to Mr. W. H. Holdom, 17, Shipden Avenue, Cromer.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Piddington (6), Saturday, July 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2683

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Long Length Rutland Attempt

Dear Sir,—The composition to be used for the attempt for 11,328 Rutland Surprise Major, this coming Saturday, will be extended by 192 changes by the insertion of the following:

5243678	M	B	W	H
6253487		S	—	
5236478	—	S		—

This extra course has been contributed by Mr. R. F. B. Speed.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

J. Gardner, of Tetbury

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. Sharpe may not know anything of J. Gardner, of Tetbury, and he may wonder if I got the correct inscription from the 3rd at Cherington.

But whatever Ellacombe's version is, and whatever H.T.E. says (whatever H.T.E. is) I can assure him that the inscription on the waist of the 3rd was: 'Recast by J. Gardner, of Tetbury. 1870.'

I only have to add to that, that two other Putney ringers, Alan Millidge and John Gaze, were with me at the time I got the inscriptions from the bells, and they too saw the inscription with their own eyes.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

Putney.

The attempt of 20,160 Minor at Stoke D'Abernon last Saturday failed after 14,736 changes had been rung in 5¼ hours.

Central Council and New Blood

Dear Sir,—Looking through the lists of Guild and Association officers and Central Council representatives in the last few years' diaries, I notice that, virtually, the same people hold office year after year. Thus these organisations are in grave danger of getting into a rut (or are already in one).

This lack of change may be caused by the following reasons:

(1) The brilliancy of the present officers (?).

(2) The apathetic attitude of the Guild members,

(3) The practice of 'I'll vote for you if you'll vote for me, mate.'

These point could almost be eradicated by the Guilds and Associations adopting the rule: 'That an officer must retire, for at least one year, after holding office for three consecutive years.'

I would like to know what other ringers feel about this matter, either through 'The Ringing World' or privately, especially those in the Lincoln Guild.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

Note.—Of the 145 members of the Council present at Great Yarmouth, 32 new members were presented, or 22 per cent.—Ed.

Another Attempt for Major Extent

Dear Sir.—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, July 27th, 1963. Ringing will commence at 6.30 a.m. and the band will stand as follows: Brian J. Woodruffe treble, John M. Jelley 2, Neil Bennett 3, Brian Harris 4 John C. Eisel 5, John Robinson 6, Derek Ogden 7, Robert B. Smith tenor.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By C. Kenneth Lewis

23456	W	M	H
46235	*	†	—
26534		—	
56432	3	—	
62435	3	—	2
43265	S		—

Eleven times repeated. Inserting 3 bobs at 5ths in every course.

* single in all parts except the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th, when it is replaced by a bob.

† single in 1st and 7th parts.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

Long Length Pudsey to be Attempted

Dear Sir.—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, an attempt to ring 10,336 Pudsey Surprise Major will be made on Saturday, July 6th, 1963, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough. The peal will start at 11 a.m., and the composition is as follows:

10,336 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
By John Segar

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
24536	5			—
52436	5			—
63425		—	—	—
54632	4			—
65432	5			—
46532	5			—
46325	—			—
34625	5			—
26543		—	—	
45362		—	—	
35264		—	3	3
56342		2	2	3
64523		2	2	3
42635		2	2	3
23456		2	2	3

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Fairfield, Derbyshire.

QUARTER PEALS

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.—On May 26th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. C. Chatfield 1, Rosemary Rich 2, L. V. Chamberlain 3, B. J. Luck 4, P. G. Erith 5, T. H. Holmes 6, N. J. Davies 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 1, M. Hatchett (cond.) 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, F. H. Walters (first quarter) 4, G. B. Thompson 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Winifred Bradbury and Jack Owen.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On June 4th, 1,254 Plain Bob Major: H. Judd 1, M. Lings 2, Mrs. J. E. Finn 3, W. Bains 4, R. Lord 5, E. Button 6, J. Underwood 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. C. K. Clay, upon his marriage to Mrs. M. S. Abraham, the previous day.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 27th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Selway 1, Mrs. Godley 2, Mrs. A. Short 3, G. W. Rendall 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. G. Jeanes.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—May 26th, at Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Gillian Sewell (first touch on ten) 1, Rosemary Rich 2, T. G. Pett 3, B. J. Luck 4, D. C. Chatfield 5, L. V. Chamberlain 6, P. G. Erith 7, T. H. Holmes 8, N. J. Davies 9, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 7. For Evensong.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On April 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth V. Hawkins 1, Margaret Booth 2, D. Dobson 3, S. Bellfield 4, J. M. Pepper 5, J. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Michael and Christine Pepper on the birth of a son (Mark).

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Hobbs 1, Jacqueline A. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, M. Hobbs 4, D. J. Barnett 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Bath Abbey.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Rich 1, Mrs. R. Murrell 2, C. W. Bailey 3, G. C. J. Murrell 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of a son this day to Michael and Sue Sargeant.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. A. Knight 1, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. Arscott 4, C. W. Powell 5, Rev. G. V. Syer 6, A. Knight 7, A. J. Walborne 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight, on their silver wedding day.

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A.N.Z.A.B. COUNCIL MEETING IN ADELAIDE

THE second annual Council meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers was held on June 8th, at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Walkerville, South Australia, after a dinner, at which 42 ringers were present. Eleven Australian towers were represented from Sydney, Melbourne, Ballaarat, Bendigo, Hobart and Adelaide. It was calculated that by the time the 30 visitors had returned home they would have covered 40,630 miles between them.

Mr. Tom Goodyer was elected president for the ensuing term and Mr. Graeme Heyes is the new secretary. Mr. Ken Minchinton retains his post as treasurer and Mr. Bill Pitcher is continuing with the editorship of 'Ringing Towers.' It was resolved that the meeting next year would be held in Hobart.

Among matters discussed were the financial position of 'Ringing Towers,' the possibility of a ringing trip to New Zealand, the design of a badge, official note-paper, the formation of a Restoration Committee and an A.B.C. Committee.

The Council meeting was the reason for so much travelling, but it was a wonderful excuse for three days of ringing in the two towers—St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Andrew's. Both were filled to capacity on all occasions (at St. Andrew's it was a matter of one band ringing and another waiting below to take their place). Ringing was very varied and ranged from rounds and plain hunting, through Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Major, to Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

A quarter peal of Stedman was attempted at the Cathedral on the Sunday night, but without success. However, Dame Fortune smiled on the Monday morning and a peal in four Minor methods came round nicely, if rather quickly, taking only 2 hours 38 minutes. This raised the total of peals rung in Australia so far this year to 12, only two behind the record number of 14 rung in 1954.

After the peal everyone adjourned to the National Park at Belair in the foothills about six miles from Adelaide, where a barbeque lunch was eaten to the evident enjoyment of all. This gathering of 40 was the real highlight of the meeting—the getting together and talking, making new friendships, strengthening old ones and generally exchanging experiences and ideas. What is it about ringing that makes these gatherings so stimulating? The postprandial scene at National Park presented an unusual spectacle. Amongst the trees and scrub and the grass, vivid after three weeks of rain, there were three sets of handbells going, each one in a different key and all within sight and sound of each other. Those not thus engaged were lying on rugs playing chess or 'black maria,' or still standing round the three-sided barbecue grilling that extra chop or coaxing the water to boil for another cuppa.

It was a week-end of handbell quarters in odd places. On Sunday, Bill Pitcher took Monica Collins and Tom Goodyer into his bookshop and there among the piles of newly unpacked books they rang a quarter of Bob Minor. Helen Henderson, Anne Cowling and Sidney Smith were seen on Monday morning standing behind one of the Cathedral's buttresses trying for one of Doubles in defiance of the bells and the traffic noise. Something went wrong with this, but as soon as they reached the park they disappeared into the privacy of the scrub and were this time successful. It was the first quarter 'in hand' for all of them. Later in competition with the other handbells and the general coming and going, Tom, Helen and Anne rang a quarter of Bob Minor.

From start to finish, it was a week-end to remember. Roll on next year and a similar gathering in Hobart.

W. B. P.

TO PETER N. BOND

MANY visitors to Great Yarmouth over Whitsun will have noticed in the porch of the Parish Church a prayer card for Peter Neville Bond, to be ordained priest on Trinity Sunday in Rochester Cathedral by David, Lord Bishop of Rochester.

A former Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, a former Central Council representative for that Society, at present Ringing Master of the Rochester District of the Kent Council Association, Peter Bond, who learned to ring at Brasted under the outstanding tutelage of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, can certainly claim to be a prominent ringer, not merely because of his towering stature, but for his friendliness, enthusiasm, goodwill and enterprise in all causes related to the noble art of church bellringing.

Thus he went forward to his ordination as a priest of the Church, with a multitude of good wishes from ringing friends in all parts of the country. He was supported at the service in the Cathedral by several ringing friends, some of whom had taken part in a long touch of Grandsire Caters, there being not quite time for a quarter peal.

In the afternoon, members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Fordcombe Surprise Major at Frindsbury. The method was appropriate as Peter lived at Fordcombe and assisted at the church there as a lay reader before commencing his special training for Holy Orders. The peal is also associated with Dennis A. Sweetman, of Chislehurst, ordained deacon to serve in the parish of Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. He is well known to Ian Oram, captain at the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and peal secretary of the Kent County Association, and Philip Corby, general secretary of the Kent County Association, is a parishioner at Riverhead. The Vicar of Frindsbury was delighted with the peal, as it reminded him happily of his ordination in 1933.

On Thursday, June 13th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Peter Bond celebrated Holy Communion for the first time in St. Augustine's Church, Gillingham, where he now serves as curate. There was a large congregation, including several ringers, and even those at the back of the church were impressed with the dignity and clarity with which the liturgy was conducted and were no less impressed by the obvious affection in which Peter is held by the local congregation, which was very evident at the reception afterwards, when he was presented with an inscribed missal.

The Kent County Association is very proud of its distinguished clerical member.

P. A. C.

Yorkshire Takes Steps to Meet Membership Decline

THE 87th annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place at Howden Minster on May 4th, attended by a large gathering representing each of the four Districts. In addition to the superb ring of eight at the Minster, ringing was also enjoyed at Selby Abbey, Snaith, Carlton, Hemingbrough and Eastrington.

Following the service in the Minster, an excellent tea was served in the Green Room, when more than 100 sat down. At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the honorary treasurer (Mr. V. Bottomley) and the honorary peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

After the minutes of the last meeting had been accepted as a correct record, an omnibus vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Howden, and clergy of the numerous churches who had given permission for the use of their bells, also the respective local companies. This was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson, and seconded by Mr. D. Johnson, special reference being made to Mr. L. M. Woodhead for making tower arrangements.

The Vicar of Howden, the Rev. R. J. Graham, in a felicitous speech of welcome, reminded the assembly that whilst he did not know much about Yorkshire, he did about 'Howdenshire' and when he learnt that some time ago the Association had held a meeting at nearby Goole, he decided that one must be held at Howden. He was delighted that the Association had decided in favour of this, and was glad to welcome so large a gathering on this occasion. (Applause.)

In presenting the report of the committee, the president drew attention to the fact that although there was a slight increase in membership, there had been a decline of about 100 members over the last eight years, which must be a matter of concern to all. Plans were in hand for a meeting between the committee and representatives of all local ringing societies operating in the county, with a view to closer collaboration for mutual benefit.

LOSSES BY DEATH

During the year about a dozen members had died, including three who had rendered faithful service to the Association: Mr. Albert E. Sellers, vice-president of the Eastern District for the last ten years, joined the Association in 1907, and had served on the General Committee for 30 years; Mr. Dan Smith, vice-president of the Southern District for 15 years; Mr. J. R. Brearley, also of the Southern District, was a former member of the General Committee. Reference was made to the death of Miss Margaret Snowdon, who was the Association's last living link with the Snowdon family.

The peal secretary's report showed that 137 peals had been rung during the year, 117 on tower bells and 20 on handbells, and although in all 17 fewer than last year, still showed a healthy interest in this branch of the art. The list of peals rung by local bands had grown longer, chiefly by the efforts of the Bradford and Rotherham ringers. The former band rang four such peals in four different Surprise Royal methods, and the latter band also rang four peals. Halifax (Haley Hill) ringers contributed a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods. The peal list also included the longest length of Surprise Royal for the Association, this being 6,480 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Whitby on October 20th, composed and conducted by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris. Participating in this was Miss Patricia Lockwood, of Ossett, who is to be particularly congratulated as it was her first peal in a Surprise method.

The honorary treasurer's accounts revealed a moderately satisfactory position (investments and cash in hand £504), but the committee felt bound to point out that the Association faced a future liability in the printing of the rules and certificates of membership, which could not be much longer delayed. Following discussion, the report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

The general secretary announced that the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Archdeacon Ellison as their president, and he had great pleasure in moving this. Mr. W. Barton seconded and on being put to the vote by the secretary, Archdeacon Ellison was unanimously elected with acclamation. In acknowledgment, the president thanked the members for their renewed confidence, assuring them he would do his best at all times, and he valued very much their loyalty and support.

In accordance with the new rule, the hon peal secretary is now elected triennially, coinciding with the presidential election, and on the motion of the general secretary, seconded by Mr. F. J. Jackson, Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously elected to serve in this capacity for the next three years.

It was unanimously decided to accept an invitation from Rotherham to hold the next meeting there on September 21st, on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. V. Barton.

The president reported that arrangements were in hand to hold the Snowdon Dinner in Leeds, and after explaining that his inquiries at the Griffin Hotel had resulted negatively, he had been able to obtain suitable accommodation at the Guildford Hotel for the dinner to be held on October 12th—a week earlier than the previously suggested date. It was unanimously agreed to accept this without a formal motion.

On the motion of Mr. D. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. I. Goldthorpe, the following new members were elected: Mrs. V. Skellearn, R. Pygott, W. Pygott, P. E. North, M. Walton, E. Beaumont, A. C. McBarney and Graham Smith.

100 PER CENT CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. W. Barton, vice-president of the Western District, who took the chair at the last general meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the president, said that he very much regretted he did not, on that occasion, refer to the yeoman services rendered to the Association by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had been one of the Association's representatives on the Central Council since 1939. This was purely due to an oversight, and he had very great pleasure in now moving that their best thanks be accorded to Mr. Morris, who, incidentally, had attended every meeting of the Council since that time. This was seconded by the president, who also paid tribute, and the motion was carried with applause. In acknowledgment, the secretary thanked the speakers for their most kind references, adding that it had been a pleasure to himself to have served the Association in that capacity. The Association now had a distinguished team, and he hoped they would be accorded the same faithful and loyal support as had been meted to himself over so many years. This was greeted with acclamation. Mr. N. Chaddock announced that a week-end course in bellringing had been arranged at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, on the week-end of October 27th, and advised those wishing to attend to make early application. This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed at the various available towers.

ORDINANDS' LECTURE

A lecture was recently given by Mr. Wilfred Wilson to members of the Southwark ordination course during their summer school at Wychcroft, Bletchingley, Surrey. The talk was divided into two parts, the first being on the history of church bells in general, and secondly, on the art and science of change ringing.

At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the Central Council, presented to the principal, Canon Stanley Evans, a bound copy of the Council's handbook and other publications.

The meeting was arranged by one of the ordinands, Mr. J. Tomsett, a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Promising Outlook

THE 78th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association was held in the Church Hall of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 11th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. G. Chisholm, who also gave an address on the part bellringing takes in the service of the church.

An excellent tea was arranged by Mrs. S. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Betty Percy and helpers from the Good Shepherd's and St. Peter's, Brighton. Over 100 sat down to tea.

The chairman welcomed the Vicar, and also the Rev. Peter Hunter from Danehill, and Mr. Harman and Mr. & Mrs. Oatway from Surrey and members of the East Grinstead and District Guild. He also thanked those who had prepared the tea.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect for the following members who had died during the year: John Gasson (Bolney), Bill Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton).

The treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman) reported a fairly good year, but expenses were still rising, printing the report, etc, and grants to some towers had been deferred to 1963.

Peals rung during the year were 65, the highest since 1956.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) reported an increase in membership; this had now reached 943 (615 males, 328 females). We now had a very large number of young ringers and he hoped these would lay a firm foundation for future years.

The officers for 1963 were all elected, the only change being that of treasurer. Mr. R. G. Blackman, who had held this position for many years, also Central Council member, had to give up these offices owing to ill-health. Mr. T. A. Hunnisett, of Eastbourne, was elected as treasurer.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 3

The following proposition by Mr. F. Beeney and recommended by the General Committee was carried by the meeting

Ringing Members.—'Each Tower in the County desiring to be affiliated to the Association shall pay an affiliation fee of £1 5s. per annum, and each Ringing Member shall subscribe in addition 5s. per annum, but if under the age of 18 years, 2s. 6d. per annum. Ringing members of unaffiliated towers shall each subscribe 5s. per annum or 2s. 6d. per annum if under the age of 18 years.'

On a proposition by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. A. Baldock, it was decided as an experiment to hold the A.G.M. for the next four years in each Division in turn. It was the responsibility of the divisional secretary to make all the arrangements. The A.G.M. for 1964 would be in the Northern Division.

Mr. F. I. Hairs spoke of the long association Mr. Blackman had had with the Sussex Association and he proposed he be made an honorary life member. This was unanimously carried by the meeting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

St. Mary's, Swansea, entered for the first time the Guild competition held at the pretty six bell Radnorshire church, Llanfihangel Rhydeithon, and to their surprise were placed first of five competitors. The test was rising, method ringing and falling—a total of 240 points.

The adjudicator was Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, and his placings were: 1 St. Mary's, Swansea, 153 points, 87 faults: 2 St. Paul's, Sketty, 116, 124: 3 St. Mary's, Brecon, 111, 129: 4 Talgarth, 104, 136: 5 Newton Nottage, 80, 160.

The Rector of Llanbadarn Fawr was thanked for the use of the bells and the arrangements, which included afternoon refreshments and tea.

The Bishop will present the shield and certificates at the Guild festival on June 15th.

DEDICATIONS

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICK

The Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, dedicated a new treble bell and blessed the restored bells and belfry at St. Botolph's Parish Church, Farnborough, on May 12th, at morning service.

The new bell and restoration work was a gift to the church from Dr. C. H. Budge, in memory of his late wife, who is buried in the churchyard. She died in June, 1960.

A large congregation, including the donor and personal friends, were present, the service being conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. A. Hayden. The new treble was rung by the donor during the service of dedication. It was then raised and was rung in rounds by members of the local band of ringers, who also opened the ringing at the conclusion of the service.

The Bishop, in his address, said, 'The donor has obviously known a lot about love, because love and generosity go hand in hand. When he loves much he gives much. He knows only the best will do. He has given this lavish, loving and lasting gift to the church in memory of his wife, who is now parted from him for a time. His love was so great that he gave.'

Dr. Budge's gift has given the parish a very musical six in place of the old five, which were very badly in need of rehanging, and also out of tune. Incidentally, this is the second five to be made into six in the Coventry Diocese, as on March 24th the rehung five at Stoneleigh were augmented to six by Taylors, of Loughborough. The rehanging and new treble work at Farnborough was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and in each case a very good splice has been made. J. L. G.-H.

BROADWELL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

In the presence of a large congregation, the retuned ring of five bells, which have been rehung in modern fittings at St. Paul's Church, Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh, were rededicated on June 16th. The Rector (the Rev. D. V. Kennedy), who conducted the service, spoke of the assistance of Mr. Jack Webb, of Ross-on-Wye, in getting a grant of £200 from a bell fund towards the restoration. The work was done by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Mr. Webb is a member of an old Broadwell family, and it was on these bells that he learned to ring, 50 years ago. After the rededication by the Rev. Hugh Potts, of Gloucester (former Rector of Stow-on-the-Wold), Mr. Webb led the ringers to the tower to conduct a touch of Grandsire Doubles. Other ringers taking part were Messrs. L. Dowdeswell (Stow), L. Joynes (Loughborough), G. Harper and J. Hickox (Moreton-in-Marsh). Visiting ringers came from Cheltenham and Hillingdon and took part in touches of Grandsire and Bob Minimus.

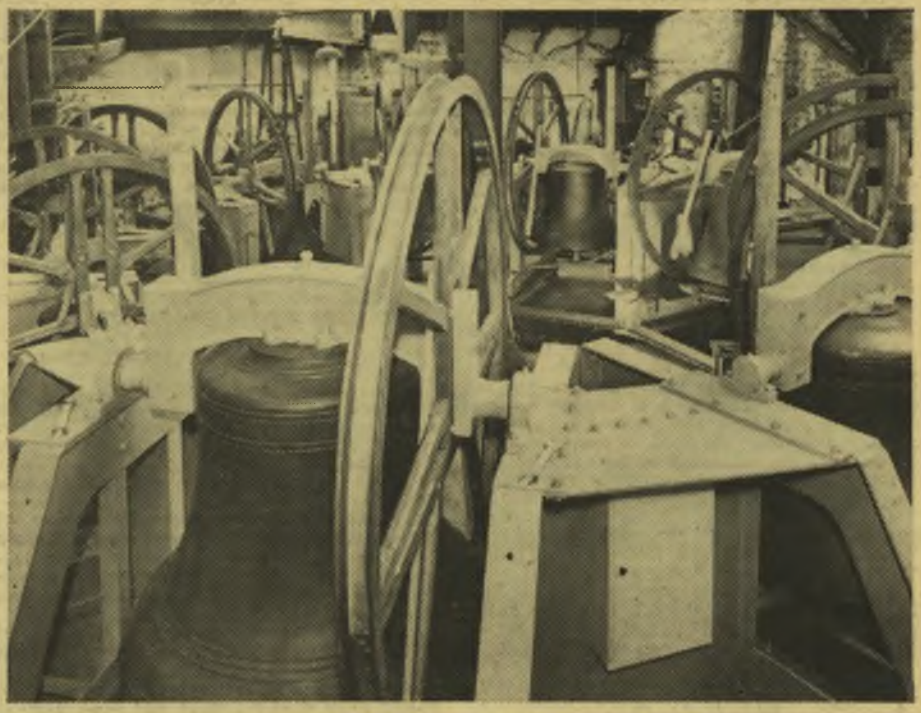
The treble bell unfortunately does not bear any date when cast. The second was cast in 1908 by Bond's, of Burford, and the third in 1884 by the same firm. The fourth was cast in 1734, and was recast by Bond's in 1908. The tenor bell, the weight of which is approximately 8 cwt., was cast in 1761.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On June 8th, the Guild met in glorious sunshine at the picturesque church of Bradshaw to ring the five bells. A most enjoyable day was had, with a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lewis), and tea, provided by the wife of the Ringing Master (Mr. E. Lord). Many Doubles methods were rung, and we felt that some useful work had been done amongst the Sunday service band.

Next meeting: probably Longwood in July. D. S.

RINGS OF TEN FOR OVERSEAS



DURING the course of ten months, the Whitechapel Foundry will have sent three rings of bells overseas.

The first is a ring of 10 (tenor 18¼ cwt. in F) to Groton School, Massachusetts, complete with new fittings and framework. These were installed last autumn and replace the old eight (tenor 22¼ cwt.) sent out from Whitechapel in 1900.

The second is a ring of 10 (tenor 32 cwt. in D), which arrived in Baltimore on Monday, June 10th, for installation in the 'Gloria in Excelsis' tower in Washington Cathedral. These will be hung in a circular bell frame similar in design to that at Liverpool Cathedral, but fabricated in steel. The illustration shows the bells erected in their frame at the Foundry. The belfry, which is approximately 40 ft. square, provides adequate space for hanging the bells in this ideal way.

The third ring is yet another 10 (tenor 25 cwt. in E flat), shortly being sent to St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town. They will replace the eight (tenor 16¼ cwt.) which were sent out from Whitechapel in 1830. A new free standing tower of imposing design is being built to house them. It is decagonal (ten sided) in plan, but the bell frame is a conventional one, fabricated in steel. The bells and installation are almost identical to those sent out to Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia, in 1957. These raise to six the number of modern rings of 10 exported from this Foundry so it would seem that 10 is becoming a popular compass with our overseas friends.

RINGING CAREER STARTED ON CRICKET FIELD

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at St. John's, Darlington, on June 4th, was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Burnett, captain at St. John's and a ringer for more than 60 years.

Mr. Burnett's ringing career began on the cricket field He was one of a team playing at Sharow, Ripon, one afternoon, when the Vicar came on to the field, announced that ringers were needed and asked the young men to volunteer. He was one who came forward and this began a lifetime's ringing, which has taken him into 300 towers. He rang at Sharow, and later at West Hartlepool and Kirkby Stephen in Westmorland. Since he retired from the railway he has lived in Darlington, and, at St. John's, has taught a good many youngsters.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

Although coinciding with the other contest at Wembley, the Mansfield District meeting, which included the eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup, was well supported. Afternoon's ringing was at Greasley, and at 5 p.m. the majority of those present went to Hucknall for tea, where they were welcomed by the Rev. D. H. Williams (Vicar), a short business meeting, at which the Misses F. Hanlon and L. Wilkinson and Mr. F. Marscombe (Hucknall) were elected members, and the contest, judged by Messrs. J. D. Clarke and F. A. Setter. Their task was not made easier by opposition from the Salvation Army band.

The placings were: Warsop (Norwich Surprise) 38 faults, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Plain Bob Doubles) 97, Greasley (Grandsire) 129.

Next meeting: Selston, July 27.

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Letters to the Editor

Cranford Surprise Minor

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Woodhouse Eaves, Leics., on May 22nd, under the name 'Woodhouse Surprise Minor' was first rung as Cranford Surprise Minor at Cranford, Middlesex, on May 21st, 1960, conducted by Mr. R. G. Leale. Details of this peal are to be found in 'The Ringing World' of July 22nd, 1960.

In fact all the possible single-change Surprise Minor methods with regular lead-heads, eleven in number, were rung to peals in the period 1959/1960.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

Erin Triples at Wednesbury

Dear Sir,—The front page article of 'The Ringing World' (June 7th) by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd recalls to mind the first peal of Erin Triples for the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was rung on February 3rd, 1912, at the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and was the first peal in the method by all the band, which consisted of Edgar T. Smith, Edwin J. Tyler, Thomas Hill, George Peater, Bert Horton, Christopher Wallater, Alfred J. Wallater (conductor) and Howard W. Cattell. The composition was Parker's Five Part.

The conductor, who now resides at San Leandro, California, U.S.A., had previously only called one peal (Grandsire Triples).—Yours sincerely,

C. WALLATER.

Willenhall, Staffs.

Three in One

Dear Sir,—Your item in 'Belfry Gossip' about the entertainment at Great Yarmouth leaves us wondering just how many drunken ringers there were; are you sure it was only three? You mention the Rev. John Scott and Mr. Schott and Mr. Fred Scott; but what about the contributions of Mr. Fred Sharpe, the Rev. John Sharpe and Mr. Scarpe, who in all fairness should at least be mentioned? In addition there really was David Beacham.

We are, sir, unanimous in signing ourselves, —Yours sincerely,

REV. JOHN SCOTT.
MR. SCHOTT.

P.S.—Actually Mr. Fred Sharpe's song was called 'The Midnight Peal.'—J. S.

Contritely we apologise.—Ed.

Bromham Outing

Dear Sir,—As my report of the Bromham outing has inspired comment from 'Other Hungry Passengers' ('R.W.' June 7th) I would like to point out that I merely related what, to me, seemed a highly amusing incident, and certainly meant no disrespect to anyone.

Many people love and highly esteem the past president of the Bedfordshire Association, and one hopes that soon 'O. H. P.' will do the same, as one feels that, when that happy time comes, 'O. H. P.' will refrain from connecting her with controversy, which must be as distasteful to her as it is foreign to her innate dignity.

Finally, I do not remember that the Bromham outing was behind schedule at any stage, nor, incidentally, do I remember meeting anyone bearing the name of 'Other Hungry Passengers,' or answering to such a description! I, also, enjoyed the outing—here's to the next time!—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

A Hoax

Dear Sir,—It has now been established beyond any reasonable doubt that the non-association peal of Stormy Weather Surprise Minor, rung at the Church of the Holy Rood, Ossington, Nottinghamshire, on Saturday, March 16th, 1963 ('Ringing World' April 5th, 1963, page 235), was in fact a hoax, and should be removed from all records.

I very much regret that a tower belonging to the Guild should have been chosen for such a hoax.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.
Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Culham and Cuddesdon both have Ringing Societies

Dear Sir,—May I, through your correspondence column, reply to the short paragraph which appeared as Belfry Gossip in the issue of June 7th, and was evidently inserted at the request of Cuddesdon College. The particular statement to which I refer concerns Culham College.

Culham College does have its Society of Change Ringers, which is part of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Society is responsible for providing the regular Sunday service ringing at Appleford Church, together with occasional service ringing at Milton Church.

We at Culham know of the existence of Cuddesdon and are sorry to have to correct the impression that they have given to your readers. We shall always be happy to see ringers from Cuddesdon at our open practice on Friday evenings at Appleford, during term time, which seems to attract visitors from a wide area.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. H. BETTS,
Master,
Culham College Society C.R.

Tewkesbury Abbey Bells

Dear Sir,—The Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey will be having their annual service at the Abbey on Sunday, June 30th. Ringing will commence at 5 p.m. and will continue after the service. The Friends of the Abbey sponsored the recasting of the ring of twelve bells at the Abbey.

I should like to take this opportunity of inviting ringers to ring at the Abbey on June 30th. To those who have not been to Tewkesbury before, they will find the visit well worth while, and those who have visited us previously will, I am sure, be pleased to come again. For those who wish to make a day trip of it we shall be ringing from 10-11 a.m. for the morning service and all ringers will be welcome.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST H. PENN.

Tewkesbury, Glos.

In Praise of London Surprise

Dear Sir,—It is always interesting to read in 'The Ringing World' the opinions of other ringers on the musical qualities of the great variety of methods now rung, but I was shocked to learn that Mr. David C. Brookes considers London Surprise 'unmusical rubbish.' Having been privileged to take part in many well-struck touches and peals of London, I must say that, to my mind, it stands, in relation to almost all other methods, as Beethoven's symphonies do to the pop parade!—Yours sincerely, ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

Mr. Leale Stands Firm

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to your decadent correspondents on their reactions to my comments on the St. Neots peal. Although reeling under their wail of abuse, I withdraw none of my remarks, except to say that my suggested new title for the peal was not intended to be taken quite so seriously as it has been by Mr. Eisel.

I do not need to be told that the peal falls within the Central Council regulations. Activities which come just within the letter of the law, but which are nevertheless calculated to deceive are, regrettably, a sign of our times, but I have never seen a really blatant example of them in ringing matters before the publication of this peal. One expects such tactics from barrow-boys, door-to-door salesmen and confidence tricksters in general, but their introduction into peal ringing is something new and does no credit to those involved.

If the peal had been given a footnote such as 'All of the above methods are abortions of Lincolnshire,' its supporters would have had some excuse to fall back on. Even then, however, its ludicrous boast to the effect that all the bells did all the work of the eight methods, when the latter can only muster fifteen different leads between them, puts it straight back into the laughing-stock category.

Moreover, some of my best friends come from Amsterdam, Johannesburg, Vancouver and Zurich, and I have had a hard time placating their indignation at the insults accorded to their home towns by naming such rotten methods after them.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

OPPORTUNE TIME!

Next week is the start of a new quarter and the time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Rates:—

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Lavenham's Welcome to Visitors

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, wish to disassociate ourselves from the words used in the advertisement appearing in 'The Ringing World' dated June 14th, which relates to the 152nd Ringing Anniversary in this parish.

The advertisement was submitted for publication without our knowledge, and had we had prior knowledge we would never have agreed to the wording as set out.

We wish to make it clear that we have no desire for personal prejudice to enter into our own tower, and as far as we are concerned all ringers, whether they be learners or accomplished ringers, are more than welcome to attend the anniversary meetings, Saturday evening practices, or ringing for church services.

We emphasise that this applies to all—BAR NONE.—Yours faithfully,

W. JARVIS, L. PRYKE,
S. H. SYMONDS, R. A. KNIGHT,
F. TURNER, S. SMITH,
M. T. SYMONDS, F. BOREHAM,
C. POULSON, L. C. OFFORD,
W. FAIERS.

P.S.—Of the 12 ringing members at this church only one refused to sign this letter. —R. A.

Other letters on pages 437 and 447.

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LETTERS—Continued

The Passing Bell

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. I. Jones' letter in your issue of May 31st, 1963, it was the custom for many years at Cranleigh, Surrey, to toll the 'passing bell,' and was continued right up to the beginning of the last war.

The way it was done in Cranleigh was like this: for a married man the tenor was chimed three times, then a pause, three more times, another pause, and a final three times, hence the 'Nine tellers,' or, as Dorothy Sayers called it, the 'nine tailors.' Then the bell was raised and set at handstroke, and for an hour was pulled off every three minutes and set at back and hand alternately, thus ringing 20 separate strokes, regardless of age; then for the funeral the bell was raised, and left for half an hour, then pulled off at three minute intervals until the corpse arrived at the lych gate, then the tenor was lowered, and the 6th bell tolled until the corpse arrived at the west door of the church. For a married woman the tenor bell was used, except that instead of three times three, for the chiming part of it, it was three, pause, three, making only six tellers instead of nine; then the people in the village knew that it was a woman who had died.

For single people over 21 years of age the seventh bell was used, and for people in their teens it was the fifth, for young children the fourth, and for babies the third, with the same difference in the number of tellers for male and female.

My father was verger at Cranleigh for 40 years, and he taught me to toll the passing bell, so that was how it was I became a ringer, and also my brother, who still lives at Cranleigh.

By the way, the passing bell was never tolled after midday for anyone who passed away after 12 noon: the bell was tolled at 9 a.m. the next morning.

I suppose this was in order to avoid clashing with funerals, which always took place in the afternoon.—Yours faithfully.

ERNEST R. WARNER.

Woking, Surrey.

Credit to Brilliant Youngsters

Dear Sir,—May we know what Mr. R. G. Leale is getting at in his attack on the peal rung at St. Neots for the London University Society? I am not alone in this area in congratulating the members of this youthful band on ringing eight Spliced Surprise, including four entirely new methods. Credit is also due to the composer for arranging for every bell to do the work of all the methods (56 different leads if my arithmetic is correct).

As ringer of the standard methods for many years I shall probably never aspire to ring peals in complex new ones, much less eight at a time, but I am always happy to give credit where it is due, especially to these brilliant youngsters.—Yours sincerely,

E. JOBLING.

South Ealing.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS MARRIED



Two members of Lichfield Cathedral band, Mr. Bernard J. Townsend and Miss Marlene E. Jones, were married at All Saints' Church, Bloxwich, on May 18th.

The Rev. R. Cheadle officiated, and also celebrated Holy Communion. The bride wore a full length dress of white nylon over pink silk, with a bouffant veil, and carried a blue and white bouquet. She was attended by two bridesmaids in blue, carrying pink roses. Mr. Michael Elson was best man.

The couple managed to get away without mishap after losing the ringers, who were following their car.

Duffield—a Conductor's Problem

Dear Sir,—David Brookes' letter on the subject of the method 'Duffield' (May 31st), came only four days after we had been discussing the reason for the decline of this method.

The late Maurice Swinfield once said that it was a simple matter to find a band to ring it. The problem was finding someone able to conduct it, and, no doubt, this is the primary reason for its unpopularity.

As recently as 10 years ago, we rang several courses of Duffield for practice and service ringing at Barwell, mainly through the persuasion of my father, who had rung one or two peals of it, and partly because of its musical qualities.

Would it be true to say that the question of conductors is the reason why so comparatively few peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and upwards are rung today, compared with the number of Surprise methods? A brief perusal of three copies of recent issues reveals only 22 peals of Grandsire and Stedman out of a total of 118, and only two were firsts for the conductors.

When one considers the number of possible calls in a peal of the odd bell methods, compared with the comparatively few in Surprise methods, one is tempted to ask whether we have seen the end of a decade which produced a Maurice Swinfield, the conductor of over 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples, and a Walter Whitehead, the conductor of Holt's Original before the age of 16.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

Ashton Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I would like to support Mr. Derek Ogden, in his wish to see retained the name 'Ashton Surprise Major' (Corrigan No. 12, 1948) for the peal rung at St. Peter's, Ashton, on May 1st, 1963.

Although my father, the late W. W. Wolstencroft, who produced the method, accepted the principle that the band who first rang a method to a peal could name it, I feel it would be a tribute to his memory to retain the name he gave it.

St. Peter's, Ashton, was the tower where he first learned to handle a bell, where he rang his first peal on January 9th, 1897, and where he was captain of the tower for fifty years.—Yours truly, IDA HAWKINS.

Windsor.

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MARPLE'S OLD CHURCH RAZED, BUT TOWER AND BELLS REMAIN



SHOULD the wheel of fortune ever bring you within a few miles of Stockport, where the Cheshire plain gives way to the foothills of the Pennines, looking eastwards you would be sure to see the tower of All Saints' Church, Marple. The tower looks solid enough to withstand the strongest 'sea breezes' that sweep in from the west coat of Lancashire and Cheshire; on close inspection, however, one observes that the church to which the tower is attached is in ruins. Some thirty yards away, in the same churchyard, there stands another church (without a tower) in which the services are held, and have been for the last thirty years.

The 'Old Church' was built by Samuel Oldknow, a wealthy mill owner, at the beginning of the 19th century. His mill, in Marple, was one of the first ever to house Arkwright's water frame, using the River Goyt to provide the power. Oldknow built his church on the site of an older church, built in Tudor style, which was blown down during a gale in the previous year! Each Sunday he used to march his apprentices up the hill to attend morning service at the church.

Until a very short time ago it was safe to enter the Old Church, where one could observe the family crests on the end of each pew, and the fireplace in the pew for the Oldknow family. It is reputed that Samuel Oldknow used to start raking the fire when he considered that the sermon had gone on for long enough! It was because of the shortage of free pews in Oldknow's church that the new church was built, and, sad to say, the Old Church was allowed to become a ruin.

STOCKPORT'S BELLS

The bells are still housed in the Old Church as they have beeen since 1816. Originally they were hung in Stockport Parish Church (St. Mary's), but were replaced by a ring of eight in 1810. The following is a copy of the letter which brought about the transfer of the bells to Marple, dated March 28th, 1816.

'To the inhabitants of Marple and its vicinity:

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport, having made the Township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is Four Hundred Pounds, being the price Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the Trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged to prevail upon the inhabitants of Marple not to suffer these bells to be conveyed away from them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feeling such as few would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plans of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide, and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the Parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the township of Marple.'

THREE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE

This appeal had such effect that Samuel Oldknow, Nathaniel Wright and the Rev. C. K. Prescott, curate of Marple, concluded the bargain and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four.

June 30th, 1816, saw the opening of the ring. Miriam Isherwood, of Marple Hall, a descendant of Judge Bradshawe, who tried Charles I. was christened and the day kept as a gala day. Prizes were given and competed for by the ringers of the district. Unfortunately, there is no record of what ringing took place nor details of the bands who competed.

In 1886 the bells were going badly and they were rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on the then modern principle, and again the parishioners liberally responded. The reopening took place on Easter Monday, 1886, by the Hayfield ringers, at that time one of the best companies in the district.

FIRST PEAL IN 1925

After many failures, the first peal on them was rung on Saturday, October 10th, 1925, in 3 hours and 4 minutes, 5,040 Treble Bob Minor in seven methods:

James Fernley, sen.	Treble
John P. Fidler	2
William Fernley	3
John W. Hartley	4
W. W. Wolstencroft	5
Fred Holt	Tenor

Conducted by James Fernley, sen.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1936, but still in the top of the tower in a wooden frame, despite recommendations by Taylors that they be lowered in the tower. In the following year, the first peal by an entirely local band was scored in 3 hours and 5 minutes, 5,040 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob):

*Mrs. F. Osbaldiston	Treble
*Samuel Graham	2
Eric Wigley	3
C. Kenneth Lewis	4
Arthur Whiting	5
Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Whiting.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band and first peal as conductor.

In more recent times, at third attempt members of the present band rang the first peal of Minor on the bells with an entirely local band. This was rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes, being 5,040 Minor in three methods:

Frank Osbaldiston	Treble
Christine C. McNair	2
Bernard F. L. Groves	3
M. Jack Pryor	4
Alan McFall	5
Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Alan McFall.

A £5,000 SCHEME

Now the church is to be pulled down to within four feet of the ground because it was becoming dangerous to passers-by. Work has already begun, which means that the bells will be silent for some time, perhaps 12 months, while the tower is buttressed and the bells fitted into a new frame, lower in the tower: the work being undertaken by Taylors. The cost of this project will be £5,000 apart from £620 that the ringers would have to raise for the addition of two new trebles. It is early to say whether these trebles will be forthcoming, but efforts are being made by the local band to raise sufficient money.

The bells, which, you will agree, have had an eventful life so far, bear the following inscriptions:

Treble.—Prosperity to the Town and Parish. A.R. 1731.

3rd.—Abr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us all. 1731.

4th.—Harry Style, Rector. A.R. 1731.

5th.—Thomas Robinson, Robert Lingard, George Whittaker, James Sellars, Church Wardens.

R. B. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

All those present at the Eastern Branch summer meeting at Kessingland, on June 8th, were members of the Branch, a point made by the chairman, (Miss D. Lidbetter, in thanking the members for attending.

In opening the meeting, the chairman thanked the Rector (Rev. T. F. Drury) for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the organist (Mr. L. Mills), and Mr. M. Parker, who, with lady helpers, had laid on an excellent tea. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. A. Barwick (Haddiscoe), who had died since the last meeting.

The following elections were made: Probationers, N. Pearce, A. Cook and B. Sturmen; ringing members, F. Bloomfield, P. Jones, A. Barker and the Misses M. and A. McBride (the last two as probationers). As the two Branch Standing Committee members were elected vice-presidents of the Association at its annual meeting Messrs. M. Parker and A. Crowe were nominated to the committee.

Next meeting, Blofield, September 21st.

N. P. J. C.

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50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 20th, 1913—

PROGRESS IN AMERICA

This week's mail from Boston, U.S.A., brings news from Dr. A. H. Nichols of a real start being made in the Art in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The band is now practically complete, and as no less than five of the number rank as conductors, it is obvious that the company is a very capable one. A society has been formally organised under the name of the Boston Association of Change Ringers, Dr. Nichols having been elected president and secretary, and Mr. P. J. Allfry Master.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT E. (TED) COLES

It is with great sorrow that I write of the death of a most dear friend and fellow ringer, Ted Coles, who passed peacefully onwards on the morning of June 1st, after five months of severe illness, cheerfully and courageously borne.

All who knew Ted loved him, both in ringing circles and in all the other spheres of his many activities. The Llandaff and Monmouth Association has lost a staunch and faithful member and he will be severely missed at his old tower of Cowbridge.

Ted died at the early age of 58, with his peal book quite up to date, his last peal carefully inserted, one at Abergavenny on November 24th last. He started to ring at Bonvilston in 1921, and called his own first peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Athan in 1925. His peals totalled 129, of which 120 were for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. After war service in the Royal Artillery, Ted returned to Cowbridge and served that church faithfully as chorister and bellringer, until his illness in December last. He had been Master of the Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch for ten years and retired from this office in January.

The funeral took place at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, with the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, and Rev. D. G. Childs, curate of Cowbridge, officiating. The bearers were fellow ringers, Sid Lunn, Roger Havord, Don Clift and David King. Many were present who so recently rang with Ted—ringers from Cowbridge, Bonvilston, Sully, Porthkerry, Cardiff and Chepstow, also Arthur Hoare (representing the Swansea ringers). Representatives were present from the South Wales Rose Society, the Vale of Glamorgan Show Committee, Cowbridge W.I. and Cowbridge old age pensioners.

Many messages of sympathy have daily reached Mrs. Coles from bellringers and rose-growers all over the country, showing clearly with what affection and esteem Ted was regarded by all who came into contact with him. Ted's cheerful grin, quiet, good sense and the love of good striking will be long remembered by his many ringing friends. Peals were attempted on the day of the funeral at Bonvilston and Cowbridge and later at Llanblethian.

J. S. KING.

MR. W. T. CLARK

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Tyson Clark, of Broughton-in-Furness, the oldest member of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, who died on June 1st, after a short illness, aged 87 years.

A solicitor by profession, he practised as John Clark and Son, Broughton-in-Furness, which was started by his father. He was a regular ringer until about two years ago, when his doctor forbade him to climb the steps, but he was in the choir until the end. For 15½ years previous to 1936 he was secretary of the Branch, and rang about 20 peals. He held many public offices, and was a keen sportsman.

N. M. N.

MR. IVOR THOMAS WERRETT

Ivor Werrett was not well known outside his own tower of Norton, Herts. He rang few peals and only rarely attended ringing meetings, but he was a faithful Sunday service ringer, despite being hampered by poor health for many years. He was a miner, but left Argoed, Monmouthshire, about 27 years ago to come to Letchworth, where he worked for K and L Steelfounders. He helped his father and brother in the task of augmenting and rehanging Norton bells. After a long illness he died on June 9th in Lister Hospital, Hitchin, aged 50.

J. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Hazelbury Bryan on June 8th was a memorable one. The weather was perfect and enabled four ringers to cycle 20 miles to attend. It also enabled us to have tea in the Rectory garden at the invitation of the Rector, Bishop C. E. Storrs. Visiting ringers from Somerset and Manchester made up the company of 25 present.

Ringing in the noble 15th century tower (which includes two pre-Reformation bells) included touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Stedman and Cambridge before the Guild office. It was a great privilege to worship in this lovely church, so well restored and maintained. In welcoming the ringers, Bishop Storrs spoke of the inscriptions on the bells, how that in earlier times they bore words of praise to God, while the more recent bells told only of their donors or founders.

At the business meeting it was arranged to have a Branch outing on September 7th to visit some Somerset towers.

Ringing up to Cambridge later continued at Hazelbury Bryan, and also at Hilton.

R. N. L.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT CUP

The cup contest this year was held at Wentworth on June 1st. Canon King was particularly pleased to welcome the competitors as it is the centenary year of the bells.

Three teams entered and the results were as follows: Warsop (Norwich Surprise) 32 faults, Handsworth (Cambridge) 89 faults, Dore (Plain Bob) 116 faults.

After tea, as the sun was still shining, Canon King invited the company to hold their meeting on the Vicarage lawn. Thanks were given to 'Professor Dodge' for judging the contest, and the cup was once again presented to Warsop.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. H. Oxley, of The Rectory, Lerwick, Shetland, writes that he is anxious to obtain recordings of Grandsire Triples available for purchase. Since leaving Clanfield, Oxon, last October, he misses very much the sound of pealing bells. All the bell music at Lerwick is the chiming of a single bell, and a small bell at that.

Although the quarter peal we record at Offton is the first to be rung by the Sunday service band on the bells since rehanging, the bells have been rung every Sunday since they were rehung in July, 1959.

Six ringers from Putney and Wimbledon had a cycling tour round the Surrey Hills on June 4th. Ringing took place at St. John's, Coulsdon, Buckland, Nutfield (a quarter peal), Oxted and Limpsfield.

Brian Wylde apologises to the rest of the band who should have attempted a peal of Rutland at Tiverton on June 15th. Due to a misunderstanding he was standing outside another tower muttering similar things to those being said about him at the time.

After we had gone to press last week we received the names of the victorious Beddington band, featured in a picture on page 429. Left to right, they are John Schofield, Mrs. Olive Tester, Robert Hinde, Raymond Finch, R. James Cook, Jean Lavender and Stewart Kimber.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Newton-le-Willows, Lancs, on May 18th, we are asked to state that this was Kenneth Hesketh's 25th peal for the Lancashire Association. His total includes 12 peals of Surprise, and incorporates 10 different Surprise methods.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who for 30 years was general secretary to the Truro Diocesan Guild, on June 15th fulfilled an ambition of ringing in every tower in the diocese. With five ringers from St. Crantock, he set out to ring at Maker, Lansallos and Lanteglos-by-Fowey. Despite traffic jams and wrong turnings the objective was achieved and a wonderful tea at Fowey enjoyed.

Expressing his thanks for an enjoyable Central Council meeting, Mr. R. W. R. Percy suggests that for the Truro meeting arrangements be made for ringing to be available throughout the week as many of the representatives would make this period a holiday. A headquarters throughout this week would also be an advantage.

After six months, two special practices and three peal attempts, the Durham and Newcastle Association have succeeded in ringing their first peal of London Royal.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. Love, of Norwich, a former secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is not very well. We hope to hear better news in the near future.

Two members of St. Peter's Ashton-under-Lyne, have rung their first peals of London, viz.: John F. Barlow (aged 16) on May 22nd and Derek Ashton (aged 14) on June 5th. In each case the peal was the first blow in the method. Congratulations!

There are still vacancies for the week-end course at Knuston Hall, July 5th, 6th and 7th, which is being arranged by the Peterborough Guild in conjunction with the Northants Education Committee. Applications should be made at once to the Warden, Knuston Hall, Irchester, near Wellinborough, fee 43s.

Three members of the newly formed St. John's College Bellringers' Society, York, rang the first quarter peal for that Society on Sunday, June 9th. The ringers were the treasurer, Ringing Master and the secretary. It was accomplished after a week's intensive practising, and despite a number of near-halts it was eventually completed.

St. Andrew's University has now a Guild of Bell Ringers, with P. T. Dale as president and Ringing Master, Mr. J. Fairclough secretary, D Cannon treasurer, and Miss A. Galloway ordinary member. The officials can be contacted through the Students' Union, Queen's College, Dundee. Practices during term time St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m. The standard at the moment is low, but there is no lack of enthusiasm.

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CARBIS BAY.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 9 cwt. 89 lb. in A flat.

Robert C. Kippin	*Treble*	Anthony J. Davidson	6
John R. Faithfull	2	†Malcolm M. Powell	7
*Michael J. Hobbs	3	†Raymond Haines	8
Gillian M. Hussey	4	Michael J. Thomas	9
William A. Theobald	5	‡D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 75th peal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard.

ST. ANTHONY IN MENEAGE.
On Sun., June 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anthony,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Malcolm M. Powell	*Treble*	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Robert C. Kippin	2	William A. Theobald	6
Raymond Haines	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Gillian M. Hussey	4	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TRURO.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 33 cwt. 94 lb. in D flat.

*Anthony J. Davidson	*Treble*	Michael J. Thomas	6
John R. Faithfull	2	*Alan Carveth	7
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Raymond Haines	8
William A. Theobald	4	D. John Hunt	9
*Gillian M. Hussey	5	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county, and for the Guild. First of Yorkshire Royal in the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*B. Clare Webster (Girton)	*Treble*	†I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	7
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	2	*C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	8
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	3	†J. R. Hough (Jesus)	9
†J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	4	†S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	10
††L. R. H. Smith (Queens')	5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	11
A. S. Hudson (Clare)	6	A. J. Griffin (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 25th peal. First on 12 as conductor.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	*John W. T. Hibbert	7
William Hibbert	2	Edgar J. Smith	8
Brian R. White	3	*Edward R. Venn	9
*Cyril J. Hibbert	4	*Eric Naylor	10
Herbert C. Spencer	5	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	11
†Malcolm P. Phipps	6	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Comprising 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire; with 26 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Walter Judge	*Treble*	John F. Nelson	6
Avril Ivin	2	Antony R. Kench	7
Reginald G. Hooper	3	Eric J. Hitchins	8
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	D. John Hunt	9
Peter A. Sharp	5	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Martin L. Howe	6
Trevor A. Cross	2	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Ian H. Oram	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
John S. Barnes	5	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone on their 40th wedding anniversary.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 22 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

John E. Anderson	*Treble*	George S. Deas	6
Michael Maughan	2	Alan R. Patterson	7
Robin G. Turner	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Martyn L. J. Jordan	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
Frederick Ross	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
First peal of London Royal for the Association, and by all the band except the ringers of 5 and 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 99 lb. in G sharp.

Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John Worth	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Basil Jones	7
Harold Byrom	4	Leslie Boumphrey	*Tenor*

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Basil Jones.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John Robinson	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
*John F. Barlow	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Sidney Hough, jun.	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Basil Jones	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of London.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Tony Owen	*Treble*	Henry Tooke	5
William Clover	2	Thomas Spight	6
David Cubitt	3	Bert Gogle	7
Peter Adcock	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

John Cox	*Treble*	Tony Owen	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	Nolan Golden	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	George Sayer	7
David Cubitt	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Derek A. Ashton	*Treble*	John Robinson	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Neil Bennett	6
Ivor Jenkins	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	4	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Sunday, June 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. .. *Treble*		DEREK A. ASHTON	5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT ..	2	BASIL JONES..	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	7
JOHN F. BARLOW..	4	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
Rung during the annual parish procession.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN F. BARLOW .. .. *Treble*		JOHN ROBINSON	5
*DEREK A. ASHTON	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	4	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.
* First peal of London 'inside.' First of London as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Fri., June 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,600 Bristol, and 320 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) *Treble*		*J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5
B. CLARE WEBSTER (Girton)	2	*S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) ..	3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	7
I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN E. WHITTALL .. .. *Treble*		JOHN C. SLATER	5
M. SUSAN JACKSON	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
DENNIS R. MORRIS	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH HESKETH	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	NEIL BENNETT	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

LAMBETH, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST WITH ALL SAINTS,
WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 19 cwt.

MOLLY E. POWELL .. .. *Treble*		LEONARD W. BULLOCK ..	5
ARTHUR D. BARKER	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ..	6
JACK N. BROWN	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	4	SYDNEY FOSKETT..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
Rung to commemorate the ordination as deacon in Lichfield Cathedral, on Trinity Sunday, of the Rev. David Rhys, B.A., younger son of the Vicar of this parish; also as a birthday compliment to Rev. V. C. Morton, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*RAMON A. STONE .. .. *Treble*		‡BRIAN R. WALTON	5
*SUSAN E. SMITH	2	†KENNETH A. TIPPER ..	6
†ANTHONY R. COPE	3	CHARLES E. BASSETT ..	7
*KENNETH G. WALLER ..	4	§BRIAN C. KERCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples, and in the method. ‡ First in the method. § First peal attempt. First of Bob Triples by all, and on the bells.
A compliment to the treble ringer and his wife on their fifth wedding anniversary.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. *Treble*		ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GARRY WM. MASON .. .. *Treble*		A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	5
ROLAND H. COOK	2	ROBERT E. HARDY	6
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
First peal in the method by all except 3, 4 and 5.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. *Treble*		PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	5
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ..	2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.. ..	3	*DAVID J. ALLEN	7
PERCY STONE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Trinity Sunday, June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 TRINITY SUNDAY EXERCISE MAJOR
29 course block reduced. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERIC J. F. WALL.. .. .. *Treble*		JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
RICHARD J. PARKER	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
PHILIP J. CROSSTMWAITE ..	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	7
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE..	4	FREDERICK PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 99 lb. in G sharp.

JOHN F. BARLOW .. .. *Treble*		JOHN P. PARTINGTON.. ..	5
*DEREK A. ASHTON	2	*PETER WATSON	6
†PETER J. MALLOCH	3	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

*SHIRLEY SCOTT .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
†ANDREW C. BOLTON ..	2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN.. ..	6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ANDREW C. BOLTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.
A farewell peal to Martyn L. J. Jordan, who is leaving the area.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. *Treble*		*†BERNARD F. L. GROVES..	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	†TREVOR A. CROSS	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal together.

TRINITY SUNDAY EXERCISE.
34 x 34.18 x 12 x 18 x 34 x 38 x 34 x 3
2nds L.E. 4ths Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. BROCK	4
*ANDREW E. CROWE	2	†NORMAN P. J. COSSEY ..	5
*LEONARD M. RAPHAEL ..	3	MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First of Kent Minor 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

BARBARA TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN PILKINGTON	4
PETER NICHOLSON	2	ANTHONY HELLIWELL	5
MICHAEL BIRTWISTLE	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

100th peal on the bells subsequent to recasting in October, 1963.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam William Ashworth, a former ringer at this church.

CHETWYND, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A sharp.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. MORRALL ..	4
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	5
*ROGER A. STANLEY	3	FRANK BEECH, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BEECH, JUN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each Single Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER ..	*Treble*	*ROGER W. SMITH	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*ALAN A. PAUL	5
*GRAHAM C. PAUL	3	*GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

ROUGHTOWN, MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET WRIGHT	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	4
*JOHN F. BARLOW	2	*RONALD M. EDWARDS ..	5
*DEREK A. ASHTON	3	*JEFFREY BRANNAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First of Surprise on the bells.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 34 methods: (1) Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (2) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 154 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

STEVEN L. GREEN	*Treble*	JOHN M. BLAIKIE	4
DELIA E. SMITH	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 34 methods by all except the conductor.

HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

DAVID SHEPPARD	*Treble*	KENNETH B. SISSONS	4
MELVYN A. ROSE	2	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	5
JOHN POTTS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

Rung to welcome John David Potts, second son of the ringer of the third.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. DYER	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	GEORGE H. E. JEANES	5
SIDNEY W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gratton, of Somerton.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 1,680 Grandsire, 480 each of St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman and Plain. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DAVID E. CULHAM	*Treble*	NEIL V. AVIS	3
JAMES L. TOWLER	2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	4
FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal on the bells in this tower.

LYMPNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 29 methods: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) Cunecastre, London and Wells; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Norwich; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN CUSS	*Treble*	*TERENCE GILLIGAN	4
ARTHUR PALMER	2	GEORGE NEWMAN	5
FREDERICK READ	3	*WILLIAM TURPIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK READ.

* First peal.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. G. Courtman, Rector of Mildenhall.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. GOULD	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. HARVEY ..	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ..	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

SHIRLEY M. DREW	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	GORDON W. LAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.
First peal of seven Minor as conductor.

SHREWTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

MALCOLM M. POWELL ..	*Treble*	RAYMOND A. BROWN	4
ALAN S. HARRISON	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
EDWARD D. ELDERKIN ..	3	DON C. EXELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
Rung for the ordination as deacon on Trinity Sunday of Peter Harold Whittaker, of this parish, at St. Mary's, West Derby, Liverpool.
First peal on the bells.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently; with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

E. SYBIL M. TONKIN ..	*Treble*	GILLIAN SEWELL	4
ROSEMARY EARL	2	ALAN R. BALDOCK	5
*CHRISTINE M. FULLER ..	3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the consecration of Christ Church, Horam. The band wish to associate the peal with Philip Pope, the local captain, who was suddenly indisposed.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT W. FERRIS	*Treble*	*RONALD K. RUSS	4
MONICA E. COLLINS	2	LAURENCE R. A. CURRAN ..	5
WILLIAM D. WATSON	3	THOMAS W. GOODYER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
* First peal in Australia. First in four Minor methods for all except the ringer of the fourth.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor approx. 8 cwt.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. TALBOT ..	4
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
PETER MORRIS	3	RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in four methods.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	JOHN WALDEN	5
AMOS INGALL	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

PEAL OF MINIMUS
PEATLING MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 210 extents in four methods, being 83 extents of Plain Bob, 24 of Reverse Bob, 28 of Reverse Canterbury and 75 of Single Court.
Tenor 13 cwt.

RON CHAPMAN	*Treble*	BRIAN C. LAW	3
RICHARD A. COBLEY	2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.
Umpire: MICHAEL J. BILLINGS.
First peal of Minimus by the band, and for the Guild, on tower bells.
Rung for Whitsun Festival: also as a farewell compliment to Michael W. Brown, of Swithland, who has joined the Army; also birthday compliments to Michael J. Billings and Maurice R. A. Kirk.

HANDBELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 26, 1963, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
AT SHERIFF MOUNT SOUTH, OLD DURHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 17 methods in seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cromer and Walsingham Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Plain Bob, (3) London Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Hereward Bob, (4) St. Clement's and College, (5) Court and Oxford Bob, (6) Reverse Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN R. PATTERSON ..	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		†MARTYN L. J. JORDAN ..	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* Greatest number of methods to a peal. † First handbell peal in 17 methods. First handbell peal in 17 methods for the Association.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 36, CHESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

ROBERT E. MOULDS	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5—6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3—4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH	1—2	NEIL BENNETT	5—6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	3—4	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First handbell peal. First handbell peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., May 31, 1963, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods: (1 to 4) Plain Bob, (5 to 12) April Day, (13 to 18) Kennington, (19 to 24) Seighford, (25 to 28) Southrepps Pleasure, (29 to 34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (36) St. Columb. (37 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor size 9 in C.

DAN S. PONT	1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE	3—4
		MICHAEL W. BROWN	5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY ..	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	JOHN R. MAYNE	7—8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of 18 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Carisbrooke and Wath Delight, (2) Donottar and Pontefract Delight, (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight, (4) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (7) Kent T.B.; with 24 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
		ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The most Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*JOYCE DODDS	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5—6
†JULIA A. FELLOWS	3—4	KENNETH J. DARVILL ..	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* 75th peal. † First of Major, and first 'in hand.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher E. Hayter and Jennifer Wallace (Hertford), and to Peter Clarkson and Connie Baker (Gloucester), married on June 8th.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. Darbyshire 1, P. Jackson 2, Pauline Turner 3, K. Stainton 4, T. Turner 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Stimson 1, Mrs. C. M. Meyer 2, Mrs. I. Stimson 3, M. T. Stimson 4, C. M. Meyer 5, F. J. Stimson 6, R. H. Cook (cond.) 7, A. J. Stimson 8. For Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyer from London.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods), with 7, 6, 8 cover: I. S. Holland 1, Susan Hatton 2, Judy Bowen 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, Gillian Moppett 6, G. Prodger 7, J. Brown 8. First in three methods 1, 2, 6, 7, 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Dave Gander, sidesman at the church.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Hall (first of Major) 1, F. W. Soden 2, P. Bedie 3, Christine Houlton (first of Major 'inside') 4, W. J. Dixon 5, J. J. Westmacott (first of Major 'inside') 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, T. W. Timms 8. For service of thanksgiving and dedication.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Sceeney 1, Brenda Stainthorpe 2, Jennifer Sceeney 3s, G. Riglar 4, N. Belson 5, C. Blundell (cond.) 6, G. W. Limmer 8. For Confirmation service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great, on June 2nd, 1,224 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss R. L. Taylor 1, Miss R. A. H. Ince 2, I. M. Smith 3, J. W. McClenahan 4, J. R. Hough 5, V. Nutton (cond.) 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara A. Furness 1, Sandra M. Pitman (10 years) 2, C. E. Bishop 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Joanna J. Wigg 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung for the ordination as priest of George Gray at Salisbury Cathedral earlier in the day.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, for Patronal Festival morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crampton 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Broadest 3, M. Stone 4, G. Scragg 5, A. A. Price 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lloyd 1, R. D. Hart 2, Jill Pratt 3, B. Pratt 4, D. J. Allen 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Matins, and also a birthday compliment to R. D. Hart.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,232 Double Norwich: Miss J. Wright 1, H. D. Lister (cond.) 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. Rose 5, L. Wright 6, M. Rose 7, E. A. Cracknell 8. First in method by 6 and 7.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, D. Pimm (first of Minor 'inside') 3, G. Grant 4, G. Timson 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Cave (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Christine Bowen 2, D. Langdon 3, H. Howson 4, D. Bowen 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, M. Coleman 7, T. Hawkins 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard 3, J. E. Beams (cond.) 4, P. A. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday 7, F. Willes 8. For Whit Sunday, and to celebrate the birth on May 22nd of Ian Christopher, second grandchild of Mr. J. E. Beams, tower captain.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, Valerie Mepham 2, T. M. Barlow 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. Also on June 6th, 1,272 Doubles (11 methods): Valerie Mepham 1, A. Jackson (25th of Doubles) 2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First in 11 methods for all. Half-muffled for the funeral of Pope John XXIII.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): H. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, D. Lloyd (first in seven methods) 3, K. F. Gardner 4, I. P. Unsworth 5, S. Woodward 6.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery 1, W. J. Bailey 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, S. H. Waterfield 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, R. R. Harmer 6. Rung on the conductor's sixth wedding anniversary.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and All Saints'): N. Davies 1, P. Friend 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, J. J. Wallett 5. Rung after a wedding as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Fort 1, Alison Mann 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Margaret Lewis 4, Susan Rawlings 5, R. Harris 6, K. Newman 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck, on June 8th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Margaret E. Wilkinson 1, D. Pearson 2, C. J. Groome (first quarter) 3, M. Maskell 4, C. Reeves (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the minor five as a tribute to the late Pope John XXIII, for his work for Christian unity.

LECHLADE-UPON-THAMES, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Gearing (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Walsh (first of Minor 'inside') 2, A. J. King 3, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 4, V. Griffen 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Patricia Smith 1, Lesley Read (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Betsworth 3, B. R. Walton 4, D. M. Hughes (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Susan Ellenor 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Bagworth 1, R. Stevens 2, R. Davies 3, N. Bagworth 4, P. Chapman 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. Abbot 8.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Pickford 1, Mrs. B. Dobson 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, C. Smith 4, F. Tonge 5, B. Pickford 6. To celebrate the first wedding anniversary of the treble and tenor ringers and the birthday of the tenor ringer. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, by the same band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jane Agg-Large, daughter of the Rector.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Miss E. Todd 2, Miss M. Cook 3, G. Neilson 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On June 4th, at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): Ann Cowling 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Ferris 3, Barbara Beeson 4, K. Minchinton 5, I. Page 6, G. Heyes (cond.) 7, J. J. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to his late Holiness Pope John XXIII.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. C. Blake, 1, F. Whitby 2, C. W. Sams 3, K. C. S. Wood 4, W. H. Aley 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Margaret Mansfield interred this day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Craddock (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Douglas 2, Miss S. Scott 3, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 4, M. L. J. Jordan 5, A. R. Patterson 6. For evening service.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cubitt (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss M. P. Stammers 3, Miss M. A. Higdon 4, J. Cox 5, Miss H. Maltman (first quarter) 6. For the institution of the Rev. D. H. Mee to the united benefice of St. Clement's and St. George's, Colegate, and as priest-in-charge of St. Saviour with St. Paul the Hermit. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Maltman 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, D. Cubitt (cond.) 3, Miss M. P. Stammers 4, J. Cox 5, D. P. Mortlock (first quarter) 6. For Solemn Eucharist.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karen Walker 1, Jeannie Settle 2, Enid Town 3, Pamela Cox 4, Jennifer Jackson 5, Gael Brown 6, W. G. Turner (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Jagger 8. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung before Festal Evensong, for the jubilee of the dedication of the Church of St. Matthew.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Phillips 1, J. A. J. Jack 2, Miss B. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. L. Shenton 5, W. Pickett 6, O. Williams 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Steward (first quarter) 1, Sandra L. Goodship 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, Mrs. E. J. Lorkwood 4, W. Minns 5, G. R. Goodship 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. First quarter by the Sunday service band on the bells since their rehanging.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas the Martyr's, on May 30th, 1,260 Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. J. Phillips 1, Miss C. B. Clayton 2, J. W. Thorpe 3, G. R. Mordaunt 4, M. D. Atfield (cond.) 5, M. R. Ashmore 6. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Doubles (13 methods): G. Porter 1, Janet Woodman 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones on the birth of a daughter.

PRESTON, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. Dancey 1, R. T. Wakefield 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, M. J. Stanley 4, A. R. Peake 5.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 13th, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, P. Wilkinson 3, R. Rex 4, Felicity Webber 5, Jane Foster 6, Patricia Buss 7, W. Sidwell 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, J. N. Diserens 10, F. Lewis 11, V. Cherrill 12. Rung as a wedding compliment to Capt. J. C. Day, Church Army.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Bloxam 1, Joyce Clipstone 2, I. W. Hall 3, B. Yeomans 4, A. D. Sansom 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Joyce Clipstone.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. G. Alban 1, Miss D. J. G. Wilson 2, Miss M. C. Petts 3, Miss J. N. E. Chilton 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. First in seven methods for all. For Family Communion, and as a welcome to Michael Richard, fourth child of the Rector and Mrs. Tomlinson.

SHAUGH, PRIOR, DEVON.—On June 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, T. G. Myers 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: F. Ward 1, R. S. Long 2, R. Birch 3, J. Seager 4, D. Armstrong 5, Lynne Thomson 6, R. Wildgoose 7, L. Smith 8, M. Meadow 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. Rung as a compliment to the Queen, and a birthday compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. A. Dawson 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, D. Thomson 5, D. Holland 6, M. Meadows 7, D. Armstrong 8, H. Holland 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung at the request of the Provost, the Very Rev. J. Howard Crase, M.A., with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Pope John XXIII.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. P. Collin 1, V. Humphrys 2, W. Weston 3, Mrs. Y. Brooks (first quarter) 4, C. Brooks 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 19th, at St. Leonard's, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. E. Sanders 2, J. Chapman 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, Miss M. Fort 5, W. Waite 6, M. Uphill 7, R. Wright 8. Rung prior to Evensong, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of founding of St. Leonard's School. Preacher: The Bishop of Southwark.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Lewis 1, J. Ranford 2, L. Walters 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Banton (first as cond.) 1—2, W. Hicks 3—4, S. Burnett (first quarter attempt) 5—6. First 'in hand' and first of Doubles by all. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Simon Burnett.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Dorey 1, P. Jeans (first quarter) 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, F. Priddle 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, Iris Down 6. Rung for the 87th birthday and diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. Pound, a local ringer.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. T. Clarke 1, Audrey M. Short 2, K. A. Prime 3, G. Marchant 4, M. J. Stone (first of Cambridge Major) 5, R. D. Short 6, B. G. Wylde 7, J. Brain (first of Major as cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Reynolds 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss V. Rodrigues 3, Miss J. Geiringer 4, A. Bishop 5, Miss S. Rawlings 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WITLEY, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Warren 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, Rachel Betton-Foster 4, J. H. Payton 5, B. G. D. Vince 6, A. C. A. Hunter 7, D. R. Mattingley (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Mary King.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Whalley 1, Miss A. E. Timmins (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Dale 3, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 4, A. Thompson 5, P. S. Whalley 6, T. L. Whalley 7, G. Perry 8. Rung at Evensong, for Miss A. E. Timmins before she left the district.

YORK.—At Heworth Croft, on June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Aldington 1—2, M. King (cond.) 3—4, I. Johnson (first quarter) 5—6. First quarter on handbells for all. First handbell quarter of the St. John's College Bellringers' Society, to mark an Open Day at Heworth Croft.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION at Chapel-en-le-Frith, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Tea, price 4s. 6d., available only to those who notify Mr. Arthur Hibbert, Ashdene, The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Meeting at Farnborough, Warwicks, Saturday, June 29th. Alteration to programme: Avon Dassett, 2 p.m.; Burton Dassett, 2.30 p.m. Both towers close at 4 p.m. Farnborough 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.15. Service 6 p.m. at Farnborough. Evening ringing: Farnborough and Cropredy, 6.30-8 p.m. For teas, phone Oram, Leamington Spa 26089. 2745

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Peak District.—Joint meeting with the CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Saturday, June 29th, Chapel-en-le-Frith, 2.30-8.45 p.m. For teas, please advise Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith. —Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2695

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at Cradley on June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2596

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss M. A. Moore, 'Chippings,' Icklingham Road, Cobham, Surrey. Stoke D'Abernon bells also available. 2659

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Barnet bells available in evening. All cordially welcome.—K. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2638

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2645

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estab. 1623).—The 340th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch 4s. 6d. and tea 1s. 6d. arranged only for those notifying L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 2649

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southampton on Saturday, June 29th. Bells: Bitterne Park (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; St. Mary's (10), 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (10), 1.30-2.40 and after tea. General meeting 2.45 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me. Other towers available in the evening will be announced at meeting.—R. Roger Savory, Gen. Sec., 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 2647

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Brislington, on Monday, July 1st. Bells 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2742

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Field (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 1st, at 7 p.m. 2739

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Eight bell practice, Shepton Beauchamp, Wednesday, July 3rd, 7 p.m. All welcome.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2741

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dunkerton (6) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 3rd, please, to Mrs. A. F. Butt, 10, Brooklands, Dunkerton, Bath. —Alan Lee, Sec. 2729

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stogursey, Saturday, July 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, **please**.—K. Prime, Branch Sec., High Street, Ashcott. 2749

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONB.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 3nd to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 2732

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Glossop, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service, Old Glossop Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. New Mills (8) and Hayfield (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. This is the first meeting to be held at Glossop and the ladies of the church are undertaking arrangements for tea. Please co-operate and let me have names by June 29th. —B. P. Morris, Sec., 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbys. 2692

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Cramlington, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 2760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Magdalen (6), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Waffington (6), 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shouldham (6), 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Crimplesham (5), 1-3; Upwell (6), 1-30-3.30; Denver (6), 2.30-3.30; Hilgay (8), 2.30-4.30; Downham Market (8), 3-6. Service 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, followed by tea for those who notify E. H. Mastin, 7, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market, Norfolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 2709

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Orsett, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 4th, to F. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2698

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, July 6th. Entrance fee 10s. (Names for tea to A. Champion, 28, Lees Street, Penistone, Sheffield. **All** teams welcome. 2751

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth, by July 4th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Oxhey bells 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 2734

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter-in-Thanet, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by **important** business. Those requiring tea (2/-), please notify Mr. A. Bridges, 8, Swinbourne Avenue, Broadstairs, together with cash, by previous Wednesday. 2755

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Rushmere (6) and St. Matthew's (6), 10-11 a.m.; St. Lawrence's (5) 11-11.30; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Clement's (6), 1.30-2.15; St. Mary-at-Quay (6), 2.15-3; St. Margaret's (8), 3-4.15; St. Clement's and St. Mary-at-Quay, 6.30. Also two evening tours: 1 Grundisburgh district, 2 Out of Ipswich, along A.45, beginning at 6.30 p.m. (own transport necessary, details on the day). Committee meeting 1.30, tea and business meeting 4.45, all in Garrett Memorial Hall. Service 4.15 p.m., St. Margaret's. Names for tea (3s.) to 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk, by Wednesday, July 3rd. Everybody welcome.—Alice E. J. Lester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Melling on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, 'Brentwood,' Melling, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 2759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., business to follow.—J. Pilkington, Sec. 2716

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, at Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jones, 226, Prescot Road, Aughton. There will be a demonstration of the ringing machine at this meeting. All visitors welcome.—C. F. C. P. 2754

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, July 6th. Bells available: Packington 2.30 to 4, Cole Orton 3 and after tea 4.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m. 2731

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial on July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, Peacock Inn, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray. 2735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Elsham, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to the Rev. D. G. Tucker, The School House, Elsham, Brigg.—C. A. H. 2704

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Eccleshall. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whittall, Ivy Mount, High Street, Eccleshall, by Wednesday, July 3rd.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2685

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — An Open Day will be held at Hope, Flintshire, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea essential to Dr. Woodcock, 'The Meadows,' Higher Kinnerton, Chester. All welcome. 2761

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 6th, Mulbarton (6) (not Cromer). Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Adcock, 64, Birchfield Road, Mulbarton, Norwich, NOR 42 X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2712

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Piddington (6), Saturday, July 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2683

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Oxendon, Saturday, July 6th. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2756

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 6th, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2522

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—On Saturday, July 6th, evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—B. N. Reed. 2736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Stapleford. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 2750

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Fairwarp (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 2721

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Monk Sherborne bells from 2.45-3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Men's Club Room, Sherborne St. John. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2738

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Sparsholt (5), 2.30 p.m.: Hursley (8), 6. Service 4.30 (Hursley). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at King's Head, Hursley. Names for tea by July 1st to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 2720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Striking competition, Monday, July 8th, at East Crompton. Bells (8) 6.45 p.m. Competition 7.45. Further ringing after competition (approx. 8.15) until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. P. Partington, Branch Sec. 2717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Hinckley District, July 13th. Bells available: Enderby (8), 1-2 p.m.: Desford (6), 1.30-2.30; Peckleton (6), 2-3: Thurlaston (6), 2.30-3.15: Stoney Stanton (8), 2.30-3.15; Barwell (8), 5.30-8; Stoke Golding (6), 6.30-8. Meeting, Church Institute, Barwell, 3.30. Please note time.) Service, St. Mary's, Barwell 4.30. Tea (adults 3s., juniors 2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, Leicester, by Wednesday, July 10th. **Strictly, no name no tea.** Knock-out 'Tug-of-War' competition for ringers, Barwell Recreation Ground, 8 p.m. Any **six** ringers to form a team. Prizes for the winners. Entrance fee 3s. per team. Captains of teams entering please inform Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leicester (Tel.: Burbage 516), beforehand. General Committee meet St. Margaret's belfry, Monday, July 8th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th. Times of ringing: Coningsby (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Ruskington (6), 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Rauceby (5), 2-3; Silk Willoughby (6), 3.30-5; Sleaford (8), 7.15-9; Heckington (8), 7.15-9; Great Hale (6), 7.15-9. Tea at Sleaford 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Weston, The Bungalow, East Road, Sleaford, Lincs.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2733

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. To be sure of tea send names to Miss L. E. Simpson, 7, Hawthorn Drive, North Harrow, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. Other ringing: Pinner, 2.30-4: Harrow Weald, 3-4 p.m.—T. J. Lock and Miss M. E. Powell, Gen. Secs. 2740

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 9th, to C. Wightman, 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2737

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. **Please, do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mrs. D. Jarrold, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 2743

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewell on July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. 2748

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

As a result of a number of weddings and summer activities at their own churches the attendance in the afternoon at the monthly meeting of the North and East District at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on June 8th, was poor. After tea, however, the numbers increased and over 40 members and friends took part in the ringing which ranged from 'rounds' to Surprise methods.

A short service was conducted by Father Palmer, with Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw as organist, which was followed by tea in the adjoining schoolroom.

At the business meeting Miss Ruth Foreman, assistant secretary of the Association, took the chair, in the absence of Mr. H. G. Hart. It was reported that the bells of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, were ringing again after an unavoidable silence whilst repairs were carried out. The good wishes of the company for a speedy recovery were extended to Arthur Warren, of the Finchley band, who is unfortunately in hospital. Congratulations were also extended to Bridget Sanger and Michael White, two members who regularly attend District meetings, whose engagement was announced in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, not forgetting Miss Jaquest, Mrs. Birkinshaw and the numerous lady helpers in arranging an excellent tea. E. H. K.

Durham and Newcastle's Change of Title

Dear Sir,—In October last our Association changed its title to 'The Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.' Mr. H. E. Taylor, who has been wondering and writing on this point, may be interested in our motives.

In our case the change of title was part of a complete revision of the rules, in which we sought to bring the rules into line with our own current practices and modern thought generally. If the title includes 'Change Ringers', then it seems to me that one must lay down some standard of proficiency for admission to membership. Such standards are by no means easy to apply in practice for they would really require a 'practical examination' for candidates. We used to lay down a standard and we had in our Preface the aim, 'To promote the study and practice of scientific change-ringing as distinguished from the dull, spiritless and ignoble performance known as "call changes"....' The corresponding part of our new Preface runs, 'The association aims to improve and extend ringing for divine service. While it is especially concerned to promote scientific change ringing, it does not despise the contribution of the call change ringer....' Our standards for admission is now the ability to ring rounds on tower bells.

Our title is now in line with that of the Central Council. This body recently welcomed the Devon Association—a call change association—into affiliation and I would claim that our change of title is, therefore, in line with modern thought. Incidentally, our original title was simply 'The Durham Association of Ringers.'

On another topic that aroused much interest at the Central Council meeting it is interesting to note that our revised Preface has in its final paragraph these two sentences. 'The association is also concerned to see that the towers and bells of the two dioceses are maintained in good order. Expert advice can be obtained where this is required from the specialists who comprise the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES,
Honorary General Secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Tailby 1, S. H. J. Edwards 2, Amy Warnes 3, R. A. Clarke 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. Rung as a thanksgiving for the seventh anniversary of the ministry of the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey at Barkby. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (16 methods): K. Robinson 1, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 2, Amy Warnes 3, B. Brant 4, B. C. Law 5, A. Holling 6. First of Spliced Doubles for 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jean Palmer 1, J. J. Jefferies (first as cond.) 2, T. J. Milsom 3, D. J. Barnett 4, A. F. Lee 5, D. F. Jefferies 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Payne 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, Ann Blatcher 3, Hilary Martin 4, R. W. Hinde 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Jennifer Payne 1, Hilary Martin 2, D. L. Parker 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Most methods rung to a quarter peal by all the band. For Evensong.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Beecroft 1, Mrs. M. R. Page 2, Miss S. Collins 3, F. Ruffles 4, H. Leather 5, W. J. Button 6, W. W. Miller 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. For morning service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Gillian M. Boyd 1, A. R. Cope 2, F. Mitchell 3, Susan E. Smith 4, Renee Sturgess 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, R. Hawkins 7, W. F. J. Cope 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan E. Smith 1, A. R. Cope 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Jennifer M. Tyack 4, R. Larkey 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, G. F. Miles 10. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 12th, 1,380 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, J. R. Norris 2, Frances W. Gilbert (first in the method) 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, N. J. Wright 6. Rung to mark the birth of Christopher Michael, born on April 13th, a second son to Angela and Tony Humphrey.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Clover 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, T. E. Spight 4, N. Golden 5, C. Goodman 6, H. Tooke 7, B. Gogle 8.

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FAITH, TRADITION AND BELLS

HOW many people value and recognise the *true* purpose of the bell? It might be said with certain misgivings that nowadays bells have a limited purpose in the daily life of the Church.

The Reformed Church adopted the science of change-ringing in its embryological stages, but in her rôle over the years the Church has been inclined to view with indifferent attitudes the development of campanology, and the Exercise has become more of a tradition devoid of a living purpose, rather than an expressful means of communication.

The realisation of change-ringing did much to preserve the bell, transferring it from purposeful ideals to the dreamy realms of tradition, the former unacceptable to some and the latter a lovely yet, to the layman, an unsymbolic pastime enjoyed by men and women in pursuit of the unusual.

Compare the employment of present day bells with their pre-Reformation counterparts. Here we see the parting of the ways at which the 'bellman' had arrived about the mid-16th century, a period of theological unrest initiating as it did that sense of spiritual freedom and which at the same time all but destroyed the intimate and long-established thread of communication between the church and parish through the medium of bells. No longer was any particular attention paid to the 'soul' bell used on the occasion of funerals and, more important, chimed to inform listeners that a body was at the gate of death; those who perceived its meaning were moved to kneel and pray for the repose of the soul in transition.

Gone are those bells which were employed to illustrate in the minds of listeners without that a most reverent part of the service was, at that very instant of sounding, taking place. The labourer in the field, on hearing the resonant exhortation, put aside his work for a while and joined the congregation in quiet, contemplative faith. The bell's message would be welcomed by the aged and infirm who were unable to participate in church rituals, but otherwise on hearing the bell were encouraged to unite in thought with those who witnessed the devotions.

The change of faith to a large extent instigated that bold experiment which resulted in the scientific ringing of changes. If this had not materialised, then the majority of bells in England would have become objects of the past. *Despite the fact that hundreds of bells can be heard in the United Kingdom, they are no longer regarded as a means of communication as in centuries past, when their clamours acted as realistic links between priest and people.*

As with all traditions, the bell may well be in danger of fading away from the English scene. This is seen especially in the building of new churches, many of which have no towers and consequently no bells; some of our later edifices possess lofty, ultra-modern structures called 'towers,' which are obviously not designed to contain more than one or two bells, but are suitable for the accommodation of loudspeakers! Our present aged steeples cannot be expected to last for ever, and with continued rising costs in maintenance and dutiful obligations at home and abroad bearing heavily on ecclesiastical authorities, it is not inconceivable that in distant years church towers will be regarded as obsolete and will be cast to one side. Furthermore when bishops assert that bells are really a waste of money, the picture undeniably takes on a three-dimensional aspect*.

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Let's not delude ourselves: not in every instance are bells rung to the 'glory of God.' Propulsive motives behind the ringer are gears which determine the difficult ratio of spiritual glory and the easier-found ratio of worldly self-satisfaction and pride.

Over the years the Church has all but expunged the bell from her rituals and embodied it in an unstable foundation called tradition, a quality which however seemingly harmless has become steeped in the waters of secular attraction. 'To the glory of God' is often inscribed upon bells. It would not be inappropriate to add: '. . . and to the ennoblement of tradition.' Alas, the original theme is heard as a soft echo . . . a rare vibration.

A ringer who, Sunday by Sunday, takes a rope in his hands preserves, I would say, the only remaining link with the faithful 'bellman' of old. The upsurge of numerous denominations teach us that bells are not now necessary to remind laymen of their obligations to God. Modern ideologies have changed all that. Even the Church is in the process of change, en route to a unity hopefully desirable to all. Whither goeth the bell . . . ?

A newcomer to the Central Council receives the impression that that body, not surprisingly, is chiefly concerned with the preservation of the Exercise as an art for the pleasure of men, rather than in the first instance seeking its preservation in the bell's RE-ESTABLISHMENT in a proper, up-to-date spiritual rôle; not merely a unique way of expressing that peculiar and intoxicating music within our hearts, but seeking to use bells intelligently as ESSENTIAL instruments to the wellbeing of the Church, whatever future shape it may assume . . . that they are accepted as purposeful mediums, valued by all who hear and believe.

T. A. B.

* An Anglican bishop stated recently that bells were not really necessary and money expended on them would be better employed in the mission fields.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Canon C. C. Cox's Message

THE annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place at Exeter on June 15th, when ringing was indulged in at the Cathedral and the five churches in the city with ringable bells. An attraction was St. Petrock's, where the bells were available again after being silent for many years.

The Guild service was conducted at St. Mark's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. Leslie Hellens, the lesson being read by the Guild's president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, rung by members of the Mid-Devon Branch, preceded the sermon, which was preached by Canon C. Carew Cox, the president of the Salisbury Guild. He took as his text 'Turn us again thou God of Hosts: show the light of the countenance and we shall be whole' (Psalm lxxx. 7).

Canon Cox said that during the last war none of them took the clappers out of the bells to train recruits in handling, but there was no rhythmic music until the bells rang again after victory and we were thankful for the preparation. The ditty, 'Turn again, Dick Whittington . . .' also disclosed that bells did give a new direction to ambitions. Bells did turn the thoughts of men and they liked to think that those who were stirred were more than those who objected. We were encircled by the mususe of Sunday, but so long as bells sounded they were a safeguard to the Christian Sunday.

'Turn us again,' say the bells, 'and keep us going,' but sometimes bells have to go to the tuning shop or to be rehung. Similarly, we ringers, if we rely on ourselves, become self-centred. Our lives need retuning, recasting, resetting, and always we need spiritual oil to make 'man of a cheerful countenance.' We also require wisdom to encourage the slow learner.

In emphasising the importance of Sunday service ringing, the Canon remarked that soulless ringers will not impress the message any more than clapperless bells.

'Turn us again' as we would turn our bells for the upholding of all that is sacred in left and 'show us the light of thy countenance.' The joy of being made whole is the joy of ringing, and being in tune with god.

Upwards of 100 sat down to tea in St. Mark's Church Hall. The president welcomed and thanked Canon Cox, and pointed out that he was president of the Clerical Guild and of the Salisbury Guild. Members stood in memory of Mr. W. A. Wills, of St. Thomas', Exeter, who had done so much in keeping a band going there since the death of Mr. Biffin.

Grants were made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Powderham, where a bell has to be recast, and to Beer, where a ring is being acquired from Braywood, Berks, where the church has been demolished. A grant was also promised to Blackawton, where a major re-hanging is to take place.

MANY BELL RESTORATIONS

The secretary (Mr. E. M. Atkins) reported that membership at 670 showed an increase of 20 over the average for the past three years. The granting of 31 certificates to members who had rung a six-score was encouraging and a sign of the healthy state of the Guild. Bell restorations had taken place at Bampton, Westleigh, St. Petrock's, Exeter, and Paignton, and Babbacombe bells are to be rededicated on July 27th. He welcomed the institution of a branch of the Ladies' Guild in Devon, and referred to a joint meeting with the call change ringers at Dartmouth, expressing the hope that this might be repeated in other parts of the county. A new stock of badges had been acquired and these were available at the old price of 3s. each.

The librarian (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) reported that the library had not been greatly used during the last year and a report on the recent Central Council meeting was given.

It was reported that the proposal to place a clock in the Cathedral belfry in memory of the late president, Preb. E. V. Cox, was found to be impracticable, and it was decided to place a tablet in the belfry. It was hoped that the wonderful wood carver, Mr. Tom Bowden, would carve it.

It was decided to hold next year's festival again in Exeter on the third Saturday in June. All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the new Bishop of Plymouth as a vice-president. Five new members were elected, and certificates were presented for Pat Peatfield and Cynthia Edbrooke, of the Lympstone band.

After the president had again thanked Canon Cox and the Vicar of St. Mark's, and Mr. Densham and the ladies who prepared tea, the Dean and chapter of the Cathedral, and the incumbents of the churches where ringing was taking place, Canon Cox replied and said that although, when at Lyme Regis, he was just over the border into Dorset, his cousin, Preb. E. V. Cox, had always kept him interested in the Guild.

The Guild's adviser on bells and belfries, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, reported on the necessary repairs brought to light by the quinquennial inspection and stressed the need for periodical painting of steel frames and the tightening of nuts and bolts on wooden frames during the dry summer months.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Highlights of the year reported at the A.G.M. of Leeds University Society on May 7th were the annual dinner, ringing one peal and three quarters. The president, Mr. W. J. Couperthwaite, thanked the Society for an enjoyable year of office.

Officers elected to the committee for 1963–64: President, W. W. Bradbury; vice-president, C. McCartney; secretary, Frances Fairbank; treasurer, J. W. Martin; J. M. Gow was elected to the committee. At the close, the Society proceeded to the Union Bar to test the generosity of the new president.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Leicester District striking competition was won by St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, with 39 faults, followed by South Wigston 'B,' 47 faults.

The competition was held at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, and was judged by Messrs. F. K. Measures (president), A. Ballard and J. B. Bennett.

Other placings were: 3 Evington, 59·3 faults; 4 Blaby, 63; 5 St. Margaret's, Leicester, 64; 6 Markfield, 75; 7 Aylestone, 89·6; 8 South Wigston 'A', 105; 9 Whetstone, 139·6.

Evington deserve special mention. They are a young, newly-taught band, with only four bells in their own tower. In the competition they rang five bells.

The Guild president presented the trophy—a pewter tankard—to Mr. S. Harrison, captain of the winning team.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The chief matter discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, at Betchworth on June 15th, with Mr. F. E. Darby in the chair, was the view expressed by the Sussex Association that the two towers, Capel and Ockley, chosen for the joint meeting in October, were unsuitable to them. They suggested Bletchingley and Lingfield as possible alternatives. A proposal that an extra meeting be arranged at Bletchingley was defeated, and the meeting decided that the present arrangements should stand and the Sussex Association be informed accordingly.

The new Rector, in his address at the service, said this was the first time he had seen so many ringers at one time. He extended a warm welcome to all present. Justice was done to the excellent tea provided by local ringers. Methods rung varied from rounds to London Surprise.

Next meeting, Old Coulsdon (5), July 20th.

K. G. S.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

BARKBY, LEICS

Barkby ringers journeyed southwards in search of warmer weather on May 18th for their annual outing, and visited six churches in Northamptonshire to see if they had better bells than their own. They found the bells all right, but some of the ropes were a bit dodgy. They broke a rope at Burton Latimer and two ropes at a place called, appropriately, Weekley. Tea was taken at Kettering, with grateful thanks to Mr. Staniforth, who helped with the tea arrangements. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m.

BRAMLEY, HANTS

Bramley, Hants, ringers had a glorious day of sunshine for their annual outing into West Sussex on May 25th, and at the first tower, Rogate (6), were able to join the Vicar at Matins and hear a talk from him on the history of the church and bells. Different methods were rung at Fittleworth (6), and the route to Arundel was via Petworth Park. Full use was made of the bells.

After a picnic lunch there was ringing at Angmering (6) before tea at Hove and paddling for braver souls. The dungeon-like entrance to Steyning (8) tower was a novelty, and the last ring was at Washington (6). Thanks to organisers, incumbents, local ringers and coach driver.

W. J. M.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS

Bolsover ringers and friends had an enjoyable outing to Cambridgeshire on May 18th, and a quick run down the A.1 brought the party to Huntingdon in plenty of time for a cup of coffee before meeting Mr. Peacock at St. Mary's Church. Although heavy-going and odd-struck, the bells can be made to go quite well, and it is a pity that there is no local band, despite recent efforts to establish one.

After the initial surprise of finding the tenor at St. Mary's, Godmanchester, 5 cwt. heavier than expected, some reasonable ringing was enjoyed on these deep-toned bells before leaving for Cambridge. The afternoon was completely free, but some enthusiastic members, rather than relax, managed to join in ringing for a wedding at Great St. Mary's!

The party was reunited for tea and ringing at the last tower of the day at All Saints', St. Ives. These pleasant-going 12 cwt. eight were very much to our liking.

Methods rung during the day included Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent, Double Norwich and Little Bob Major.

Sincere thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers, and congratulations are due to Alan Keller for the efficient arrangements.

M. P. P.

EAST RIDING RINGERS

Towers in Notts and Derbyshire were visited by 38 ringers and friends from towers in the East Riding and Hull University on Whit Monday. By avoiding much of the holiday traffic, Worksop Priory was reached ahead of schedule. The church was of great interest and ringing enjoyed.

A picnic lunch under the shade of some ancient oaks near Edwinstowe preceded a visit to Warsop, with the finest six in Notts, and ringing, under the watchful eye of 'Jafus,' seemed to be much better. Before tea at Chesterfield, the light six at Clowne and the heavier octave at Staveley were tried. Then came the ascent of the famous crooked spire, to sample the best bells of the day—the majestic Mears ten at the Church of St. Mary.

Ringing concluded at Bolsover, surely one of the best rings in Derbyshire! Cambridge, Superlative and London were rung, but there were also rounds and call-changes. Incumbents, local ringers and Mr. Kirk (organiser) are thanked.

I. N. G.

(Outings continued on page 451)

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Returning home from their annual outing, Wilton (Wilts) ringers lost their organiser, Raymond Haines. Near Salisbury, someone said: 'Where's Raymond?'. Highly indignant, he was able to pick up the coach on its return from Salisbury to be conveyed to his home at Wishford.

Mr. W. Love, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, having now been discharged from hospital, sends his very sincere thanks for all letters, messages of goodwill and for the many acts of kindness to him and Mrs. Love during the past three months. It has been a great source of strength to both of them to know that so many friends in the Exercise have shown their friendship in so many practical ways.

A loyal member of the Hornchurch band for the past 15 years, Mr. Tom East has retired to live in the Isle of Wight. Fellow ringers, in appreciation of his fellowship, have presented him with an enlarged photograph of St. Andrew's Church, Hornchurch. Over the years, a beautiful sunny Sunday morning was known as a 'Tom East' morning, and Tom was right on form to the end. May he have many more happy years of ringing, with sunshine all the time.

The attempt to ring an in memoriam peal to the Rev. Ewart Lewis and Mr. R. E. Coles on the bells of Llanblethian, Glamorgan, failed after two hours' ringing and the peal nearly three-quarters finished. The 'bogey' bell is the fifth, with its bearings worn out. Gareth Jones, of Cowbridge Grammar School, made a very gallant attempt on this bell but eventually had to give in. Before the attempt a huge pile of bird-borne sticks had to be removed, ropes fitted to the bells and adjustments made to the rickety frame and gear. In this work Gareth was assisted by Ellis Thomas, Paul Evans and 'Jonah' Robinson.

OUTINGS—Continued

ELLAND, YORKS

On Whit Monday Elland ringers and friends set off at 8 a.m. for Settle, Kirkby Stephen and Barnard Castle. It was a glorious route through Ribble Head and Hawes to Kirkby Stephen for lunch and to ring. We enjoyed ringing the tuneful eight bells, although we were not accustomed to the long draught.

High tea was had at Barnard Castle, where we mixed with the thousands of people enjoying the sun and the fair. After a very good ring on the fine eight bells of the parish church, we returned to Masham. We found the bells here pleasing to listen to but rather awkward to handle. The route home was via Ripon and Harrogate. Our thanks to Mr. Paul Birkett (who made the arrangements), incumbents and local ringers for a very enjoyable trip. D. S.

WILTON, WILTS

A leisurely tour of Somerset was arranged by Wilton Church ringers for their 16th annual outing on June 15th, in which they were joined by many friends. An early morning ring on the delightful bells of Radstock was followed by a visit to the covered market. There was lunch, sightseeing and more shopping at Bridgwater before going to ring on the heavy six at Huntspill in a very noble church.

After a halt for tea at Weston-super-Mare, a move across the marshes to Meare enabled good use to be made of the bells, though expert handling and good ears were necessary. Evening refreshments were taken at Castle Cary. The ringing did not reach high standards—Kent being the limit, but the methods chosen were rung well and enjoyed. Raymond Haines is complimented for organising such a smooth-running outing, and clergy and ringers of towers visited thanked. C. F. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S WHITSUN TOUR



Twelve members of the East Grinstead and District Guild were joined by Northampton friends for their Whitsuntide tour of Bedfordshire. The first ring was at St. Peter-de-Merton (8), at Bedford, and after lunch came the deep, resonant eight at Bromham. At St. James, Biddenham (6), we were honoured by the presence of Miss Evelyn Steel, who rang a course of London with us. There was still one more tower before tea—All Saints', Kempston, fortunately an easy eight, as we were all beginning to feel the effects of a very hot day. Revived by tea, we rang at Goldington before joining the Bedford District at their monthly meeting in John Bunyan's tower at Elstow.

For two nights our headquarters was the Laws Hotel, Turvey. All Saints' Church was only a few minutes' walk from the hotel: we attended Holy Communion and later rang for Matins, a most inspiring service. After lunch at Bedford, the afternoon's ringing was at Milton-Ernest (6), Felmersham (8), Odell (6) and Harrold (6). For evening service we rang on the grand ten of St. Paul's, Bedford. Here we were rather dismayed by the lack of local ringers due, we were told, to Surprise ringing being too greatly concentrated on. The last ring of the day was on the sweet-toned bells of Clifton-Reynes.

An early start was made on Monday. After bidding farewell to our hotel, where excellent hospitality had been enjoyed, we proceeded to Stagsden (6), where the bells went well. Before lunch at Luton, ringing took place at Maulden (a light eight, greatly enjoyed), Flitton (a ground floor six) and Silsoe (6). With the majestic ten of St. Mary's, Luton, we were made most welcome by Messrs. Hulatt and Woods, the latter after we had enjoyed these bells acting as our navigator into Hertfordshire to Harpenden. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain the best from this musical eight due to new ropes. At Hatfield (10) the long draught, and the presence of visitors watching from below, called for great concentration in the ringing. The deep resonance of these bells could be heard at its best from the outside. Tea was then taken in the historic Hatfield House. The last tower of the tour was North Mymms, situated in secluded parkland.

The success of the tour was due to Mr. Brian Jeffrey and his first lieutenant in Northampton, Mr. G. F. Roome. We also thank Brian and John Warner for driving, and all incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation.

R. A. L.

In the picture are, front row (left to right): G. Fry, J. Warner, Jill Lenham, Hilary Swallow, M. Hollyman, B. Jeffrey; back row (left to right): R. Large, T. Barlow, A. Baldock, D. Cox, I. Smith, G. Fitzhugh.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Invitations to ring at Buckley and the marble church of Bodelwyddan decided Leeds Parish Church ringers and friends to go to North Wales on May 18th. Heavy road traffic caused the timetable to go sadly awry, and the time spent on the smooth-running ten at Christ Church, Macclesfield, had to be cut drastically. Still behind time, we did scant justice to the first-class ring at Buckley, where we were met by the Vicar and Dennis Millward.

Our Heywood friends, who preceded us the previous week, had described the marble church at Bodelwydden; and although to ring there was a pleasure in view of the refusal two years ago, these bells suffered somewhat by our just having come from Buckley.

On the homeward journey, the light octave at Flint proved tricky to handle at first; time would not allow an intended call at Woodchurch, Birkenhead. The younger element of the Society are planning an autumn outing—probably in the Peak District. R. H. D.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,280 Belgrave Surprise Major: Kay Exell 1, D. G. Yeo 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, C. E. Lewington 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, P. Bridle 7, D. C. Exell 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 8. With best wishes to Mr. J. R. Taylor and Miss J. M. Davies, on their engagement.

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Letters to the Editor

'Ring Out, Wild Bells' Broadcast

Dear Sir,—I think it should have been mentioned, either in the report of the Broadcasting Committee itself or when the report was presented for adoption, that an item which the report states presented one of 'the greatest opportunities since the formation of the committee' was not as a result of a direct approach to the committee from the B.B.C.

The Rector of Daventry was approached by the producer, Mr. Blunden, for permission to record a bell at Daventry, which has a certain interesting inscription, together with a request for other local information. This was passed to me for reply to the latter part, which I was glad to give, together with my advice to contact Mr. Sanger and his committee for further information, as it appeared to me that the producer had got hold of some rather distorted and part-true information.

The purpose of this letter is not to claim any credit for what was, in the event, a first class programme ('Ring Out, Wild Bells'), but to show that it is so very important that we ordinary ringers do our part when these opportunities arise by referring such inquiries to the committee, whose members are, on the whole, better able than most of us to deal with them.—Yours sincerely,

Daventry. PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Exclusion of Peals

Dear Sir,—The question attributed to me in the Central Council's debate on the report of the Peals Analysis Committee ('R.W.' page 416) is rather different from the one which I asked and so, too, is Mr. Ayre's reply.

What I asked was whether the committee intended merely to exclude the two peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association from its current report or to exclude them permanently. Mr. Ayre replied that the two peals were to be excluded permanently. The honorary secretary quoted the Council's decision.

It is quite clear that these two peals failed to meet the requirement for inclusion in the 1962 analysis and the adoption of the report was in order. I have my doubts on whether my friend, Mr. Ayre, is in order to exclude them permanently. The Council's decision does not debar their inclusion in the following year's analysis and further omission of them would amount to a pretence that they had not been rung.—Yours sincerely,

Chester-le-Street. DENIS A. BAYLES.

Woodhouse Minor

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, on 22–5–1963, and published as Woodhouse Surprise Minor in your issue of 14–6–1963, page 403, was first rung to a full peal at Cranford, Middlesex, on 21–5–1960. This peal, and the figures, appear in the issue of 22–7–1960, page 491, where it will be seen that the correct name is Cranford Surprise Minor.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

Correction to Stedman Caters Composition

Dear Sir,—I regret that owing to an inaccuracy in my copying both course ends of the peal of Stedman Caters in the issue of June 7th, given as 13524, should read 13542. The calling of the peal is unchanged. I hope that this has not misled more than one person.—Yours faithfully,

London, W. HADLEY HUNTER.

Lavenham's Bar One

Dear Sir,—I was most intrigued to read the notice in 'The Ringing World' concerning ringing anniversary at Lavenham, Suffolk. ....' Everyone welcome, bar one.'

It seems very strange to read this sort of thing. I do hope that the 'one' concerned knows all about it! After all it may possibly be me—the fact that I have not had a haircut for a few months might well be offensive to some people. Again, it may possibly be my friend—he wears tight trousers and pointed shoes, so quite clearly in some puritan's eyes is quite unsuitable to be a church bellringer. I could continue this list for pages.

Is it a joke, perhaps? A poor one, and in bad taste at that. Please Mr. Mortlock, remember that as church bellringers, we have a Christian duty to be one body at unity. I know that there are the occasional disagreements between ringers, but, after all, we all make mistakes at times. This seems such an underhanded way of getting at someone.

Perhaps it is none of my business. Then I suggest that the notice, as it is worded, should never have been sent to the 'R.W.' in the first place. I should very much like to know the real meaning, so that if I or my friend should by chance wish to attend this gathering, we shall know what sort of reception to expect.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

Leicester.

A Ringing Meeting—or Soccer Match?

Dear Sir,—I was not at the Coventry rally, in fact, for reasons very similar to those experienced by Mr. Walters, I do not attend many meetings these days, unless in some quiet out-of-the-way place.

However, I did call at one meeting not so long ago, where conditions identical to those given by Mr. Walters prevailed—a tower overcrowded by tower grabbers, pushing and jostling, and even the firm voice of the one in charge had little effect; and no one seemed to give a thought to ventilation, to the danger or rush for the exit should an accident happen through an overcrowded belfry and standing on the staircase—maybe it would be a thousand to one chance. **but that thousandth could be a fatal calamity.**

This led to friends I had with me asking: Is this a ringing meeting or a soccer match? everyone seems to be clamouring for the bells, like players clamouring for the ball; reverence seems to be forgotten as if it were a sports ground and not a church. Is this what usually happens at ringing meetings?

From the upstairs belfry they decided to look in at the nave and chancel below, but were further dismayed to see groups of ringers standing around talking loudly, with some of their children playing hide-and-seek in and out the pews; **Come along, one remarked, this is no place for us!**

All too often it is this sort of thing that puts off clergy (and some laity) from supporting schemes for bells.

The last Rector of my own parish never stood in my way against any improvements, but did once tell a group of ringers, very firmly (and I agree), **'that it is no responsibility of the Church, anywhere, to provide large sums of money every 50 or so years, merely to amuse ringers,' Bells are sacred instruments—not playthings!**—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

Spliced Peal at St. Neots

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Leale's letter in respect of the spliced peal at St. Neots was over scathing, but this should not be allowed to cloud the issue.

To contradict one of your correspondents, it is relevant that all the methods resemble Lincolnshire; virtually the band rang a peal of Lincolnshire. This is not questioning the legality of the peal; it conforms to the rules. However, to the novice this performance appears to be a far greater feat than it actually was and it is unfortunate that a peal of, say, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire would look insignificant beside it, although of greater merit.

Obviously, everyone of your readers should be told that, even in ringing, it is impossible 'to judge the contents by the cover'—although the author's name is usually a guarantee of quality.—Yours faithfully,

Nottingham. R. A. G. BENFIELD.

Lockinge's Bells

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the notes on 'Four Bell Towers in Berkshire' by G. K. Dodd, Woolton Hill ('R.W.' June 7th). In the case of Lockinge bells, he states 'Three bells were removed about seven years ago.' His informant (who was probably the Rector) is wrong. There are still four bells in a five bell frame and a ting-tang in the wall.

Fifty years ago the verger always 'clocked' all four himself, unless he allowed two of us choirboys to take two each. Ten or twelve years ago the ringing chamber was converted into a vestry, and three of the ropes were pulled up through the next floor (which may account for G. K. Dodd's inaccurate information), leaving one which is used for services now. I have never heard the bells ring, except the tenor, which I have tolled as a 'passing bell.'—Yours sincerely, H. WHITE.

Lockinge, Berks.

Deceived

Dear Sir,—I would like to say how much I agree with Mr. Leale's criticism of the peal of so-called 'Spliced Surprise Major' recently rung at St. Neots.

Having been ringing for only two years, I was very impressed when I read the report of the peal and thought what mental giants the ringers must have been to ring four entirely new methods in a peal of eight-spliced, and with all the work of the methods for every bell. Imagine my surprise when, shortly afterwards, I heard two experienced ringers discussing the peal and learnt that all of the methods were very simple variations of Lincolnshire. I certainly felt that I had been deceived; at any rate it has encouraged me to learn about place notation.—Yours faithfully.

PHILIP N. FROST.

London, S.E.

Carter's Odd Bob

Dear Sir,—I always read with great interest Mr. E. C. Shepherd's articles, and 'A Notable Partnership' was no exception, particularly the last paragraph but one, in which Mr. Shepherd recalls either W. H. Barber's or J. W. Washbrook's desire to ring Carter's Odd Bob on handbells blindfolded.

During the 1914-18 War, Messrs. C. F. Winney, W. T. Cockerill, Herbert Langdon and H. R. Pasmore rang Cater's Odd Bob non-conducted on handbells at Clapham, and some years afterwards when talking to Messrs. Langdon and Pasmore about this peal, they told me that afterwards they attempted to ring it non-conducted sitting back to back!

This seems to be the nearest to a 'blindfold' attempt there has been.—Yours sincerely,

Crayford, Kent. E. BARNETT.

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Not Acceptable

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee I regret to state that the 'peal' of Grandsire Doubles rung at Gorseinon, for the Swansea and Brecon Association, and published on page 422 of the issue of June 21st, cannot be accepted as a peal, on account of the conditions under which it was rung.

We do not like to do this, especially in the circumstances and for the sake of the 'first pealers.'—Yours, etc.,

WALTER AYRE
(Convener).

Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead.

New Zealand's Welcome

Dear Sir.—We read with great interest the article on the proposed Great Adventure II. We do hope that the trip will be made, and I can assure you that a warm welcome awaits the tourists when they arrive in Christchurch. A visit of this kind will do much to boost the art of change ringing in Christchurch.

A new set of ropes is due here, from England, in July, so our bells should be in good condition when the English party arrive. At present our Society is strong in numbers, that is with learners; I do not remember ever having so many on the roll. Our membership now stands at 19, with three others just starting.

We are very pleased to welcome to the tower Miss Rita Boumphrey, of St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Glasgow. She is on the staff of Burwood Hospital, and, I think, will be with us for about a year. We hope she stays longer.

At Easter we had Jill Swanne, late of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, ringing with us, and Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. We are looking forward to her next trip down from Wellington.—Yours sincerely,

G. NELSON SLOAN.

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Duffield—Tricky in Simplicity

Dear Sir.—I was interested in Mr. Brooke's letter of May 31st and Mr. Belton's of June 28th. I quite agree with Mr. Belton that Duffield is a 'conductor's method,' but there is another aspect, viz.: the method itself.

Some 53 years ago we set out to ring four 'firsts' of Royal for the Kent County Association at St. Clement Danes', under the conductorship of the late Frank Bennett, Forward, Double Norwich, Duffield and Cambridge.

The peals of Forward and Double Norwich were rung at the first attempt, but we had to make six attempts to ring the peal of Duffield, and none of the failures were due to the conductor.

After one of these, after nearly three hours' ringing, one of the band, the late Mr. R. F. Deal, expressed his opinion of the band in no uncertain terms for losing a peal in such a simple method. He was answered by my father in these words, 'I agree, it is a simple method, but it is tricky in its simplicity.'

That, I think, is the real reason why Duffield has never 'taken on.'—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close,
Crayford, Kent.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 9



CHRISTOPHER F. MEW,
The Surrey Association.

The Surrey Association has during its life produced many fine ringers, who have given devoted service to the Exercise and now look to the younger generation to carry on this great service. In this latter group is Christopher F. Mew who, in spite of the fact that he did not take up ringing until he was 17, now ranks high in the up and coming youngsters of the Surrey Association.

Christopher was born on September 17th, 1941, at Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, but has lived in Putney, London, since he was 18 months old. He was educated at a local primary school and Sloane Grammar School, leaving the latter in 1958. One of his chief interests in life is railways, and it is, therefore, not surprising that when he left school he joined British Railways, and is at present a member of their Works Study Group.

After some six years as a chorister at his local church he was invited to take up ringing. This he did, and started to learn at St. Mary's, Putney, in 1958, his tutor being Anthony Clayton, then Master of St. Mary's. Progress for Christopher was very slow, and at times both he and his tutor thought he would never make the grade. However, he was determined to succeed, and two years later his perseverance was rewarded when he rang his first peal at the first attempt. This was on May 6th, 1960, when he rang the fourth at his home tower, St. Mary's, to a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by that very-well-known Surrey ringer, Frederick Collins. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Margaret. It is interesting to note that it was at St. Mary's, Putney, in 1903, that Christopher's grandfather, the late Frederick Jee, rang his first peal.

Having scored his first peal, Christopher made better progress, and just over a year later rang his first peal as conductor. This was a peal of Nutfield Treble Bob Minor, at Nutfield, Surrey, on June 17th, 1961. His peal total of 36-plus includes 19 as conductor, which is indeed a noteworthy performance and one on which he is to be congratulated.

In addition to the first peal he conducted he is particularly proud of an 'all Chris.' peal in 1960, and of his first of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Putney in 1962; also of the first peals of Ockley and Capel Treble Bob Minor, at their respective villages, and of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Putney, all of which he conducted in 1962.

On April 6th this year, Christopher achieved what he considers to be his greatest success to date when he called Holt's Original at Putney. This was his first of Triples as conductor, and the band included first peals for two and first peals of Triples for three. His ambition includes conducting Spliced Surprise at his home tower.

In August, 1961, he succeeded Anthony Clayton as Ringing Master at Putney, the latter having left to join the ministry at Salisbury Theological College.

A most interesting incident was witnessed one day by Christopher when a peal band made a tower-grab on the way to ring a peal. Hearing the bells, one of the local young boys walked in. 'Would you like a ring before we go?' said one of the experts — who shall be nameless — with over 900 peals to his credit, quite expecting the lad to ask for Grandsire or the like. 'What about a course of Bourne Surprise?' the lad replied. The face of the expert dropped—he didn't know it!

NORVING.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Furness and Lancaster Branches

The Furness and Lancaster Branches had a combined outing into Yorkshire on Whit Monday, organised by Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, of Flookburgh. The coach started from Ulverston, where it picked up people from Kirkby-in-Furness, who started at 6 a.m. The party was not completed until Kirkby Lonsdale was reached, where the six bells were rung.

At Sedbergh, where the late G. F. Woodhouse used to ring, there is now no regular band, but the boys from the Grammar School ring in term time. We enjoyed ringing on the nice eight. The next call was at Middleham, after a picnic lunch at Leyburn. Arriving late, we could not enjoy these bells as they deserved, being allowed only 20 minutes. The ten bells at Ripon Cathedral were well worth a visit; we had not the band to do justice to the ten, but had some good ringing on the eight and a good lower on the ten.

After tea at Skipton we rang on this good eight with Yorkshire tail ends—something new for most of the party. The long run home was via Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale, and the last of the party reached their destination by 11 p.m. It was a glorious day in brilliant sunshine. Our thanks go to clergy and ringers of towers visited, and to Tommy for his wonderful organisation.

N. M. N.

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ST. PETER'S, FELKIRK, AND ITS RINGERS

By H. CHANT

FELKIRK CHURCH, founded in 1120, has, according to tradition, been so named because it is 'the church in the field.' One or two misguided (D.S.'s epithet) historians and/or antiquarians insist that it obtained its title because there existed at one time a wooden church and that 'the name derives from the Norse fel—plank, and kirk—church.' Another theory, favoured by the present Vicar, the Rev. T. Boyard Webster, is that 'the name derives from the lowest type of ecclesiastical foundation.' Dan Smith, whose opinion was worth that of many historians and/or antiquarians, held to the first explanation, flatly refused to accept the second and knew nothing of the third.

There is really no village of Felkirk, an odd farmstead and one or two houses being near the church, but the parish of Felkirk with Brierley comprises the townships of South Hindley, Brierley, Shafton, Havercroft and Monckton, each of which is about one mile away from the church at various points of the compass. Even the vicarage and the nearest 'pub' are this distance away!

The central position of the parent church and its isolation are both its strength and its weakness, but one result is that its congregation and its ringers have been drawn from a large area. At one time, I remember, the belfry was filled with a band of ringers comprising four from Shafton, one from Brierley, four from South Hindley and two from Havercroft. Monckton, so far as I can remember, has never produced a ringer, though it has provided some excellent choristers.

TENOR OF 1613

There are six bells in the key of A flat. The tenor, cast in 1613 at York, carries the inscription 'Jesus be our speed'; the fifth was cast in 1759 at Rotherham by J. Ludlam; the fourth, which bore the inscription 'Sancti Pauli Apoli Huius,' cast in 1888 by John Warner and Sons, was found to be cracked, recast in 1889 and rehung by Thomas Malaby and Sons, of Masham. The front three added in 1876 by John Warner and Sons, of London, were presented by John Dymond, of Burntwood Hall, Brierley, in memory of his parents.

There appears to have been no organised attempt at 'scientific' change ringing before about 1920, although, so far as can be ascertained, the belfry never lacked ringers. For instance, one of the bands in the first or second decade of the century consisted of a team of brothers by the name of Doughty who, on one occasion according to J. T. White, 'rang continuously for at least an hour and a half.' What they rang is not clear for, according to another old ringer, 'they followed numbers chalked on the floor and on the belfry walls.'

On April 13th, 1912, a team from Wragby rang a 720 of College Pleasure. It was the last 720 of John Easter, then president of the Barnsley and District Society. He died later the same year.

Mr. J. T. (Tommy) White was, I believe, a member of the old 'stoney' team and it was about 1920 that he, along with several others who had gathered round him, began to learn change ringing proper. In their efforts they were assisted by two proficient ringers, Frank Atkinson, who cycled over from Wragby (two or three miles away), and W. A. Wooler from Wortley, who, according to Cyril Normington, occasionally came along with his brother, who was a curate. A presentation of 'two nicely framed pictures' was at a later date made to these two gentlemen in recognition of their services.

Their efforts bore fruit, for Mr. White records:

'The first 720 known to be rung by Felkirk ringers was on December 2nd, 1921. Rung by: Mr. J. T. White treble, Mr. H. Cooper 2nd, Mr. M. Perry 3rd, Mr. F. Priestley 4th, Mr. C Normington 5th, Mr. T. Hartley tenor. Conducted by T. Hartley.'

Frank Atkinson, who was present, stood behind the conductor 'to make sure.'

Cyril Normington, whose name appears in this 720, was president of the Barnsley and District Society at the time. A versatile musician, he played the piano, organ and 'cello, and was a member of Felkirk Church choir. He bought a set of handbells and set about teaching several boys, including myself, how to ring them; three of us also entered the choir. We travelled far and wide attending meetings, ringing at concerts and hospitals, workhouses and almshouses, and generally having the time of our lives. He taught us how to handle a tower bell and at least four of us later rang peals, two of us, Arnold Cole and myself, being members of the 1929 company.

SILENT FOR A YEAR

In 1922 the bells were pronounced unsafe and for twelve months remained silent. They were rehung by T. J. Groombridge, jun., of Kent, who employed a local ringer, Roland Grimes, to assist him. I remember Mr. Groombridge principally because of his performances with three handbells in each hand ringing Bob Minor all by himself. Cyril Normington says that he rang Bob Major with four handbells in each hand, but this I don't remember.



During the process of rehanging, the canons were removed from the fifth and tenor, and quite recently I was given a piece of metal from the tenor by Roland Grimes, who had kept it for forty years. Cyril Normington, who collected many donations for the bells, gathered together the scraps of bell metal and gave a chip or a turning to each subscriber. In order to allow the bells to reverberate after being struck, rubber buffers, fastened by locknuts, were fixed halfway down the shank of the clapper. They were always troublesome, sometimes working loose and silencing a bell, and we eventually removed them altogether.

Our ringing must have been pretty grim at the time for T. J. Groombridge promised to supply us with a peal board if we ever rang a peal with a local band. When, in 1927, we accomplished this by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor, he was as good as his word and the peal board now hangs in the belfry.

AN INNOVATION

When the bells were reopened on the evening of November 7th, 1923, a novel idea by Cyril Normington was used. At a point in the middle of the service the hymn, A. and M. No. 223, 'Hark, hark my soul,' was sung to H Smart's tune. After the 2nd verse the choir and congregation were silent whilst a chosen team of visiting ringers rang a short touch on the bells. When the ringing had finished the hymn continued with the 3rd verse, which, as most people probably know, begins, 'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing.' It was, even to my boyish mind, a moving and effective innovation. After the service the first 720 on the rehung bells, Oxford T.B., was conducted by Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, in a team which included Frank Atkinson.

For several years after the rehanging Plain Bob was the stock method, although Dan Smith, who at this time learnt to ring, and others, including myself, acquired a knowledge of Treble Bob by attending the meetings of the Barnsley and Yorkshire Societies. Following the peal of Plain Bob on February 27th, 1927, rapid strides in method assimilation were made and in 1928 we rang our first peal in seven Treble Bob methods, and later that year were ringing a different method every time we met. A note in the attendance register records that: '74 different methods were rung from April 1st, 1928, to December 31st, 1928.' It was about that time that the idea took root of trying to equal, if not surpass, Wath-on-Dearne's feat of ringing 197 different methods by a local band in one year.

GROUPING METHODS

The business of collecting and classifying the methods was left largely to me. Most of the methods I collected from the Wath-on-Dearne company, mainly from the borrowed notebook of Arthur Gill or by consulting the tables of Albert Nash. Seeing that the system of classification we adopted at Felkirk was different from that used at Wath, I rearranged the groups of methods. At Wath the 'backworks' were taken and grouped with as many 'frontworks' as would contain them. For instance, London Scholars' backwork was paired with various lead-ends to give College Exercise, College Bob IV, Royston, Gladstone, Vale Royal, etc., etc.; other backworks receiving similar treatment, whereas we at Felkirk took a lead-end (frontwork) such as Oxford and changed the middle sections to give us London Scholars', Sandal, College Youths' Pleasure, Evening Star, Chichester, Cawthorne, etc., etc.

Which was the better of these two systems of classification is difficult to say, but ours proved more adaptable to the method splicing we did in later years.

After I had completed my self-imposed task I wrote out all the methods in their various groups on sheets of paper and pinned them to the panelling round the belfry. We ticked off each method as it was rung, and Mr. White kept a note of the date, the method and the ringers in his notebook. Apart from one 720 of Plain Bob, rung for the benefit of C. Normington, all the methods rung in 1929 were on the Treble Bob principle, and, as can be seen from the methods quoted, we never bothered whether or not they were irregular or regular. To 6-5's we gave never a thought!

Mr. White's system of recording the ringers of individual 720's was based on the fact that we had what might be termed a 'standard team,' viz., A. Kelsall treble, A. Cole 2nd, M. Perry 3rd, H. Chant 4th, D. Smith 5th, J. T. White tenor, and that any deviation from this could be noted by writing down the ringer and bell of the odd man out.

By 1929, T. Hartley, R. Grimes, L. Roebuck (who was the treble ringer in the 1927 peal) had disappeared, together with Cyril Normington, who was now the organist (and principal chorister) at Archbishop Holgate's Almshouses, a position he still holds. Herbert Cooper and Freddie Priestley confirmed their attention almost exclusively to the treble. I think it was the competition for the treble that eventually decided Arthur Kelsall to ring 'inside,' where he became what might be described as 'the floating ringer.'

A 'CRACK' RINGER

Arthur, who began ringing about 1926, was projected into method ringing almost before he was aware of it. He never kept any systematic method classification, but would inquire before each one was rung what he had to do and would listen carefully to the instructions given. He seldom went wrong and I never really discovered how he did it. He described himself as a 'crack' ringer because if everyone else kept right he would occupy the empty space! He loved a good 'cease' and was an expert at 'trebling them down,' a proceeding which Mr. White always terminated by stamping a peremptory foot on the floor.

Mr. White was staid, stable and phlegmatic. He always stood at attention when ringing, stiff as a ramrod, like a guardsman on parade with his feet at ten to two. He was seldom ruffled, although I remember he once gave me a severe ticking off when I grew too big for my boots. I only respected him the more,

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FELKIRK RINGERS—Cont.

The reference to feet reminds me that Dan Smith (like Jasper Snowdon) frequently rang peals in his stocking feet. In contrast to Mr. White, who never moved his feet from the moment he took hold of a rope until the moment he put it down, Dan never rang more than a few changes before he shuffled from one foot to the other, shifting his weight across in his slightly drooping stance. There is an extract from 'Troyte,' quoted in Snowdon's 'Ropesight,' which states that : 'A man who moves his feet about is never so safe in a peal as a man who stands quietly all the time.' Dan's comments on this injudicious and somewhat categorical statement were pithy, pertinent and pointed, for he was well aware of his own peculiarity.

Moses (Mo) Perry was a cheerful and witty character, and an excellent method ringer; he never rang any bell other than the third. Arnold Cole, who rang the second and who now rings in the Leeds area, was, like myself, one of Cyril Normington's protégés.

A MEMORABLE YEAR

We began 1929 in fine style and overhauled Wath's total on August 30th during the ringing of a peal, and by the end of the year had rung 252 720's each in a different method. To achieve this total we often rang two, sometimes three or four, 720's on Sundays, meeting an hour before the service was due to start mornings and evenings, and we also generally managed one or two on practice nights. In addition we rang six peals during the year.

The 'achievement' was reported in 'The Ringing World' and earned an Editorial in the same paper. Albert Nash wrote a congratulatory letter, which was published. All the 720's were rung for the Barnsley and District Society.

Seeing that H. Cooper was absent from May onwards the standard of attendance of the seven remaining ringers speaks for itself. I had the unique distinction of 100 per cent attendance, and A. Cole was absent on one Sunday only.

Of the 252 720's, 119 were rung for Sunday service. Herewith is a list of the ringers who took part, together with the number of 720's in which they rang; also in brackets the number they conducted: J. T. White 246 (246), A. Cole 239, D. Smith 191 (4), H. Chant 240 (2), M. Perry 206, A. Kelsall 190, F. Priestley 148, H. Cooper 23.

At least seven visitors participated at isolated intervals.

The rest of the story need not take us long. After 1929 'splicing' came more into prominence and among the ringers new names began to appear whilst some of the old ones disappeared. A. Cole joined the regular Army and illness removed F. Priestley from the scene. A. Kelsall died tragically young in 1933; Sunday working reduced M. Perry's position in the belfry virtually to that of a visitor. Fortunately these deficiencies were to a large extent made good and we find the names of W. Tibble, J. Copley (two members of C. Normington's original handbell band), C. Cook, T. Cook, R. Hill, G. Hainsworth and P. Woodward.

All these had, of course, to be taught, but good progress was made and plenty of ringing was done although the variety was inevitably lower.

A SILENCE

In 1932 the bells stood for seven months whilst the tower was renovated and repaired. The grey-slate span roof disappeared from the top of the tower and an inverted pyramid, a copy of that at Howden Parish Church, took its place.

With the outbreak of war in 1939 a great upheaval took place in Felkirk belfry. Mr. White died in 1943, most of the others, including myself, being of military age were gobbled up in the war machine, and Dan Smith was left with a brand new team of lads and lasses struggling to ring Plain Bob; the wheel had indeed gone the full circle.

More recently, during Dan's long illness and my enforced absence from the tower for several years, matters grew even worse, and after a valiant attempt by some young lads led by some brothers called Coxon, to keep them going, the bells were silent for almost two years.

Now I have been able to return and so start a new band. It is worth much to realise that participation in a 720 of Plain Bob with a local band would give me more satisfaction than joining in a peal of 125 spliced with a team of experts.

H. CHANT.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

Between 50 and 60 ringers enjoyed the sunshine, while four teams competed in the District round of the Crawford Cup. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Pickworth Hutchinson, followed by a first class tea. The judges were Messrs. H. T. and D. T. Rook, who complimented all on the standard of ringing, but said there was still room for improvement. Winners, Shelford (81 faults), followed by Whatton (102), Radcliffe (120), Holme Pierrepont (154).

The District officers and the Shelford tower captain agreed that this tower should not be silent in the future. Other business was the election of Miss Rosemary Preston (Radcliffe) a member, a collection for Orston Church heating (£2 6s.) and the chairman announcing that £20 had been donated towards the cost of rehanging East Bridgford bells. Mr. Bennett proposed the vote of thanks.

R. B.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Belcham 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Warmley, Glos, ringers wish to know if they are the first people to organise an outing with ringing on 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. The towers were Landwick (4), Swindon Village (5), Ashchurch (6), Leckhampton (8), Worcester (All Saints') (10), Tewkesbury Abbey (12). This was their annual Whit Monday outing.

Ringing at Finedon, Northants, has been restricted to Sunday service ringing owing to the state of the bells. Will peal secretaries and outing organisers please note.

Mr. George E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal of Major at Packwood on June 17th. This exceeds the late Mr. Ernest Morris' total of 772, and is probably the only occasion in which a ringer has reached the 1,000 mark on eight bells.

There was a happy reunion at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on June 23rd, when Mr. Colin Hopper, of Guildford, on holiday, rang for evening service with Mr. Bert Sutton. They had not met for 30 years, although they both learned to ring as boys at Cottingham, East Yorks.

Seven parishes in the Bradford diocese are to be dissolved, the churches demolished and the sites sold, as a result of a Bishops' Commission set up 'To consider the present position of parishes in the Deaneries of Bradford, Bowling, Calverley and Horton in relation to population and buildings.' Of the seven, that of St. John's, Little Horton Lane, Bradford, contains a ring of eight bells with a flat fourth. They were last rung ten years ago, but probably with attention could be made ringable.

On Easter Sunday, the Barmouth (Merioneth) ringers achieved their first rounds and, on Trinity Sunday, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, with the help of visitors. Then on Trinity II they experienced the sheer delight of hearing Grandsire Triples and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by D. Bradley, thanks to 'The Ringing World' and to the following welcome visitors: B. Farrell (Cambridge), David Vincent (High Legh, Cheshire), Brian Jeffrey (Edenbridge), Raymond Large (Tonbridge), D. and F. Bradley (Radcliffe-on-Trent) and Ewart and Julia Edge (Wolstanton).

Mr. R. G. Leale informs us that the attempt for 11,520 Rutland Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on June 22nd failed after 9,600 changes had been rung, when one of the band was overcome through lack of air in the ringing chamber.

Mr. F. S. Sharpe is lecturing to the Guild of Friends of Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Unexpected disturbances at the striking competition of the Salisbury District were a slider becoming loose at the beginning of the afternoon and a rope that broke during the first competition touch!

The Canon Precentor of Washington Cathedral, D.C. (the Rev. W. G. Workman), writes (June 19th) that the Cathedral this week received a ring of bells cast by Mears and Stainbank. 'Within the next few months we will begin organising our ringing society.'

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford an inscribed silver tankard was presented to Mr. F. Brotherton, of Oxley, Wolverhampton, in recognition of his services to the Society, the last ten years being as treasurer. 'May he enjoy a good pint,' wished the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. Basil Stratton), in making the presentation.

Mr. Malcolm P. Phipps, of Chesterfield, rang his 50th peal at Tibshelf, Derby (York Surprise Minor). These have been rung with 116 different ringers, 19 conductors, 31 towers in seven counties. Analysed, the peals are: Minor 17 (Surprise 5), Triples 2, Major 25 (Surprise 14), Caters 2 and Royal 4 (Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1).

In answer to inquiries concerning the Ernest Morris Memorial Window for St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, we are informed that the first design, although liked by all who saw it, was rejected by the Council for the Care of Churches. The P.C.C. is now waiting for further designs—one from the original artist and another from an artist recommended to them. About £400 has been received.

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YATTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

FRANCES E. LOW	*Treble*	CYRIL F. LOW	5
JOHN HILL	2	FRANK C. PRICE	6
DAVID J. FORDER	3	TOM CHAPMAN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
Rung as a welcome to Andrew and Robert Knox, born May 21st, 1963.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
MARGARET CHAPMAN	2	CYRIL F. LOW	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JOHN HILL	7
TOM CHAPMAN	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
First peal in the method for the Guild.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, N. DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., June 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD E. PRICE	*Treble*	CYRIL F. LOW	5
FRANCES E. LOW	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
FRANK C. PRICE	3	TOM CHAPMAN	7
JOHN HILL	4	DAVID J. FORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID FORDER.
First peal in the method for the Guild.

PLYMOUTH, S. DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

RICHARD E. PRICE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. COLES	6
JOHN HILL	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	BERT GOGLE	8
DAVID J. FORDER	4	FRANK C. PRICE	9
CYRIL F. LOW	5	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 67 lb. in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	CYRIL F. LOW	5
MARGARET CHAPMAN	2	DAVID J. FORDER	6
FRANCES E. LOW	3	BERT GOGLE	7
FRANK C. PRICE	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	JOHN S. MASON	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	PETER BORDER	9
ALAN F. THIRST	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Pudsey Royal in the county, and by the Association.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

*PATRICIA A. MORRIS	*Treble*	†JOHN M. JELLEY	6
*BERYL E. CAWSER	2	*J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
*ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	8
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	‡RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
W. ERNEST RAWSON	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First of York Royal on tower bells.
‡ First of York Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	ALAN J. BROWN	7
*DEREK A. ASHTON	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
*JOHN F. BARLOW	4	ALAN A. POTTS	9
*GREGORY EARLS	5	†DENIS HENSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALUS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	2	KEITH H. MILDRED	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	9
RAYMOND BENFIELD	5	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

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

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 14 methods: 480 each of London No. 3 and Rutland, 360 Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Marsden, Mirfield, Oakham, Whitby and Yorkshire, 320 Selby, 240 Prittlewell and Pudsey; with 123 changes of method. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

ROGER J. LUMLEY	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	8
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by DONALD H. NIBLETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Most methods rung in a peal of Spliced Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*SUSAN M. WHITE	*Treble*	BRYAN C. BURROUGH	5
LEONARD J. NORTH	2	*RICHARD E. WATERS	6
*LORNA E. SIMPSON	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	7
*CLIVE W. SIMPSON	4	*ANDREW KETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Grandsire. First of Triples as conductor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	*Treble*	‡PHILIP GAY	5
DAVID J. DANBY	2	MICHAEL WILSHAW	6
*RAYMOND J. BALLARD	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
†HAROLD DOWLER	4	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE (No. 1).
Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First of Major 'inside.'
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steele.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

PHILIP A. CORBY	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
ANN JENNER	3	IAN H. ORAM	7
ANDREW J. CORBY	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the second.

Rung in honour of the ordination this day, in Rochester Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, of Peter N. Bond (priest) and Dennis A. Sweetman (deacon); also to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Canon G. T. S. Prentice, Vicar of this parish.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	COLIN W. REED	5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	N. WILLIAM BARRATT	6
WALTER TOMLINSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
BERYL N. REED	4	*JOHN N. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey R. Parker on the birth of a son, John Robert.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MICHAEL WILSHAW	*Treble*	E. MARION KEY	5
*DAVID J. DANBY	2	*IAN FRIEND	6
*K. PETER JONES	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ALAN D. STEEL	4	ARTHUR W. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*STEPHEN L. GREEN	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	5
JACK BRAY	2	CHARLES H. BAKER	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	†G. LESLIE A. LUNN	7
DELIA E. SMITH	4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First 8-bell peal. † First of Double Norwich. Jack Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome home to Canon J. E. Roberts, Vicar, after an operation in hospital.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	*Treble*	J. NEVILLE PARKIN	5
*LINDA GOTT	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
FRANCES FAIRBANK	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

*SIDNEY HAW	*Treble*	*†DAVID FEEK	5
*PETER H. LANGTON	2	NORMAN HARDING	6
ROLAND REED	3	*TREVOR A. BEVIS	7
ERNEST MASTIN	4	*THOMAS BUSH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

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

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER PAGE	5
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	RONALD F. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5216 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

DAVID A. CORNWALL	*Treble*	DEREK FRANCIS	5
JOYCE BARTON	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
JOHN SIMMONS	3	DAVID P. HILLING	7
IVOR TRUEMAN	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

Rung as a welcome to Diane Francis, born May 13th, 1963, and Andrew and Robert Knox, born May 21st, 1963.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	PETER BORDER	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*DAVID J. KING	7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung within the Octave of Corpus Christi.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	5
PETER S. BENNETT	2	*MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
GEOFFREY DAVIES	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 1,000th peal of Major.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JEFFREY J. FOX	*Treble*	†JOHN POTTS	5
*PETER J. COPLEY	2	†KENNETH B. SISSONS	6
RONALD R. WARFORD	3	C. BARRIE DOVE	7
ANTHONY E. STAMP	4	JOHN WEAVER	*Tenor*

Composed by D. J. MARSHALL. Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together. First of Major as conductor.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ELIZABETH ROBERTS	*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
*HAROLD ROBERTS	2	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT	6
*ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	*WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	SYDNEY OSBORNE	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* 25th peal with the conductor. First in the method on the bells for all the band, and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to the Revs. J. T. Finney and R. F. Hatch on their ordination to the priesthood.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSWAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN HILL	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. ..	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK..	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method (E. W. Tipler's A 1/8).

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ERIC EDMONDSON	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	2	VERNON GREEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH ..	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*KEITH D. WAPLES	*Treble*	†PETER W. HARPER	5
ROBERT J. PICTON	2	GERALD PENNEY	6
WALTER AYRE	3	*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN ..	7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. ..	4	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal attempt. The conductor's 800th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. THODAY	*Treble*	JOHN T. DUNWOODY.. ..	4
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE..	2	*ALEXANDRA M. DUKES ..	5
PHILIP G. CROSSTHWAITE..	3	FREDERICK E. DUKES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal of Minor.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID BURNETT	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS.. ..	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
NORMAN V. HARDING ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DAVID J. ORLEDGE	*Treble*	*ROBERT E. DAY..	4
†JOHN G. HALLETT	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH..	5
*DEBORAH HOPKINS	3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † First of Treble Bob.

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IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE L. PICKERING ..	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4
*LESLIE PICKERING	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JENNIFER STRATFORD.. ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to congratulate Miss Jennifer Stratford on obtaining a first degree at Cambridge University.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being 42 extents, viz.: St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Dedworth, Old Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM E. GEARING ..	*Treble*	‡A. PETER LAW	3
†GILLIAN S. M. WALSH ..	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4
GORDON W. LAND		*Tenor*	

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ Most methods to a peal.
Rung on the back five when meeting one short due to the indisposition of one of the band.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven methods, seven extents: College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars', City Delight, Killamarsh, Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON ..	*Treble*	HERMAN RUSBY	4
ELIZABETH PEACE..	2	TREVOR TARBATT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the bells, in the same methods as the first peal on the bells for the Association on March 20th, 1897.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 50 methods: (1) St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Vedast, (2) St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Huntspill, (3) St. Simon, St. Nicholas, New, (4) Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints, (5) St. Alban, (6) Cassington, (7) Eynsham, (8) Shropham, (9) Elland, (10) St. Jude, (11) St. Giles, (12) St. Thomas, (13) St. Andrew, (14) Norwich, (15) Shareshill, (16) St. Mary, (17) St. Paul, (18) St. Peter, (19) St. Leonard, (20) Mileham, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Laurence, (23) St. Miles, (24) St. Luke, (25) St. John, (26) Walsingham, (27) Ryton, (28) St. Crispin, (29) Kennington, (30) Old, (31) April Day, (32) Besthorpe, (33) Seighford, (34) Litchurch, (35) Southrepps Pleasure, (36) St. Columba, (37) Clifford's Pleasure, (38) Costessy, (39) Little Aston, (40) St. David, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

*RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ROGER W. SMITH	3
ALAN A. PAUL	2	*GEORGE F. ROOME	4
GRAHAM C. PAUL		*Tenor*	

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.
* 25th peal together. First in 50 methods for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in C.

*ANN P. ROBINSON	*Treble*	*LEONARD J. NORTH	4
*LORNA E. SIMPSON	2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH ..	5
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	3	*CLIVE W. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
* First peal in five methods.

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NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MAUREEN P. STAMMERS	*Treble*	JOHN COX	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	ROY DUESBURY	5
BARBARA M. PAYNE	3	PETER ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

To welcome the Rev. Donald H. Mee, instituted the previous day to the united benefice of St. Clement and St. George, Colegate, and as priest-in-charge of St. Saviour with St. Paul the Hermit.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MELVYN A. ROSE	*Treble*	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	JOHN POTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

Rung in connection with the Rural Deanery of the Isle of Axholme's part in the Diocesan Mission to Lincolnshire.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*PAULINE McDONAGH	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	*J. PETER JENKINSON	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	ERIC J. F. WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

An 80th birthday compliment to Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung to welcome John Robert Parker, son of Geoffrey and Margaret Parker and grandson of William R. Parker.

NORTON BAVANT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods/variations, viz.: (1 to 4) Antelope. (5 to 10) Grandsire, (11 to 14) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (15 to 18) All Saints, (19 to 22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23 to 26) Plain Bob, (27 to 30) April Day, (31 to 34) Old Bob, (35 to 38) Seighford, (39 to 42) Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

DAVID NIBBS	*Treble*	KINGSLEY JONES	3
RICHARD HUMPHRIES	2	PHILLIP GAISFORD	4
ROBERT J. PURNELL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

First peal on the bells.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., June 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ROGER A. STANLEY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	‡FRANK BEECH	5
†IAN FRIEND	3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.'

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*LINDA M. NICHOLLS	*Treble*	†RONALD W. GIBBONS	4
†AUBREY G. EVELEIGH	2	LESLIE PICKERING	5
MRS. CAROL URRY	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Fri., June 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford Bob. (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

MICHAEL WILSHAW	*Treble*	*PHILIP GAY	4
RAYMOND J. BALLARD	2	M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	5
DAVID J. DANBY	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Birchall, churchwarden, who died recently.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN F. HOODLESS	*Treble*	HARRY BARNES	4
*CHARLES R. MUXLOW	2	†RICHARD A. HUNT	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal attempt.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Beverley.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob; every extent a change of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*M. JACK PRYOR	*Treble*	*LINDA M. FOOT	4
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	HARRY BROWN	5
*JEAN JEFFERY	3	*JOHN K. FOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The King Edward VI Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Thurs., June 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven 720's, differently called. Tenor size 15 in B

*STEPHEN W. BARTON	1—2	HARRY POYNER	3—4
P. WILLIAM BRETT	5—6		

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 6, THE GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

MARY C. POYNER	1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE	5—6
DAVID F. MOORE	3—4	HARRY POYNER	7—8

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung to mark the ordination this day of John Bidder (priest) and Graham Friend (deacon).

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5120 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	ANTHONY R. MANN	7—8

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 19, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Netherseale and one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Westminster, Allendale and Annable's London.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND	1—2	*BRIAN BLADON	3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal together. Most Surprise methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, N. Istance 2, R. J. Lloyd 3, R. L. Hughes 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, W. J. Clayton 6. For Morning Prayer. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Williams 1, W. J. Clayton 2, R. L. Hughes 3, A. W. Williams 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. J. Lloyd 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin Jones (aged 86), a former organist, interred at Almeley on June 5th.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wood 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, H. Moody 3, Miss A. Biddlecombe 4, V. Lowten 5, J. Crayden 6, E. Hedger 7, A. Bone 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in the evening after the funeral of Mr. C. Smith, formerly of High Wycombe.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Esme J. Weaver 1, H. S. Holbrook 2, D. Murduck 3, H. Balaam (cond.) 4, A. Taylor 5, J. Weaver 6, P. G. Holmes 7, A. R. Carter 8.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Newman (first quarter) 1, P. M. Giles 2, Mrs. T. Robertson 3, R. G. Baker 4, D. Robertson (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6. For Patronal Festival.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On June 13th, 1,200 T.B. Minor (six methods): Margaret Moxon 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, Christine Saville 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Visit of Bishop of Wakefield for Confirmation.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Knee (cond.) 1, L. E. Hawkins 2, E. E. Norris 3, B. R. Morton 4, C. Butcher 5, R. Holly 6. All are employed at 27 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E., Warminster.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Gledhill 2, Miss C. Linfoot 3, Miss A. Flather 4, A. Rogers 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung during the Whitsuntide Walk of Elland Churches.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Omerod 1, D. H. Harrison 2, K. F. Gardener 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, D. J. Allen (cond.) 5, S. Woodward 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): D. H. Harrison 1, D. Lloyd 2, I. P. Unsworth (first as cond.) 3, K. F. Gardener 4, D. J. Allen 5. For Evensong.

FECKENHAM, WORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Styler 1, J. W. Perkins 2, I. Lloyd (first quarter attempt) 3, A. A. Jopp 4, A. Berry 5, C. Longmore 6, A. Brazier (cond.) 7, G. Stock (first quarter of Triples) 8. Rung for Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. G. Massey 1, Frances M. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, A. Payne 4, D. T. H. Robertson 5, R. J. Baker 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Mrs. A. J. Hampton 2, J. E. Reed 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. L. Bell 5, L. W. Bullock 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, P. E. Wells 2, P. Woollven 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on April 28th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Woollven 1, C. L. Bell 2, P. E. Wells 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Morning service. Also on June 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. F. Murfet 1, P. E. Wells 2, P. Woollven 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newton 1, Miss B. Smith 2, Miss J. Barton 3, K. Gould 4, R. Biggs 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Hazell (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Smith 1, R. Biggs 2, K. Gould (first in method 'inside') 3, Miss J. Barton 4, D. Francis 5, B. Forest 6, S. Bailey 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on April 14th, five Doubles methods: J. A. Howes 1, Miss L. Allen 2, H. S. Peacock 3, P. Woollven 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, D. F. Murfet 2, C. L. Bell 3, P. Woollven 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Mitchell 1, W. Lawrence 2, S. R. Collins 3, Miss A. Hales 4, F. Coales 5, J. Mitchell 6, R. Turner 7, P. Fleckney (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. F. Newman, who was ordained to the priesthood at Peterborough Cathedral earlier this day.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On June 4th, 1,260 St. John's Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the death of Pope John XXIII.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On June 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elisabeth Cairns 1, Kate Guy 2, M. Foster 3, Barbara Leigh 4, E. Jones 5, J. Machell 6, J. Dafters (cond.) 7, B. Evans 8. For the dedication festival.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: D. Weeks 1, Miss M. Smith 2, Mrs. A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, R. Allen 6. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Stenning 2, A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, R. Allen 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Gurnhill 1, G. R. Parker 2, G. Paul 3, J. Walden 4, G. H. Randles 5, P. Sharp 6, H. L. Pask (cond.) 7, J. Edwards 8. Rung for the 10th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob, April Day and Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, D. Corner (first quarter) 6. Also on same day, by same ringers, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Neilson.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Edbrooke (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mellish 2, Judith Edbrooke 3, R. T. Perry 4, P. Jupp (cond.) 5, E. Bowden 6. For Confirmation service.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Paginton 1, J. Mace 2, H. Blanchard 3, L. Grey 4, H. Blacker (cond.) 5, J. Billings 6. For morning service.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Montgomery 1, Miss F. Webber 2, Miss J. Foster 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, J. H. Croxton 6. For Evensong. Also on June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Bartlett (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Foster 2, Miss A. White (cond.) 3, Miss F. Webber 4, P. Wilkinson 5, J. H. Croxton 6. Rung by members of Reading University Society.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): D. D. Strong 1, J. Yates 2, P. Gardner 3, C. Kortright 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda Nicholls (first quarter as cond.) 2, Carol Urry 3, W. E. Burnell 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, A. G. Eveleigh 6. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): T. W. Clarke 1, Linda Nicholls 2, W. C. Budd 3, W. J. Vann 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Robert Haycock, past tower captain, and ringer at this tower for over 40 years.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Patching 1, P. Holden (cond.) 2, G. Holden 3, G. Orme 4, J. List 5, D. Morgan (first quarter) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, P. Mehew 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, E. G. Buck 4, W. Hitch 5, J. R. Castledine 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, A. C. D. Mayes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ivor T. Werrett, of Norton.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Corson 1, C. B. Dove (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 2, D. Sheppard 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts 5, A. E. Stamp 6, J. D. Weaver 7, K. B. Sissons 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, C. F. Mew 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. J. Bangham 6, M. J. Uphill (cond., 75th quarter) 7, J. H. Gaze 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. King 1, W. Ward 2, Miss R. Carr 3, P. Avey 4, J. Blower 5, G. Sandwell (cond.) 6, R. Tomlin 7, A. House 8. For Confirmation. Also on June 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, P. Sloman 2, P. Perkins 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, A. House 6, G. Sandwell 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Coomber (first in method) 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Mrs. F. Streeter 3, F. E. Roberts 4, W. Dunn 5, G. West 6, K. Game 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Trip'es: Susan E. Smith 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, A. R. Cope 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, C. M. White 5, J. Hartless 6, H. J. Page 7, W. Cope 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Robert Buchanan and Miss Anne Akroyd, married at Eling, Hants, this day.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Mahala Quiney 1, Betty Daysh 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, Susan Smith 4, C. Bassett (cond.) 5, Hilary Joines 6, Pauline Joines 7, M. Challis 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SUTTON-ON-HILL, E. YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia A. Wilson 1, Janet I. Porter 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, C. R. Robinson 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Rev. C. J. Hawthorn as priest, on Trinity Sunday, at York Minster; also compliments on obtaining their degrees at Hull University to Pamela M. Turner, B.Sc. (Physics), and R. H. Rogers, B.Sc. (Chemistry).

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On June 12th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bazeley (longest length) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. For a service marking the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. G. J. McNamara-Craib, assistant priest.

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ENGAGEMENTS

RILEY—KNIGHT.—The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley, of Feltham, Middlesex, and Audrey, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Knight, of Romsey, Hampshire. 2787

CROWDER—PILC.—The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crowder, of Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, and Roseann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pilc, of Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. 2752

DAW—HOLLOWELL.—The engagement is announced between Raymond, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daw, of Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, and Wendy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hollowell, of Peterborough. 2797

PERSONAL

'Strive for the truth unto death and the Lord shall fight for thee.' (Ecclesiasticus iv, 28.)

MAY I apologise to the peal band at Halewood on June 25th, if I seemed unobliging. Some of the band already know that a situation exists which governed my refusal. As always, there are two sides to the story, and possession of the full facts would show, I think, that I am by no means wholly responsible for this situation, and will be more than glad when it is resolved. Please don't condemn hastily or unjustly. By the way, it was a good peal and I enjoyed hearing it.—T. M. Fitz-Gerald, Great Crosby, Liverpool. 2783

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONB.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 2732

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Magdalen (6), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Waffington (6), 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shouldham (6), 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Crimplesham (5), 1-3; Upwell (6), 1-30-3.30; Denver (6), 2.15-3.30; Hilgay (8), owing to Downham Market (8), 3-6. Service 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, followed by tea for those who notify E. H. Mastin, 7, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market, Norfolk.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 2709

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, July 6th. Alteration of ringing times: Shouldham **not** available owing to tower repairs; Crimplesham (5), 12 noon-2.30 p.m.; Denver (6) 2.15-3.30; Hilgay (8), owing to wedding, 3.30-5.30 p.m.—E. H. Mastin. 2790

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Orsett, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2698

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be at Little Waltham, July 6th. Draw 2.50 prompt for 3 p.m. start. Tea in Village Hall, Great Waltham. Tower open from 7 o'clock. All welcome.—H. Turner. 2767

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Oxhey bells 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 2734

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter-in-Thanet, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by **important** business. Those requiring tea (2/-), please notify Mr. A. Bridges, 8, Swinbourne Avenue, Broadstairs, together with cash. 2755

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, July 6th. Bells available: Packington 2.30 to 4, Cole Orton 3 and after tea 4.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m. 2731

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Outing, Saturday, July 6th. Eyam, 9.30-10.30; Youlgreave, 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; Bradbourne, 1.45-2.45; Brassington, 3-4; Crich, 4.30-5.30; Ashover, 6.45-7.45 p.m. Own transport and meal arrangements.—J. Seager, Sec. 2800

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—On Saturday, July 6th, evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—B. N. Reed. 2736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Stapleford. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 2750

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Fairwarp (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 2721

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Monk Sherborne bells from 2.45-3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Men's Club Room, Sherborne St. John. Names for tea to J. Chesterton, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2738

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Sparsholt (5), 2.30 p.m.; Hursley (8), 6. Service 4.30 (Hursley). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at King's Head, Hursley. Names for tea to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 2720

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Re-opening service after rehanging of bells, Saturday, July 13th. Service 3 p.m., followed by ringing. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening. Names by 11th to Mr. Arthur Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley. 2779

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Felkirk, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Teas only to those who notify Mr. Harold Chant, The Rowans, School Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield, not later than July 11th. It is hoped that the plaque to the memory of Daniel Smith will be installed during the afternoon.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hawkridge, July 13th. Numbers for tea by the 9th essential.—A. R. Tudball. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbell's Mead, Kilmersdon, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2781

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Blunham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Oswald Delight and Single Court. Ringing for everybody.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 2793

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, address by the Bishop of Hull. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 2758

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton). Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 10th to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 2778

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, at Fletching. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring picnic tea. Ringing in the evening 6-8.30 p.m. 2782

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, July 13th, Castle Eaton (6). Names for tea by Thursday previous to E. Sutton, 15, Springfield Road, Swindon. 2765

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on July 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Cottage, Church Lane, Bentley, Farnham.—D. P. Elsmore. 2804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, Tring (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring, Herts. 2806

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 2723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Milnrow on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m.—J. P. Partington. 2773

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 13th at Halewood. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. J. Robinson, 'Field Cottage,' Church Road, Halewood.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Hinckley District, July 13th. Bells available: Enderby (8), 1-2 p.m.: Desford (6), 1.30-2.30; Peckleton (6), 2-3; Thurlaston (6), 2.30-3.15; Stoney Stanton (8), 2.30-3.15; Barwell (8), 5.30-8; Stoke Golding (6), 6.30-8. Meeting, Church Institute, Barwell, 3.30. Please note time.) Service, St. Mary's, Barwell 4.30. Tea (adults 3s., juniors 2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, Leicester, by Wednesday, July 10th. **Strictly, no name no tea.** Knock-out 'Tug-of-War' competition for ringers, Barwell Recreation Ground, 8 p.m. Any six ringers to form a team. Prizes for the winners. Entrance fee 3s. per team. Captains of teams entering please inform Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leicester (Tel.: Burbage 516), beforehand. General Committee meet St. Margaret's belfry, Monday, July 8th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th. Times of ringing: Coningsby (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Ruskington (6), 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Rauceby (5), 2-3; Silk Willoughby (6), 3.30-5: Sleaford (8), 7.15-9; Heckington (8), 7.15-9; Great Hale (6), 7.15-9. Tea at Sleaford 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Weston, The Bungalow, East Road, Sleaford, Lincs.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2733

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Machen, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by July 8th.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 2770

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. To be sure of tea send names to Miss L. E. Simpson, 7, Hawthorn Drive, North Harrow, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. Other ringing: Pinner, 2.30-4; Harrow Weald, 3-4 p.m.—T. J. Lock and Miss M. E. Powell, Gen. Secs. 2740

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 9th, to C. Wightman, 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2737

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby, by previous Tuesday.—F. W. Hancock. 2777

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's, Stamford, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2798

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Overton-on-Dee, July 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. B. Williams, 4, Edward Street, Oswestry, by previous Wednesday.—E. Morris. 2795

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th. SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Compline 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (8), Saturday, July 13th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 2785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. **Please, do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mrs. D. Jarrold, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 2743

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SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewell on July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. 2748

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Wisborough Green (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2801

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th, Steep. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45, in Village Hall. Bells again until 7.30. Petersfield bells 7.45-9 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 9th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. 2719

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Norton (Malton) (8), Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, 2, Park Road, Norton, Malton.—Edward Hudson, Peter Wishart, Hon. Secs. 2799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Saham Toney on Wednesday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Tovell. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 2791

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th, quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, July 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please bring picnic tea. Kingskerswell bells (8) available 6 p.m. Gentlemen invited.—Y. C. Porter, Dis. Sec. 2772

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at Barthomley on July 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, before July 17th.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2803

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2808

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — Pamela J. Usborne (Mrs.). Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, July 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. C. Wells, 12, Townwell Lane, Irchester. 2776

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Little, 228, Coulsdon Road, Coulsdon, by July 17th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2792

OBITUARY

MR. TED ADAMS

Canon C. Carew Cox writes:—

It was with much sorrow I noted the passing of Ted Adams, of Warwick. One had many happy associations with him in Warwickshire from 1909 to 1914, and no one visiting St. Mary's belfry could fail to appreciate his kindly leadership and encouragement. The band, too, he built up at St. Mary's was evidence enough of his teaching ability. I look back upon nine enjoyable peals with him, which entailed not a little hard cycling in those days. He was a grand, safe ringer, and his loss will be deeply felt by the Coventry Guild, but such as he must leave behind a long-lasting influence for good. May he rest in peace.

MR. STANLEY HONOUR
AN APPRECIATION

Mr. John Woods writes:—

Mr. Stanley Honour resided in Lancaster for the major part of 1927–8, engaged on professional work for the railway. I well remember him coming to the tower of St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral and volunteering to help the very backward band.

With the co-operation of Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, we made quite good progress. My own red letter day was February 4th, 1928, when I rang my first peal at Dalton-in-Furness, which incidentally was the first on the bells. Time has taken its toll, and with the death of Stanley only four of us remain.

To fellow ringers at Rainham and to Mr. Honour's family we tender our sincerest sympathy.

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LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, Rev. J. Homphrey 2, W. Oakey 3, D. Newcombe 4, W. Woodyatt 5, T. Botcham 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of A. F. Pratt, for many years a ringer at this church. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sturdy 1, H. Read 2, A. Newman, jun. 3, D. Newcombe 4, T. Stephens 5, B. Read 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong, and to welcome Michael, born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pendlebury.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Miss E. Birmingham 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. M. Faulkner 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. Oatway 6, M. Sprackling 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, J. Laken 10. First on ten by 2, 4 and 10. For Matins.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, I. C. Maycock 2, J. K. Foot 3, P. S. Bennett 4, R. G. Morris 5, Ann E. Fellows 6, Susan Funnell 7, M. C. Hughes 8. Conducted by 2 and 4. Arranged as a last 'bachelor quarter' for J. K. Foot.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): S. Bull 1, Ruth Carr 2, F. May 3, Joan Peacock 4, R. Tomlin (cond.) 5, A. House 6, P. Sloman 7. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield 5, S. Bryant 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On June 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. A. Coleman 1, Miss S. Staley 2, R. H. Jones 3, F. E. Coales 4, A. Sanson 5, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 6.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Joan Gray 1, Pamela M. Turner (100th quarter) 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. I. Booth 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, N. W. Castle 6. Rung for the wedding of Janet E. Smith and Philip James; also a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Cammack, of Cottingham.

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SURPRISE 'VARIATIONS'

By Cyril A. Wratten

MR. LEALE has commented adversely on the recent peal of Spliced rung at St. Neots without, unfortunately, remarking in similarly forceful terms on a regrettable trend in present Surprise Major ringing that has made that peal possible.

When Sir Arthur Heywood introduced the 'New' version of Cambridge and the famous Burton band first rang it to a peal in 1887, nobody did it in order to add a new method to their peal collection. The moving of the 1-2 places, by removing eight of Cambridge's 14 false leadheads, meant that a vastly wider field of compositions was available to those wanting to ring the method.

For the next 60 years all the new Surprise Major methods rung were indeed new, and not simple variations of older ones. Then, early in 1949, came Wye and Biddenden, each a simple variation of Yorkshire, each adding nothing to the original method. Similar variations of 'standard' Surprise methods followed slowly: Braunstone in 1951, Southwell and Gainsborough in 1954, Fordcombe in 1956, Quedgeley in 1961. Gainsborough and Fordcombe do, however, have redeeming features in that they not only break up the rather tedious 1-2 work of Lincolnshire but also have only one F.C.H. against Lincolnshire's four.

The peal of Llanfair P.G. rung at the Loughborough Foundry last June marked the turning point. In the rush to correct Brian Warwick's spelling nobody bothered to point out that the method was simply Rutland with Kent places instead of a dodge in 5-6 at the half-lead. Once the seed was sown it soon brought forth fruit in the form of Putney, Havant, the four new Lincolnshire variations (only one of which is less false than Lincolnshire) in the St. Neots peal, and Stand. That nobody took the hint from the last-named is apparent, for now that Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have been 'worked out,' the disease has spread to lesser-known methods. Vermont, rung at Harrow Weald in May, is only a 'Kent' variation of Haselbech, first rung in December, 1957, and Christchurch, rung to Major at North Stoneham on April 25th and to Royal at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 25th, is the 'New Cambridge' variation of Winchester (first rung in 1954)—and it doesn't have the New Cambridge excuse that it removes any of the parent method's falseness either!

Now, I'm not claiming that Llanfair P.G., etc., are not methods (sorry, Mr. Amos), merely that they reflect no credit on their originators. And since I was myself responsible for Quedgeley in a misguided moment I must include myself amongst them. Seventy-five years ago Sir Arthur Heywood wrote: 'New methods may be had by the dozen by any person conversant with method building, but my advice to such has always been to be sure, before they publish any new system, either that it is better than what already exists, or meets a definite want, or contains some distinct novelty.'

Is it too late to repeat and endorse his sentiments?

ST. MARY ABBOTTS, KENSINGTON

KENSINGTON TOWER is one which has long been famous in the history of ringing, from the 18th century onwards, and many notable ringers have belonged to the band there. Peal boards going back over 150 years tell of some of the performances in this tower, such as what is generally supposed to have been the second true peal of Stedman Triples ever rung: 'The Whole Peal of Triples on Steadman's Principle as composed by Mr. Thos. Edwards was completely Rung in this Steeple, Sunday, Decr. 4, 1803.' by a band of College Youths. This peal contained 722 calls, and at about the same time a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here which had a call at every lead-end, also composed by Thomas Edwards.

When Kensington Church was first built it was, of course, a village church, but the expansion of London engulfed the old village, so that in the last century the old church became too small for the fashionable congregation, and a fine new church was built to the design of Sir Gilbert Scott. In spite of the proximity of vast modern departmental stores, its tall spire is still a prominent landmark. When the church was rebuilt the opportunity was taken to renovate the bells and to augment them to ten. These bells form the present ring, with a tenor of 32 cwt.—a majestic ring, somewhat mournful in tone when heard from inside, but well worth listening to outside.

St. Mary Abbotts is the parish church of Kensington Palace, and the connection with the Royal Family is emphasised by the name 'Royal Borough of Kensington.' Many of the peals rung here in the past were rung for royal occasions, the last pre-war peal being a coronation peal, in 1937. Unfortunately, since the war, the old band has dwindled away, and the Sunday ringing is now mostly carried out by members of the St. Luke's, Chelsea, band.

The 1937 peal was the last peal rung on these bells until December 1st, 1962; there was a variety of reasons for this long silence, but ringers in London were all pleased to see the name of St. Mary Abbotts reappear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' This peal was rung by the College Youths to celebrate the engagement of Princess Alexandra of Kent (whose home was, of course, Kensington Palace and who was a frequent attender at services at St. Mary Abbotts) and the Hon. Angus James Bruce Ogilvy.

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SPLICED LINCOLNSHIRE VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I write with reference to the remarks made by Robin G. Leale about the peal at St. Neots on April 20th, 1963.

1. Firstly, let me state for the benefit of Mr. Leale and others that considering the experience and ability of the band, I was fully satisfied with the standard of ringing attained. I maintain that no more trips occurred than would have occurred in a normal peal of Lincolnshire.

2. The majority of the remarks in both Mr. Leale's letters are entirely without foundation, and I challenge Mr. Leale to produce his evidence for the peal being 'calculated to deceive.' What I think is most illogical is that a peal in just one of these variations is 'acceptable,' but if all seven variations are rung together in one peal, this is a 'decadent caper.' Anyone with an intelligent understanding can see that the words 'decadent' and 'caper' are not applicable.

3. I am going to waste neither time nor space in answering the other petty comments. I leave your readers to form their own opinions, but I ask Mr. Leale to remember that he too has rung 'abortions' (if we are to use his own abortive expressions); e.g. Saturn T.B. Doubles (2 'peals'). Moreover there have been recent peals of 'such rotten methods' as Gainsborough, Fordcombe and Nailstone S. Major. Mr. Leale called the first peals of Caithness and Cranford S. Minor, but did not add a footnote to say that they were 'abortions' of Bourne and Hull. Rung to deceive, Mr. Leale? On this point of footnotes, which he suggests, might be an idea for Mr. Leale to **read** the 'R.W.' each week and he might not then suggest something that has already been done. (Please refer to page 311.)

4. If Mr. Leale delights in criticising spliced, why doesn't he try the 12 (7) Spliced S. Maximus, rung at Walsall on February 3rd, including 12th place variations of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc.?

5. I am sure that Mr. Leale's friends in Amsterdam, Johannesburg Vancouver and Zurich would be more insulted by his connotation of their homes as 'towns' rather than by our method naming. These are all cities, Mr. Leale, major cities!

If, unknowingly, I have deceived any of your readers, I apologise, and only hope that they have not been deceived by Mr. Leale's remarks into thinking that he is 'doing a grand job.'—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Fairfield, Derbys.

'BLINDED BY PLACE NOTATION'

Dear Sir,—Until the publication of Mr. Jobling's letter ('R.W.' June 28th), I had resisted the temptation to join the Spliced Lincolnshire controversy. How many others, I wonder, accepted this peal at its face value because they were blinded by the mysteries of place notation? If Mr. Jobling will sit down for a few minutes with pencil and paper and work out the grids of these methods, he will find that both he and Mr. Leale are wrong, there are 21 different leads, five common to all methods and two different (7th and 4th place bells) for each of the eight methods. He will also find that if one rang Lincolnshire throughout the peal, one would never be more than one blow out.

The claim that each bell did 'all the work' adds insult to injury: the simplicity of doing this is borne out by the fact that even I arranged this within the first eleven and a half courses of C. J. Sedgley's 5,056 Lincolnshire in about twenty minutes. With a bit of thought it should be possible to get all the work twice.

Which brings me to the point of the 19 changes of method in this peal. I was under the impression that the method should be changed at least once per course to be called Spliced. A comment from one of the legal experts would be welcome.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. FORDER.

Eastleigh, Hants.

ANOTHER VIEW

Dear Sir,—Those of us who wondered whether or not Mr. Robin Leale's attack on the St. Neots peal was quite justified must have had our doubts entirely dispelled by Mr. E. Jobling's letter on page 437!

Mr. Leale's contention is that although the peal came within the letter of the law, its description gave a very false impression of its true merit and was therefore likely to deceive a large number of ringers.

I do not know Mr. Jobling, but he is undoubtedly a typical Sunday service ringer and one of a grand majority who are a mainstay of the Exercise. These are the ringers who look to the so-called star performers to set new standards, they are indeed awe-inspired by some of the performances they see reported in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Jobling states that he and his friends in the Ealing area are happy to give credit to the 'brilliant youngsters' who rang a peal involving '56 different leads' (incidentally, most improbable in any peal of 8 spliced). Without a doubt he is completely sincere in his admiration, and jolly good luck to him and the many ringers who share his views.

But they have all been hoodwinked!

Analysis of the place notation shows that this unfortunate peal included not 56 different leads, but a mere 15 of relatively simple work, which, although he doesn't realise it, Mr. Jobling could probably achieve himself given the opportunity!

So, Mr. Jobling and many other ringers have been deceived and Mr. Leale is to be congratulated for enlightening them.

Whether or not Mr. Leale's scurrilous remarks are justified depends on the intention of the instigator of the stunt. If he calculated to deceive (e.g., 'It'll look good in "The Ringing World" and most people won't see through it'), then he has merited severe criticism. If, on the other hand, he genuinely thought this a worth while peal, then his taste is to be deplored and he should realise that a well-struck peal of London or Bristol would, in fact, be more creditable and exercise the intellect of his band just as thoroughly.

A sad aspect of this affair is that such an escapade should be perpetrated by a university society from which one has grown to expect high standards. The peal has been credited as the first of 8 spliced by the London University Society. This is a fine Society and many of its senior members are easily capable of ringing 10 or 12 spliced of an acceptable content. However, they have now officially recorded their first peal of 8 spliced. I wonder if they really want it?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. ROCK.

Teddington, Middlesex.

IN 'METHODS' EIGHT

A while ago, a band enticed
Together rang a peal of spliced.
They were told: 'In methods eight.'
'Good,' they said, 'for us that's great!'
Four new methods—so names must pick;
Vancouver for one, another Zurich,
Amsterdam was one baptised:
Johannesburg, for the last devised.

We suppose
The day they chose
Dawned bright and clear.
A perfect day
In every way,
For ringing Lincolnshire!

The peal was reported with due publicity,
Credited to a University;
But ringers of this seat of learning
Now have ears that bright are burning.
For someone cried, 'This peal stinks—
They were only ringing Lincs!
Look at the figures, the place notation!
Which, being said, caused consternation
Amongst several readers who, in great huff,
Wrote and supported B. Woodruffe.

However, B. J. W. to relieve his troubles
Will probably revert to calling Doubles,
Or Mr. Leale may just consent
To withdraw the 'decadent'? CLARENCE.

Nottingham.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

The pleasant weather and the excellent arrangements on June 15th made the 35th annual festival at Brecon Cathedral a memorable meeting. With both the bells of St. David's and St. Mary's, Brecon, available, ringing for everyone was made possible, before the service and afterwards.

The Rev. Roy Thomas, Rector of Llanbadarn, gave an appropriate address at the service, and the Lord Bishop the blessing. Tea was arranged by the Dean, whose timely aid in opening the tea rooms of the fete, which was being held in the grounds of the Cathedral, to all the ringers and friends, proved very satisfactory.

The business part of the meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Bishop in the chair. He extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and thanked the Rev. Roy Thomas for his sermon, and the Dean, Dr. Edwards Jones, for arranging the tea.

A short silence was observed for two losses by death—Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. W. Buttress.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary stated that the money had been invested in Defence Bonds. The inaugural meeting of the new district was held at New Radnor, and Mr. A. J. Lewis was elected honorary District Secretary.

The general secretary reported a very satisfactory year. The ringing competition was held this year at Llanfihangel Rhydiethon; St. Mary's, Swansea, winning the shield. Notice should again be made to those concerned, of the bells of St. John's, Morriston, which are still lying on the floor of the church. All officers of the Guild were thanked for their help and co-operation.

The treasurer presented the statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory year's working. Mr. Saunders proposed the adoption and was seconded by Mr. Edwards.

The Bishop then presented the shield and certificates to the teams concerned, and added his congratulations.

Mr. Malcolm T. Johns was elected the new Master, and the re-elections of Mr. J. A. Hoare (honorary secretary) and Mr. D. Stokes (hon. treasurer) carried. Tower officials were asked to advise the secretary of the names of members elected to the committee.

A motion to rename the Northern District the Breconshire District was withdrawn in favour of an amendment that the Guild should be divided into the Northern, Central and Southern Districts. An annual report is to be published in future. Mr. Gwyn Lewis reported an increase of five peals rung on the previous year.

The 1964 ringing competition will be held at Neath on May 24th, and the 1964 festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, date to be decided later by the Bishop and secretary. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2, and the Bishop was thanked for presiding.

J. A. H.

HETHERSETT FAMILY'S GENEROSITY

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Hethersett on June 28th, as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Back, was also a 'Thank you' for all Mr. Back's family have done for the church and ringers over the past century.

In 1890, one of Mr. Back's forbears was largely responsible for the addition of a tenor bell to make a ring of six: again in 1904 members of the family were responsible for the addition of two trebles to make up the octave: in 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Back played a large part in having the whole ring recast, and as recently as January this year were instrumental in raising money for a complete set of new ropes.

The Parish Church ringers especially thank them for their support over these many years and trust they may continue to enjoy good health for many years to come.

Letters to the Editor

Truro Council Meeting

Dear Sir,—The acceptance by the Central Council of the Truro Diocesan Guild's invitation to visit Cornwall next year has given much pleasure here. There is sufficient accommodation in the city of Truro to cater for members of the Council, providing bookings are made early, preferably within the next few weeks.

Arrangements are being made for the headquarters to be at the Red Lion Hotel, Boscawen Street, and other suitable hotels are as follows:

Royal Hotel, Lemon Street;
Brookdale Hotel, Tregolls Road;
Imperial Hotel, River Street;
Carlton Hotel, Falmouth Road;
Culroy Hotel, Chapel Hill;
St. George's Hotel, St. George's Road;
Fletchers Hotel, River Street.

All the above hotels have been informed that they may expect bookings from members of the Council for the Whitsun, 1964, period, and, when writing, it would be helpful if you would mention your membership.

All those interested in attempting peals in the county over the Whitsun, 1964, period, are invited to write to Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, who will be acting as organiser.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN CARVETH,
President,
Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

C.C.C. and Mr. Sharpe

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of this Council, add to those you have already published a most grateful appreciation of the work of your outgoing president. During the six years of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's presidency circumstances have brought us into closer contact with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, largely through the happy and fruitful discussion of a joint statement of policy which was subsequently published by both bodies. Over this, as over other questions relating to the use and preservation of bells, we have had many opportunities to be grateful for Mr. Sharpe's ready help and very extensive knowledge.

The writer of a tribute in the same issue for June 21st refers to this body as the Central Council for the Preservation of Ancient Churches. If this was indeed the official title given by the Church Assembly, the work this body has assigned to it would in some ways be simplified. But as the Church of England's Central Council for the Care of Churches it is concerned with doing all it can to promote the care—which must imply active use as well as preservation—of churches and their contents, both old and new. Consequently the problems of conserving what is old, and therefore having special historical and architectural values, must be balanced with the duty of helping the parishes fulfil the needs of a living place of worship. These two duties are sometimes in tension, but can generally be kept in balance and the knowledge that we share a common policy with you is a great source of strength.

The suggestion now put forward that the C.C.C.B.R. should produce a technical handbook on bell hanging and on the cause of damage to towers by architectural defects or neglect of maintenance is to be welcomed, and could be another very valuable extension of the work the organisation has already done during Mr. Sharpe's years of office and since the foundation of the Council.—Yours sincerely,

JUDITH G. SCOTT, Secretary.
The Council for the Care of Churches.

Church Tower Clock Gift

Dear Sir,—If any church would be interested in acquiring a tower clock, which is available in return for the reimbursement of the cost of removal and dismantling, they may like to apply to Mrs. J. Lambe, Berry House, Thorverton, Exeter, Devon. I am informed that this clock, which is complete with a bell dated 1783, was removed some years ago from buildings adjoining Welton Manor, Daventry.—Yours faithfully,

JUDITH G. SCOTT,
Secretary.
The Council for the Care of Churches,
83, London Wall, E.C.2.

Yorkshire Association Finances

Dear Sir,—I wish to qualify the statement at the foot of page 434, which will give the impression that we are much more affluent than is indeed the case.

The figure of £504 is merely the total of the balance sheet and includes the Bell Repair Fund of £109. There should also be deducted liabilities of £109 (a coincidence, this figure). The net accumulated fund is thus only £286.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Northowram, Halifax. Hon. Treasurer.

College Youths of 19th Century

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' the death of Mr. E. Adams, of Warwick, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was reported. This gentleman joined the Society in 1890, while living at Fulham and it is thought that he must have been the senior and oldest member.

On behalf of the Society I would be pleased to receive information about any other members who joined in the 19th century—there cannot now be many left. We have names of some; i.e. Thomas H. Taffender (1893), George E. Symonds (1898), Albert Saunders (1898), George W. Faulkner (1899), Ernest G. Fenn (1899), Herbert Langdon (1900) and William Shepherd (1900), but there may well be others who are not known to the present officers and London members.—Yours sincerely,

21a, Fieldhouse Road, J. G. A. PRIOR.
London, S.W.12.

Composition False

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the composition of 5,504 Dover Surprise Major by C. I. Rowson, published in 'The Ringing World' on June 7th (page 382), is false. There is so much falseness that a few examples will suffice to prove the point. Although there are only six possible changes 1---5678, ten occur in the peal. Two changes after the wrong position in courses 3, 5, 16 and 18, four of these occur, and also all six occur at course ends 7, 8, 13, 20, 21 and 26. Thus the third lead of the third course is false with the twenty-first course end, the fifth with the twentieth, the sixteenth with the eighth, and the eighteenth with the seventh. This falseness is only considering one set of six changes: the same is certainly true for the changes 1---2678, and clearly there will be considerably more falseness.

The basic reason for this is that Surprise methods, being based on the Treble Bob plan, contain in and out of course changes with the treble and tenors in the same position, and therefore peals cannot be doubled with the use of singles as in plain methods.—Yours sincerely, D. E. SIBSON.
Crouch End, N.8.

Leadership and Recruiting

Dear Sir,—One so often hears the excuse for silent or under-manned bells 'We cannot get recruits,' or 'The young people are not interested,' that I should like to draw your attention to the following extract from the Deddington Deanery magazine for July, 1963, written by the incumbent.

'**Claydon and Mollington.** Four boys and girls from Claydon are learning to ring at Mollington. Altogether at Mollington there are fourteen ringers and learners, whose ages vary from 22 years to 11. Learners practise rounds and plain hunting and those more experienced, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. We are very grateful for the help of an Adderbury ringer, Mr. Bob Reeves. The Claydon bells require some minor adjustments before they can be rung and it is hoped they will be made shortly.'

The Diocesan Year Book shows the population of Claydon as 190, and of Mollington 208; Claydon has three bells, and Mollington five.

The incumbent does not mention that the leader of this enthusiastic band is Miss Diana French, and that for a period of 18 months or so, when Mollington bells were not allowed, on the architect's advice, to be rung, she not only kept the young band together, but actually recruited to it. Since it is hardly to be supposed that the youngsters of Claydon and Mollington are different from those of other villages the reason for this happy state of affairs must lie in the leadership.

Adderbury, Oxon. H. L. ROPER.

Central Council and New Blood

Dear Sir,—Well done, Mr. Slight, and how right you are! Let us ring the changes more often with Guild officers.

Ringers might feel kinder disposed towards these 'get in and hold on' officers if they showed a little more encouragement to learners. Gentlemen, **you** could only ring rounds once so give a hand, pull with the learners and help in every way you can to keep **all** the bells of your respective districts ringing.—Yours faithfully. VAUGHAN P. EVANS.
Branston, Lincoln.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Somerton, on June 8th, and was very well attended with a larger percentage of ladies than usual. After the service, in which the Rector gave an interesting talk on change ringing and cricket, tea, which was arranged by Mrs. Crocker, was enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Two new members—Misses J. Crocker and Jane Parfrey (9)—were elected at the business meeting. Ringing continued until 8 o'clock and the methods varied from Grandsire to London.

Next quarterly meeting: Shepton Mallet and Mells (subject to confirmation). J. K.

South Wales District

Chepstow bells were energetically used to rounds and Caters when the South Wales District held a meeting there, which was attended by 45 ringers. Canon E. P. Evans conducted the choral service and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Simms and helpers served tea, and were thanked by Mr. W. Scudamore.

Next meeting (joint with Western District): St. Woolos' Cathedral, November 2nd.

LATE NEWS

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. A. Hughes will have to enter hospital for a second operation to his leg.

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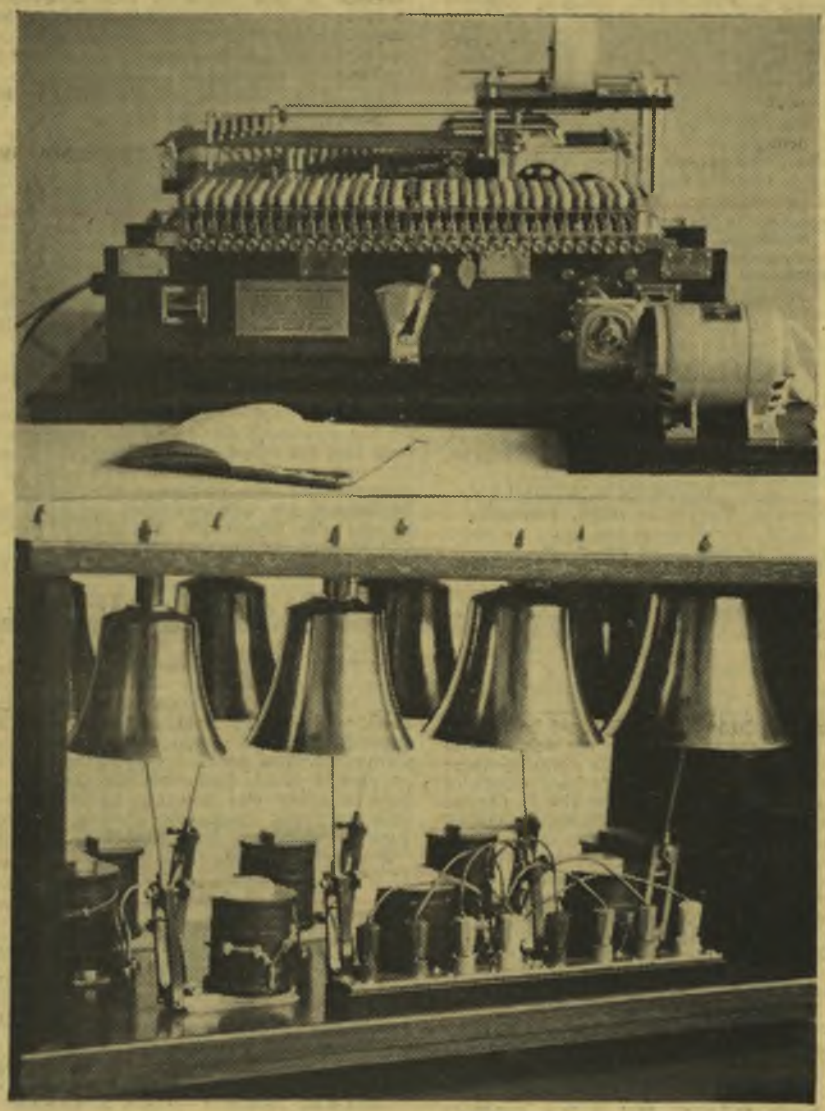
By C. CROSSTHWAITE



The Beginning

The late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, a science master at Sedbergh School, and a change ringer of considerable ability, had, for much of his life, been interested in developing a machine which would ring changes on six or eight bells.

He worked on the basic principle of change ringing that a bell can only move one place at a time, and must therefore change with a bell in an adjacent place. Thus for eight bells there are seven pairs which may be changed: 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67 and 78, and these pairs were numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Some thirty or forty years ago he had developed a machine using a revolving barrel as the change selector. For ringing Plain Major methods, he used a barrel which had 17 rows of seven holes, into which pegs could be inserted. Thus Double Norwich C.B. Major would be set up:

Row	Pegs	Pairs to Change	Result 12345678
1	1, 3, 5, 7	12, 34, 56, 78	21436587
2	2, 5, 7	23, 56, 78	24135678
3	1, 3, 5, 7	12, 34, 56, 78	42316587
4	1, 4, 7	12, 45, 78	24361587
5	1, 3, 5, 7	12, 34, 56, 78	42635187
6	1, 3, 6	12, 34, 67	24365817

etc.

He later improved this by arranging for the barrel to reverse its direction at the half lead so that only half a lead needed to be set up, and the barrel originally designed for Plain Major would now serve for a lead twice as long, i.e. Treble Bob methods. Bobs and singles were made by altering the pegs in the lead end row.

This machine was also arranged to work a typewriter, which would type out the rows being rung. On this model, Mr. Woodhouse rang at least three peals—5,024 Double Norwich, 5,024 Cambridge Surprise and 5,040 Stedman Triples.

An Improvement

During the late 1930's an interest was developing in 'spliced' ringing, and Mr. Woodhouse set himself to adapt the machine so that it would be capable of this type of ringing. This required rapid changing of pegs and possibly altering the length of lead whilst the machine was running. He therefore substituted a flat horizontal selector panel for the revolving drum.

The panel consisted of 33 rows of seven pegs each. The centre row was the lead end row, and there were 16 rows on either side of it with additional reversal pegs to produce lead lengths varying from eight for Little Major to 32 for Treble Bob Major. Each row of pegs had a push lever which wiped out the setting for the row, so changing a row could be effected rapidly.

In ringing a single method, only one side of the panel was used, and the reversal peg at the lead end would be in operation. When ringing a 'spliced' touch, one method would be set up the left hand side of the selector panel and the other method on the right hand side, and the machine would then change from ringing one method to the other whenever the reversal peg at the lead end was lifted.

A further improvement made at this time was that the pegs now caused places to be made instead of pairs to change. This simplified the setting thus:

DOUBLE NORWICH C.B.

Row	Old setting	New setting	Result 12345678
1	1, 3, 5, 7	—	21436587
2	2, 5, 7	1, 4	24135678
3	1, 3, 5, 7	—	42316587
4	1, 4, 7	3, 6	24361578
5	1, 3, 5, 7	—	42635187
6	1, 3, 6	5, 8	24365817

etc.

Unfortunately, having perfected the principles on which a machine capable of ringing 'spliced' could be built, Mr. Woodhouse never lived to see its successful completion. True, he did complete and operate the machine before his death; but with the onset of old age, failing health and the increased complications of working required by these later improvements, the machine was more of a prototype than a finished model.

Shortly after his death, the machine which had been bequeathed to the Lancashire Association was collected from Sedbergh and brought to Preston by its trustees, C. Crossthwaite and R. Leigh. It soon became apparent that a considerable amount of rebuilding and standardisation of parts would be needed before its operation would be reliable and free from snags.

Fortunately, Mr. Gordon Thwaites—a member of the Association and a skilled engineer—became interested and offered to carry out the necessary rebuilding. Since 1958 most of his spare time has been devoted to this work, and during these five years he has completely stripped the machine, remade more than 1,200 working parts and incorporated several important improvements.

The Machine Today

This consists of two separate units, the machine proper and the bells.

The Bells

Eight handbells are fixed in an open-sided wooden box and are struck by clappers operated by solenoids. The sound produced was found to be rather 'hard,' and this has now been improved by inserting nylon plugs (kindly supplied by Mr. Douglas Hughes) in the clappers

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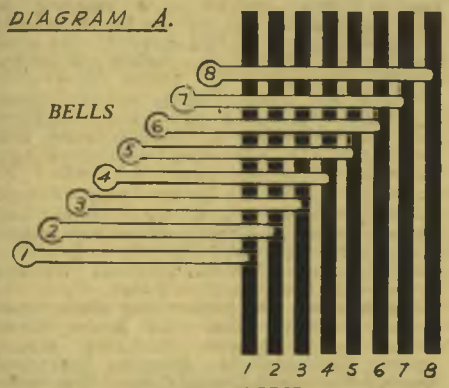
The Machine

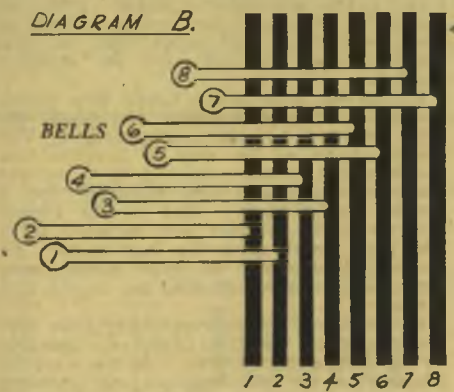
On top of the machine are eight movable brass bars or 'bells.' These make contact with eight metal 'place' strips which are connected electrically through a rotary contact to the eight handbells. The 'bells' are set up in rounds, thus:



'PLACE' STRIP

The rotary contact scans the connections from the metal 'place' strips from left to right, so that the handbells would ring in the order 12345678.

On each side of each of the 'bells' are two push-pull rods which move the 'bells' from one 'place' strip to an adjacent 'place' strip. For instance, in the first change of Bob Major the 'bells' would appear thus:



'PLACE' STRIP

As the rotary contact is scanning the 'place' strips from left to right, the handbells would ring in the order 21436587.

Two of the bells (treble and another) are connected to pens, and a record of their movements is drawn on a roll of paper—thus producing the familiar 'blue line' diagram of the method being rung.

Two important improvements which Mr. Thwaites has incorporated in the machine are: Firstly, the use of solenoids instead of mechanical linkage between the selector panel and the 'bells,' and secondly, the use of an electric motor in place of the original hand drive. The handbells now ring at a constant rate of 30 changes per minute, with a perfect handstroke lead of 1/17 of a whole pull.

It would be difficult to describe in words exactly how this complicated machine works, and it is impossible to convey the fascination which is experienced when watching the intricate mechanism at work.

All who have been privileged to witness recent demonstrations have agreed that the excellent workmanship of Mr. Thwaites is in keeping with the ingenuity of the original ideas of Mr. Woodhouse, and the combination of the two has resulted in a ringing machine which is fascinating to watch, satisfying to hear and unique in its operation.

Footnote.—As a trial run, a quarter peal of 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (comprising 704 Superlative and 576 Cambridge, with 30 changes of method) was rung on the machine on Sunday, May 5th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch Striking Competition

The practice meeting held on June 22nd at Compton Chamberlayne was made the occasion of a striking competition, which was generally agreed to be so successful that it is hoped to repeat the venture. St. Michael's Church stands next to the mansion of the Penruddocke family, overlooking beautifully kept gardens and a lake, half a mile from the A.30. Unfortunately there is no local band, and the bells are not kept in good condition. A team from Lord Weymouth's Grammar School, Warminster, under one of their masters, Mr. B. Price, were there early. Though they are not in this Branch the judges marked them for their own instruction and commended their even pace, and said what a pleasure it was to see these young boys so keen.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Blanchett) took the Guild office, and taking a phrase from the lesson, 'for His pleasure they are,' gave a glimpse of our destiny, the whole purpose of our existence to give pleasure and satisfaction to our Creator. By this time some ladies of the village, having tea'd two cricket teams and given our Warminster boys lemonade and sandwiches, were ready to feed another 30 ringers!

Then a return to the church for the draw and the competition, much interest being shown between-whiles in Leslie Page's tape recording of the ringing. The result was: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire), 0 faults; 2 Wilton (Stedman), 11 faults; 3 Enford (Grandsire), 13 faults; 4 Damerham (Grandsire), 17 faults; 5 St Thomas', Salisbury (Grandsire), 29 faults; 6 Salisbury Theological College (call changes), 31 faults. Lord Weymouth's Grammar School were adjudged 27 faults. We are most grateful to Messrs. H. Gummer and D. P. Bailey, of St. Mary's, Devizes, for their ready help and advice as judges. Y. E.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 22nd, at St. Edburgh's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Evans 1, Jane Thurmott 2, H. Hatfield 3, C. East 4, C. H. Kinch 5, L. A. Busby 6, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8. For the Deanery service to mark the end of Christian Family Year.

22,080 BRISTOL SURPRISE ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—This is to give notice that an attempt is to be made to ring 22,080 Bristol Surprise Major at Birstwith, Yorks, on Saturday, July 20th, 1963, beginning at approximately 8 a.m. The composition is appended. —Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

22,080 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

234567

543726	M. In. H. H.
473526	W. W.
432765	M. In. 4.
567432	M. In. 4. 4.
234756	M. B. 4. B. 4.
745326	M. W.
765423	5.
647325	In.
643527	In. H.
24653	B. W.
36524	4. In. 4. In.
34625	M. M. H.
34256	B. H.
56342	B. W. W.

Four times repeated. An extension by John Seager of a peal by T. B. Worsley.

BANBURY VETERAN HONOURED

Taught to ring about 80 years ago, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at Tadmarton by St. Mary's, Banbury, ringers on June 25th, as a 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of Castle Street, Banbury. The ringers were: H. H. Alexander (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 2, C. T. Wjghtman 3, J. Kay 4, J. Bishop 5, H. Bishop 6.

Mr. Selwyn learned to ring at Bromesberrow, Glos, and it was there he rang for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. He moved to Banbury in 1914, and continued ringing until five years ago, when he felt it unwise to continue to negotiate the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber. His membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to March 27th, 1923, and he is the oldest member of the Banbury Branch.

St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington

(Continued from page 1)

A card was sent to Kensington Palace recording this peal (5,067 Stedman Caters) and a gracious letter of acknowledgment was received. On April 27th, three days after Princess Alexandra's wedding at Westminster Abbey, it was the turn of the London County Association to ring a peal here. The method chosen, Kent Royal, could not have been more appropriate. The ringers were very pleased to have been able to record at Princess Alexandra's own parish church this official tribute from bellringers, especially as it was not possible to ring a peal for the occasion at Westminster Abbey. 'LUD.'

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN LEEDS AREA

IT is said that a rainy day in Leeds is only surpassed by a rainy day in Halifax, and that the effect of a pint of Hey's ales by that of a pint of Stone Trough ales. All four of these were experienced by the Oxford University Society during its Easter tour.

Saturday, April 13th, saw the party assemble at Barrington Court Hotel, Leeds, and early in the evening sampling parties were dispatched to investigate the possibilities of the city of Leeds. The lack of success of this operation was reflected in the full attendance at breakfast next morning.

On Sunday we were welcomed by the Leeds ringers at the Parish Church, and joined them in ringing for morning and evening service, whilst in the afternoon we took part in the ringing for Evensong at York Minster. Despite the attempts by the car drivers to emulate the antics observed at a go-kart meeting on the return from York, all arrived back safely.

HEAVIEST DAY'S RINGING

On Monday, at 9 a.m., the party was collected by what appeared to be the oldest coach in the West Yorkshire fleet. During the morning we progressed from the eight at St. Michael's, Headingley, to the 12 at Halifax, by way of the 10 at Bradford Cathedral, where, with the assistance of the Schofield family, the week's first course of London Royal was rung.

After the inevitable lunchtime we eventually found Birstall Church, where a number of people had their first experience of Yorkshire tail-ends and where the northern thrift was demonstrated by a time switch that extinguished the lights promptly at 3 p.m. (in the church). To round off what proved to be the heaviest day's ringing of the tour, we rang at Ossett and then at Wakefield Cathedral. In the evening, those members who felt they had not justified their existence during the day visited Chapel Allerton. After ringing we were entertained by Ruth and Donald Niblett, who had made the arrangements for the week and ably guided us round the towers.

The following morning disproved our assumption of the previous day, when an even older coach was waiting to take us to Tadcaster. Here we were joined by Iris Lemare, from York, with whose assistance a course of Glasgow was rung. Then, on to Selby, where an ex-Master proved that, with careful composition, even Stedman Caters can be unmusical! After lunch we went on to Hemingbrough, with its pleasant 'chancel step' ring of six, and Howden. The last call was Pontefract, where the coach driver operated a very slick shuttle service, enabling us to ring on both the 10 and eight.

The first tower on Wednesday was Birstwith, where, much to our surprise, we found there is some countryside within a day's journey on the west side of Leeds. At Ripon, we met Wilf Moreton, who, during the remainder of the tour was a welcome addition to our ringing strength, together with Jo and family.

FAMILY RINGING

At Sharow, the number of children under five present in a tower reached its maximum, with the arrival of Dermot Roaf, also with family. The resulting chaos would have driven an ex-Master to drink—had he not found the pub shut after walking half a mile through the rain to reach it.

Two light sixes followed, Kirby Hill and Aldborough; at the latter a broken rope caused a hold up which led to the discovery that the village tea shop, not knowing of our visit, had not yet opened for the summer season, much to the disgust of two of our lady members, well known for their leanings in this direction. At Wetherby, we had to wait for a key to be found—unfortunately other doors in the town were also locked. As we departed in the coach back to Leeds, 'Our man at King's Cross' was seen trudging in the direction of the railway station.

Later in the evening, an informal O.U.S. dinner was held in a Chinese restaurant in the centre of Leeds. This prevented the Master from giving his well known double curry act. Halfway through the meal a car was dispatched to collect our sadly-missed representative of British Railways from the station, worn out after his arduous journey back. Certain of the company then returned to the hotel for the Society's annual handbell practice, while the keener members adjourned for the fifth night running to the Queen's Hotel.

All six towers on Thursday, the last day of the tour, were eights to the north-west of Leeds. Because of a service, ringing was somewhat curtailed at Guiseley, with the result that we were able to get a little ahead of time and enjoy a leisurely ride through the pleasant countryside. The other towers in the morning were Ilkley, where a touch of nine spliced came round with only eight methods rung, the conductor being unable to decide whether to set up or call a change of method as fired past a lead end, and Skipton, where a touch of nine spliced was successful — with a different conductor.

SECRETARY'S ENTERPRISE

After a long lunch-time argument, over who put mustard into whose ham rolls, we went on to Kildwick. Here the ex-secretary in charge of the tower, living up his usual high standard of organisation, so arranged a short touch of Stedman Triples as to allow him ample time to visit the adjacent inn to quaff a quick quart and return in good time to hear rounds come up. On to Keighley and, finally, Calverley, where another course of Glasgow staggered round.

That evening, some members went to join the practice at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, afterwards becoming entangled with a fair (an O.U.S. tradition?), whilst the more sober of us spent a quiet evening in and around the hotel.

On Friday morning the proprietor of the hotel was at last able to close his doors firmly behind the residue of the Society, only to see two of them being photographed standing upside down in his forecourt. After a farewell visit to the Queen's, the party finally disintegrated, the Master, as is only right and proper, being the last to abandon ship.

D. T. D., A. N. S.

A BRIDE FROM BOYNE HILL



About 140 guests, including many ringing friends, attended the wedding on June 29th of Miss Kathleen North, a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, to Mr. Alan Horne, a Sea Scout Master at Waltham St. Lawrence. The bride has been on the P.C.C. for the last few years.

Previous to the wedding the bride's fellow ringers attempted a peal of Plain Bob Major, but unfortunately it come to grief after three hours, but a quarter peal was rung at Boyne Hill on July 3rd.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar and the bride wore a white brocade dress, with a train, and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. Sea Scouts formed a guard of honour, and the honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

[Photo: Raymond Thatcher, Maidenhead.

KINGSTON'S WEEK-END AT HEREFORD

The Kingston ringers opened their week-end reunion with time borrowed from Friday night, May 23rd. The handbell ringers presented Bob Major, while a shocked hotel employee switched off the T.V. set. The gathering is now an established reunion stemming from Kingston-upon-Thames tower. 'Brig.' Young, now in Somerset, and George Goodman, Herts, were gathered in plus two more from Herts —Ted Rochester and Reg Hayden—who came for the fun, and got it. Among old stagers present were our bell ringing newly-weds Elizabeth and David Wilkins, and our about-to-be-marrieds Susan Rawlings and Ken Newman, not to mention a very new stager, Bob Coles, aged 15, who rang and mixed very smoothly with a party much his senior.

Towers visited were Abbey Dore, Clodock, Michaelchurch Eskley, Clyro, Bronllys, Talgarth, Llangorse, Llanfigan, Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny, Hereford (All Saints'), Lugwardine, Ledbury, Much Marcle, Dymock, Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Charlton Kings.

Among tower bell touches and courses successfully brought round were Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, Yorkshire Major, Double Norwich Caters, London, York and Alnwick Minor and Double Court. The handbell touches were Plain Bob, Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

For those who enjoy not only ringing but also what the country has to offer, five things stand out in memory: Abbey Dore, with its gaunt abbey church, once part of a Cistercian monastery; the Goliathan wall of the Black Mountains behind us as we left Llanfigan for Merthyr Tydfil; the sulphur smoke of Ebbw Vale steelworks, where we asked the way and the reply was 'Wur d'you come from?'; the unmistakable golden green of young oak trees; and the raucous serenade of what Margaret called frogs and we less educated types assumed were the common mallard.

Eating was good at the Castle Pool Hotel, where we stayed two nights, and where our lively behaviour was courteously accepted. The Radnor Arms, on the road to Bronllys, was primitive but friendly, allowing us to eat our own sandwiches and ring handbells for a certain fee in liquor. And at the Fleece, Whitney, coffee drinkers were surprised by a fine brew served from the bar counter, an excellent innovation. At each establishment the handbell ringers expressed our thanks with a touch.

Pay-off note. On the magnificent green outside the Fleece, the Silver Band was rounding up the Sunday performance. As we stood by our cars for the final departure and scattering we were called to attention by a very fitting performance of 'The Queen.'

L. G.

OUTING

MAULDEN, BEDS

Favoured with ideal weather, the annual outing of the Maulden ringers took place on June 22nd. Leaving Maulden at 7.30 a.m. the charming village of Trumpington was reached in good time, and the splendid light eight were soon set going to a variety of methods.

With many admiring glances the party got under way again, and an hour's run brought us to Hilgay, where further ringing was enjoyed. King's Lynn was the next stop, and lunch was taken before ringing on the fine ten.

A short run through beautiful country brought us to North Elmham, and it was here that the best ringing of the day took place; a course of Yorkshire Major being particularly well struck, though the standard of striking all day was of a high order. They like it that way on the Maulden outing!

Tea and further ringing were enjoyed at East Dereham, and the last tower of the day was Swaffham, where recent attention to bells and fittings has brought considerable improvement. The long journey home was broken at Mildenhall, where a little of the right kind of refreshment put everyone in great spirits.

Ringers and non-ringers appreciate the work of Ron Sharp in making the arrangements, and thanks also to incumbents and local ringers who met us.

A. E. R.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY
Lichfield Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield, on June 22nd.. The proceedings commenced with an experiment which failed; the opening of three towers for ringing during the morning—Yoxall, King's Bromley and Longdon. A handful of the more enthusiastic members of the Society enabled the more interested long-distance visitors to have a ring.

More ringers were in evidence at St. Mary's, Lichfield, by 2.30 p.m., but ringing was curtailed here by a broken rope. However, good use was made of St. Michael's (6) and the ten of the Cathedral, until the service, which was held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral. An excellent address was given by the Vicar of Little Aston, the Rev. H. H. Follis, and singing was accompanied by the Cathedral organist.

Tea followed at the W.I. Hall in Lombard Street, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Society's president, the Ven. Basil Stratton (Archdeacon of Stafford). Presenting the committee's report, the secretary announced that well over 30 new members had joined the Society during the past year. Over 60 members rang peals (totalling 40), and a similar number of quarter peals. Eleven members rang their first peal, and the leading peal ringers were Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, with 17 and 15 each respectively. One of the 'peals of the year' was the Little Aston Sunday service band peal of Beverley Surprise Minor, which was a first for the Society and containing a first pealer ringing 'inside' and a 'first of Surprise as conductor.'

Although no professional bell hanging work had been completed during the year, local ringers of Horninglow, near Burton-on-Trent, had made the front five of their ring of six steel bells ringable, and hoped to tackle the tenor shortly. The two bell founders had been asked to quote for putting the five bells at Bradeley, near Penkridge, in ringable order.

The Society had sustained the loss of a valuable member in the death of Mr. Ernest Stitch.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Allen) reported the Society's accounts to be in a healthy state, with a balance in hand of £79. One unusual feature on the income side was the revenue from no less than 47 new life members.

Mr. B. G. Key gave a report on an enjoyable Central Council meeting held at Great Yarmouth and outlined relevant details.

The following functions were planned for the coming year: September 7th, Lichfield Diocesan Festival at Newcastle-under-Lyme; October 19th, to be announced; November 9th, annual dinner, Cannock; January 18th, Kingswinford; March 21st, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; May 9th, Aldridge; June 20th, A.G.M., Lichfield. After discussion it was agreed to continue the series of Saturday evening practice meetings, but only on the last Saturday of a month in which there was not a full meeting. The Ringing Masters were asked to make a special effort to improve the general standard of ringing, especially the striking. An extra competition is to be introduced.

The following officers were then elected for the year 1963/4: Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Eastwood; honorary treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen (8, Oriel Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffs); honorary secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith ('Roiselle,' Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs, Tel. Lich. 2124); annual dinner secretary, Mr. B. G. Key (2, Newport Road, Gnosall, Staffs); honorary auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake.

New members elected were: N. A. Bateman, J. Faulkner and D. K. Lane (of Great Barr), K. Swingwood (Sedgley), J. Shendon (West Bromwich, All Saints'), Miss C. Parsons (Willenhall), Miss A. E. Timmins and C. Williams (unattached). The elections of the following life members were confirmed: T. P. Edwards, N. Bennett, J. E. Camp, E. F. B. Bryant, J. D. Fernihough, D. Butterworth, F. Shalcross, J. H. Fielding, D. Mottershead, F. J. Nelson and M. Wilshaw.

The president presented Mr. F. Brotherston with an inscribed silver tankard, in recognition of his many years of service to the Society, the last ten years being as treasurer.

The meeting concluding with votes of thanks. Five towers were open for ringing in the evening. C. M. S.

OBITUARY
MR. F. A. PRATT

Mr. Fred Pratt, of Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, passed peacefully away on May 26th, aged 89. He was the last surviving member of the band which was led by William Townsend and Jack Ballinger, and he had been ringing at Leckhampton for over 70 years, before his retirement three or four years ago.

Mr. Pratt was one of the most conscientious of men in his quiet way, and never missed ringing for service, even in the most difficult times. He also always stayed to service afterwards, and continued to walk the mile and a half to church up till last summer. All those who knew him held him in the very highest respect.

With his passing another link with the past has been broken: but he was never one for looking back: and one thing which always gave him pleasure was to learn of the steady progress of the new generation of young ringers at the church, where he had rung for service and worshipped for so many years, and so may he rest in peace. J. H.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, informs us that the claim of the first peal on the bells at Shrewton, Wilts (page 444), is 34 years too late. The first peal on the bells was Bob Minor rung on November 17th, 1929, and conducted by Mr. C. F. Andrews.

Eight of the 10 ringers in a peal of Plain Bob Royal at Pontefract, Yorks, on June 26th, conducted by C. Barrie Dove, were ringing their first peal of Royal.

Handbell enthusiasts at Bushey have established a new Surprise record by a peal of Minor in 21 methods. This is the greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung to a handbell peal.

In a silver wedding quarter peal compliment to an All Saints', Huntingdon, ringer, Mr. A. T. Howes, and his wife, the former and his two sons participated. One rang his first quarter and the other his first quarter 'inside.'

Mr. J. J. Webb informs us that it was his brother, William, late of Heston, Middlesex, and not himself who assisted in obtaining £250 from the Barron Bell Trust for Broadwell bells (page 435). We are sorry, he adds, this his brother did not live to see the excellent restoration done by John Taylor and Co.

Darley Dale ringers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new Rector, Rev. R. St. John Smith, who is a ringer of no mean ability. He will be inducted on Tuesday, August 6th, at 7.30 p.m. So that all ringers in the district may join in the welcome, the bells will be available at 6 p.m., before the service.

Arrangements for this year's tour by the Universities Association of Change Ringers are now complete. An effort has been made, while maintaining the traditions, to introduce some other features of attraction. Based on Portsmouth, and including a coach tour in the Isle of Wight, the eight-day meeting 'covers' 39 towers—10 sixes, 22 eights, five tens and two twelves. The whole itinerary, including sea passages, extends to approximately 440 miles around base. Booking is now urgent.

Wimbledon has lost two faithful ringers in Susan Rawlings and Ken Newman, whose marriage took place at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on July 6th. A farewell peal was rung on June 29th, and the band wish to associate Tony Bishop with the peal. He is in hospital recovering from a back injury.

Mr. George F. Roome rang the fourth bell at Walgrave, Northants, to a peal of St. Peter's Doubles without a stay.

On June 15th the Old Albanian Society of Change Ringers rang the Cathedral bells prior to the St. Albans School Founder's Day service in methods up to Grandsire Caters.

We are asked to state that the lecture Mr. F. Sharpe is giving at the festival of the Guild of Friends of Salisbury Cathedral tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30 is open to anyone. It will be in the Cathedral.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Derby Cathedral, which is recorded this week, was arranged in honour of Philip Whitaker, a former ringer at this tower, who has been living at Coleraine, Northern Ireland, for the last six years.

Malcolm Wade, of St. John's, Leicester, and David Moore, of Birstall, deserve congratulations on the way in which they rang in a peal of Yorkshire S. Major, at Ashby Folville on June 30th. Malcolm scored his first of T.B. Major, and David, who hadn't previously rung Surprise Major, scored his first of Yorkshire. Both rang extremely well.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, who, in 1960, had to retire from work, ringing and other activities, is now fit once more, and in September starts a new teaching job in Winchester. He made a ringing 'comeback' on July 5th by ringing in a quarter peal at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, and although he had not touched a rope since 1958, found he hadn't lost the knack. 'I never felt more elated than I did when the conductor called, "This is all,"' he concludes.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 of London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

IAN R. PANTON	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. EVES	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, as follows: (1) Westminster, (2) Norwich, (3) Netherseale, (4) 216 of Cambridge, 144 each of Ipswich and Norfolk and 72 each of Bourne, Hull and Primrose, with 26 changes of method; (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 15 in C.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4
ANDREW S. HUDSON	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JAMES L. TOWLER	6
†JOHN R. MAYNE	2	*ALAN CARVETH	7
PETER J. EVES	3	§HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	8
*‡ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	9
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5	*JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. † 700th peal. ‡ 100th peal. § 250th peal.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ANDREW S. HUDSON	2	IAN R. PANTON	6
JAMES L. TOWLER	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., June 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	IAN R. PANTON	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ANDREW S. HUDSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JAMES L. TOWLER	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ALL THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 cwt. in C.

PAMELA M. TURNER	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	5
IAN C. MAYCOCK	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
KENNETH J. HESKETH	3	V. DAVID JENNER	7
JENNIFER M. COOK	4	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
A compliment to Pamela Turner and Robin Rogers, of Hull University, on gaining the degree of B.Sc.

ALSO
In 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

JENNIFER M. COOK	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	5
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
PETER S. BENNETT	3	V. DAVID JENNER	7
KENNETH J. HESKETH	4	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CLEAVER. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ALSO
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	*Treble*	IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
KENNETH J. HESKETH	2	V. DAVID JENNER	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Witnessed by PAMELA M. TURNER and JENNIFER M. COOK.
Being one extent non-conducted and one extent conducted by each member of the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	*Treble*	ERNEST RAWSON	6
BERYL CAWSER	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	7
J. MARILYN A. GIBBS	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
GORDON A. HALLS	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	9
JOHN F. MURFIN	5	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	†MARTIN L. HOWE	7
IAN H. ORAM	3	†ANDREW M. MACVE	8
†CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	5	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 50th peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. First of Royal in the method as conductor.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM H. BOSTOCK	*Treble*	ARNOLD COLE	6
RONALD H. DOVE	2	*GAEL BROWN	7
*ANTHONY E. STAMP	3	†KENNETH B. SISSONS	8
†JOHN POTTS	4	†JOHN WEAVER	9
†ALAN SHEPPARD	5	†C. BARRIE DOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 lb.

BRIAN DOWNES	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	6
ANDREW N. STUBBS	2	DAVID T. DARBY	7
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	ALAN J. FROST	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	TREVOR N. BAILEY	9
JOHN C. EISEL	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's (St. Albans) Society.)
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5072 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER FORSTER	*Treble*	†WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	6
*ANN C. CARDEN	2	†KENNETH J. DARVILL	7
†JOYCE DODDS	3	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE	8
HAROLD V. FROST	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	9
†REGINALD W. DARVILL	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal. † First of Little Bob Royal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
DAVID J. STAPLES	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal in the method.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Joan K. Smith	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
A. James Poynor	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
David J. Allen	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	5
*Bryan C. Burrough	2	E. Winifred Keys	6
Alexander Page	3	Harold A. Nobes	7
†Charles W. Philpott	4	*Bernard E. Matthews	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 50th peal together. † First of Major.
Rung on the eve of the ordination of Peter N. Bond as priest at Rochester Cathedral, and of Paul Illingworth as deacon at Wakefield Cathedral.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*E. Jane Sibson	*Treble*	Marcus P. Barton	5
†Marilyn M. Barton	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Diana M. Lawless	3	*Nicholas J. Davies	7
Mary S. Taylor	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 100th peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

Charles E. Truman	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
Ronald C. Noon	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Geoffrey E. Watson	3	George W. Holland	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald C. Noon	*Treble*	*Charles E. Truman	5
*Margaret A. Wilson	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Geoffrey E. Watson	3	George W. Holland	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*Stephen Wright	*Treble*	Bert Sutton	5
William Fay	2	Fred Hodgson	6
Edward Hudson	3	Thomas M. Cox	7
John A. Brown	4	Edwin P. King	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Bruerton. Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton on their silver wedding: also for the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, to their daughter, Madeline, and David Bradford, in Aden (January 29th, 1963).

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Harold L. Parfrey	*Treble*	S. Arthur Read	5
*Leslie R. G. Taylor	2	Phillip W. Weeks	6
David A. Burt	3	George J. Hawkins	7
William H. Hurford	4	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* 25th peal. Harold L. Parfrey has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Alan F. Lee, tower master of Twerton and secretary of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, and Jean Palmer, married this day at Warmley, Glos.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Trevor A. Cross	*Treble*	Andrew M. Macve	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Ian H. Oram	3	Martin L. Howe	7
John D. Faircloth	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Susan E. Smith	*Treble*	Harold A. Nobes	5
David S. M. Jones	2	Morgan Marshall	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
†Jennifer Tyack	4	Charles Parsons	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples, and on an 'inside' bell.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	Andrew T. Beckwith	5
George W. Pipe	2	*Ernest G. Pearce	6
John W. Blythe	3	H. William Barratt	7
Diana M. Pipe	4	Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Barnett. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* 100th peal.
A compliment to Jean Barnett and James Woolford on their engagement.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Thornley	*Treble*	*Philip Crossthwaite	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	*John Ryder	6
Maryl Crossthwaite	3	Harold Worrall	7
*Geoffrey Fothergill	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Peter Crook, sen.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
At the Guild Church of St. Andrew, Holborn Circus.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London and 320 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol: with 144 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Nicholas J. Davies	*Treble*	Alan J. Frost	5
*E. Jane Sibson	2	John C. Eisel	6
*Diana M. Lawless	3	*Derek E. Sibson	7
Mary S. Taylor	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 8-Spliced.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Peter Bridle	*Treble*	Michael J. Hobbs	5
*Gillian M. Hussey	2	†Henry Taysom	6
D. John Hunt	3	Patrick J. Bird	7
†Roger S. Algate	4	Don C. Exell	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Don C. Exell.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

William J. Dixon	*Treble*	Peter Beedie	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Bertram J. Coggins	6
Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Michael C. F. Collett	4	Thomas W. Timms	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

GEORGE ASTBURY	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
*YVONNE HUGHES	3	FRANK MORTON	7
†WILFRED KERR	4	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. R. Butterworth, recently inducted Rector; also as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Allman.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	LESLIE BAILEY	6
ROY WILES	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. MOORE.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Back, of Hethersett Hall. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MALCOLM WADE	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
†DAVID F. MOORE	3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First 'blow' in Surprise Major

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

LUCY ANN KEY	*Treble*	PETER MORRIS	5
PAMELA E. KEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT EMMANUEL CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*REV. DAVID H. SANSUM	*Treble*	†MICHAEL H. GREGORY	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	REV. ROGER O. FRY	6
WILLIAM ABRAHAM	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
P. LESLIE PEARCE	4	†WILLIAM F. BONNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
To commemorate the institution and induction of the Rev. R. M. Brettell as first Vicar of the united benefice of Christ Church with Emmanuel, Clifton.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

BRIAN T. FORD	*Treble*	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	5
JOHN A. RODEN	2	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	6
EDWARD G. BOWYER	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ANNETTE FROST	4	CHARLES EYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung to mark 50 years' ringing service at this church by Mr. E. G. Bowyer, of which 46 years have been as tower captain; also to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society (June 30th, 1883).

SIX BELL PEALS

LAPWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (all 294 calls being singles). Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	RICHARD G. MORRIS	4
IAN C. MAYCOCK	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
ROBERT E. TALLIS	3	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
Rung for the wedding this day of Linda M. Hughes and John K. Foot.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Violet; (2) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal and Capel; (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley; (4) South Kirby, Barnsley, Felkirk and Havercroft; (5) Woodbine, (6) Oxford, (7) Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROGER TARBATT	*Treble*	RODNEY PAGDEN	4
ELIZABETH PEACE	2	PETER CARBUTT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	TREVOR TARBATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) York, Durham, Berwick, Beverley, Hexham and Surfleet; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Bourne and Netherseale; (7) Norwich; with 82 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
E. JANE SIBSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in 20 Surprise Minor methods by all the band, and for the Association.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
JOHN L. GIRT	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
150th peal as conductor.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Surfleet and Beverley, and three of Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES LINNELL	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
MARGARET A. WILSON	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	5
*MRS. GEORGE SHELLARD	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents (no 6-5's at backstroke). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JAMES J. GREEN	*Treble*	IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
*IAN R. STEVENS	3	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal.

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BERRICK SALOME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 46 extents, viz.: 15 of Stedman, one of Stedman and Grandsire Spliced, ten of Grandsire, four each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

P. GERALD MCILHONE .. *Treble*	†ANGELA M. AYRES 4
DAVID H. SLADE 2	††‡MARTIN S. HAMMERTON .. 5
*DAVID J. SLADE (11) .. 3	*LAURENCE E. WOODBRIDGE *Tenor*

Conducted by P. GERALD MCILHONE.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. *Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT 4
FRANK C. PRICE 2	DAVID P. HILLING 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(The Exeter University Society.)
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*JEFFREY A. GILSON .. .. *Treble*	†MARTIN F. LOCK 4
*JULIET WOODERS 2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
†GEORGE SKINNER 3	*JOHN D. WALKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal for the Exeter University Society.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.
First peal in the method by all.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*ROBERT J. COOLES .. .. *Treble*	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 4
ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 3	MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal. First of Minor in the method for all the band, and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. A. Tidy, who this year celebrates his 50th year as captain of the tower.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. .. *Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD 2	KEITH R. DAVEY 5
DEREK J. JONES 3	ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
The conductor's 150th peal for the Guild.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. *Treble*	DAVID J. BARNETT 4
*MYRA J. GIBBS 2	HENRY TAYSOM 5
J. JAMES JEFFERIES 3	ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jean Palmer, of Warmley, and Alan F. Lee, of Twerton, Bath; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Gloria M. Newton, of Warmley.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 35 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Melandra, Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe and Castleton Delight; (2) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (3) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedon and Ely Delight; (4) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; 46 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. *Treble*	*NEIL BENNETT 4
IVOR JENKINS 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in 35 methods.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Robert H. C. Lewis, M.A., as Vicar; also for the wedding of Barrie Hendry and Patricia A. Moreland, which took place earlier in the day at Kingstanding, Birmingham.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of 50 methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull and Primrose Surprise; (2) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise; (3) Barham, Pembroke and Berkeley Delight; (4) Oswald, Kentish and Edinburgh Delight; (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford T.B., Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract, Donottar and Alderbourne Delight; (6) Morning Star T.B., Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight; (7) Fryerning, Westminster and Allendale Surprise; with 118 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. .. *Treble*	*GORDON W. LAND 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Minor in 50 methods. The greatest number of Treble Bob methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 23, 1963, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents of Grandsire and 12 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor size 11 in F.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL WHITE .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT WHINGARTH, 17, RIDGE ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. .. 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 3—4	*DEREK A. ASHTON .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE AIKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First handbell peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6
*NEIL BENNETT .. .. .. 3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 7—8
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 9—10	

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal on ten handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Westminster and Allendale, (5) York and Durham, (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
The greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung to a handbell peal.

LONG LENGTH

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,984 Wye Surprise Major: Judith M. Atkinson 1, Wendy Bird 2, Maria E. Kirby 3, Barbara Stephens 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, I. C. Maycock 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, B. J. Wylde 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Hardy 1, Rita Gould 2, Elizabeth Birmingham (first of Doubles) 3, D. Rundle 4, N. I. Davies (cond.) 5, A. Jones 6. Rung on the back six for morning service.

ASHWELL, HERTS.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick 1, Audrey Alexander (first as cond.) 2, Anne Saunderson 3, T. R. Hatchett 4, D. R. Saunderson 5, C. Worboys 6. An engagement compliment to Anne Saunderson and Chris Worboys.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Minor (Plain Bob and Little Bob): P. R. Stubbs 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, Miss M. Viner 3, J. Tiley 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, K. Harrison 6. Rung to congratulate Jean Palmer and Alan Lee, on the occasion of their wedding.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Copperthwaite (first quarter) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BITTERN PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 26th, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Russell (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Kay Hollingsworth 3, H. N. Evans 4, H. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Margaret Smith 6. For Ascensiontide.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1, A. B. Corden 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniels 4, A. Daniels 5, J. Marks 6, J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. H. Hedley as Rector.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss V. Mepham 1, Miss A. Harris 2, T. J. Barlow 3, A. R. Baldock 4, A. Jackson 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Redgers 1, Felicity Dicken (first 'inside') 2, C. Rees 3, Janet Somervaille 4, M. Roff 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. On St. John the Baptist's Day.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): G. K. Cook (first quarter) 1, Angela M. Ayres (first in 11 methods) 2, R. M. Heyworth (first 'inside') 3, C. J. Adam 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, A. T. Keeble (first quarter) 6. Rung for midsummer.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods), Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 3, F. Gosling 4, P. Watts (16) 5, R. Vince 6. First in eleven methods by all except 4, and by Sunday service band. For Matins.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mills 1, H. Spencer 2, G. Gilling (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, I. Watts 5, H. H. Gilling 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On June 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Morris 1, A. Donovan 2, T. W. Hesketh 3, M. E. Dodd 4, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 5, D. W. Fellows 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth Roberts 1, Pamela E. Key 2, H. H. Lawton 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, M. Wycherley 5, T. Turner 6. For the wedding of Patricia Ratcliffe, of Clive.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,296 Plain Bob Major: K. R. Goodall 1, Mrs. I. M. Holland 2, Eileen J. Osborne 3, R. Farnsworth 4, L. Goodall 5, D. Peers 6, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 7, I. M. Holland 8. For the visit of the Bishop of Derby for Confirmation service.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): R. Harding 1, J. A. Ellis 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. T. Johns 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Protheroe 6. At St. Peter's Church for St. Peter's Day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, M. J. Dyer 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nicholls, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Howes (first quarter) 1, J. A. Howes (first 'inside') 2, P. Woollven 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung by Sunday service band as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Howes.

QUARTER PEALS

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): A. Grey (first quarter) 1, P. Friend 2, J. J. Wallet (could.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. For Evensong.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. N. Stubbs 1, D. Bennett 2, Ruth How 3, L. Smith 4, D. Darby 5, D. Birkinshaw 6, R. B. Meadows 7, Christine Bradburn 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. N. Harris 1, D. Wilkins 2, Elizabeth Wilkins 3, M. J. Bangham 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, J. F. N. Maybrey 6, W. H. Jackson 7, A. D. Leach (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Yapp 1, J. Nelson 2, J. Sumner 3, J. Owens 4, L. Walmsley (cond.) 5, J. Iddon (first quarter) 6. Rung by six employees of Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland.

LISS, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Lesley Read 2, B. C. Kercher 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton 5, Patricia Smith 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. H. G. Hart 1, Miss R. M. Foreman 2, Miss M. E. Fort (first of Grandsire Caters) 3, A. R. Millidge (first of Grandsire Caters) 4, H. G. Hart 5, M. W. Coleman 6, M. F. Lock 7, A. Cutler 8, F. T. Elagrove (cond.) 9, T. J. Lock 10.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss T. P. Johnson 1, Miss P. A. Lansley 2, R. E. G. Luton 3, Mrs. R. Drewett 4, R. J. Drewett 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 April Day, Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, M. Ball 2, Miss R. Yeats (first of Triples 'inside') 3, I. J. Burrough 4, P. W. Ham 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, H. Yeats 7, R. Fisher 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Silvey 1, Dorothy Stopps 2, Joyce Barton 3, J. Young 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, R. Blackler 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, R. E. Dean 8. For Ascension Day. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jill Cook 1, R. Blackler 2, P. R. Dean 3, D. A. Cornwall (first in method) 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For evening service.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On June 25th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise: E. Wilcox 1, H. Young 2, M. Beech 3, D. Beech 4, J. Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (cond.) 6. First in method 3 and 4.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clark 1, P. Davies 2, E. Marks 3, C. C. Turner 4, W. Webb 5, J. Arbury 6, C. J. Turner (cond.) 7, C. Glanville 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,345 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: Miss J. Cook 1, L. Woods 2, D. Hewitt 3, J. Boyack 4, M. Sinden 5, A. House (cond.) 6, M. Hallett 7, A. Salisbury 8, F. Gant 9, P. Chapman 10.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Took 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, R. Sanders (first 'inside') 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, M. Took 6, K. B. Sanders 7, J. Hutchinson 8. First quarter for all except 2 and 3. For the Patronal Festival.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brookes 1, A. Millidge 2, L. Allen 3, Margaret Fort 4, M. Uphill 5, B. Bull 6, M. Bangham 7, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hobbs 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. A. Reading (cond.) 3, Miss G. Martin 4, R. M. Flanagan (first 'inside') 5, M. J. Bew 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to William J. Berry, ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 29th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lydia Chamberlain 1, G. Foster 2, G. T. Ridgway 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, R. J. Bedford 5, F. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Harper, and to the conductor, on the birth of a granddaughter.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 in front): Pat Ward (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Coman (first quarter) 2, Gwen Fellows 3, E. Avery 4, A. Hoad 5, Angela Rudd (first 'inside') 6, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 7, G. Muggridge 8.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On June 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss V. Mepham 1, Miss A. Harris 2, A. Jackson 3, T. J. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 2, 4 and 5. For the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janeane Ansell 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Shelagh C. Guthrie 3, Susan J. Devey 4, 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, P. J. Barker 6. Rung for the wedding of Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler, to Raymond John Holt. Both Mr. Butler and Lillian are ringers in this village.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. K. Ward (cond.) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, D. P. Hilling 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, J. F. Bowler 6, D. H. Francis 7, G. R. Shedden 8, W. Birmingham 9, F. R. Scott 10. First of Plain Bob Royal 'inside' 3, 6 and 8.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, E. J. Ford (cond.) 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Webber 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew John), to Joan and Eric Ford.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On March 24th, quarter peal, six Spliced Surprise Minor: P. Brand 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, R. Wiggins 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on April 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Higgins 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett 6. For Easter Sunday.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood 1, G. Goodwin 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, Audrey Alexander 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Saunderson (cond.) 6. Rung on Trinity Sunday, and for the ordination of Peter Bond and David Hoare. Also as a welcome to Ampthill, Beds, for David Hoare.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Susan Moxon (12, first quarter) 1, R. Beresford (14, first 'inside') 2, N. Moxon 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, H. Hawcroft 6, Katharine Burchnall 7, D. Williamson (14, first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Susan Moxon 1, D. Parsons (15) 2, H. Hawcroft 3, A. Parsons (14) 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, N. Moxon 7, D. Williamson 8. For Evensong.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On July 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. G. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, K. E. Pinney 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his appointment as Vicar of Long Sutton.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Welsh (first of Major) 1, R. Howes 2, A. Howes ('circled tower' to quarters) 3, G. Mellhone (first of Major as cond.) 4, F. Absolom 5, Helen Butler 6, R. Dyke 7, Susan Howes 8. Rung for the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On June 18th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): G. Davis (first of Major) 1, Shirley Harris (first in the methods) 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, G. F. Cowlin (first in the methods) 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, R. W. Spencer (first in the methods) 6, J. M. Roffe 7, R. H. Daw 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Rosamund Rawlings (first as cond.) 1, G. Reynolds 2, D. Coke 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, A. Bagworth 5, R. Goodman 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Monks 1, Mrs. C. M. Godfrey 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, M. I. Davey 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, M. Etherington 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Flynn (first quarter) 1, T. E. Trickett (first 'inside') 2, J. S. Baker (first 'inside') 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, A. R. Trickett 5. For Evensong.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Ingles (first quarter) 1, A. Faulkner (first of Major) 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Major 'inside') 3, P. Gould (first quarter) 4, W. Birmingham, jun. (first of Major) 5, A. Crowson (first of Major) 6, D. Baker 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: J. Collier 1, Miss S. Rawlings 2, F. Cherryman 3, W. Savill 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Knight 1, Mrs. J. Hohl 2, R. Hutson 3, A. E. Moore 4, R. Burton 5, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutson, on the birth of a son (Andrew Peter).

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BIRTHS

BLOOMFIELD.—On Sunday, July 7th, 1963, at 2, Bowdens Close, Coombe Dingle, Bristol 9, to Frank and Gwen, the gift of a son (Richard John), a brother for David. 2849

STAINSBY.—On June 25th, 1963, at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, to Anne (nee Amor) and Derek, a second son (Philip Michael). 2852

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of the Rev. and Mrs. C. J. B. Marshall is now Long Sutton Vicarage, Langport, Somerset. Tel.: Long Sutton 260. 2817

PERSONAL

'Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.' (St. Luke vi. 37.)

CALLING WINCHESTER.—Schoolmaster (ringer) taking up appointment at Winchester School in September next seeks unfurnished flat (two or more rooms and kitchen, ground floor or semi-basement) or accommodation of some kind, for self, elderly widowed but very active mother and two beautiful cats. Preferably in the city itself, or within easy reach. Willing to join any band of ringers locally and to help with learners. Would consider furnished. Details to Frank C. W. Knight, 16, Vale Square, Ramsgate, Kent. 2822

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RINGING TOUR.—Members of all university ringing societies (and other young ringers interested) are invited to take remaining places on the U.L.S.C.R. tour of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire in the last week of August. Car transport is available. Details from John Seager, 12, Wadbrough Road, Sheffield 11. Immediate application essential for the final (Lincs.) week-end.—D. J. R. M. 2826

ROCHESTER, CATHEDRAL.—Practices: Saturday, July 13th, from 7-8.30 p.m., and Saturday, August 24th, from 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 2823

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS.—In view of the heavy cost of blocks today a charge of 35s. will be charged for the insertion of a wedding photograph where no block is supplied. The sender will also be responsible for any photographer's fee. No charge will be made if a block is supplied with the report.

Will ALL Guild and Association secretaries please forward straight away their corrected lists of officials, together with dates of annual meetings, etc., for insertion in the 1964 Ringers' Diary. PLEASE DO IT NOW.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2825

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbell's Mead, Kilmersdon, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2781

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 13th. Eve of Rushbearing Festival—decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please phone numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Chester 26537. 2843

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Bolsover on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail to Mr. D. Cooper, 84, New Bolsover, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 2812

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, at Fletching. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring picnic tea. Ringing in the evening 6-8.30 p.m. 2782

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on July 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Cottage, Church Lane, Bentley, Farnham.—D. P. Elsmore. 2804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, Tring (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring, Herts. 2806

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 13th, Northaw, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam. 2839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Hawkshead, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 2842

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Machen, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 2770

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Steeple Claydon (6), Saturday, July 13th, at 6 p.m. Rededication of Padbury (6) bells by Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, at latest, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley. 2763

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's, Stamford, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2798

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Compline 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Quen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2801

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Bells, Sopley (6), 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Christchurch, 5.15 p.m. Priory bells (12) after tea.—L. F. Cobb, Dis. Sec. 2835

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice on Monday, July 15th, at Colerne, 7.30 p.m. start.—H. Kingcott. 2802

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Saham Toney on Wednesday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Tovell. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 2791

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Backwell (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, July 18th.—D. G. Yeo. 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th. **No name no tea.**—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2815

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—July 20th, Woodchurch (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Service at Moreton 5 p.m. Ringing at Moreton (4) after tea. Tea provided **free** for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2847

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, July 20th. The five bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and the eight after the business meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by 18th at the latest to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 2820

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: please bring own food, cups of tea available.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2851

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting on July 20th at Frampton-on-Severn (6), 2.15 p.m. and Arlingham (6), 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by July 16th to Mr. A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Glos. 2813

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to Mr. J. Dean, Omrah Cottage, Hasfield, Gloucester. 2821

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, July 20th, Tetbury. Bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 and after 6 p.m. No service. Business meeting in tower at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to W. R. Locke, 54, Hampton Street, Tetbury, by Thursday, 18th.—H. Heath. 2844

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2832

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 20th. Will old and new members please support. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 'Meadow Bank,' Hawkhurst, Kent. 2833

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Stokesay on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Ferguson, 4, The Hope, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow. 2841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—July 20th. Kimpton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London.—M. A. Coburn. 2814

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th, quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 2818

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, July 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please bring picnic tea. Kingskerswell bells (8) available 6 p.m. Gentlemen invited.—Y. C. Porter, Dis. Sec. 2772

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at Barthomley on July 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, before July 17th.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2803

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-annual meeting at Worsley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who inform Mr. J. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden, Marchester (Wal 5342), by previous Monday: most definitely no name no tea. Business meeting to follow tea. Nos. 9 or 26 buses from Victoria Bus Station.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 2838

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Soddington, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen. 2827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2808

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—Pamela J. Usborne (Mrs.). Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on July 20th at Sunbury-on-Thames. Ringing from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 2853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on July 20th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Stedman Triples.—B. C. Castle. 2850

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at East Carlton (6), July 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cottingham (5) available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Balshaw, 'Two Chimneys,' Middleton. All welcome.—M. A. C. 2811

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m., afternoon only. Ringing at Uppingham in evening only from 6.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting on July 20th at Wenhaston (6), 3-5 p.m. Blythburgh (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Wenhaston at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th. to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston. 2846

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Little, 228, Coulsdon Road, Coulsdon, by July 17th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2792

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Erin Triples. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th. please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2834

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington, July 20th. Bells 3 till 8.30 (Hambledon 6.15 till 8.30). Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Vicarage. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Strode Avenue, Portsmouth, **please.** 2819

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Alderley (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2687

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, July 27th. Recently rehung bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 2837

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Kilkhampton (8) in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon, by Monday, July 22nd. Visitors welcomed.—R. Pearce. 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—W. H. D. 2828

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2824

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Lutton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2845

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2816

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, Damerham. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential by July 23rd to Miss Eloie, Branch Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2757

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Warbleton (6), July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Rushlake Green) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 2836

ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART, KENT.—Dedication of memorial inscription to the late Arthur Wenban, in the form of a ringers' service, at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th. Bells available at 2.15 p.m., also after service. All ringers welcome.—G. T. Acott, Hon. Sec. 2832

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Towers on the Berkshire-Hampshire border were selected by Mr. Alec Gammon, Ringing Master, for the outing of St. Nicholas' Society, Old Marsden, and their friends on May 18th.

A good start of ringing was made at Aldermaston (8), followed by the noisy six at Midgham, where the long pull made handling tricky for learners. The best ringing of the day was on the pleasant-sounding eight at Thatcham. Lunch and tea were had at Highclere. In the afternoon Woolton Hill and East Woodhay were visited, and in the evening Burghclere, where the cup won by the local band in a striking competition was an inspiration to good ringing, and Kingsclere.

Ringing consisted of rounds, various Doubles methods, Minor (including Cambridge), Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Thanks are accorded incumbents and local captains. R. N. A. P.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

When the 30 ringers and friends who participated in Willingdon's third annual outing on May 18th arrived at the first tower, Godstone, they found a band of ringers preparing for a peal. Particulars of their visit were pinned on the notice board in the tower; they arrived just in time for an enjoyable ring!

Willingdon's young band handled Bletchingley's bells, with their fairly long draught, well, but Redhill's bells were a little difficult to handle owing to the sway of the tower. Local ringers, including Mr. A. Harman, met the company at Capel (an easy-going six), and here were rung Kent and Cambridge Minor.

The only disappointment occurred at the last tower, Crawley. During the first touch of Oxford Bob Triples the splice on the fourth rope parted, and ringing concluded on seven bells. After an evening meal at the Old Priors Lodge, we made our way homewards at 9.30 p.m. We thank clergy and tower secretaries who made the outing possible. R. W. R. P.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 27th. 1913.—

The dedication of the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will take place on July 22nd by the Bishop of London. The bells will be either at the entrance to, or in the church, and will not be hung in the tower until after the ceremony, thus following the example of Surfleet in reviving the old custom of blessing the bells before they go up into the steeple. The four trebles have been recast and the whole peal of twelve tuned upon the Simpson principle. The work, as is, of course, well known, is in the hands of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

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GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st. Ringing 7.30-8, 10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. J. C. Hill, of Newport. Refreshments available. 2854

QUARTER PEALS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stewart 1, L. Sweatman (first of Minor) 2, J. Richards 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, G. Stewart 6. For Evensong.

BRENTFORD, MIDDX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. D. Belcham 1, Miss M. M. Moore 2, Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to Bridget A. Sanger and Michael V. White.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Dubarry (first of Minor) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, B. Edwards 4, M. Damerell 5, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service, and a compliment to Miss P. Moss, local ringer, one of the candidates.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Stitfall 1, C. Bennett 2, R. Goodliffe 3, V. James 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, B. Goodliffe 6. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the christening of Philip John, son of the Rev. J. Ramsay, Rector. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Goodliffe 1, V. James 2, G. Skelly 3, Miss J. Brake 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, A. Saye 6. First in seven methods for all the band.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): W. Dixon 1, B. Haigh 2, W. E. Cooper 3, J. J. Taylor 4, J. P. Cooper 5, A. Wear (cond.) 6.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, J. R. Niblett 2, J. A. Tandy 3, F. J. Vallender 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, P. L. Bill 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung by Stourbridge Grammar School Society to mark the 411th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school by King Edward VI.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. King 1, P. Avey 2, Miss R. Carr 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung after the wedding of Pamela Byford and Reginald Smith. Also on June 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Tomlin 1, G. Sandwell 2, Miss R. Carr (first of T.B.) 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROOS, E. YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Dinah M. Blow (first of Doubles) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, Janet I. Porter 3, J. G. Hobson 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Cammack, of Cottingham.

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COMMON FALLACIES

A 'FALLACY,' according to 'The Concise Oxford Dictionary,' is a 'Misleading argument, sophism, (Log.) flaw that vitiates syllogism, one of the types of such flaws; delusion, error' (PATHETIC f.); unsoundness, delusiveness, disappointing character, (of arguments or beliefs).'

All this I know because I looked it up when I learned that the Professor was making a collection of 'Common Fallacies connected with Bell Ringing.' Not, of course, that I was unaware of the meaning of the word 'fallacy,' but I wanted to be sure of my ground. True, I was a little confused at first because I thought that '(Log.)' stood for 'Logarithm,' but having discovered that it meant 'Logic' I was prepared to do battle: Logic is, I maintain, my principal asset. I forget what the other is.

I even looked up 'syllogism' on the offchance that I might throw the word into the impending conversation—casual like—but changed my mind because I couldn't fully understand the explanation.

The Professor has, apparently, prepared a long list of such fallacies. I do not propose to reproduce the list here, as I feel sure the proper course is to deal with each one in turn, giving readers the benefit of the Professor's arguments and reasons for the promulgation of the same, together with the counter-arguments, albeit feeble ones, that I sometimes offered on their behalf.

The day he handed me the list I read it through carefully, reflecting that if these were 'misleading arguments' then, indeed, I had been misled. I read the first one aloud: 'Bells were installed for Sunday service ringing; therefore, change ringing, as a hobby, should be subservient to Sunday service ringing.'

'You don't mean to tell me,' I demanded, 'that you consider that **that** is a fallacious statement?'

I was shaking with indignation. My withering tone was an education in itself. The Professor was, however, unmoved.

'This fallacy is a curious mixture of truths and half-truths; it falls into two halves; let us examine them both. Anyone who is familiar with the history of ringing and has read Morris' "History and Art of Church Ringing" or J. A. Trollope's "The College Youths," particularly the latter, will know that although at the present time and during the Middle Ages the primary purpose of bells is or was ecclesiastical, in the 17th and 18th centuries their use was almost entirely secular. Indeed, Trollope states that (and he picked up his "College Youths"): "bellringing was a purely secular sport, just as much as football and wrestling. Many rings of bells were installed or augmented for that purpose and that purpose alone."

'I suppose,' he said conclusively, 'that many of the bells in use today, although they may have been rehung, were originally cast and hung in that period, and for that purpose.'

'All this may be true,' I said, 'but now that it is generally accepted that the primary purpose and function of the bells is to be rung for church services do you really think that the second part of your statement is fallacious?'

I suspected mere cussedness on his part.

'I once heard,' he declared, 'a well known ringer, who was a regular church worker, a churchwarden and a real live wire on the Church Council, state emphatically that the only reason he went to church three-quarters of a hour before the service started was to enjoy change ringing, and that if he **knew** that for the remainder of his ringing life he was to ring only rounds or call changes the belfry would see him no more, although this would not affect his church attendance.'

'I wonder,' I said. 'I know of proficient ringers who toil along, week after week, month after month, trying to teach a crowd of learners, when in many cases they could move to another tower and enjoy a high standard of ringing.'

'True; but think of the sense of achievement in launching even a single ringer into change ringing and multiply this by five, six, seven or eight. Isn't it more than likely that the derived satisfaction or natural human pride is the carrot dangled before the donkey's nose rather than the more laudable desire to produce a band for Sunday service ringing? Besides, most people have an innate desire to teach, although I suspect that in most cases it is merely an urge to demonstrate their own knowledge or superiority.'

'Really,' I remarked, 'you must have been singularly unfortunate in your choice of friends and companions, for you ascribe ulterior motives to all human endeavours.'

'Perhaps. Anyway what is wrong with bellringing as a hobby? Consider what would happen if all who treated it as such suddenly abandoned it; there would be many vacant ropes and silent towers. Surely it is better to have the bells rung on Sundays by people who regard it as a hobby than not to have them rung at all! Even if many ringers do not stay to service afterwards if they didn't come to ring they wouldn't come to church anyway, and, at least, the chances of roping them into church life are higher than if they were in bed or pursuing some other secular activity.'

The argument about this particular fallacy continued for a long time and I hope I gave as good as I got, but to report it in full would occupy too much space and rob us of the opportunity of studying others on the Professor's list.

Number two was worded thus: 'The usefulness of a Ringing Society is proportional to its size.'

'I must say,' was my considered observation, 'that I fail to see how you can regard that statement as a fallacy. Surely the larger any Society is the stronger it will be and the stronger it is the more useful work it can do.'

'Ringing Societies are not unions and their usefulness cannot be measured by the numbers on their books or the "balance" shown on the yearly financial statement. More useful work is often done by smaller societies moving quietly, with a more limited or less ambitious scope. They usually meet more frequently and because their numbers are not so great the individual demand for ropes and ringing is less and more evenly distributed, and they are, therefore, able to devote more time and attention to learners. Everybody is familiar with his neighbour and "strangers" become more quickly absorbed.'

'They have their place in the scheme of things! The drawing together of ringers from larger areas so that the "cream" may be more concentrated at the top; the collection of compositions, data and the like; the publication of reports, which include this type of information, with sometimes lists of churches and ringers; these are things which cannot be undertaken by the smaller societies, at any rate to the same extent. Their meetings have a broader basis, often, but not always, held at 10 or 12 bell towers. Very often they draw on their smaller brethren and therefore are apt to regard themselves (not always correctly) as the parent Society.'

The discussion of these first two fallacies continued far into the night. On certain points I was bound to agree with the Professor, but I came away far from convinced that he was right.

What do **you** think?

H. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

Honour for Mr. W. G. Wilson

A RECORD of 43 years' attendance at annual meetings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, has been broken this year. When the festival and annual meeting was held at Oxford on July 6th, Mr. Sharpe was in America; he sent his wishes for a happy and successful meeting.

The festival started with a Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church, at which the Master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, was the celebrant. He also conducted the service in the Cathedral, which took the usual form and had a choir of ringer-choristers. The sermon, preached by the Rev. A. Tindall Hart, D.D., Rector of Appleton, was an interesting research into the history of bells. Mr. Harry Badger was the organist and the lesson was read by Mr. David Smith, of Witney.

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Master in the chair. Sending his apologies and best wishes, the Lord Bishop of Oxford wrote appreciatively of the services of the ringers to the Church.

The Master reported the receipt of a letter from Miss Jenkyn, offering to present her brother's war medals, books and papers to the Guild. When she moved house he had arranged for them to be sent to the honorary librarian.

REPORTS

The Master, in his report, stated that 1962 had been a year of steady progress in the Guild, and had been marked by an obvious desire on the part of members not only for increasing efficiency in the belfries but also for a deepening of the corporate spirit of the Guild. Commenting on the growing custom of organising striking competitions, Canon Wigg said this was an excellent method of increasing the keenness to understand and value the meaning of really good striking.

In regard to school ringing societies, the Master drew attention to the formation of one at Wolverton Secondary Modern School. 'We wonder how long it may be before an inter-school ringing association on the model of the Universities Association is contemplated. Perhaps the ringing schools in the Oxford Diocese may prove to be pioneers of such a move!'

The Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), in his report, stated that during the year he had attended 16 Branch meetings and visited 10 Branches. Commenting on the 21 tower inspections he had made, he stated when restoration work was necessary to both tower and bells it was of vital importance that the two should be done together.

COURSES BENEFICIAL

Miss M. R. Cross (general secretary) paid tribute to the value of courses. 'It has been very noticeable that where towers or Branches send their young members to the Radley course, there one can see a new and vigorious growth.' It may be that we should consider either organising a course (residential) within our own diocese or joining with another Guild in doing so during 1964.

One matter which came up for much discussion at Oxford and Burford was the motion put to the Central Council at Cardiff, concerning the abolition of non-resident life membership subscriptions for ringers who were members of an Association affiliated to the Central Council. This motion was thrown out partly because the question of subscriptions to Guilds is their concern and not the Central Council's. The idea behind the motion had much in its favour, but unfortunately it was not fully discussed at the General Committee meeting. Because of this she proposed to give notice at the autumn meeting of an alteration to the rules so that in future any motion to the presented to the Central Council must be discussed in full at a general meeting of the Council.

The membership of the Guild for 1962 showed a decline on the previous two years. It was: ringing 1,836, life 57, honorary 61; total 1,934. Rehanging had taken place at Hurst and Aston Clinton, and work was being undertaken at Clinton Reynes and Padbury.



MR. W. G. WILSON,
the new vice-president.

In the obituary list, Miss Cross mentioned Messrs. W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford), F. White (Appleton), F. Wigmore (Twyford), P. Wilson (organist of South Oxon Branch), L. Moering (Langford), T. Harris (Bampton), R. H. Cave and W. Watson (Banbury Branch) and H. K. White (East Hagbourne).

There were now six school societies, and of these Wallingford Grammar School had rung a peal and several of the others quarter peals. The international influence of the Guild continued to grow. One of the band at Cuddesdon was an American, and another a South African. An Old Radleian, a ringer, met in Swaziland Father Bertwell, who was at Radley and was believed to be the last pupil of Canon Coleridge. At the present time there were three ringers who had returned from Rhodesia in the diocese, one of whom learned to ring at Salisbury, taught by Peter Rayner. Ringing continued to flourish in both the University Societies of Oxford and Reading, and at Cuddesdon and Culham.

The honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper, after reporting additions to the library, said Mr. C. Lewington had deposited an old manuscript peal book and he would like to draw the attention of Branch secretaries to the possibility of preserving old minute books and other records by depositing them in the library.

GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

At the time of writing 178 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1962, which compared very well with the record number of 183 rung in 1961, when there was the added incentive of ringing for the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Guild.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) said the General Funds of the Guild amounted to £1,697—of which £1,572 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £56 13s. was contributed to the Restoration Fund by 61 P.C.C.s.

Presenting the report Mr. Barker said they were all in a much better position than two years ago.

The Master thanked Mr. Barker and the other officers for their work during the past year.

Officers re-elected were: Master, Canon C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. general treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; honorary general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper. The work of Mr. P. Walker as report editor and Miss D. J. Pollard as assistant to honorary general secretory was mentioned with appreciation.

The six members elected to the General Committee were: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. Diserens, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Three applications for grants were before the meeting. Regarding Wheatley, Mr. J. E. Godman said the cost of rehanging was about £550. Miss Cross said the parish had spent £500 on a new heating system and £2,050 on reroofing the church, which was also to be rewired. It was agreed to make a grant of £20.

An application from Chinnor for rehanging, etc., was received and Mr. Godman said this would cost £900. Work on repairing the outside of the church, at a cost of £900, had been met. A grant of £30 was agreed to.

Mr. Bailey presented the case for a grant to High Wycombe. The total cost was about £2,000, plus the cost of an extra bell (£388). There was extra work also done to the tower and this had approached £4,000. The ringers were meeting the cost of recasting two trebles. The meeting granted £40 on the understanding that it was not applied to the 13th bell, but for bell restoration.

SUBSCRIPTION UNCHANGED

The General Committee recommended that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. for 1964. Mr. Barker said they seemed to be keeping their heads above water with the present subscription; in fact they might be able to publish a printed report every year.—Agreed.

MR. W. G. WILSON HONOURED

The General Committee recommended that Mr. W. G. Wilson be made a vice-president in recognition of his services to the Guild.

The Master said this was a very pleasant recommendation. They always welcomed Mr. Wilson at their annual meetings.

Mr. A. D. Barker, supporting, said he did not think the majority of members realised what a lot Mr. Wilson did for the Guild. He thought he spent as much time in the Diocese of Oxford as in the City of London, where he was Master of the London County Association. He proposed and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey seconded, the recommendation being carried with acclamation.

Mr. Wilson in reply said he found it difficult to believe that he had done as much as had been made out. He congratulated the committee on a well kept secret as the first he heard of it was when he received a copy of the agenda. Before he knew of this he had received two letters from members of the Guild. The first sent a lot of questions and figures, which involved an eight-page reply. The other was asking him to judge a striking competition. Although he had something else on that day he replied 'Yes.'.

As to whether the service in connection with the autumn general meeting at Windsor on October 5th should be held at the Chapel Royal, where it would be Choral Evensong, or at the Parish Church, with ringers' hymns, gave rise to discussion. After much counting of hands the Chapel Royal won: Miss Hague reporting that everything was in readiness for the service being held there.

'RINGING WORLD' GRANT

In recent years the Guild had made an annual grant to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. H. L. Roper proposed that the grant be increased to £40. He pointed out that the journal had increased difficulties in meeting rising costs this year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lock and carried.

Two other votes of thanks found great acceptance with the meeting. The first was to Mr. P. Walker for editing the report, and the other to Col. Hill, who had recently retired from the post of steward of Christ Church. Miss Daphne Pollard, the assistant to the secretary, had a pleasant surprise—

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an honorarium of five guineas was voted to her for cutting the stencils for the report.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Master. This included the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral and Chapter House, the college authorities for use of the dining hall, the preacher and the Rector of St. Aldate's and Mr. P. Walker for making the ringing arrangements.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master, accompanied by Mrs. Wigg, in the chair. He was supported by the officers and the Archdeacon of Oxford and the Revs. A. Tindall Hart, M. F. Gibbs, J. E. Greaves and L. G. Reeves, Dr. James Milford, and Capt. A. R. Poyntz (a former Deputy Master) and Wing Commander J. S. Mason.

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. Donald Wheeler, honorary secretary of the newly-formed Chiltern Branch, and replied to by the Rev. J. E. Greaves, Vicar of Wootton Underwood.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was given by Mr. H. L. Roper, who mentioned among the visitors Mr. Simmonds, who had brought a party up from Devon, Mr. Goodfellow, treasurer of the Middlesex County Association, and the new vice-president, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson.

Dr. James Milford, who now lives in Southern Rhodesia, where is he is a schoolmaster, said he was born and went to school at Oxford, and afterwards at Magdalen.

Wing-Comdr. Mason, former Master of the College Youths, also replied and compared conditions that day at Oxford, with 20 towers available, with California, where he spent three years and the nearest tower was 1,300 miles away in British Columbia.

Speeches ended with the Master wishing the company happy ringing during the afternoon.

Collections taken at the services for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £7 18s. 6d.

Penn Ringers Honour Their Captain's 50 Years' Service

We record this week a peal of Stedman Triples rung to mark the completion of 50 years' ringing service of Mr. Edward (Ted) G. Bowyer.

For 46 of these 50 years Ted has been captain at Penn and is still a very active ringer. Although his peal ringing has been very limited, his devotion to Sunday service ringing and special occasions is most meritorious, and his active interest in the training of young recruits has been a lifelong pleasure.

On June 30th, at Evensong, the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Gaskell, dedicated an oak table (which was presented by the parishioners) for use in the ringing chamber, commemorating Mr. Bowyer's faithful service. The Vicar paid tribute to Ted's unstinted service, and thanked him for his devotion.

Mr. B. D. Thelfall's 250 Peals

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall recently rang his 250th peal. The peals have been rung at 133 towers, in 30 counties, for 25 Associations and with 485 different ringers. A summary of his peals is as follows:

Maximus: 17 on tower; Cinques: 12 tower: Royal: 20 tower, 6 (cond. 1) 'in hand': Caters: 12 tower, 1 (1) hand; Major: 136 (8) tower, 19 (3) hand; Triples: 8 tower; Minor: 16 (4) tower; Doubles: 3 (1) tower. Total: 224 (13) tower, 26 (5) hand.

In regard to Surprise ringing, 16 of his 17 peals of Maximus are Surprise, and in his Major list 39 different Surprise methods have been rung.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Beaumaris, Anglesey, overlooking the Menai Straits, with a fine afternoon proved a delightful setting for about 80 members, including wives and visitors who attended the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, held on June 22nd.

An hour's ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Ramage), and assisted by the president of the Association (Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas).

The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the members to this first meeting at Beaumaris for over 50 years. He gave a special welcome to the president, who was a very old friend, and mentioned two of his ringers in Mr. R. J. Jones (captain) and Mr. D. P. H. Raban (tower secretary), who were dedicated ringers. The bells, he said, were the only ring in Anglesey, and were originally six, installed in 1819, with two bells added in 1904 to compete with other rings of eight at Bangor and Barmouth. They were restored and rehung two years ago.

Following an excellent tea, served by local ladies, the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies, which was seconded by Mr. D. H. B. Millward, who also thanked the organist and choir, and welcomed the visitors from Cradley, Chester, Chepstow and Somerset, and Mr. Tom Butler (Liverpool), an old friend of North Wales ringers.

TOGETHERNESS

The president presided at the business meeting, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. F. R. Evans). In his opening address, the president spoke of what he called this 'togetherness' of ringers meeting from various towers. He thought it very important the members should purchase 'The Ringing World' in order that they should know what meetings were taking place.

The members stood in silence as a token of respect for the loss by death of two of its oldest members in Mr. J. Goodwin Flint and Mr. Ll. Griffiths, Llandudno.

The accounts were presented by the honorary treasurer (Mr. W. Cathrall). The year's working showed an excess of receipts over payments of £13 3s. 11d., and a balance of £19 1s. 7d.

The officers elected were: President, Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas; vice-presidents, Canon Ramage (Beaumaris) and Canon Knighton Jones (Rhyl); Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall; District secretaries, Dr. Woodcot (Wrexham), Mr. Russell Edwards (Rhyl and Bangor).

The resignation of Mr. D. H. B. Millward, as secretary of the Wrexham District, owing to ill-health, was accepted with much regret. As an expression of thanks for his work over many years he was elected an honorary life member. Mr. W. H. Lewis was re-elected honorary auditor.

Next half-yearly meeting, Gresford, September 14th; annual meeting, 1964, Barmouth on the second Saturday after Whitsun. The meeting closed with the pronouncement of the Blessing by the president.

East Derbyshire and West Notts Association

Double Court and Norwich Surprise were among methods rung at the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association's meeting at Selston on June 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Simmons) conducted the service.

Provisional meetings: July, Heath (5); August, Bolsover.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the torrential rain and the difficulty of reaching the village, approximately 20 ringers enjoyed a pleasant evening on the five bells of Staunton-in-the-Vale on July 6th.

Several Doubles methods were rung and Bob Minimus and Rounds, and we were pleased to welcome visitors from Radcliffe-on-Trent and Whatton-in-the-Vale.

Unfortunately there is no local band, but the captain, Mr. Drury, joined in the ringing, and was afterwards thanked for making the arrangements.

Next meeting: Elston, September 21st.

B. N. R.

Bingham District

South Lincolnshire was chosen for the first outing of the Bingham District on June 8th, and a more glorious, sunny day couldn't have been wished for. Six towers were visited, where rounds, call changes and advanced methods were rung.

Dinner at the Granada Restaurant, Grantham, completed a perfect and enjoyable tour. At a committee meeting at the Red Lion, Bottesford, Cotgrave was confirmed for the next meeting on July 13th, and Hickling for August 10th.

Three new members were elected—Mr. and Mrs. S. Guy and Mr. R. Wild (East Bridgford).

R. B.

SKITTLING RINGERS

On a fine May Saturday afternoon a contingent of car-borne ringers from the Bridgwater area and parties of ringers from North Somerset met at Linegar to make the bells resound to some good ringing, including London. Later came ringing at Leigh-on-Mendip and an excellent tea at Midsomer Norton. The imposing tower at Kilmerston had purposely been left until after tea and the mellow, easy-going six bells gave out some creditable St. Clement's, Kent and Clewer.

The second stage of this social occasion, at Farmborough, consisted of a two-hour skittles match, between Bridgwater and North Somerset, interrupted only by the entrance of a well prepared buffet supper. North Somerset, represented by five towers, just beat Bridgwater, also from five towers. Prizes for highest individual scores were won by Mrs. B. Gilbert (Long Ashton) and Mr. R. Smith (Farmborough).

The 33 ringers present heartily endorsed the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. C. Clarke (Wembdon) to the organiser, Mr. M. Horseman, and everyone present asked for a return match.

MAX.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the St. Albans District's meeting on June 15th ringing in the afternoon was at Tewin by a small but useful band. Methods rung were up to Killamarsh, the special method, and several people rang their first course of Treble Bob.

After the Vicar had conducted a short service, a very good tea was taken in a cyclists' cafe at Burnham Green, there being many more people at the eating than there had been at the ringing.

Mr. Penney kept control of the short business meeting, with the wooden bell shaped mallet which is now a feature of St. Albans meetings. Mr. K. Darvill thanked the incumbents.

Evening ringing took place on the light eight at Welwyn, though a handbell meeting in the churchyard proved something of a counter attraction.

J. D. C.

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Letters to the Editor

Turramurra's Greetings

Dear Sir,—The bellringers of Turramurra, Sydney, send congratulations to Mr. Alan Pink and his band upon scoring the second peal of Turramurra Surprise Major on the bells of St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

Lieut. Pink is one of that distinguished group of English ringers that has taken part in ringing with us at St. James', Turramurra. Others are Messrs. Stafford Green (Lyme Regis), F. Oakshott (Epsom), James Bennett and George Pipe (Grundisburgh), Jim Smith (Wylam-on-Tyne), Albert Lancefield (Kent), Ted Connick (Bath), Alf Williams, Lieut. Richards, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray (Bristol), the Misses Jean Hills (Orsett), Valerie Willard and Barbara Beeson.

We send our thanks to John Jelley for naming this intricate method 'Turramurra'—a very nice compliment.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

Turramurra Belfry,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Keenness at Kilifi

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of the 'R.W.' columns report that ringing is still taking place at Kilifi, Kenya.

It was my pleasure to join the local band of ringers for an all too short practice there recently, during this ship's visit to Mombasa. Mr. A. Charo, the head of the local primary school, is in charge of the band, which consists mainly of schoolboys. Ringing takes place one evening per week, besides the normal Sunday service ringing. The band are very enthusiastic about their church and being able to ring bells.

I was most impressed by the church itself, which embraces both modern architectural thinking, along with practical simplicity.—Yours faithfully,

K. FLEMING.

P. & O. M.V. 'Cannamore,'
at Mombasa, Kenya.

Humour from Letters

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Leale's reply to the replies received to his letter.

To say that 'activities which fall just within the letter of the law, but are calculated to deceive'.... are a 'sign of the times,' is as silly as saying that 'youth today are apathetic, resent authority and take no notice of their elders and betters' is also a sign of the times; this latter quotation may be found in the writings of one Peter the Monk during the 13th century. As for their introduction to peal ringing being something new, this is also silly.

Mr. Leale doesn't seem to have any objection to Gainsborough and Fordcombe, so why to the more recent additions to the Lincolnshire family? Could it be that Mr. Leale is a hidebound conservative, with a great feeling for precedent and tradition, wanting the world to stay us it was when he came into it?

As for claiming to have friends from abroad who understand ringing and method structure so well as to be insulted by having their hometowns insulted by being used as names for poor methods ... well, I can only say that's the best I've heard for a long time. Thanks to Mr. Leale, the letter page in 'R.W.' remains the funniest, beating even the peal columns for laughs.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Spliced Peal at St. Neots

Dear Sir,—I have been amazed to read the nonsense which has been written during the last few weeks, concerning London University's peal of eight spliced at St. Neots. I would suggest that those people who are not competent to understand the peal report as printed are not competent to criticise the peal.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON.

Great Baddow, Essex.

Clerkenwell Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—The band which rang the first peal of Clerkenwell Surprise Major at Willesden on December 13th, 1962, are unanimous in their wish to retain that name for the method. Before deciding to alter the name appearing in Corrigan, the possible confusion resulting from having two methods called Ashton and Ashton-under-Lyne was carefully considered. These considerations still apply.

I am therefore unwilling to accede to Mr. Ogden's request, and beg to point out that the peal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 1st, 1963, was in fact, a peal of Clerkenwell.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A great welcome was given to Mr. W. Love, when he presided at the Northern Branch meeting at Mulbarton, as this was his first meeting since his discharge from hospital. Thirty members sat down to tea, given by the Rector (Rev. C. J. H. Sanderson), who also conducted the service. He was appropriately thanked, as were the ladies who served tea. John L. Rice (Wymondham) was elected a member.

Next meeting: Hingham, October 12th.

Striking Competition

Eight bands (three from the Eastern Branch and five from the Northern) competed in a striking competition held at Acle, and judged by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden), Mr. W. C. Duffield and Miss D. Lidbetter. The winning band was conducted by Mr. G. Sayer, the second by Mr. J. R. Smith and the third (a tie) by Messrs. R. Dewsbury and A. Bason.

It is hoped to hold another competition in May, 1964.

THE LADIES' GUILD
Central District

Despite monsoon conditions, ladies from most parts of the District were attracted to Monken Hadley on June 29th.

The Rev. H. E. Woods made us very welcome and delivered an interesting address, showing himself to be a lover of bells and an admirer of ringers.

Discussion at the meeting (with Mrs. Lock in the chair) raised the usual problem, of how to cover our large District by choosing places for meetings which would give everyone a chance to attend at least once a year, and at the same time be accessible to most people.

It was decided that our fifth Saturday meeting for August would clash with holidays so, if the Hertford County Association were in agreement, we could have a joint meeting with them at North Mymms on the third Saturday in August.

New members elected were Mrs. J. Sadler (Prittlewell), Miss Julia Fellows (St. Albans Cathedral) and Mrs. Betty Fost (South Mymms).

Ringing continued at Barnet until 8.30 p.m., with rounds for the new South Mymms band and methods up to D.N.C.B.M. and Cambridge.

C. M. R.

WALTHAMSTOW'S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Of the two recent social events arranged by Walthamstow ringers, the earlier one was the most unusual, taking the form of the first dinner within memory of all but the most senior members, who for many years enjoyed a free feast through the generosity of a bequest.

About 18 months ago it became necessary to rehang the ninth at St. Mary's and to rehang all the clappers. Church funds being at a low ebb, the Essex Association's Bell Restoration Fund made a much appreciated grant. To give still more help the ringers instituted a weekly 'bob-a-nob' levy for one year. To conclude the affair it was decided to arrange a dinner to precede the annual meeting at St. Mary's Society, and this took place on April 20th at the Granada, Walthamstow, among the guests being the Vicar (Canon K. Druitt) and Mr. C. Willmington (Master of S.W. Division of the Essex Association). After an excellent meal (with background music provided on tape by Eric Granshaw, piano, and Aidan Boyack, theatre organ), the Vicar took the chair for the meeting and, following upon the usual business of reports and nominations, the Master (Mr. A. Boyack) presented to the Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, a cheque for £40, being the levy proceeds, to replenish church funds so readily given for the bell repair work.

A month later very much the same company enjoyed an outing to Brighton in such wonderful weather as to induce reluctance to enter the afternoon towers. A counting of heads encouraged wild talk of Yorkshire, and even London Royal, but no more was heard of this after a discreditable performance of Cambridge Royal at the first tower, Leatherhead. This was improved on, however, at the other three ten bell towers and satisfactory ringing, including some well-struck Bristol, was enjoyed during the day. At St. Nicholas', Brighton, we had the privilege of ringing Kent T.B. Royal with Mr. Henry Stalham.

Our grateful thanks to all those who made their towers available to us.

A. B.

COLEMAN'S HATCH JUBILEE

On June 30th, the Church of Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening. At the services during the day the preachers were the Bishops of Chichester and Lewes. Coleman's Hatch Church, situated on the northern boundary of Ashdown Forest, has a fine ring of eight bells, which has been put to good use during its 50 years.

At the request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Missen), president of the East Grinstead Guild, the ringing at both services was carried out by members of the Guild and friends in North Sussex.

In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by E. J. Ladd 1, R. D. Divall 2, H. Vaughan 3, Miss R. Heighes (first of Stedman) 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, A. F. Lewry 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

EXTENSION OF BILTON CHURCH, COVENTRY

To mark the dedication of the extension to the ancient Church of St. Mark, Bilton, Coventry, by the Bishop of Coventry on June 8th, a peal was rung in honour of the event. The extension increases the capacity of the church by 150 more seats and cost £17,000.

At the dedication service the Bishop was handed the architect's plans, a token gift of money and a gavel and trowel, and these were placed on the altar.

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St. WENDREDA'S, MARCH, AT LAVENHAM



The bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their annual outing on May 25th, the venue being Suffolk. The tour had been arranged so as to avoid busy highways and to open attractive vistas afforded by less frequently used roads.

Numbering 32 in all, the ringers and their friends headed for Eye, a small borough, overlooked by a ruined castle, and for an hour the eight bells of the parish church were rung. A pleasant journey along the ridge above the Waveney Valley took the party to Beccles. The great tower, detached from the church, contains a fine ring of ten, and full justice was done to the bells, the tenor of which weighs 26 cwt.

After an admirable lunch, the journey was continued to Southwold-on-Sea for a stay of nearly three hours. The octave here must vie with the finest in the land, and the church possesses a wealth of unusual features and fittings. Known as a 'barn' church—the nave and chancel enclose a wall without a break—most of the building's 60-odd windows are happily deprived of stained glass, the result being an extremely light interior, and the chequer-work of coloured flints and stone give it an unusual beauty not to be forgotten, evoking much admiration for the designers and builders of 500 years ago.

After tea a visit was paid to Dennington, a small village with a large church displaying a most interesting interior, where the six heavy bells (tenor 19 cwt. by A. Bowell), were rung for nearly an hour.

The visit to Lavenham—not the first time—provided a fitting end to the day. An invitation had been extended to the March ringers to join the local team at their practice and, consequently, the eight bells were employed at great length.

Methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, and Cambridge, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Minor.

Thanks are due to clergy, local ringers and tower-keepers.

WARMINSTER, WILTS

The annual outing arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, of Haslemere, for Warminster and Corsley ringers took place on June 22nd.

Ringing started at St. Lawrence's, Alton (a superb eight), and the usual excellent picnic lunch, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris, was enjoyed by the side of a lake at Petersfield. The afternoon's ringing was at Buriton and Arundel, followed by a 23 mile run to Haslemere, where Mr. and Mrs. Pearson had a delicious tea waiting for us. The traditional game of rounders, ladies v gentlemen, followed.

The last tower was Milland, to be followed by the last rites of the day at 'The Black Fox,' where we said good-bye to our genial host, Mr. Pearson. Warminster was reached at 11.45 p.m. after a day that will not easily be forgotten. N. G. K.

BLABY & WHETSTONE

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire were visited by ringers of these two Leicestershire towers and friends on June 8th. Eight towers were on the programme, the route being through narrow country lanes.

After ringing at Twyford and Piddington, Mr. F. Sharpe met the party at Launton, which has one of the smallest belfries in the country. His story of this beautiful old church was full of interest. Lunch was taken at an appropriate hostelry at Bicester—'The Six Bells'—and the eight at the Parish Church were regarded as the best bells of the day. Other towers visited were Caversfield, Bletchington (the roughest ring of the day), Woodstock and Byfield (Northants).

In the hostelry at Byfield we entertained the locals with handbell ringing, in which Maurice Kirk (the life and soul of the party) led the singing. B. C. L.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT

Leaving Sittingbourne at 6.30 a.m., 42 members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association and friends visited Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough. Lunch was taken at Leicester, and after a short ring at Quorn (8), they were met at the foundry by Mr. Paul Taylor, who, in a simple and amusing manner, conducted them round the establishment. All enjoyed the experience of ringing on the eight foundry bells.

After tea at Leicester, attempts were made without success while travelling on the M.1 to ring a quarter of Grandsire Triples in the coach. After a stop for refreshments at New Cross, the last of the party reached home soon after midnight. To Mr. Taylor, the incumbent at Quorn and Wally Smith, the coach driver, sincere thanks.

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TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS

By E. W. PENN

TO an ardent bellringer there can probably be nothing more exciting than a new ring of bells—resulting as it does in ringing once more at one's own tower after many months' absence. And so it was at Tewkesbury Abbey. Yet it is much more than just the ringing of newly hung bells—there are many more emotions, which add to the excitement of the occasion. The feeling of triumph that after so many years of endeavour, so many hopes, so many frustrations, at last it is done. There is the feeling of having made, or at least of having been concerned with, a small contribution to the long and glorious history of our beautiful Abbey—of having contributed to something which will stand for many, many years to come. Yet there are regrets. Regrets at the passing of the old bells. Regrets that the work of the old founders is no more. But these are outweighed by the happiness of having the new bells—safely hung and ready for ringing.

In these days of high costs it is a great triumph, a great proof of faith, a great encouragement to all connected with the Church that considerable works of restoration can still be undertaken. This is essentially so for bellringers when their ring of bells is recast and rehung. Particularly has this been so for the ringers at Tewkesbury Abbey.

We had known for some time that although our twelve bells were not the worst in the country they were far from being among the best. We, and many of those who visited the tower, were well aware that it would be a waste of money just to have the bells retuned even if this were possible. The answer was to recast and rehang the lot. How this was to be achieved was quite beyond our conception.

Tewkesbury Abbey itself is beautiful beyond compare and the more one knows it the more one marvels at the architecture and workmanship in it. But the cost of maintenance and restoration is positively frightening. How could we ask the Abbey authorities to undertake such a colossal expenditure that the recasting and rehanging of the bells would entail? How could the money be raised?

Perhaps, before you are told how, in fact, the money was raised, you would like to know a little of the history of the Tewkesbury Abbey bells.

FIRST BELLS IN CAMPANILE

Tewkesbury Abbey was probably furnished with bells of some kind directly after its origination as a monastery in 715 and certainly at the time of the consecration as an Abbey in 1123.

The first bells at Tewkesbury Abbey were not, however, hung in the tower, but in a campanile which formerly stood in the church grounds. In 1582 this building was in a state of disuse and was converted by Her Majesty's Justices into a gaol for half the shire. It was used for this purpose for over 200 years. The site is now occupied by the Abbey Hall—this building was at one time used for school purposes.

At the surrender of the Monastery of Tewkesbury in 1539, there were eight bells in the Abbey tower, and when a short time afterwards Henry VIII sold the church and its appendages to the parishioners the bells were estimated, by the King's Commissioners, to weigh 14,200 lb. They were valued at twenty shillings per hundred pounds weight and, consequently, cost the town £142.

The number was afterwards reduced, as for some time prior to 1612 there were only four bells in the tower. In 1612, a fifth was added, an event which was celebrated in the following lines, by one who was probably a better bellringer than poet:

'William Dixon and Thomas Hoare
Made us that bell which we ringe before:
Which men, for that good deede, praie we they maie thrive,
For we, havinge but foure bells, they made them five;
And out of the grownde this bell they did delve,
The 24th of July ano dom. 1612.'

It is recorded that these five bells were recast and a sixth added in 1632 at an expense of nearly £100.

In 1696, the six bells were again recast and the number once more increased to eight. The cost was either wholly or in great part defrayed by voluntary subscription.

In 1717, the seventh bell was recast at Gloucester, at an expense of £6 16s. 0d.

In 1725, the second bell was also recast, at the foundry at Gloucester, and cost £10 10s.

In 1743, the recasting of the treble bell cost £9 13s. 9d.; and the 'putting in order' of the seventh and eighth in 1771 was charged £15 7s. 9d.

In April, 1837, the whole of the bells were taken down and conveyed to Gloucester; the fifth and tenor bells were there recast, and the others accurately tuned, by Mr. Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who had succeeded Mr. John Rudhall.

SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS

On the 6th of June, the eight bells were again safely placed in the tower and afterwards, so it is reported, very cleverly hung by a Mr. James Cull, builder of the borough; who at the same time erected a new oak frame for them and fixed it in the north-east corner of the building, instead of in the south-west angle, where the former one had always stood. He had previously laid down an entirely new floor in the bell chamber, in lieu of an old and decayed one, which had become exceedingly dangerous; this he formed of three-inch red deal planks, iron tongued, and supported it by several new substantial beams, rendered steady and secure by means of numerous strong deal struts, springing from stone corbels in the walls of the tower. With the best of the materials of the old bell room floor, a new new ringing loft was erected, with stairs leading to it from the original belfry, and thus the ringers were placed upwards of twenty feet nearer the bells than they were before.

The new bells were charged at 15d. per lb., and 1½d. per lb. was allowed for upwards of 33 cwt. of old metal in exchange. The bell founder's charges were:

	cwt	qr.	lb.	£	s.	d.
Tenor Bell	23	2	9	165	1	3
Fifth Bell	10	2	11	74	3	9
Small Bell	1	1	5	9	1	3
Tuning the Peal, drilling the Bells, Clappers, etc.				15	19	6
				264	5	9
Allowed for Old Bells & Clappers				172	16	0
Balance				£91	9	9

The builder's charges for the improvements effected in the tower on this occasion were:

Rehanging the bells, including a new frame and wheels, and taking down the bells and replacing them in the tower	£116
New Bell-chamber floor	£200
Ringing loft floor	£ 36
	£352

Towards these expenses, the churchwardens (Messrs. Henry Brydges and Hugh Martin) collected £298 16s. 5d. by means of voluntary contributions; so that the cost to the parish was comparatively trifling.

FIRST PEAL

On October 16th, 1837, the hanging of the bells having been completed some admirable change ringing was performed by the ringers from Cheltenham, Painswick and Longney. It is reported that Longney men first entered the belfry and gave a few touches of Stedman Triples, in their usual excellent style. The Cheltenham Society next rang a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5,184 changes, which they scientifically brought round in three hours and six minutes; and as these men were perfect strangers to the bells this was, at the time, considered to be 'one of the most extraordinary feats in the annals of ringing.' The celebrated Painswick Youths then took the ropes, which they handled with much skill, and admirably executed several touches of Stedman Triples. The churchwardens, their friends, and the ringers afterwards dined together at the Bell Inn and spent a very convivial and pleasant evening.

The following were the inscriptions upon the respective bells, with the dates when they were cast and weights:

Treble.—Jos. Peace & Wm. Hathaway, C. Wardens, 1743; 5 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

2nd.—Prosperity to this Town, 1725; 5 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

3rd.—John Cal, 1696. Abra Rudhall; 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

4th.—Abr. Rudhall—cast us all, 1696; 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

5th.—Cast at Gloucester by T. Mears, 1837; 10 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

6th.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood, anno 1696; 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

7th.—Prosperity to this Towne and Church. Abr. Rudhall of Gloucester, Bell-founder, 1717; 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Tenor.—Rev. Chas. White, vicar, Henry Brydges & Hugh Martin, churchwardens. 1837. T Mears fecit; 23 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

These eight bells continued until 1914 and in that year two trebles were added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, raising the ring to 10. Two further trebles were added in 1933 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to make a ring of 12.

TRIBUTE TO REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

A plaque in the bellringing chamber reads: 'To the Glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the life and work of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A. Co-founder of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and its Master, 1885, 1903, 1927, and the two treble bells were added and the whole peal retuned by ringers and friends at home and overseas. For fifty years he devoted his great talent to the furtherance of the art and science of change ringing. May 19th, 1934.'

At the same time the old trebles, now the 3rd and 4th, were recast and the other bells tuned.

	Diameter	Founder		cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	2′ 1″	Taylor	1933	4	1	15
2nd	2′ 2″	Taylor	1933	4	2	9
3rd	2′ 2½″	Taylor	1933	4	3	9
4th	2′ 4″	Taylor	1933	5	1	0
5th	2′ 5¼″	Rudhall	1743	5	1	6
6th	2′ 6½″	Rudhall	1725	5	2	20
7th	2′ 8¼″	Rudhall	1696	6	0	27
8th	2′ 11⅛″	Rudhall	1696	7	3	26
9th	3′ 3″	Mears	1914	9	1	25
10th	3′ 4¼″	Rudhall	1696	10	1	13
11th	3′ 9¼″	Rudhall	1717	14	3	16
12th	4′ 2⅛″	Mears	1837	21	2	23
				Note D.		

For many years there had been dissatisfaction with the bells particularly with the tonal qualities. It was felt by knowledgeable ringers that the only solution was to have the ring recast and rehung and that the weight should be increased to make the ring more appropriate to a ring of 12 and to the magnificent Abbey Church.

To be continued.

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OUTINGS

APPLETON, BERKS

On the wettest Saturday of the summer, the Appleton ringers held their annual outing, and such is Appleton, everyone had a most enjoyable day, and when we left Cheltenham at 11 p.m. for the homeward journey all were 'full to the brim' with happy thoughts of a good ringing day.

Throughout, the ringing was extremely good. At Chepstow, a bride and bridegroom had the bells rung without payment, and there was a call afterwards at the King's Arms to drink the health of the happy couple.

Anyone contemplating an outing should avoid Newport at midday on a Saturday. We found the quickest way to the tower was to abandon the bus and walk to St. Woolos'. Here a very creditable course of Grandsire Cinques was rung.

Then to Usk (quite a useful eight), but I expected the memory here will be of a very beautifully kept belfry; also we surpassed ourselves and rang a course of Cambridge. A wonderful tea put us in a good mood (it was still raining hard) for the final tower, Abergavenny, and the ringing was rounded off with three excellent courses of Stedman Caters on this good ten, which are spoiled in the tower by too much hum.

Frank White is to be congratulated on organising a very good outing. W. H.

LAVENHAM

On June 29th Lavenham ringers held their annual outing, visiting Watford, Hemel Hempstead, St. Albans (Cathedral), Harpenden and Luton. Methods rung were Plain Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples; M. T. Symonds and C. Stannard sharing the conducting. The ringers would like to thank the clergy of the towers visited and the ringing friends who met them and helped to make the outing very enjoyable. M. T. S.

SHELFORD VISIT HEREFORDSHIRE

One of the many summer outings arranged by the Shelford ringers was that to Herefordshire on Whit Monday and various contingents from Notts, Herts and Northants converged on Kington. Some of the band found the bells a little difficult, but Lyonshall's proved to be a joy to listen to and to ring. Touches of Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge did justice to the bells.

Almeley proved to have another fine ring and Pembridge has a unique detached tower. King's Pyon, with a church nearly 1,000 years old, has a lighter ring than the previous tower, and our handling troubles must have amused the two ringers who met us.

After a wayside halt for lunch, everybody felt livelier for the musical eight at Burghill. Single Oxford, Sandal and Norwich were tapped off at Holmer. Tea was taken near Hampton Bishop, and from this ground floor ring good touches of Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Primrose were rung. At Fownhope we received one of the warmest welcomes from the Vicar and his son, and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed.

At Woolhope, a solid tower overlooking the Wye, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob with new ropes were a not too good combination. A run through the narrowest of country lanes led to Stoke Edith, and a tiring band limped their way to the last tower, Stretton Grandison.

To all who contributed to the success of the outing we express our thanks, especially to the Secretary for the ringing arrangements.

D. B.

BALDOCK, HERTS

Once again Baldock ringers and friends were very fortunate with the weather when they went on their annual outing on June 15th. Such good time was made that we arrived half an hour early at Daventry. Holy Cross is a Wren type church in yellow stone, and possesses an anti-clockwise octave, with a tenor of nearly 19 cwt. On to St. Nicholas', Warwick, distinctively wide for its length. The easy-going 14 cwt. octave was ideal for 'just before lunch.' Stratford-on-Avon would be rightly celebrated for its position and the ten bells in Holy Trinity Church without needing to rely upon its Shakespearean connections. A wedding was in progress, and many of us were able to sit on the wall of the churchyard and watch the regatta before ringing.

Away to tea at Evesham, that lovely market town, before we were crowded out by tourists. To one who has not been to the bell tower, the arrangement of the two churches and separate tower comes as a surprise. The sun shone and the stonework glowed golden. Up in the ringing chamber we found the ropes very springy, but we improved with practice. A 36 cwt. (all but a few pounds) tenor to twelve bells takes a little bit of getting used to, even from round the front end.

The last tower was Tanworth-in-Arden, a pleasant village with a 12 cwt. eight, where one member was so wrapped in thought that he left his pullover there. Our thanks are due to Mr. E. G. Buck, who organised the outing, and those who made us welcome. J. S.

A DEVON HALF-DAY

Arranged by Mr. A. L. Bennett, a half-day excursion for members of the Devon Guild was held on June 8th. Towers visited were Rewe, near Exeter, Plymtree, Luppitt (best tower of the day), and, after tea at Honiton, Shute, near Exeter. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Eleven peals out of 13 attempts were rung during a South Midland peal week arranged by Mr. Cyril A. Wratten. On July 1st, Canadian Dominion Day, the first peal of Vancouver Surprise Major (one of the offsprings of Lincolnshire) was rung. The peals lost were Double Norwich at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, and Hinton Surprise at St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

The rededication of Padbury, Bucks, restored bells will take place on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. The Bishop of Dorchester will perform the ceremony.

The honorary secretary of Harpenden ringers asks us to state that their practice night is on Wednesday, as it has been for many years and not Thursday.

Another peal ringing week, recorded this week, is that promoted by Devonshire ringers, with six successes. Highlights were a peal of Royal at Plymouth and the first peal on the bells at Bridestowe.

At Evington, Leics, a quarter peal of 20 methods of Minimus was rung on May 13th. Mr. S. Edwards, the conductor, asks if this is a record for the number of methods in a quarter peal of Minimus.

Ringers of yesteryear in the Manchester and Sussex areas will be sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Page is now in hospital. A member of Manchester City Police Guild and a leading conductor of Stedman Cinques at the Town Hall there, he retired to Sussex about 1930, continuing to ring until recent years. Letters can reach him through his wife, at 10, Lancing Close, North Lancing, Sussex.

Central District secretary of the Ladies' Guild writes: 'Members may be pleased to know that at last, after three years of letter writing, we have managed to arrange a meeting at Leytonstone for November 30th. As the following meeting will be on February 29th, all eligible persons are asked to please note.' (A stock of ladies' gloves of various sizes, please, may be an advantage to gentlemen „visitors!)'

To commemorate Mr. T. H. Taffender's 50 years as Master of the London County Association, Mr. C. W. Roberts composed a special peal of Stedman Caters, which, after some failures, was rung on July 3rd. Other names associated with the attempts were Mrs. Rogers, F. W. Goodfellow, F. E. Hawthorne, C. A. Hughes and C. N. Ottley, all old friends of T. H. Taffender. The composer, also an old friend, could not be persuaded to stand in.

Mrs. R. Murrell, of Warfield, Berks, rang in a quarter peal in honour of her son's 21st birthday at Easthampstead Church.

Correction.—The peal rung at Penn on June 29th was Stedman Triples, and not Grandsire Triples as printed on page 475.

There were four Bibbys ringing in the 21st birthday peal for John R. Bibby at Frodsham, Cheshire, which enabled him to score his first peal as conductor.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Castle Acre, Norfolk, was Douglas Burnett, and not David. He is the Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild and had attended the Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth.

After a lapse of several years it is hoped to restart Hawkhurst and District Guild, with a meeting at Hawkhurst next Saturday. The lapse was due to lack of support, but it is felt that the Guild can do useful work in the area.

The Friezland company won the Halifax and District Association's annual cup competition at Penistone on July 6th. Other teams competing were Shelley, Silkstone and Meltham. The judge, Mr. H. Sykes, commended all the teams on their standard of ringing.

With a peal at Bourton-on-the-Water, Mr. V. Griffin, of Swindon, completed his 100 peals—a 16 years' task. In his peals he rang with 202 different ringers, in 47 different towers, for nine Associations. His interesting list ranges from Doubles to Surprise Royal (10 different methods). Seventeen different Surprise Major peals have been rung out of 24 peals. In Surprise Minor, however, a 41 methods peal was rung.

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CLAWTON, DEVON.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

*Ann Jenner	Treble	†Edgar Nunn	4
Harry Stacey	2	D. Roy Bould	5
Margaret A. Bould	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 50th peal. † First of Minor.

MEAVY, DEVON.
On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of one 2,160 and four different 720's.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*John W. Perkins	Treble	D. Roy Bould	4
†Marfaret A. Bould	2	Thomas G. Myers	5
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Minor, and of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First in the method on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

H. Frederick Myers	Treble	D. Roy Bould	6
Yvonne C. Porter	2	*Harry Stacey	7
Margaret A. Bould	3	Stanley Jenner	8
*Ann Jenner	4	Robert A. Southwood	9
Frederick E. Day	5	Thomas G. Myers	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal of Royal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Southwood on the birth of their second son (Jeremy Mark).

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Frederick Sangwin	Treble	*Harry Stacey	5
*†William G. Lavers	2	Thomas G. Myers	6
Ann Jenner	3	*†D. Roy Bould	7
*Margaret A. Bould	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † 30th peal together. 50th as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

ST. GERMANS, CORNWALL.
On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Germanus,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F (approx.).

Thomas G. Myers	Treble	William G. Lavers	5
Margaret A. Bould	2	†A. William Myers	6
Robert A. Southwood	3	D. Roy Bould	7
*Ann Jenner	4	*Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 50th peal together. † First of Kent T.B.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Thomas G. Myers	4
Yvonne C. Porter	2	D. Roy Bould	5
*Margaret A. Bould	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal 'inside' in two methods.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

H. Frederick Myers	Treble	William G. Lavers	4
Margaret A. Bould	2	D. Roy Bould	5
*Denis F. Wheeler	3	Thomas G. Myers	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal of Minor. First on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Coles, of North Mimms, Herts.

A SOUTH MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

BRISTOL.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Gordon W. Land	5
Michael Hart	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Peter Bridle	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Victor Griffin	Treble	Gordon W. Land	5
*Peter Bridle	2	‡Peter T. Hurcombe	6
†Michael J. Hobbs	3	George E. Thoday	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 50th peal, and 25th of Surprise. † 25th Surprise method to a peal. ‡ 75th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band except ringers of 7 and tenor, on the bells, and for the Association.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Gordon W. Land	Treble	*D. John Hunt	5
Robert C. Kippin	2	Peter T. Hurcombe	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Victor Griffin	7
*Cyril A. Wratten	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Peter T. Hurcombe.
* 100th peal of Surprise. First in the method.
Rung on Canadian Dominion Day.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Gordon W. Land	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
*Peter T. Hurcombe	2	Robert C. Kippin	6
†Victor Griffin	3	Peter Bridle	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and 25th of Surprise Major. † 50th of Surprise. First of Spliced on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
On Tues., July 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Peter Bridle	Treble	Robert C. Kippin	5
*Peter T. Hurcombe	2	*Gordon W. Land	6
D. John Hunt	3	†Cyril A. Wratten	7
*Michael J. Hobbs	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method. † 100th for the Association.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Gordon W. Land	5
Peter Bridle	2	*‡Victor Griffin	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	D. John Hunt	7
*†Peter T. Hurcombe	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal in the method. † 25th Surprise Major method to a peal. ‡ 100th peal, and 75th for the Association.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Gordon W. Land	Treble	‡Peter T. Hurcombe	5
*Victor Griffin	2	‡Peter Bridle	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	George E. Thoday	7
†Cyril A. Wratten	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 25th peal of Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. ‡ First of 4-Spliced.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

Cyril A. Wratten	*Treble*	†Victor Griffin	5
Michael J. Hobbs	2	D. John Hunt	6
Peter Bridle	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
*Gordon W. Land	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. The conductor's 100th peal of Major.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Michael J. Hobbs	*Treble*	Gordon W. Land	5
Cyril A. Wratten	2	Peter Bridle	6
George E. Thoday	3	D. John Hunt	7
Victor Griffin	4	Peter T. Hurcombe	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Peter T. Hurcombe	*Treble*	*Peter Bridle	5
D. John Hunt	2	Victor Griffin	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	George E. Thoday	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal in the method.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*Gordon W. Land	*Treble*	George E. Thoday	6
†Cyril A. Wratten	2	†‡Peter T. Hurcombe	7
Brian Bladon	3	§Peter Bridle	8
Victor Griffin	4	D. John Hunt	9
Michael J. Hobbs	5	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal on ten. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Royal. § First of Surprise Royal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pierhead,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	David Vincent	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	*John Robinson	8
*John H. Fielden	3	Derek Ogden	9
*Sidney Hough, jun.	4	Walter Allman	10
*Derek Butterworth	5	*Frederick Shallcross	11
†Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In two methods, being 48 Belgrave and 4,992 Yorkshire; with one change of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	*Ronald M. Edwards	7
*John F. Barlow	2	John Robinson	8
Basil Jones	3	Geoffrey Davies	9
†Christine C. Macnair	4	F. John Nelson	10
John E. Camp	5	Neil Bennett	11
*Derek A. Ashton	6	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First 12-bell peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
In St. Hugh's Tower in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden	*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Olive Tester	2	*Colin A. Tester	8
Norah M. Randles	3	George H. Randles	9
*Jean L. Lavender	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Stewart F. Kimber	11
†Robert W. Hinde	6	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First 12-bell peal. † First of Surprise Maximus.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pierhead,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	‡Harold Worrall	7
Jack N. Brown	2	David C. Vincent	8
*Gwendolyn Howlett	3	*William E. Court	9
†Thomas S. Horridge	4	John F. Grove	10
*Terence M. FitzGerald	5	Edwin C. Birkett	11
Harold C. Lonyon	6	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Bob Maximus. ‡ First touch on 12 bells. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung with best wishes and as a farewell to William E. Court, who leaves to take up a post in Canada at the end of July.

TEN BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*Eileen Cross	*Treble*	Peter J. Malloch	6
Frederick Shallcross	2	*Jeffrey Brannan	7
Margaret Wright	3	Neil Bennett	8
†Anthony Helliwell	4	Robert B. Smith	9
Roger Leigh	5	†Derek A. Ashton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Derek A. Ashton.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Barrie Hendry and Patricia A. Moreland, who were married this day at Kingstanding, Birmingham.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

*Stanley Richardson	*Treble*	Graham McKay	6
*John McTear	2	*Brian Street	7
John E. Anderson	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
*Geoffrey Tembey	4	Frederick Ross	9
*Harry Byrom	5	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First peal of Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal for the Association.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*Janet H. Buss	*Treble*	John S. Barnes	6
E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	7
Olive D. Tester	3	Peter Beresford	8
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Colin A. Tester	9
Joan Beresford	5	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal on ten bells. First of London Royal by all the band except the ringer of the fifth, and for the Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
(Late the St. James' Society.)
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5085 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*Patricia Rogers	*Treble*	*†Christopher H. Rogers	6
*J. M. Hadley Hunter	2	Squire Croft	7
*Peter N. Felton	3	Charles T. Richards	8
Arthur D. Barker	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Harold W. Rogers	5	‡David W. Struckett	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ First on ten.
Rung to commemorate Mr. T. H. Taffender's 50 years as Master of the Society.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*RUTH GARR	*Treble*	JACK BELCHAM	6
†JANET ROWE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
†GERALD A. BACON	3	FRANK C. MAY	8
†DENNIS ELLISDON	4	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	9
*PETER SLOMAN	5	BERNARD C. SADLER	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal. † First of Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Sloman (21st) and Frank C. May.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*EILEEN CROSS	*Treble*	JOHN F. BARLOW	5
ROBERT B. SMITH	2	JEFFREY BRANNAN	6
MARGARET WRIGHT	3	RONALD M. EDWARDS	7
DEREK J. MARSHALL	4	DEREK A. ASHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS W. HESKETH	*Treble*	FREDERICK PEARSON	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	KENNETH J. HESKETH	6
RICHARD S. STARKIE	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 28 lb. in G sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	DEREK A. ASHTON	5
*PETER J. MALLOCH	2	†RONALD M. EDWARDS	6
JOHN F. BARLOW	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
PETER WATSON	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ADRIENNE GIBSON	*Treble*	†‡WILLIAM J. MUNTON	5
*ROSEMARY BLYTH	2	NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB	6
†RICHARD E. FENTIMAN	3	DAVID W. STRUCKETT	7
MICHAEL J. BANGHAM	4	DAVID C. BROOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by DAVID C. BROOKES.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alison Mann, of Goldhanger; also as a compliment to Nicholas Webb and Norma Stockman on their forthcoming marriage.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

RONALD M. EDWARDS	*Treble*	PETER J. MALLOCH	5
*GRAHAM HARROP	2	C. JOHN CLEGG	6
JOHN F. BARLOW	3	DEREK A. ASHTON	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. W. Barlow and Miss A. Ingham.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 73 lb. in G.

RONALD M. EDWARDS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	F. JOHN NELSON	7
JOHN ROBINSON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by DEREK OGDEN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* 200th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Canon R. L. Hussey, for 42 years a parish priest in Salford, on receiving the Freedom of the City of Salford.

BRANCEPETH, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

SALLIE B. BUCHANAN (St. Hild's)	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER J. REES (St. John's)	5
CHRIS. F. HOPKINS (Bede)	2	L. J. PIZZEY (St. John's)	6
GILLIAN A. WEBB (St. Hild's)	3	WM. G. WILSON (St. Chad's)	7
MARY J. MARSHALL (St. Hild's)	4	BRYAN PATTISON (Bede)	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
FRANCIS BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	JOHN R. BIBBY	7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. BIBBY.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 DARTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	PETER J. COLES	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 89).
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

DAVID DANBY	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	6
DENNIS LATHAM	3	WALTER SHERRATT	7
HAROLD DOWLER	4	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.
First peal on eight as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*EILEEN CROSS	*Treble*	RONALD M. EDWARDS ..	4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	2	DEREK A. ASHTON	5
MARGARET WRIGHT	3	JOHN F. BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN F. BARLOW.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung on the front six.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Tues., June 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*GAYLE V. RYAN	*Treble*	ROBERT A. BOLT..	4
*JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM	2	ERIC J. F. WALL..	5
NORMAN SMITH	3	RICHARD J. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.
* First peal attempt.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band of St. Peter's, Burnley, as an 80th birthday compliment to Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn Cathedral.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN M. FIELDEN	4
KENNETH J. HESKETH ..	2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER ..	5
FREDERICK PEARSON	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

PERCY AMOS	*Treble*	ROGER W. SMITH	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	ALAN A. PAUL	5
GRAHAM C. PAUL	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Chappell.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., June 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	†EDWARD D. ELDERKIN ..	4
*PATRICIA A. DREW	2	HUGH N. EVANS	5
†RAYMOND A. BROWN ..	3	MALCOLM M. POWELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. First of Plain Bob Doubles for the Guild.
Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	V. DAVID JENNER	4
IAN C. MAYCOCK	2	KENNETH J. HESKETH ..	5
THOMAS W. HESKETH ..	3	FRANK W. CURRIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. Lunt, former vicar's warden, and Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Addey and Mrs. Baldwin, church workers.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch with Burnley District Schools Society.)
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

GAYLE V. RYAN	*Treble*	ROBERT A. BOLT..	4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM	2	ERIC J. F. WALL..	5
RICHARD J. PARKER	3	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.
Youngest band to ring a peal for the Society (average age 15 years 10 months).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARGARET NEWBY	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*MRS. JILL HARRIS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*CECIL H. ALDOUS	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in six methods. First on the bells for 25 years.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL ..	*Treble*	WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	4
JUDITH P. WINTERBOTTOM	2	ERIC J. F. WALL..	5
ROBERT A. BOLT..	3	RICHARD J. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Coldstream and Lincoln, (2 and 3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 146 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

D. PAUL SMITH..	*Treble*	†RICHARD G. CROSLAND ..	4
*IAN H. ORAM	2	ANDREW M. MACVE.. ..	5
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.. ..	3	*RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 200th peal together. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods rung to a peal in the county, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to John Faircloth.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	ALLAN G. PAYNE	4
*LEONARD BRIGHTON	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	RAYMOND H. DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND H. DAW.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.
A compliment to Murray A. Coleman and Mary Bloxham on their recent engagement.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with maximum of 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANGELA M. TRUELOVE ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE	2	LEONARD GOODALL	5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON ..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method by all.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, eight variations. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
*ROGER W. SMITH	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	4
*ALAN A. PAUL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 25th as conductor, and 25th with ringers of 3 and 4.
Rung for the village feast on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

DATE TOUCH

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,963 Stedman Triples (by J. Topp): H. W. Knight 1, M. Legg 2, J. Brain 3, H. Bird 4, E. Lee 5, L. Derrick 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Rosemary Tailby 1, R. A. Clarke 2, B. Brant 3, D. F. Moore 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. Birthday compliment to Rosemary Tailby and Brian C. Law.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, M. D. Barsby 3, M. G. Godwin 4, J. R. Perkins 5, P. Young 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: J. Schofield 1, C. A. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, Olive D. Tester 4, R. E. Finch 5, R. J. Talbot 6, R. W. Hinde 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Martin 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, R. J. Talbot 3, R. W. Hinde 4, S. F. Kimber 5, F. E. Darby (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth this day of a son to John and Sally Schofield.

BENSON, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, J. E. Godman 2, Miss S. J. Howes 3, P. J. Heritage 4, J. R. Dyke 5, P. A. Sharp 6, E. R. Venn 7, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3. A farewell to the incumbent, the Rev. G. H. Palmer.

BLABY, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Gray (first quarter) 1, M. J. Billings 2, J. H. Wale 3, R. A. Cobley (first as cond.) 4, B. C. Law 5. For Sunday school festival.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. C. Huntriss 1, C. C. Clarke 2, M. W. Sayers 3, W. H. Minnear 4, A. W. Ivings 5, W. Ivings 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. F. Peglar 8. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hitchcox.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on June 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Taysom 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, R. G. Hooper 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, R. J. Bowden 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, F. Soden (cond.) 4, P. Pearce 5, J. Benfield 6, T. Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of the ringer of the second.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Jean Stewart (first quarter) 1, T. W. Palmer 2, J. Money 3, Angela M. Ayres 4, P. G. McIlhone 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6, C. J. Adam 7.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Williams (first quarter) 1, C. T. Rawlings 2, W. Abraham 3, K. J. Rider 4, M. H. Gregory 5, P. L. Pearce 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, W. F. Bonner 8. Rung for the service of institution and induction of the Rev. R. M. Brettell as first Vicar of the united benefice of Christ Church with Emmanuel, Clifton.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. May 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, E. A. Barnett 3, W. H. Dobbie 4, W. E. Bond 5, Anne Tremain 6, W. J. Lemon 7, Jill Dunmall 8. For Confirmation service.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, D. Pimm 3, G. Tinson 4, G. Grant 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. Peter's Day.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On July 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley 1, Rosamond Murrell 2, Joan A. Rance 3, Rosemary Rich 4, A. J. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Graham Murrell.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On June 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, D. Trenfield (first quarter) 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Perks 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Blyth 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, Sally Parrott 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, D. Herschell 6, J. Munton 7. Rung to mark the wedding of Nick Webb, a member of the band, and Norman Stockman at Ponteland, Northumberland.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Neal (first quarter) 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, R. F. Samways 3, C. Gratton 4, H. C. R. Vine (first as cond.) 5, K. Knight 6. For Evensong.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, A. Jackson (50th quarter) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of Corpus Christi. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, Valerie Mepham 3, A. Jackson 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all.

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Juliet Wooders 1, Diane Lissenden (first quarter) 2, C. Yates 3, M. F. Lock (first as cond.) 4, P. Colton 5, Celia Bland 6. Rung for the Exeter University Society; also to mark the engagement of Jean F. Barnett and James A. D. Woolford.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss W. Austin 1, Mrs. D. Nicholson 2, G. Naylor 3, S. Dobbie 4, E. Eades 5, B. Jemmett 6, W. Palin (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. Rung for Kent Oddfellows' church parade.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. Sell 1, P. D. S. Caligari (first quarter) 2, D. M. Morton 3, J. F. I. Turney (first as cond.) 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, K. S. W. Morton 6. First of Bob Doubles 4 and 5. First quarter by the band for the Hereford Cathedral School Society.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On June 26th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, C. McCartney 3, Miss B. Stannage 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. Watson 6, F. W. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10. Rung during the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Grantham, to celebrate the quincentenary of the granting of a charter to the town.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cole 1, J. Honeywood 2, G. Waterman 3, Miss G. Brown 4, C. Hughes 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on July 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (6 and 8 covers): Miss L. C. West 1, Miss M. R. Chapman 2, Miss A. Harris 3, G. E. Phillips 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, G. H. Standen 6, R. E. Ellis 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. First in method 3, 6 and 8. For the dedication festival, and as a brthday compliment to Miss J. M. Downing.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Radmore 1, R. Johnson 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, D. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, J. Jeffery 6, E. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung on St. Peter's Day, the Patronal Festival.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McDonald (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. Grainger 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8. Rung to mark the first Communion of treble ringer.

HUNTLEY, GLOS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Smith 1, L. Smith 2, J. Turney 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. For morning service to commemorate the centenary of the rebuilding of the church.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. Wright 1, H. E. Turner 2, A. C. Best 3, T. Hill 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Phillips 6, W. Smith (first quarter) 7, E. White 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. G. G. Hickman, a former Vicar.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Edwards 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, L. R. C. Witten 3, F. E. Coales 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, H. Richardson (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald C. Loveday, a ringer at this tower for many years.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Biggart (first quarter) 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Jones 3, M. Walker 4, D. Devereux 5, P. Verney 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. S. Green and Miss J. L. Robins.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. E. Hinman 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, H. Clayton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung before Evensong, and for the Patronal Festival.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Smith (first quarter) 1, M. J. Wilson 2, A. B. Cooper 3, F. C. Hobson 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, I. G. Campbell (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Ham (first 'inside') 2, M. J. Wilson 3, A. B. Cooper 4, F. C. Hobson 5, K. Kirk 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, M. Wade (first 'inside') 2, R. Starbuck (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Mason 4, I. Fraser 5, P. Atkins 6, S. Harrison 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Gillian M. Webb 1, S. C. Walters (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann (first in method) 3, Marlene E. Townsend 4, Lucy Smith 5, C. M. Smith 6, J. B. Webb 7, M. J. Elson 8. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. J. W. Neilson (first quarter) 1, Miss Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, Miss Todd 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 23rd, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Fitzgibbon (first quarter) 1, J. V. Crayford 2, Diana L. Coates 3, M. L. Howe 4, E. G. Jenner (cond.) 5, Dorothy Groves 6.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, OXON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, H. H. Alexander 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Davies 4, W. Ivings 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. King (first quarter) 1, J. List 2, E. Patching (first 'inside') 3, P. Holden (cond.) 4, G. Holden 5, S. Patching 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Walter Harding, late Vicar, whose ashes were interred in the chancel this day.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. G. Game (cond.) 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, Joan Hanning 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, S. Smith 6. For the Patronal Festival.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hough, jun 1, C. Jenkins 2, R. Eccleston 3, D. Welch 4, L. Young 5, I. Jenkins (cond.) 6. Rung at induction of Rev. R. H. C. Lewis.



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DEATH

MILLS.—At 106, Brixton Road, London, S.W.9, on Sunday, July 7th, 1963, Bertha M. Mills, formerly of Aldershot. 2865

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955, also Phyllis, March 20th, 1958. With love and gratitude we remember them. 2884

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HEIGHTON.—After July 14th the address of David, Bridget and Fiona Heighton will be Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR 62W. Tel. Hempnall 208. 2859

PERSONAL

'For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it.' (I Peter iii, 10 and 11.)

ADVERTISER would like to contact other ringers on holiday in the Skegness-Mablethorpe area, August 10th to 24th. Information concerning times of ringing at towers within a radius of 30 miles of Mablethorpe would be very much appreciated.—William A. Stote, 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. Phone: Coventry 20930. 2861.

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of musical handbells for tune ringing, preferably 16 in number, but 12 or more acceptable.—Please send particulars to 'Fairlight,' Fairview Drive, Chigwell, Essex. Thank you. 2872

MISCELLANEOUS

If anyone is able and willing to teach change ringing on handbells at St. Olave's Grammar School for Boys, Tower Bridge, London, S.E.1, one or two days weekly (4 to 5 p.m.), would he care to write to the Headmaster. 2855

LOST.—At Oxford festival, leather wallet with cash. Towers visited were: Cathedral, Little Milton, Great Hazeley, Cowley, with final call at Chalgrove. Will finder please return to Bath, 'Lyndhurst,' Woodlands Road, Camberley, Surrey. Reward. 2868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A further reminder to members and friends, particularly of other Guilds, to book Friday evening, October 4th, for the dinner commemorating C. T. (Tom) Coles, to be held at the Century Hotel, Wembley. Tickets (20s.) available shortly.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of Dinner Committee. 2883

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price **7s. 6d.** post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

PORTBURY SOMERSET.—Annual Ringers' Sunday, July 28th, 1963. Bells available 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 and 7.30-8 p.m. Special ringers' service, 6.30 p.m. **All** ringers welcome. 2864

CANCELLED

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 20th, at Sudbury and Doveridge. **cancelled.**—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 2877

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Seavington St. Mary, Saturday, July 20th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, July 20th. The five bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and the eight after the business meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lawford, Ashorne, Warwick. 2820

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: please bring own food, cups of tea available.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2851

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2832

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 20th. Will old and new members please support. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 'Meadow Bank,' Hawkhurst, Kent. 2833

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—July 20th, Kimpton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London.—M. A. Coburn. 2814

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th, quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 2818

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—Pamela J. Usborne (Mrs.), Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on July 20th at Sunbury-on-Thames. Ringing from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 2853

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m., afternoon only. Ringing at Uppingham in evening only from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Poole on July 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Owing to difficulties no service will be held. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 2881

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting on July 20th at Wenhaston (6), 3-5 p.m. Blythburgh (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Wenhaston at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston. 2846

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Erin Triples.—Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2834

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington, July 20th. Bells 3 till 8.30 (Hambledon 6.15 till 8.30). Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Vicarage. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Strode Avenue, Portsmouth, **please.** 2819

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st. Ringing 7.30-8, 10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. J. C. Hill, of Newport. Refreshments available. 2854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st, at Brighstone. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2887

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: July 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; August 6th, St. Lawrence, Jewry; August 13th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2874

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea essential, please, to Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, near Weston-super-Mare, by July 23rd. 2875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Camel, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Queen Camel bells after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 2862

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30. Short service 6 p.m. Names by 25th to Mrs. J. Sinfield, 12, Harvey Road, Totternhoe, Beds. 2856

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Alderley (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2687

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2890

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Gainford, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Method: Double Court. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington, Darlington. 2863

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Heath on July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please look up Reverse Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and St. Martin's (see Diary!).—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2882

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Filton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to D. Voss, 59, Station Road, Filton, Bristol. 2870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Monthly meeting at Longborough, near Moreton-in-Marsh, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 6-7.15 p.m. or later if required. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel.: Stow 350. 2880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—STROUD BRANCH.—Meeting at Avening, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names by July 23rd.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2878

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Kilkhampton (8) in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon, by Monday, July 22nd. Visitors welcomed.—R. Pearce 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 2858

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—W. H. D. 2828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business to follow tea. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Guiseley, July 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 'Dunster,' Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds. 2869

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby, Leicestershire.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2857

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2824

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Lutton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2845

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—A ringing afternoon, on Saturday, July 27th. Halkyn (6) 2.30 p.m. Northop (8) 6 p.m. (on A.55). Own tea arrangements. All welcome. 2762

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Erin Triples.—Miss Hague. 2860

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, Saturday, July 27th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, Damerham. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential by July 23rd to Miss Eloie, Branch Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2757

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, July 27th, at Coalbrookdale. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 2796

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Selston (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 24th, **please**, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2867

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Bushbury (6), near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 27th, between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2888

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), July 27th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea—you are invited to take own refreshments in the Rectory garden.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 2829

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Warbleton (6), July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Rushlake Green) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 2836

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern Dis.) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey, by previous Thursday. 2876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889



Popular Wimbledon ringer, Miss Susan Rawlings, has a happy smile for her ringing friends after her wedding to Mr. Kenneth Newman, of Fairlands Estate, Guildford, on July 6th at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon. Congratulatory peals and quarter peals have been rung in many London towers, and there was a pre-wedding quarter, which bridegroom Ken conducted in his own tower, Worplesdon. Susan is wearing a wild silk princess line dress. She was attended by her younger sister, Rosamund, and her cousins, Krysia and Monica Balinska. [Picture by courtesy 'Guildford Times.'

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 30 ringers, representing 12 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Hemingbrough on June 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Amcotts) conducted the service and welcomed the Association, and local ladies served tea in the schoolroom.

Officers elected were: Vice-president, Mr. H. Walker (York): Mr. Johnson and Miss M. E. Wilkinson. General Committee: Messrs. J. Parker and K. B. Sissons. District Committee. Five new members elected were: Mr. C. Brown (Selby Abbey). Miss Joan Hingley (Hemingbrough), the Misses Christine Harris and Patricia Samuel (Kirk Ella) and Mr. M. Rose (Belton, Lincs) an out-county member.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, YORK

During the last three weeks of term the College Society was active. Handbells were rung outside St. Maurice's Church, Monkgate, for the end of term service: this attracted the attention of the general public.

On June 19th, 12 members paid a visit to the eight bell tower of Escrick, where an enjoyable ring was had by all who attended.

The college porter and the Dean of York (once chairman of the college governors) died in the early part of June, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a tribute to them on the bells at the Architectural Institute.

No members of the Society are leaving college this year, so this augurs well for the new year beginning in September. The Society looks forward to welcoming any new ringers in September. Also in September, a newly purchased set of handbells will be used by the Society for the first time.

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It was mainly ringing and little business when the Andover District had a well-attended meeting at Highclere on June 15th. Mr. A. W. Allister (chairman) presided at the business meeting, when the next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 5th at Burghclere, and the District's striking contest at Overton in early November. After tea there was ringing until 8 p.m. in a variety of methods.

OBITUARY

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS

A founder member of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Bertha M. Mills, died on July 7th at 106, Brixton Road, S.W. The cremation service was at Aldershot on July 11th.

Miss Mills started ringing at Aldershot with George Gilbert. Later she moved to London to live with her brother and sister, and rang at St. Giles', Camberwell. She had the distinction of ringing in the first all ladies' Surprise peal at Crayford in 1928, and was known to all the older London ringers.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' July 11th, 1913.—

Last Monday was the 162nd anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original. This famous peal was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and was called by Holt, who sat in the belfry. The board in the steeple records it as 'the first true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples,' but this, the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon has pointed out, probably refers to the first with two singles only. The peal was rung on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, by the Society of Union Scholars.

Incidentally, it is worthy of note that on July 8th, 1750, John Holt called a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, and on July 9th, 1749, 6,000 Bob Major at the same tower. A tablet in St. Laurence's Church, Reading, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 8th, 1734.

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QUARTER PEALS

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FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hall (first quarter) 1, M. L. J. Jordan 2, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 3, M. J. Todd 4, N. I. Wright 5, T. Sewell 6, K. Arthur 7, P. Reavely 8. Rung on St. Basil's Day, prior to a choral concert.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Johnstone 1, J. F. Payne 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, J. W. Hagley 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, J. H. Payton 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Clayfield 1, I. S. Merry (first as cond.) 2, K. P. Gilliver 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, L. Woodburn 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. C. Knights (first on tower bells and of Royal) 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Miss J. Felton (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, P. N. Felton (first of Royal as cond.) 8, N. F. Felton (first of Royal) 9, H. W. Rogers 10. Rung for Confirmation service at St. Mary's, Osterley.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss D. Cox (first 'inside') 2, R. W. Picton 3, P. W. Harper 4, B. M. Barker 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. E. Clayton 1, D. C. Brookes 2, A. R. Millidge 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, C. F. Mew 8. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): B. H. Coatsworth 1, A. R. Millidge 2, B. J. Bull 3, M. J. Uphill 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb (first quarter) 6. First in ten methods for all.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, N. W. Grassby 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Festal Evensong. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. W. Grassby 8. For Evensong.

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PEAL RECORDS

By DENIS A. BAYLES

NATIONAL Productivity Year, as I see it, brings a challenge to review traditional practices in the light of changing conditions and examine critically how far they are relevant today and for the future trends. This will often involve consideration of what is the real objective and how far that has become obscured in the course of the years. I suggest that this process could be usefully applied to the recording of peals.

The last 25 years have seen tremendous changes in world conditions and in this country today we are told that we are in an affluent society. There is no doubt that ringers today enjoy a greater mobility and one of the results of this is the ringing of more peals by bands drawn from a fairly wide area. Besides these changes in the everyday world there have been significant changes in the world of ringing. The first of these was the change in ownership of 'The Ringing World' in 1942, when it was acquired by the Central Council after the death of John S. Goldsmith. The second has been the introduction and widespread adoption of place notation, initiated by the Corrigan publications, and the third has been the publication of Dove's Guide.

During this same period there have been but two alterations in the recording of peals in 'The Ringing World,' the second of which was merely a change of position of the peal columns from the front to the back of the paper. In the records themselves there has been the omission of the word 'changes' so that today we have 'A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples' instead of 'A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 Changes,' to give an illustration.

What is the objective in a peal record? Surely the main one is to record that a particular sequence of changes was rung on a particular set of bells on a particular occasion by a particular band of ringers. In times when printing costs show no signs of remaining steady it is obviously wasteful to make the record more elaborate than is necessary. Let us examine the peal record under these various headings of bell, changes, ringers, etc., in the light of the new conditions.

BELLS

The publication of Dove's Guide is the new factor here. This shows that the majority of places contain only one set of bells. Often in these cases the name of the county could be omitted without causing ambiguity, but, personally, I would favour the retention of the county as an aid to the location of peals regionally. The dedication of a church is not often needed, as I have just said, but even then the words 'At the Church of....' are quite unnecessary and All Saints', Largetown, would be sufficient. Where all the bells in the tower are used or the reduced number is the 'back' set, the weight of the tenor is readily available in Dove's Guide. This item was probably included originally as a cross-check against the time recorded, but it serves no useful purpose today. One can only make valid comment on the time taken for a peal if one knows the bells and the ringers involved. 'Tenor 20 cwt.' can cover a very wide variation of 'go,' and even a given tenor responds differently in the hands of different ringers.

CHANGES

The words 'A Peal of...' are unnecessary in individual reports. The number of changes shows whether or not the touch is a peal, and, in any case, the column has been headed 'Eight Bell Peals.' Instead of saying 'A Peal of 5056 Cambridge Major' as at present it would suffice to say '5056 Cambridge Surprise,' since the column heading shows it to be on eight bells.

In the naming of individual methods it is clearly time that the real objective was brought back into view. This is simply to provide a shorthand way of referring to a set of figures and there is no doubt that a **simple** place name is very much shorter than a lead of a method. Today place notation is widely used and many names show very little economy against half a lead set out thus. When the longest place name for Wales is chosen the position is reversed and the real objective has been completely obscured. Is there any need to name a new method these days? With most of these new methods almost the only incentive to ring them has disappeared once the first peal has been achieved and they are unlikely to be rung again. A name is not reliable in checking records of what has been rung and the figures have to be produced to make sure. Some of these new methods may be required for splicing and it could be argued that a name would be needed in those cases. Welsh names are not the best for this purpose!

Names have also been chosen simply to use initial letters that had not been used before so that some ringers could complete an 'alphabet,' although what significance this has beyond indicating that at least twenty-six different methods have been rung has never been clear to me. London and Lincolnshire both begin with L, but I have not observed very much in common between them. The common points between Lincolnshire and other methods beginning with a variety of other letters has been pointed out much too recently to need repetition here.

The old practice of a new method being named by the place where it was first rung was quite satisfactory while the number of methods involved was small, but it now seems outdated. There seems to me to be some sort of parallel to the naming of compounds in organic chemistry. In the early days when known compounds were few, names were given based on the source of the compound or some outstanding property, but as numbers increased it was seen that there was the need for a systematic nomenclature, where the name would show the structure of the compound. This has been done, but the earlier names are still used for common compounds in frequent use. Is it not possible to have a systematic nomenclature for Surprise Major? A start was made in this direction, surely, when Treble Bob methods were subdivided into Surprise, Delight and Treble Bob methods and this could probably be extended. Systematic nomenclature would not tax the ingenuity of bands ringing new methods and would eliminate disputes about naming.

A complete record of a sequence of over 5,000 changes requires a precise record of the composition used. Many peal reports in 'The Ringing World' lack sufficient detail for this purpose and it is impossible from those reports alone to ascertain precisely what changes were rung. John Carter produced more than one peal of Stedman Caters and Gabriel Lindoff more than one of London Major. It is very unlikely that these compositions will turn out to be false, but a year or two ago certain arrangements for Cambridge and Superlative given in a Central Council publication were discovered to be false. It was not then possible to go through the Central Council peal records and delete the false peals. It simply had to be left to any conductor to withdraw his peal. Many Associations keep a full record of the compositions, but there is no obligation on them to do so. From this point of view I consider that the official peal records have never been complete. About the only way that this deficiency could be remedied would be by giving all compositions C.C. reference numbers.

(To be continued)

LADIES' GUILD A.G.M. AT IPSWICH

HOW many Guilds or Associations, we wonder, can claim that any of their members leave home at 4 o'clock in the morning in order to attend the annual general meeting? Ten of the Ladies' Guild's thirteen Districts were represented at Ipswich on July 6th, and members travelled from places as far apart as Devon and Lincolnshire, Somerset and Cheshire in order to be present. The Eastern District, re-formed in 1961, were hostesses and had made excellent arrangements for the day. Seven towers were open during the day and at several of these a rota had to be organised so that everyone could get a ring.

The Guild service was held at St. Margaret's Church at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Marks), who did not give an address, but who welcomed the ladies to Ipswich, and especially to St. Margaret's. Tea followed in the Garrett Memorial Hall, when a hundred members and friends were joined by the Vicar of St. Margaret's and by Mr. J. W. Blythe, the general secretary of the Suffolk Guild.

Mr. Blythe said he felt very honoured to have been asked to say a few words of welcome to the Ladies' Guild at their annual general meeting in Ipswich. He felt even more honoured when he realised that the Ladies' Guild had been founded in 1912, but this appeared to be the first time they had held their annual meeting in the diocese, and at that rate it did not look as if he would have another opportunity of doing so!

30 YEARS IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

At the business meeting which followed, with the president, Mrs. O. Barnett, in the chair, a special work of thanks was said to Mrs. A. Richardson, who had represented the Guild on the Central Council for 30 years and had only missed two meetings, a wonderful record. In her reply, Mrs. Richardson thanked the members for electing her an honorary life member, an honour which she greatly appreciated. She had made many friends through ringing and her work for the Guild had always given her a great deal of pleasure and happiness.

Five new members were elected, Miss Diana Carter (Harwich), Mrs. Anna Lawrence and Miss Pauline Jepperson (Hampton), Miss Penelope Paige (Wraysbury) and Miss Jenifer Ransom (North Mymms).

As no nominations had been received from the Districts in the stipulated time, the officers were re-elected en bloc and were thanked for their services during the past year.

The report of the treasurer (Miss J. Beresford) was considered satisfactory, as although the amount in hand was only small, the balance sheet showed several non-recurring items of expenditure.

NEXT MEETING—MACCLESFIELD

According to the rota, the North-Western District should be visited for the annual meeting in 1964, and the members there proposed that it should held in Macclesfield. Will all members please note, however, that next year it will be held on the **second** Saturday in July, i.e July 11th, 1964, as the general secretary stated she would be unable to attend if it were held on the first Saturday, as is usually the case.

Mrs. Lock voiced the thanks of the members to all those who had helped to make the day such a success; to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, to Mr. Marks for taking the service and to the organist; to the members of the Eastern District for all they had done, the wonderful tea they had prepared (not forgetting a special word of thanks to Mr. Goodship, for all his help in the kitchen), and for having a member at each tower to organise the ringing. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Lester, the District secretary, who had not only organised the whole meeting, but had also prepared maps of Ipswich on which all the towers were marked and had given a list of hotels and restaurants for those staying overnight.

Then, with the rain still pouring down, but with enthusiasm undamped, members set out on two tours organised for the evening, one led by Miss Lester for those going in the Norwich direction, and one led by Mrs. Pipe, which circulated to the north of Ipswich. This was a pleasure we had not had at previous annual meetings, but both tours were well supported and we would especially like to thank Miss Lester for making the arrangements. A grateful 'thank you,' too, to Mr. Pipe, who so kindly acted as guide when it was found easier to run that tour in two parts because of the number of ringers.

D. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Due perhaps to the calls of haymaking, the attendance at the Marlborough Branch meeting at Chiseldon on June 15th was not so good as usual, but this was compensated for by visitors from other branches. After a service, conducted by Mr. G. Bowman (lay reader), a tea in the traditionally generous Chisledon fashion was laid on at the Youth Club by Mrs. Court and helpers.

Business was brief at the meeting, presided over by Mr. A. Johnson (vice-chairman). Towers selected for the July and August meetings were Chilton Foliat and West Overton, and the Worcester area is to be visited on the annual outing in September. Votes of thanks preceded a return to the tower.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was at Felkirk and during the afternoon the plaque to the memory of Mr. Dan Smith, a former secretary, was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Webster). Towards the cost of about £7, Mr. Harold Chant, the treasurer, announced that £3 had been received and donations would be gratefully accepted. Mrs. Coward Shafton provided an excellent tea and the charge of 2s. made £2 for the Church Repair Fund.

At the business meeting Miss Elizabeth Peace and Mr. Christopher Moxon reported on the meeting at York. Bradfield, near Sheffield, was selected for the next meeting on August 10th, with Bolsterstone as an extra. Mr. Chant, one of the lecturers, called attention to the Grantley Hall course on October 25th, 26th and 27th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gordon Benfield.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The 5,085 changes of Stedman Caters rung at Isleworth on July 3rd was chosen to mark T. H. Taffender's 50 years as Master and his age of 85 (see page 460).

From Rhodesia we hear that the four bells at St. Mark's, Que Que, will be dedicated in October. The frame is built for six bells in the hope that two bells will be added at a later date.

It was 'Happy returns of the day' to the president (Mrs. O. Barnett) at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. Delayed by a traffic jam, she arrived at Ipswich just in time for the committee meeting, having had to go without lunch.

A number of ringers spending their holiday in South Devon recently were doomed to disappointment on July 10th, when, on visiting Buckfast Abbey, they found that the practice was cancelled owing to another event taking place there at the same time. However, Mr. A. L. Bennett came to the rescue and made Dean Prior bells available, and a very enjoyable time was subsequently spent at this tower. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

While accompanying the Stratton, Cornwall, ringers on their outing on Whit Monday, Mr. Reuben Sanders, now in his 90th year, cut his head rather badly on entering Crediton ringing room and was somewhat shaken. In spite of this he carried on ringing as usual during the day, and H. S. reports, that he appears to have completely recovered from his injury.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Tony Osborne, the popular treasurer of the University of London Society, has beeen detained in Ward 23 of University College Hospital, W.C.1, following a chemical explosion last Friday in the laboratory where he works. As it is likely that he will be detained for at least a month he would greatly appreciate letters or visits from friends. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back where he belongs, in the ringing circles, as soon as possible.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday, June 3rd, at Chelmsford.

The pattern of this meeting remains the same over the years and this, the 84th meeting, was no exception. It seems that this can be said of most meetings and as such this brief account records the main facts.

The Association form of service was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Colchester (the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough), which, although brief in extent, gave much food for thought.

Lunch and tea was again provided by members and their wives from the S.E. District. This is certainly a labour of love and something for which the Association is more than grateful.

The annual meeting followed the service and was held in the Chapter House, the Master in the chair.

The business was carried through expeditiously and there was litttle of a contentious nature.

All officers were re-elected, although in accepting office for another year the secretary (Mr. F. V. Gant) intimated that he would not be seeking re-election another year.

The weather was excellent and after the meeting the members dispersed to the usual towers available at this meeting.

F. V. G.

STRIKING COMPETITION

The final of the Essex Association striking competition was held at Little Waltham on July 6th. The beauty of the surroundings was rather marred by the incessant rain, but seven teams of those which had survived the Divisional heats arrived to compete for the trophy. Each team was allowed two minutes of rounds to get the feel of the bells and then rang 240 changes of any Doubles or Minor method. Under the able direction of Mr. Peter Eves, the M.C., the whole operation was completed in an hour and forty minutes.

The Rector, the Rev. P. G. P. Cornish, conducted a shortened Evensong, at which Dr. Magurie played the organ, and the Master, Mr. R. C Heazel, read the lesson.

About 70 ringers sat down to tea in the Village Hall, after which the three judges, Messrs. J. H. Crampion, A. J. House and H W. Egglestone, gave their report and some very constructive comments on the afternoon's ringing. With a possible of 130 marks each, the final placings were: 1 Danbury, 102 marks: 2 Shenfield, 92; 3 Maldon, 76; 4 Waltham Abbey, 67; 5 Saffron Walden, 66; 6 (joint) Sible Hedingham and Kirby-le-Soken, 63 each.

The Master presented the trophy to Mr. J. Roast, the Danbury conductor, and congratulated the winners on an excellent performance. He then expressed the Association's thanks to the Rector for allowing them to come to Little Waltham Church and for conducting the service there, where the worship of God has been carried on for nearly 900 years, to Dr. Magurie, to Mr. Devenish, the local Tower Master and to the ladies who gave their Saturday afternoon to prepare and serve tea. In acknowledging the services of the judges, the Master referred to the attributes necessary to be a competent judge—a knowledge of what good striking, a keen ear, a fine sense of rhythm and the ability to detect a flaw and record it while listening to the ringing as a whole. The judges that day had ably demonstrated their competence and possessed these faculties.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lonsdale 1, A. Faulkner 2, C. Hughes 3, J. Laken 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, D. Hewitt 6. First quarter of Bob Minor 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

FRANK PRICE'S TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

'The bells ring out across the fields
By no means contrary,
The ringers all have come to stay
At Ottery St. Mary.'

TRUE to the old saying 'Flaming June' was Saturday, 8th, when the members of Frank C Price's touring party assembled far from London for a peal of London—at Yatton, Somerset. The greensward outside the church wall and the shape of the trees around provided an ideal picnic spot for the early arrivals. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle and Dicky Price were the first to avail themselves of this, and were soon joined by Cyril and Frances Low, with Tom and Kath Lock. Then what a sight to behold, as a near-vintage Rolls Royce of 1932 arrives, bringing Tom and Margaret Chapman and baby Christopher, also David Forder. Finally John and Marjorie Hill, with Ian and Frank Price, joined the waiting ringers, and the peal of London was successful and well struck, being a welcome to Andrew and Robert, the twin sons of Dennis and Sybil Knox. Dennis had hoped to be one of the party, but fate decreed otherwise.

Left to their own devices, Margaret and Kath took young Christopher in push-chair to the village fete, where they were persuaded to enter Chris for the baby show! In the class for infants aged six months to one year Christopher Chapman was awarded third prize!

Headquarters for the week were 57 miles away at Ottery St. Mary. It was 6.50 p.m. when the last car left Yatton, nevertheless, all were dining in the London Hotel by 8.45 p.m.—the half chicken provided by 'mine host' for each of the party being greatly appreciated. Later, more members of the party arrived—Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Coles.

Saturday morning saw a few at 8.10 a.m. Holy Communion service at Otterv and service ringing was later available for all.

'"They rings 'em well," the farmer says,
They caught I all unwary,
They'm clever chaps who ring they bells
At Ottery St. Mary.'

The fine twelve at Exeter Cathedral were rung for the afternoon service. Here Frank turned in the 72 cwt. tenor to a course of London Surprise Royal—the first time that this particular method has been rung on the bells. Later Norman Mallett obtained permission for a ring at St. Petrock's, with Martin Lock acting as Ringing Master. Evening ringing was at Heavitree, and included a touch of five spliced; finally a musical evening at headquarters.

Monday was again a glorious day, and travelling was short, first stop being St. Paul's, Honiton, where the pleasant ring of eight was singing merrily over the town for about three-quarters of an hour. Some local inhabitants were heard to inquire one of another—Why on a Monday morning? Had they listened to the 8 a.m. news they would have heard that it was the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday—surely good enough reason!

At 11 a.m. the cars moved on to Broadhembury, one of Devon's most beautiful villages. The thatched roofs and white walls of the village street fall gently away down a slight incline from the church to a stone bridge over a stream, whence the road turns away out of sight. A 19 cwt. ring of six, hung anti-clockwise is here, and everyone enjoyed a touch before refreshments in the village 'local.' Suitably refreshed the party moved on to Broadclyst—T. J. L.'s favourite eight. Here is a good circle in a fine tower, housing a musical ring, the 'go' of which is excellent, and Jedburgh Surprise Major was scored; John Chilcott took part, while Eileen joined Kath in baby-minding for the afternoon.

Next day we travelled much farther afield—39 miles to South Molton (24¼ cwt.), and every mile worth it, for again we had a sample of the cream of Devon's bells; more weighty than Broadclyst. Well-struck touches for all were brought round, then photographs were taken outside in the sunshine, after which all were ready for lunch. A lightweight ring was chosen for the afternoon's peal attempt, Quedgeley Surprise Major being scored at Chittlehampton. It was an honour and pleasure to be joined in one touch by the incumbent, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Others not ringing took advantage of the heat wave and went off to Barnstaple and Lynmouth. Back at headquarters in the evening bells and towers were forgotten while the company indulged in a skittles match.

Wednesday meant long journeys again, and it was disappointing that the sky was overcast. However, this did not prevent passengers from enjoying the beautiful scenery of Dartmoor, over which we drove to Tavistock. Another glorious 24 cwt. tenor in the Church of St. Eustachius the Martyr, and the bells were kept going until lunchtime. The church contains much of interest, including a picture presented by Rev. S. Baring Gould, author of the hymn 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' The organ was built to the specification of Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the composer, and he was organist here. The remainder of the day was spent in Plymouth, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Andrew's. We said 'farewell' here to John and Eileen Chilcott, who were proceeding westward into Cornwall for a further holiday, and a pause was made on the homeward journey for a short ring at Plympton St. Mary.

Thursday morning brought sunshine again and a short trip to Cullompton for ringing on the ten—touches of Caters and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal catered for all abilities and tastes. Then on to Tiverton—surely the creamiest cream of Devon's bells. In the afternoon a peal at Clyst Honiton was successful; the zooming and whistling of jet aircraft from nearby Exeter airport failing to disturb those concentrating on Yorkshire Surprise Major. The Rolls, following John Hill, set off for a trip to Beer, and after taking the wrong turning, and at one stage coming back to a point already passed, manœuvred up and down and round the narrowest country lanes through picturesque Branscombe to the seaside. The peal ringers paused en route for home for a pull on the six at Whimple.

Friday was the unlucky day, as the peal of Ospringe Surprise Major came to grief at 'half time.' Prior to this, however, the entire party had gathered in the grounds of Buckfast Abbey, where a warm welcome awaited us all from Father Paulinus. The bells were extremely well rung to Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques, also a short touch of Grandsire Caters. The final call was at Kingsteignton, where touches of Surprise Major and Stedman Triples were rung. Bert Spencer, formerly of Birmingham, joining in. It was good to meet afterwards Bill Simmonds, of Babbacombe, formerly of Hersham, Surrey.

Back at the London, tune ringing and change ringing on handbells took place, other residents being interested onlookers. The local cricket club, holding a dance in a hall above the residents' lounge, heard the unusual music, and sent an envoy down with the request that the ringers go up and give a tune! Frank Price and Tom and Margaret Chapman obliged, with 'The Blue Bells of Scotland' and 'The Bells of St. Mary's.' Then Tom and trumpet augmented the dance band and began with 'St. Louis Blues'—needless to say he was not allowed to leave and trumpeted on till the dance came to an end.

Frank was then thanked for all his hard work in organising the week and presented with plaque of Buckfast Abbey and cigarettes as a token of appreciation from all who took part, and on Saturday morning the party broke up and all made their way home by devious means.

'They rang the Grandsire Trebles
Bob Majors all so clearly,
And had a happy ringing time
At Ottery St. Mary.' K. M. L.

OUTINGS

BARKING (Suffolk) AND DISTRICT

The Leighton Buzzard area was chosen for the annual outing on May 25th. Perfect weather, with the countryside at its best, helped to make a very enjoyable day. Towers visited were Dunstable Priory, Totternhoe, Leighton Buzzard, Tilsworth, Newton Longville and the very fine Norman church at Stewkley. Methods rung included Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and London Minor, with rounds and call changes for beginners. To all incumbents and all who helped to make the day possible, sincere thanks.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

Even the longest day of the year can seem short when one is enjoying a good outing. So report St. Peter's Church band, concerning their outing. Ringing started at Guildford, at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' Churches, while non-ringers went to the Cathedral. A splendid lunch was served at the Prince of Wales. The journey was continued to St. Anne's, Bagshot, and St. Paul's, Wokingham.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, a bit extra was attempted in courses of Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus. Having no rings of 12 in Sussex, it was not surprising to find that for 10 of the 12 in Plain Bob Maximus it was their first ever.

The last call was Haslemere, where ringing had to be curtailed as it coincided with the times of ringing allowed for the Guildford Guild festival. After all had had a ring we beat a hasty retreat on the arrival of a host of ringers in a fleet of cars.

To our organiser, Angela Grainger, congratulations for her excellent arrangements, and to incumbents and ringers who met us our grateful thanks. A. W. B.

DARLINGTON

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, went for their outing into the shoddy country of the West Riding on June 29th—and found nothing shoddy about the bells there.

On the way they called at Wetherby, where the octave at St. James' provided some enjoyable ringing. Next stop was at Ossett, a fine 10 in a tower almost palatial in its proportions. At the gate of the church they were met by one of their number, Miss Janet Warwick, now at college in Manchester, who had travelled through to meet them.

Fortified by a good high tea at Dewsbury, the party went on hopefully to Batley, but found the tower locked and no one to let them in. After studying the remarkable collection of gravestones, which pave the churchyard paths, for about half an hour, arrangements were made for a visit to Liversedge, the 'home tower' of St. Cuthbert's vice-captain, Fred Hodgson.

The octave there is a pleasure to ring, and the party enjoyed it so much that they had no time to stay and have a cup of tea, offered with true West Riding hospitality by the organisers of a dance.

Methods rung—or attempted—included Plain Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, Bristol S.M., Double Norwich and Kent.

E. P.

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Letters to the Editor

'The Superior Attitude'

Dear Sir,—Having been somewhat appalled by some of the recent correspondence about the St. Neots peal of Lincolnshire and various alterations of the front work, which appears to have sprung from prejudice rather than objective truth, the last straw appeared in your leading article of July 12th, on the above subject, upon which I feel constrained to comment.

Ringers who adopt a superior or sneering attitude over those who choose to ring what does not happen to suit their ideas ought to realise there are good reasons for ringing peals of Braunstone, etc., which are not necessarily described by phrases like 'decadent abortions,' 'alphabet collecting,' 'new name for the book,' etc.

Even if the latter motive sometimes comes into it, it is a harmless enough desire, and is in no way intended to deceive, as anyone interested enough to find out what the method concerned involves can give credit or not as he thinks fit, and the rest of the Exercise who do not bother about ringing Surprise peals probably 'couldn't care less' if certain persons decide to try for the 'alphabet.'

One would like to be able to take part in peals of eight spliced with London, Bristol and 'all the work,' etc., but it most parts of the country it is very difficult to muster a band for this sort of thing, and, if one wishes to ring peals, it is necessary to fit in with the general ability of the bands which are available.

If we took to heart the leading article concerned, this would mean ringing endless peals of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, which would prove irksome in time, and kill enthusiasm to ring peals, with their attendant benefits to progress and maintenance of a good ringing standard.

Thus thoughts turn to the various departures from these standard methods, some of which, from recent experience of ringing them, take quite a lot more concentration to ring them properly than required by the parent method. Even if the composition is not improved by the alteration, it often means learning a fresh, relatively unstraightforward composition, which improves the interest for the conductor at least.

Why is doing a triple dodge in 5-6 (Yorkshire) 'o.k.,' and doing Kent places instead (Braunstone) decadent? What special virtue is there in the triple dodge to make it superior? If the place-making makes it slightly harder to ring, ought it not to be given credit for this, instead of being the subject of a sneer? The latter savours too much of the 19th century kind of prejudice which can be observed in the 'old books.' and was merely the opinion of the writers of that time. It is a pity this kind of snobbishness is resurrected from time to time.—Yours truly,

DEREK P. JONES.

16 Superlative Similarities

Dear Sir,—It is herewith announced that on July 13th at Ashover, Derbyshire, a peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Major was duly rung, in which all the methods bear a similarity to Superlative Surprise. It is to be hoped that any deceived persons wishing to write to the 'R.W.' will have read this notice first, because it is regretted that no replies can be made in the particular case of those who do.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Buxton.

Was Heywood Forestalled?

Dear Sir,—In a leading article on the front page of the 'R.W.' (July 12th), Mr. Cyril A. Wratten states: 'When Sir Arthur Heywood introduced the "New" version of Cambridge and the famous Burton band first rang it to a peal in 1887, . . .'

May I quote the following from page 116 of Thackrah's 'The Art of Change Ringing,' 1852:

'Seven of St. Peter's Company, Huddersfield, and myself, rung at their Parish Church, on the 18th of February, 1822, 6,720 changes of Cambridge Surprise, with the tenors together, in 3 h. 51 m. I composed and conducted the peal, and introduced singles when the treble was dodging in three four, to take away the false changes, when liable. The singles made thus:

6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5
6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3
6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5

the changes then in their original state. It will run true to 6,720 with these singles every time the treble is dodging in three four.'

In a letter inserted between the pages of Thackrah's book, now in the C.C. library, dated January 7th, 1928, and addressed to 'My dear Jenkyn,' by Charles D. P. Davies, the above is discussed and the conclusion arrived at that Heywood 'had been forestalled by Thackrah.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

The Universal Church

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read your leading article, 'Faith, Tradition and Bells,' in 'The Ringing World' of July 5th, but would disagree with the some of the writer's conclusions. The faith of the Church of England is now what it has always been from the beginnings of Christianity in this land; the Catholic Faith of the Universal Church. The Anglican Reformers intended no 'change of faith': only a purification of mediæval accretions and a return to the faith and worship of the 'old Catholic Fathers and Bishops.' This is clearly shown by the title page of the Prayer Book: 'The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the Use of the Church of England.' The English Church is but part of a larger whole.

Here at Marhamchurch, on the borders of Cornwall and Devon, one of the bells in the tower is rung at the Consecration of the Eucharist, to signify to the parish that the principal act of Christian worship has reached its climax, and inviting all to join n a moment of quiet recollection and faith. Whenever possible the parish priest, as the Prayer Book requres, says the daily office of Matins and Evensong in church and, again according to the direction of the Prayer Book, 'causes a Bell to be tolled a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him.'

In Wells Cathedral and in many other churches the Angelus is still rung as the daily Memorial of the Incarnation: and in hundreds of parishes, on week days as on Sundays, the bells still fulfil their ancient function as 'means of communication' as in centuries past. Your contributor was too pessimistic!—Yours faithfully,

EVELYN DUNFOLD (Rev.),
Rector of Marhamchurch.

Cornwall.

Woodhouse Ringing Machine

Dear Sir,—The article on the 'Woodhouse Ringing Machine' makes interesting reading and perhaps I may be allowed space to make a few comments, since I was a member of the Sunday evening band at Sedbergh from 1930-36.

During this period it was usual to attempt a quarter peal and, after ringing, it was the practice of the late Edward Pennington and myself, and after 1932 George Braithwaite, to visit Mr. Woodhouse's workshop and observe progress on the machine until it was time for the bus to Kendal. Before 1929 Sedbergh was an isolated village, but in that year buses commenced running from Kendal, and George invited me to join the evening band and we became very firm friends.

George Woodhouse was the younger son of Canon Woodhouse, of St. Andrew's, Manchester. Canon H. J. Elsee, who for many years was the president of the Lancashire Association, was a curate at St. Andrew's in his early days, and taught the Canon's three sons ringing. After a few peals, at least one on handbells in 1887, which was called by George, Dr. H. G. Woodhouse and the Rev. Edmund L. Woodhouse took very little interest in ringing after the turn of the century.

George took his degree at Cambridge in 1897 and immediately accepted an appointment at Sedbergh School, and made his home there. During 1897 Sedbergh bells were installed, and he taught a band to ring and from 1900 until the outbreak of the 1939 War he maintained a band which rang Surprise methods. His No. 1 machine was produced late in 1932, and he demonstrated this machine to Frank Bennett's 1933 touring party, and Canon Elsee mentioned the machine to the members of the Central Council at their meeting at Warwick in 1934. A photograph of George and his machine appears in 'The Ringing World' of August 10th, 1934, page 506.

The notebook, various diagrams of methods rung on the machine and correspondence are in the possession of a well known member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the machine was in my possession until 1956.

Besides his interest in ringing, George was a first class musician and a brilliant rock climber, and there are few climbs if any in Great Britain which he and his brother had not climbed. George was often a visitor at my home at Kendal, and he paid a visit to Bushey in 1937. It has been my privilege to have known George, his brothers and sisters, and I consider myself fortunate to have been closely associated with him.—Yours, etc.,

Braintree, Essex. EDWIN JENNINGS.

Lerwick Will Hear Bells

Dear Sir,—May I thank you and your readers for your kind help in response to my recent inquiry for a recording of Grandsire Triples. I had a number of replies, but no one had the kind of recording I needed, but I am greatly indebted to Mr. F. Hodgson, of Darlington, who offered to help with a tape recording. How surprised I was when the tape arrived and he told me that the ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, had made a special recording of Grandsire Doubles and Triples for our pleasure.

We thank them very much indeed for their kindness and brotherly concern, and we shall remember them when the recording is being relayed at Lerwick. Perhaps one day the members here will feel moved to install a ring of lightweight bells and that a team of bell ringers will be formed for the first time in the history of Shetland.—Yours sincerely,

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LETTERS—Continued

The Democratic Right

Dear Sir,—The correspondence regarding the spliced peal at St. Neots has dragged on and has now reached its zenith by having a leading article on a relevant issue.

However, let me point out, as a bystander, that any band has a democratic right to ring what it likes and a conductor to 'call' what he likes providing he keeps to the rules regarding 'truth.'

The footnote would deceive no one who took the trouble to compare the figures given at the time of publication of the four methods rung for the first time and no doubt the present trend of ringing these methods will be short-lived before reverting to the old faithfuls.—Yours faithfully,

H. DAVID HOLLAND.

Sale, Cheshire.

P.S.—Youth must have its fling.—H. D. H.

1961 Peal False

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the way I arranged the methods in the peal of Minor in eight methods at Toddington, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1961, meant that the peal was false. I did not realise this at the time; I am very sorry to all concerned—Yours etc.,

G. P. DREW.

Cheltenham, Glos.

Opportunity for Elderly

Dear Sir,—When travelling around as a Society, we at times meet silent towers and invariably before we have been there very long an old lame ringer will come along and introduce himself, remarking, 'If I could get up the steeple steps the bells would not be silent.'

Now the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) and the Barnsley and District Society have agreed to a joint meeting at Bradfield (6), with Bolderstone (8) as an extra, on Saturday, August 10th. Both towers have ground floor rings. This part of the county is known as 'The Sheffield Lake District,' and is well a visit, particularly if it is fine and sunny. Both Societies extend a warm welcome to all ringers and friends. Why not add to the happiness by bringing an old or lame ringer with you! —Yours sincerely,

J. W. BUXTON,
Secretary,
Barnsley and District Society.

A Learner's Question

Dear Sir,—I am a learner. Almost every week I nearly lose my temper because one or two people in my tower prompt when they should not do so. How does one cure this trouble without appearing ungrateful or rude? —Yours faithfully,

A LEARNER.

Note.—Perhaps the secretary of the Rabbits' Guild can give some helpful advice or a crumb of consolation to A Learner.—Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY WHIT TOUR

THE University of London Society was on safari in Leicestershire, where an excellent tour, worthy of greater support, was organised by Rev. Peter Blackman, Vicar of two local parishes and an old member of the Society.

Four tired and hungry ringers eventually mustered at the headquarters (Johnscliffe Guest House, Newton Linford) late on Friday evening, having battled through the Whitsun traffic.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and when Ranald had eventually got together all his bell-hunting kit the party made a prompt getaway and arrived at Mountsorrel in good time. Unfortunately an illness near the church prevented ringing.

At Quorn, however, the tour really got under way, when we were joined by Martyn and Christine Hawkes, Geoff and Margaret Pratt and two friends. Good touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung before passing on to Loughborough. We spent an interesting hour at the foundry, where Paul Taylor took us round and explained the technical processes. We all admired a ring of bells cast for Hastings, but our enthusiasm to tap out a touch on another new ring apparently exceeded our ability. However, we redeemed ourselves on the tiny bells in the foundry campanile.

After a magnificent lunch in an Italian restaurant in Loughborough, the party then pressed on to view the War Memorial campanile. A lengthy discussion about the merits of carillons against ringing bells was interrupted abruptly by the sound of equine footsteps descending the spiral rapidly. It transpired that a lady member had parted company with the heel of her shoe and was descending 'quam celerime' to retrieve the same.

At the Parish Church we were joined by Dick and Ann Speed and our Master and his fiancée, and ringing improved on the fine ten, finishing with three leads of Bristol on the back eight. At Sileby we all admired spacious and first class bells. Our illustrious lady member having rung her first touch of Stedman Triples on one heel, then nearly ran down the rest of the party at the wheel of another member's car, but somehow managed to be the last to arrive at Barrow-on-Soar. Our ringing here fortunately coincided with a local wedding, but we found the six somewhat of a handful, although London Minor eventually yielded.

At Belgrave ringing waned somewhat on the good eight as the heat of the day was beginning to take its toll, and a tired but happy company wended its weary way back to Johnscliffe. In the evening our president, Philip Gray, put in an appearance!

On Whit Sunday we rose early to ring at Ratby, one of Peter's churches, for the early service, which we were pleased to attend. After breakfast a car-load of ringers joined the local band at St. John the Divine, Leicester. In the evening we rang in the tiny tower at Groby (Peter's other church) before attending the service. Later we were the guests of Peter and his wife to supper, and a most enjoyable day came to a fitting close, with our president enrapturing everyone with his reminiscences of life in Australia.

On Monday an early start was made for Syston, where ringing was curtailed owing to a service. At Ashby Folville we were joined by Jumbo and his vehicle, well known now to Society members! Ringing on this good eight consisted mainly of long touches of Bob Major for the benefit of those less experienced. A quick rush, headed by Jumbo, to Melton Mowbray, proved too much for Nick's car, with the result that he lost oil pressure and coffee at Melton. We did not do justice to the fine ten, but a touch of Yorkshire on the back eight was quite acceptable.

After lunch at the 'Anne of Cleves,' David Martin's car was seen proceeding with metachronal rhythm towards Whissendine, where one can see the bells swinging from outside the tower; we were told that they were about to be rehung, and they should be an excellent ring when this has been done. At Oakham we found that the church, besides having a grand ring of bells, has a first class organ and organist. Some good ringing was enjoyed here, although an organ recital was a counter-attraction. Everyone quickly found the restaurant for tea except our president, who, having given details instructions as to its whereabouts, claimed that he missed the turning himself!

The last official tower of the tour was Uppingham, where a course of London Major was accomplished.

Thus ended another memorable tour, with sincere thanks to our untiring organiser, Peter Blackman, who, while running two busy parishes, managed to put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to make the tour an overwhelming success.

'MARSIANS.'

ANOTHER LONG LENGTH FOR LONDON UNIVERSITY

With the peal of 10,560 Pudsey Surprise Major on July 6th, London University Society's long lengths now total four. As in the Rutland (10,944) last December, there were again some first peals in the method (6) and a first in the method as conductor. During the peal the ringers were treated to a 'colour show,' when one of the band gradually changed from pink, through white to green and back to pink again. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mary Taylor, of St. Peter's-in-Thanet, Kent.

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TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS

By E. W. PENN

(Continued from page 486)

The ringers had themselves been working, in a very small way, to raise funds and a small amount had been raised by way of the sale of Christmas cards, a rummage sale and a concert, etc. In addition a few donations were received and money received for ringing at weddings was also paid into the fund. However, the total amount was insignificant compared with the amount, which it was estimated would be required.

CANON PUREFOY'S WORK

It is at this point that Canon Brian Purefoy should be mentioned. It can be truthfully said that without him this considerable undertaking would never have been achieved. He is undoubtedly quite a character. He was always rather critical of the Tewkesbury Abbey bells and often remarked that the bells offended him aurally. The ringers were not infrequently discouraged and fears loomed that the bells would go on deteriorating until eventually they would become unringable. Canon Purefoy, however, had other ideas, but he had to put first things first. Through the Friends of the Abbey an appeal had been launched for the preservation of the fabric of the Abbey. Obviously a building of the age of the Abbey costs a tremendous amount each year to maintain apart from major works of restoration, the fight against the death-watch beetle, and cleaning the outside walls. This appeal was successful and the works of restoration were carried out as the appearance of the Abbey, both inside and out, well testifies to the many thousands of people, from home and overseas, who visit the Abbey.

So that job having been fairly accomplished, Canon Purefoy was able to turn his attention to the bells. The first thing was to find out the cost and the second was to get the money. Accordingly, inspections and quotations were invited from the leading bell founders and although at first sight the cost was frightening, nevertheless it was something in the order of what they had been expected.

The Friends of the Abbey had, it was understood, some money available, and although it was felt that the preservation of the bells was part of the preservation of the Abbey, it was thought that this money should only be used as a last resort for work on the bells. It was, therefore, decided to launch a separate appeal. It was apparent that work on the bells was urgently required and consequently it was decided to ask the Friends of the Abbey to underwrite the scheme.

MR. SHARPE'S SUGGESTION

The writer had the privilege of addressing the Council of the Friends of the Abbey on the need for the recasting and rehanging the bells. Eventually, the Council of the Friends agreed to underwrite the scheme and to assist in the special appeal. First of all, however, it was thought that further expert opinion should be obtained. Naturally, this could only be from Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., who has done so much for bells and bell-ringing. He gave the bells, fittings and frame a most careful examination and reported very fully in February, 1961. He confirmed the opinions already expressed regarding the musical and tonal qualities of the bells and also expressed the opinion that little or nothing could be done to improve the tonal qualities of the inferior bells by further tuning.

He made many useful suggestions, the adoption of which was to be of considerable assistance when the scheme was submitted to the Diocesan Council for the necessary faculty. He suggested that the sixth (1725), seventh (1696), eighth (1696) and 11th (1717) bells should be preserved, taken out of the ring and mounted in the tower for use as clock chimes. The quarter chimes of the Abbey clock were already struck upon these four bells and the suggestion had many obvious advantages. In the new ring these four bells were to be replaced. The old bells to be recast would be the fifth (1725), tenth (1696) and the tenor (1837). Of these the most serious loss of old bells would be the tenth, but Mr. Sharpe thought the bell was a bad one and no monument to Abraham Rudhall, who made it in 1696. As two other bells of the same date would be preserved as clock chimes, Mr. Sharpe suggested that the inscription bands of the fifth, tenth and tenor bells be cut out and preserved.

Well, it was this scheme which was largely adopted and after the faculty had been obtained the order was placed with Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

A TREASURE SALE

The question of launching an appeal was discussed, but in the event this proved unnecessary. A very well known Gloucester firm of auctioneers suggested to Canon Purefoy that a treasure sale should be held. One had been held by the auctioneers for Gloucester Cathedral and had proved most successful. The auctioneers stated that they would give their services free of charge. A Treasure Sale Committee was set up, on which the writer was privileged to be a member. Lady Ismay was appointed chairman, and it must be said that she displayed all the military genius of Lord Ismay in organising the campaign.

The idea was that throughout, what might be called 'the area of influence' of the Abbey, and this is, of course, considerable, leading persons should be requested to invite people interested in the Abbey to donate some object of value to be auctioned. The whole thing necessitated a great deal of planning, collecting and cataloguing. A great deal of voluntary effort went into it. The printing of the catalogues was undertaken free of cost by a local printer and the cataloguing was carried out by the auctioneers already referred to.

Eventually, after many meetings and much hard work the treasure sale was held in September, 1962, and the resultant amount more than covered the sum required for the work on the bells.

The bells were removed by Taylors in January, 1962, and returned in February, 1963. The work was delayed a little by more urgent work on the American carillon.

The ringers naturally, wished to make a big occasion of the dedication, but Canon Purefoy, who had done so much to ensure the success of the project, felt that the bells should be rung for service as soon as possible. This was a point upon which there might have been strife, but, after all, we had a new ring of bells. So the bells were dedicated on Friday, April 5th, 1963, by Canon Purefoy, without pomp and ceremony. The ringers had tried them out on the previous Wednesday, when many ringing friends from the surrounding district and countryside had been entertained. All pronounced their satisfaction with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

The weight of the tenor is 27 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb., and the bells are inscribed as follows:

Treble.—John Taylor & Co.+Founders+Loughborough+1933 and 1962+A.M.D.G. IN PIAM MEMORIAM C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A., FEBRUARY 5TH, 1931. 'He being dead yet speaketh.'

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3rd.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, Fecerunt. Recast by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, 1933 and 1962 + AD. MAJOREM DEI. GLORIAM. ET. IN. PIAM. MEMORIAM. ELIZABETHAE. POTTS. MATRIS. DESIDERATISSIMAE. DONO. DICAVERUNT. OSWALDUS. ET. EDITHA. WARDELL-YERBURGH. A.S. MCMXIII.

4th.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, Fecerunt. Recast by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, 1933 and 1962 + AD. MAJOREM DEI. GLORIAM. ET. IN. PIAM. MEMORIAM. FRANCISCI. GULIELMI. GODFREY. MDCCCL — MCMXII. DONO. DICAVERUNT. FRANCISCUS. ET. CONSTANTIA. GODFREY.

5th.—IOS. PEACH & WM: HATHERWAY CH: WARDENS A R 1743. Taylor Shield. Recast 1962.

6th.—JOHN TAYLOR & CO.+FOUNDERS+LOUGHBOROUGH+1962+

7th.—JOHN TAYLOR & CO.+FOUNDERS+LOUGHBOROUGH+1962+

8th.—JOHN TAYLOR & CO.+FOUNDERS+LOUGHBOROUGH+1962+

9th.—CAST AT GLOUCESTER BY T. MEARS, 1837. RECAST 1914. Recast by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, 1962.

10th.—PEACE : & : GOOD : NEIGHBOURHOOD. AMEN. 1696. Taylor Shield. Recast 1962.

11th.—JOHN TAYLOR & CO.+FOUNDERS+LOUGHBOROUGH+1962+

Tenor.—REVD. CHAS. WHITE, VICAR. HENRY BRIDGES AND HUGH MARTIN, CHURCHWARDENS, 1837. T. MEARS FECT. Taylor Shield. Recast 1962. BRIAN PUREFOY, VICAR. REGINALD HOWELL, WILLIAM EDWIN BADGER, CHURCHWARDENS.

One interesting outcome of the rehanging of the bells was an invitation by a representative of the Guinness Firm to drink Guinness with him. The invitation arose because one of the activities by which money had been raised was an ox-roast, organised by the British Legion Club, and at which Messrs. Guinness had given away free drinks. The representative, Mr. Warrey, displaying his usual initiative, felt that the ringers might need a little strength to ring the new bells. Obviously the ringers were not slow to seize this opportunity and to invite a few ringing friends. As a result about fifty ringers were in the tower for ringing and afterwards spent a very convivial and pleasant evening at the Royal Hop Pole Hotel, where Mr. Pickwick once dined.

The ringers practise every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. and ring every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and all visitors are very welcome. It is a matter of great regret to the writer, who is also tower captain, that soon he has to leave Tewkesbury to live elsewhere, but 'the history of the world is the record of a man in quest of his daily bread and butter.'

(Concluded)

EAST YORKSHIRE VETERANS MEET

Members of 'the old brigade' of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association were entertained at Eastrington for the seventh consecutive year by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, whose ability as a hostess is well known in the District.

Although the number of members with fifty or more years' membership of the Yorkshire Association has diminished since the gatherings were begun, those that were unable to attend through other meetings or perhaps have passed on were remembered by name during a short service, conducted by the lay reader, Mr. Jolley, in the absence of the Vicar.

Taking part in ringing, which ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, were Messrs H. Rodmell and T. Goodin (Sutton), L. Rodmell (Patrington) and Mitchell (Eastrington), all of whom are in the octogenarian class. Younger members of the Association were present from Carlton, Goole and Sutton to help with ringing and eating an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Taylor and her willing band of helpers. Our thanks are due to her kind thoughts for the older generation in organising the event. R. D.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and prize contest was held at Penistone on July 6th. Four teams entered to ring 600 changes test piece standard calling, judged by Mr. Hilton Sykes, with Mr. Raymond Crossland as marker. The winners were: 1 Friezland, 17 faults; 2 Silkstone, 18; 3 Meltham, 28; 4 Shelley, 49.

The meeting decided not to accept any form of amalgamation which might be put to them in the future. Officers were re-elected for the year 1963/64.

Mr. Burgess moved the vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local band. Mr. Stainrod thanked the judges for a very fine result, as the ringing was of the usual high standard.

MR. F. W. HAULEY

Just two months short of his 98th birthday, Mr. F. W. Hauley died at Whitnash, Leamington Spa, on July 7th. He had the amazing record of being an active ringer for 87 years, as when he was 96 he raised and lowered in peal (treble) and rang some 500 changes in between. He rounded this off, writes P. A. O. in an appreciation, by ringing the five minutes bell and then singing in the choir.

He learned to ring at Wavendon, Bucks, his home town, when he was a boy of 10. He moved to Leamington Spa in 1887, when the bells of All Saints' were housed in a wooden tower. In 1919 he joined St. Margaret's, Whitnash, and for a long period was tower captain.

He was a perfectionist in striking in the methods he knew and has left behind a number of teaching charts, particularly one demonstrating the rise and fall of bells in peals. The hospitality to Guild meetings at St. Margaret's was greatly due to his ready welcome, and on one such visit Mr. E. C. Shepherd wrote a front page article for the 'R.W.' entitled 'A village occasion.'

All Saints' and St. Margaret's ringers attended the funeral service and rang the bells muffled as a tribute to this 'Grandsire' of the ringing world.

MR. R. C. HOPSON

The death occurred at Ripley Hospital, Derby, on July 6th, of Mr. R. C. Hopson. 'Roly' had been a ringer for many years and since November last was tower leader at All Saints', Ripley.

On the evening of the funeral a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles was rung by his former colleagues, viz.: Dorothy Blant 1, Margaret J. Allen 2, Jean M. Hunt 3, Patrick W. Sewry 4, Veronica J. Walters (first as cond.) 5, Vivienne Cheetham (first quarter) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. WILSON DOBBS

The Church of St. Helen, Selston, has lost a faithful servant with the passing of Mr. Wilson Dobbs on June 30th.

Only eight days before Mr. Dobbs was present at a meeting of the East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, in his own tower, which was just five days before his 88th birthday.

Known as Selston's 'Grand Old Man of Ringing,' Mr. Dobbs joined the old East Derbyshire Association on April 16th, 1906, at South Wingfield. He was president of the Association from 1930-38 inclusive, and a regular ringer at Selston for over 60 years.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he was very proud of a 5,040 of Minor (3 extents Kent T.B., 2 of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob) rung at Selston on May 6th, 1911. He was very regular in attendance at meetings and for Sunday service, although in recent years an old aggravating injury and old age prevented him from climbing the tower steps.

May he long be remembered in the tower he loved.

Before the funeral service on July 3rd at Selston, 360 Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by G. Noon 1, A. L. Rawson 2, J. Price 3, W. Swain 4, F. Ball 5, W. Riley 6, and afterwards Grandsire and Plain Bob by A. L. Rawson, J. Price, W. Swain, W. Riley and B. A. Richards.

On Wednesday, July 10th, a peal of 5,040 Minor was rung half-muffled to his respected memory by A. Smithson 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, W. Riley 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6.

M. J. K.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wilce 1, Joy Smith (cond.) 2, L. Smith 3, K. Tyler 4, How. Meak 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Olivia Dunkley, aged 89.

MR. FRED SHEPHEARD

By the death of Mr. Fred Shepheard, Melton Mowbray has lost another faithful and regular service ringer. He died at the home of his son at Northowram, near Halifax, on July 8th, aged 72 years.

Born at Marham, Norfolk, he came to live in Melton in 1912 and started ringing at St. Mary's, under the guidance of the late Mr. R. H. Bartram. He was very regular at practice and Sunday service ringing, and was a member of the Framland Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

To his memory 1,260 Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled at Melton Mowbray Parish Church, on July 11th, by the following ringers of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild: M. Ponting 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, H. Clayton 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. E. Manton 6, J. L. Day 7, F. J. Stimson 8, R. H. Cook (cond.) 9, A. J. Stimson 10.

J. H. C.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY

The 340th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held on June 29th. The local band opened at 11 a.m., and soon after a party of 29 arrived from the South-Western District of the Essex Association. After a nice touch of Stedman Cinques the usual service was held in the church, the sermon being preached by the Vicar, Canon M. R. Sinker. More Stedman Cinques followed the service, and then all adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a cold lunch was served by local ladies.

In the afternoon the bells were kept going in methods on eight, 10 and 12 bells, including a good course of Cambridge Royal and rounds and call changes on 12 for learners.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall, once again provided by the ladies. Many visitors arrived during the day. After tea the bells were kept going till 8 p.m. All agreed it had been a good day, with good striking throughout.

L. P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Because the sound of the bells would have effectively drowned anything that was being said at the reception, the quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Blewbury, Berks, on July 13th, for the wedding of the Vicar's daughter, was rung before the service. A short touch of Grandsire after the ceremony was brought to an untimely end when the tenor clapper broke. Will Graham Grant's Somerset friends please note that we have Graham's authority for quoting this as his first quarter of Stedman.

The quarter peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Stogumber, Somerset, on July 2nd is believed to be the first long touch in the method on the bells.

'The Belfry News,' the newspaper of the Derbyshire bellringers for June, has a topical article entitled 'Music or Rubbish,' describing the musical qualities of London Surprise, written by D. J. Marshall. A useful article comes from the pen of G. A. Halls, dealing with steeplekeeper work. Too much attention cannot be given to this subject.

Mr. David Friend, of Nottingham University, has obtained his degree and this will mean that his appointment at Rolls Royce, Derby, is confirmed. We understand that a peal is to be arranged by all Rolls Royce ringers, to welcome him. Another success at Nottingham University is Miss Deborah Hopkins, who has obtained her degree in pharmacy.

Preaching at Leeds Parish Church on Sunday, July 14th, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, mentioned that he had that morning once more climbed the familiar 69 steps to the belfry, and told his listeners how he had read in the belfry records how similarly one hundred years ago another former Vicar of Leeds—Dean Hook of Chichester—returning to Leeds to preach at the opening of St. Peter's, Bramley, was invited to preach, also at Leeds, as he was doing, on the occasion of the centenary. During his incumbency at Leeds, Dr. Reeve was a regular visitor to the belfry, and took great interest in the bells, and if fewer than ten bells were ringing he would want to know the reason.

To attend the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Ipswich on July 6th, Mrs. Parfrey, of Bath, left home at 4 a.m., with her husband and three children. They brought a tent with them so that they could camp on the Saturday night and travel home the following day. Her enthusiasm is to be commended.

An attempt for a quarter peal of Lincoln Surprise Minor was lost on the parish gift day at Sapcote, Leics, when the conductor missed the last bob. The sum of £150 was raised, and it seems as if Sapcote people put all their bobs in! £1,000 is needed for the repair of the tower.

Miss Thelma Staples, who rang a peal of Minor at Selston on July 10th, was the third generation of her family to ring a peal for the East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association.

After ringing a peal for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott, Staffs. parents of Mr. William Perkins, the local tower captain, the band, whose conductor was Mr. Barnabas G. Key, were hospitably entertained by the 'happy couple.'

A treble bell is to be added to the five at Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bell is the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, of Paignton, who was formerly a school teacher at Napton. Although 88, she is looking forward to making the 200 mile journey to be present at the dedication in August, by the Archdeacon of Warwick.

Clement W. Jose, the popular captain of the St Kea band, has now rung each bell in his home tower to a peal. Clem, like others of this stalwart type, has certainly put in many more hours teaching in his own and neighbouring towers than he has enjoying peal ringing. This achievement was well deserved. The same peal was the first for Margaret Gollop, aged 15, of Carbis Bay. The conductor (the Rev. A. S. Roberts) had baptised her at five weeks old and more recently prepared her for Confirmation. This must be a rare sequence.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*Jeanne Bottomley	*Treble*	*Vernon Bottomley	6
*Peter A. Kirkby	2	*Harold B. Schofield	7
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Gordon Benfield	8
*Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
*S. Barry Schofield	5	*Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 2).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Christopher W. Woolley	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	6
Robin A. Hodgson	2	Roger Baldwin	7
Robert E. Hardy	3	Richard G. Bell	8
*Raymond G. Smith	4	*Anthony R. Mann	9
E. Keith Jordan	5	Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding at this church earlier in the day of Miss Ann Landon to Mr. Anthony J. Hickson, a member of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*Paul Bland	*Treble*	Gary Wignal	5
John T. Parsons	2	John Pilkington	6
Fred Longworth	3	Brian A. Tomlinson	7
†Geoffrey Haworth	4	M. John Halliwell	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian A. Tomlinson.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Tomlinson.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Edward W. Colley	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	6
Susan Funnell	3	Charles A. S. Webb	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*Iris Lemare	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Frederick R. Scott	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
George E. Fearn	4	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5088 GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Roger J. Tingley	*Treble*	Peter S. Bennett	5
Susan Funnell	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Charles A. S. Webb	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 1).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal. First in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Memorial Tower of the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

George J. Butcher	*Treble*	Martin L. Howe	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett (C.C.C. 7).
Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

David Staples	*Treble*	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Edward W. Colley	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	Brian S. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Miss A. M. Rawson and Mr. J. J. V. Cooling.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Eric C. Wadman	*Treble*	Marcus P. Barton	5
Marilyn M. Barton	2	Antony W. T. Cleaver	6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Ronald G. Beck	7
George W. Massey	4	*Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

* 150th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Lambert's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Hazel J. Everett	*Treble*	Derek B. Williams	5
Reginald G. Powell	2	John Clements	6
†Michael V. Powell	3	‡Roger W. Powell	7
James E. Wightman	4	Colin Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin Smith.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ 25th peal.

A birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Edge, of Much Wenlock.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Victor H. Nash	*Treble*	James Draycott	5
Jennifer M. Cook	2	David J. Allen	6
Keith F. Gardner	3	George P. Hammond	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Ian C. Maycock	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,920 Rutland, 1,600 Yorkshire and 1,600 Cambridge; with 64 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. Robin J. Dyke	*Treble*	*Edward R. Venn	5
Michael Hatchett	2	David P. Hilling	6
*Jennifer Sceeny	3	George W. Holland	7
William Birmingham	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

Rung on the Feast of St. Peter.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

J. Martin Thorley	*Treble*	J. Neville Parkin	5
James Thorley	2	*John Potts	6
*Alan Sheppard	3	*Kenneth B. Sissons	7
Frances Fairbank	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Vanessa Rodrigues	Treble	John Eisel	5
†Rosamund Rawlings	2	*Gerald Reynolds	6
Judith Geiringer	3	Ken Newman	7
Susan Rawlings	4	Alan Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan Bagworth.
* First peal of Major. †First 'inside' of Major. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Susan Rawlings and Ken Newman.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 99 lb.

*Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Ronald M. Edwards	5
John F. Barlow	2	Derek A. Ashton	6
Derek J. Marshall	3	Derek Taylor	7
*Peter J. Malloch	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5024 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 51 lb.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
John F. Barlow	2	Eric J. F. Wall	6
Derek A. Ashton	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Peter J. Malloch	4	Geoffrey Davies	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the seventh.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Alan R. Millidge	6
Charles W. Ottley	3	David C. Brookes	7
Michael J. Bangham	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* 950th peal.
Rung to celebrate the Coronation of Pope Paul VI.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods: 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook	Treble	Fred Jackson	5
John E. Bibby	2	Walter Allman	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Denis Maddock	7
*Kenneth Hesketh	4	Francis Bibby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Vernon Green	3	Robin A. Hodgson	7
*Peter F. Windley	4	*Anthony R. Mann	Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood	Treble	†Anthony Laughton	5
*David Kingman	2	Ronald H. Bullen	6
George H. Paulson	3	Geoffrey N. Goodall	7
Burley P. Morris	4	Leonard Goodall	Tenor

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by Geoffrey N. Goodall.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Watch Tower,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Frederick Ross	Treble	Alan R. Patterson	5
John E. Anderson	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Nicholas I. Wright	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
George S. Deas	4	Bryan Pattison	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

David K. Putnam	Treble	*John W. Coleman	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
*David S. Osenton	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (C.C.C. No. 9).
Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

D. Walford Davies	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	5
Alfred Hannington	2	*William T. Petty	6
Trevor M. Roderick	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Ellis N. Thomas	4	Lewis Groom	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* 75th peal for the Association.
Rung to the memory of the Rev. Ewart Lewis, Vicar of this parish, and Robert E. Coles, a much-respected member of this tower.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Brian H. Coatsworth	Treble	†Carole L. Andrews	5
†Gerda Baresel	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
*Alan R. Millidge	3	*David C. Brookes	7
‡Michael J. Bangham	4	‡William J. Munton	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard (Ten-Part).
Conducted by David C. Brookes.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Sue Rawlings, of Wimbledon, and Ken Newman, of Worplesdon, married this day at Wimbledon.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Anthony E. Stamp	5
†Jeffrey J. Fox	2	Jeffrey P. Cooper	6
‡William Dixon	3	John Weaver	7
Allan Wear	4	Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 25th peal. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th for the Association.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

William B. Cartwright	Treble	Clifford Skidmore	5
Sidney T. Holt	2	H. James Turner	6
John Pinfold	3	John N. Lindon	7
*Dr. Alexander M. Smith	4	Roger Tingley	Tenor

Conducted by William B. Cartwright.
* First peal. First peal on these bells since they were removed from Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and installed in St. Peter's, Harborne.
Rung in memory of Miss Johanna Julia Hawkins, sister of Capt. F. H. Hawkins, who was for many years a ringer at this church before he went to live in New Zealand at the beginning of this year. Miss Hawkins died on December 17th, 1961.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Henry C. Weaver	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Herbert W. Woolven	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Martin L. Howe	7
W. Arthur Riddington	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Being 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob; with 48 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*†Mary R. Bloxam	*Treble*	Shelagh R. Collins	5
*Ian W. Hall	2	*Anthony D. Sansom	6
*Peter M. Fleckney	3	*Michael J. Staley	7
*Sheila J. Staley	4	Murray A. Coleman	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Spliced. † First of Major.
Rung for the engagement of Mary R. Bloxam and Murray A. Coleman; also with best wishes from the band to Wendy Hollowell and Raymond H. Daw, of Peterborough, on their engagement.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Margaret E. Gollop	*Treble*	†Geoffrey W. Taysom	5
Clement W. Jose	2	Anthony J. Davidson	6
Douglas Burnett	3	†Rev. A. S. Roberts	7
Anthony Locke	4	‡John Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
* First peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First on eight.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*John A. Collier	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
†D. Paul Treble	2	G. Kenneth Williamson	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Peter J. Joyce	7
Dudley P. Elsmore	4	Tom Page	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Rawlings, of Wimbledon, and Kenneth Newman, of Worplesdon, who were married this day at Wimbledon.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

David Vincent	*Treble*	Bernard Moss	5
*Valerie E. Watts	2	John Ashcroft	6
†Margaret E. Fort	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Thomas W. Smith	4	*William Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.'
A compliment to the ringer of the second, formerly tower captain, on leaving the district.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*George S. Deas	*Treble*	Robin G. Turner	5
John E. Anderson	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
Charles N. Lea	3	Frederick Ross	7
Michael Maughan	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 200th peal for the Association.

STOKE CLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

H. Frederick Myers	*Treble*	William G. Lavers	5
*Margaret A. Bould	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Yvonne C. Porter	3	Thomas G. Myers	7
†Robert A. Southwood	4	Walter H. Marks	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal. First on eight as conductor. First of Triples on the recast bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 HESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
J. Richard Castledine	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 158).

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

David Nichols	*Treble*	*Stuart Armeson	5
*Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	*Neil Donovan	6
*Mrs. M. Burns	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
Richard E. Price	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 IVINGHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Hubert H. Furminger	*Treble*	George J. Butcher	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	*Ian H. Oram	6
*Trevor A. Cross	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Martin L. Howe	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

William Birmingham	*Treble*	‡E. Russell Gotham	5
*Jennifer Sceeny	2	§Michael Hatchett	6
Gordon W. Limmer	3	*David P. Hilling	7
†George Coussins	4	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Howard Oglesby.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method 'inside' ‡ First of Major in the method. § 100th peal. 50th peal for the Guild by the ringer of the seventh. First of Major in the method as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*Gregory Earles	*Treble*	Barry Corbishley	5
Denis Heapy	2	Peter T. Dale	6
Harold Dowler	3	Roy Worrall	7
†Peter W. Horn	4	Ivor R. Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Major in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dorothy Booth and Philip Mason.

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MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
*DAVID S. OSENTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Barnsley and District Society.)
On Fri., June 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*BARBARA E. M. FOX	*Treble*	*JEFFREY J. FOX	3
*JANICE M. SMITH	2	*FRANK MITCHELL	4
JOHN WEAVER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JEFFREY J. FOX.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung for the birthdays of the ringer of the treble and the conductor.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

MARTIN MAJOR	*Treble*	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	4
*DAVID G. CARR	2	MICHAEL D. TRIGG	5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER	3	ANTHONY H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY H. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals, and is the first to do so.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

PHILIP M. EDGSON	*Treble*	CAROL URRY	4
*LINDA M. NICHOLLS	2	PETER T. FISHER	5
†LESLIE A. WHEWALL	3	AUBREY G. EVELEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by AUBREY G. EVELEIGH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung for the dedication of the extensions to the church; also for the Rector's appointment as Rural Dean of Rugby.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 240's and ten extents, all differently called. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 lb.

*ROSEMARIE J. WALTON (13)	*Treble*	DAVID M. HUGHES (23)	4
*LESLEY J. READ (13)	2	BRIAN R. WALTON (15)	5
†SUSAN J. ELLENOR (16)	3	*PATRICIA C. SMITH (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. WALTON.

* First peal attempt. † First on an 'inside' bell. First peal by a Liss Sunday service band (average age 16 years).
Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being four extents each of St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Simon, six of Grandsire, four each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

ALAN A. PAUL	*Treble*	ROGER W. SMITH	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER	5
GRAHAM C. PAUL	3	†BERNARD DALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

* First peal in ten methods. † First peal attempt.
Rung in memoriam Harry Daffin, of Weldon, late of Staveley, Derbyshire.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD CROOT	*Treble*	WALTER MAWBY	4
ARTHUR ARMSTRONG	2	†OWEN WARREN	5
†DAVID TAYLOR	3	MAURICE COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE COOK.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First on the bells since being augmented to six.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SUTTON VENY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JONATHAN H. NIBBS	*Treble*	*NORMAN G. N. KNEE	4
*DAVID L. NIBBS	2	†ERIC J. HITCHINS	5
*KINGSLEY C. JONES	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Surprise. † Completes the Cambridge family. First of Surprise as conductor.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 WALSINGHAM DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, three variations. Tenor 9 cwt. in A minor.

GLADYS A. ASHBY	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	3
PERCY AMOS	2	BRIAN C. LAW	4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

First peal in the method.
Rung on and for the Patronal Festival; also a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. John Smith.

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

F. W. PERRENS	*Treble*	E. HOLDSWORTH	4
E. GOWER	2	D. ALLEN	5
H. G. SUMMERS	3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Rung to commemorate the rehanging and tuning of the original five, and the addition of a treble bell as a memorial to the late Mrs. J. Croyden Budge, wife of the donor, Dr. Croyden Budge.

NEWTON VALENCE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	EDWARD D. ELDERKIN	3
*RICHARD L. TAYLER	2	MALCOLM M. POWELL	4
HUGH N. EVANS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

* First peal. First in two Doubles methods by all the band, and for the Guild.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

WALTER TOMLINSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	*W. STANLEY SMITH	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise.
A compliment to Mr. John Robinson and Miss Ann Kelley, whose wedding preceded the peal.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*MICHAEL E. HAYTON	*Treble*	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	4
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
GWILYM SALMON	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5080 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	J. KEITH SWINGEWOOD	4
ALAN D. STEELE	2	IAN FRIEND	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	ARTHUR W. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott, parents of Mr. Wm. Perkins, the local tower captain.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER G. PITT	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD	2	FRANK G. OLIVER	5
NEIL V. AVIS	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three 720's of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	4
*MARION C. PETTS	2	C. MARTIN FOSTER	5
SUSAN E. WILLIAMS	3	†JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First 'inside' in more than one method.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	4
ELSIE K. HART	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
JAMES LINNELL	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
DENIS WOODS	2	DEREK J. JONES	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	ROGER D. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise. (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise. (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Double Court Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER ARNOLD	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4
NEIL V. AVIS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

ANTHONY E. CLAYTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4
PAUL CATTERMOLE	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

BARNBY DUN, YORKSHIRE (W.R.).
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD F. LUNN	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	4
RUSSELL STEPHENSON	2	JOHN UNDERWOOD	5
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung as compliments to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Staveley for their silver wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lunn for their tenth wedding anniversary.

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

MURRAY A. COLEMAN	*Treble*	†FRANK E. COALES	4
SHEILA STALEY	2	*ANTONY D. SANSON	5
*ROY H. JONES	3	PETER M. FLECKNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER M. FLECKNEY.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR S. SMITHSON	*Treble*	WILFRID RILEY	4
*THELMA E. STAPLES	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
MARTIN J. KIRK	3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Wilson Dobbs, great uncle of the third ringer, past president of the Association, and ringer at Selston for 60 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT 9, NETHERFIELDS CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	1—2	LEONARD GOODALL	5—6
IAN M. HOLLAND	3—4	*EILEEN J. OSBORNE	7—8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* First handbell peal. First of Major 'in hand' by all.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	1—2	NEIL BENNETT	5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7—8
		GEOFFREY DAVIES	9—10

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal on ten handbells. First of Kent T.B. Royal 'in hand' for all the band.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE FLAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL HATCHETT	1—2	FRANK C. PRICE	3—4
		GILES B. THOMPSON	5—6

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

Rung for the Feast of St. Irenæus, Bishop and Martyr.

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THOMPSON.—To Kevon and Mary (nee Carpenter), of Barrow-on-Soar, Leics, a daughter, Frances Jane, on July 16th, 1963. 2906

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—Blanche, widow of the late George Harry, and devoted mother of Tom, Will, Arminel and Fred, who passed away July 24th, 1961. Affectionately remembered by all the family. 2905

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PERSONAL

'If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother has aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.' (St. Matthew v. 23 and 24.)

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN ringers wish to thank their ringing friends for the support given to their Ringing Sunday, on July 14th, especially the 'long distance' ones who attended: the effort made by all is appreciated. 2892

THE ringers and friends of the Clifford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild send warm greetings and best wishes for their future happiness to their Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Hope, and Miss M. J. Stephens, who are to be married at Eardisley Parish Church on July 27th, 1963. 2891

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Alderton (6), Friday July 26th, 7.30 p.m. —E. M. Bliss. 2899

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Camel, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Queen Camel bells after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 2862

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Alderley (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2687

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Heath on July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please look up Reverse Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and St. Martin's (see Diary!).—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 2882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 2858

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Erin Triples.—Miss Hague. 2860

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), July 27th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea—you are invited to take own refreshments in the Rectory garden.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 2829

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cranfield on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) from 5 to 9 p.m.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2910

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, at Stretham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2911

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. 2912

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting on August 3rd at Blaby. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Social Centre 5 p.m. Names for tea to B. C. Law, 19, James Street, Blaby, by July 31st. Strictly **no name no tea.**—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 2902

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, August 3rd. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2904

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Hilmarton (6), August 3rd. Numbers for tea, please, by previous Tuesday. —Rev. Robinson, Vicarage, Hilmarton, Calne. 2903

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, August 3rd, Corsley. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2893

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, Slaugham (8), 3.30-5, and Lower Beeding (8), 6-8 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 2898

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager. 2909

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern Dis.) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surre. 2876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

ALBERT WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

Official sanction has now been granted for the erection of the Memorial Peal Tablet in the ringing room at St. Martin's, to the late Albert Walker. The cost will be in the region of £100. Any of Albert's friends who would like to contribute are invited to send a subscription to the honorary secretary:—G. E. FEARN, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 2896

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, August 10th, at Hodnet. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 7th. No names no teas.—R. E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton. 2908

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5.30 at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke). Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.) Tickets £1 1s. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsworth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2897

OUTINGS

GNOSALL, STAFFS

On July 6th ringers and friends from Gnosall and Brewood spent the day in the Cotswolds. The three towers before lunch were Bidford-on-Avon, Badsey and Chipping Campden, where our 'Tenor King' forgot his own strength and pulled a rope in half! After lunch ringing was enjoyed at Blockley, Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water, where tea was had.

The long journey from Bourton to Pershore was broken by some tune ringing on handbells by the Brewood band. When people had managed to regain their nerves, some of the best of the day's ringing was had on the fine eight at Pershore Abbey. The services of Mr. B. G. Key in making the arrangements were much appreciated. I. F.

LECKHAMPTON

Leckhampton ringers, with friends and relations, held their annual outing on May 25th. Towers visited were Bourton-on-the-Water, Chipping Norton, Burford, Fairford and Watermoor—rather energetic for a half-day outing.

The day will long be remembered, not only for the pleasure of the bells, the beauty of the countryside and the excellence of the tea, but also, this very day, the birth of a son and heir to one of them band! We greatly hope that Michael will follow in the footsteps of his father, Alan Pendlebury, and become a dexterous ringer.

FARNHAM DISTRICT

Thirty-six ringers and friends, representing eight towers, took part in the District's outing through the New Forest. The bells at the first tower, Twyford, were classified as 'tricky,' but Surprise Major was rung. Lyndhurst proved to be another buoyant eight. The afternoon was spent at Milford-on-Sea.

On the way home the heavy eight at Romsey Abbey were appreciated, and ringing concluded with a well-rung course of Bristol. Ropley was the final tower, and here the company had a great surprise, when they discovered that the coach driver was an ex-ringer, who had not touched a rope for 15 years. Thanks are accorded to incumbents and local ringers.

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DATE TOUCH

OXFORD.—On July 2nd, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,963 Doubles (four methods): L. Maund 1, Janet Woodman 2, Marilyn F. Bird 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5, G. Belcher 6. First date touch for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gayle V. Ryan 1, Judith P. Winterbottom 2, A. J. Helliwell 3, J. Parker (cond.) 4, E. Wall 5, R. Armstrong (first quarter) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Gayle Ryan.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Mary Macve 1, Carol Cousins (first 'inside') 2, P. J. Milton 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Jennifer Warby (first in two methods) 1, D. Lewsey (first in two methods 'inside') 2, A. M. Macve (cond.) 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, P. J. Milton 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Rawlings and Kent Newman, married at Wimbledon on July 6th.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela French (12) 1, Freda Prime 2, F. Paramore 3, G. Grenter 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, K. Cavill 6. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Graves, of Ashcott.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia A. Drew 1, A. S. Harrison 2, Christine M. Hadfield 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, M. M. Powell 5, A. J. Tumber 6, H. N. Evans (cond.) 7, M. Morris 8. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, G. C. Grant (first of Stedman) 3, F. E. Godden 4, C. J. Garlick 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. Rung immediately preceding the wedding fo Miss Wendy Siderfin (daughter of the Vicar) and Mr. Peter Blackmore, of Banwell, Somerset.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Gosling 1, G. Lister 2, S. Gibson 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, D. Young 5, J. Blackwood 6, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 7, A. L. Pearson 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Kathleen North, a regular Sunday service ringer at this church, on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. Alan Horne on June 29th.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. O. Skelton 1, A. J. Lucas (first 'inside') 2, Miss Y. L. Eloie 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. C. Alexander 6.

CALSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pocock (first quarter) 1, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 2, Rev. G. Runming 3, D. Garvie 4, H. Hicks 5, A. Sandy 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, D. J. Meadows 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, J. F. Payne 4, R. Cooper 5, R. W. Meadows (first quarter) 6. For morning service.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 7th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: R. Cockburn (first quarter) 1, R. Long 2, T. Lewis 3, P. Long 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5. First in the method 2, 3, 4, 5. Rung for Evensong.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. J. Talbot 1, J. Euston 2, M. Jennings 3, G. Jennings 4, K. Game 5, S. Arnold 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, A. Shelton 8.

EDENHAM, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,568 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Walpole (first quarter) 1, W. Marsh (first of Major) 2, A. E. Scott 3, J. M. Roffe 4, W. A. Holmes 5, C. Black (first of Major) 6, D. Stainsby 7, D. R. Baxter (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Edenham.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGTON.—At the Abbey, on June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. McDonald (cond.) 1, P. Walters 2, P. McEvilly 3, J. Conduct 4, J. Insley 5, P. Morton 6, A. Ager 7, R. Wilkins 8. Rung for the coronation of Pope Paul VI.

EVENLEY, NORTHANTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, R. Somerton (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Neal 1, Rev. A. F. Godley (first quarter) 2, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. F. Godley 4, H. C. R. Vine 5, K. Knight 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Phillips (first quarter) 1, P. Ann Freeman 2, R. J. Shea 4, H. Fielden 4, W. S. Starkie 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Liverpool University Society.

QUARTER PEALS

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, Mrs. Siddebotton 2, Mrs. M. Mann 3, C. M. Payne 4, Miss K. Rivett 5, F. W. Rivett 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Everest, the oldest ringer of Felmersham.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the bottom six): R. Rainford 1, J. Metcalfe 2, J. E. Burles 3, F. H. Crawley 4, W. Bolton 5, P. Crook 6. All from different parts of Lancashire, after meeting short for Triples.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Alison Mann 1, A. R. Millidge 2, H. Appleton 3, B. C. Mann 4, Margaret Fort 5, M. J. Bangham 6, J. F. M. Maybrey 7, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alison Mann.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Phillips (first of Doubles) 1, P. Ann Freeman 2, M. Pilgrim 3, C. K. Cooper ((cond.) 4, R. S. Starkie 5, R. J. Shea 6. Rung by members of the Liverpool University Society.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, K. P. Gilliver 2, L. Woodburn 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, I. S. Merry (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—On July 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. K. Twaite (first quarter) 1, M. Rains (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Vellam 3, K. Davey 4, P. Sanders 5, R. Sanders 6, R. Bailey (comp. and cond.) 7, C. McCall 8. For morning service by the Sunday service band.

IVER, BUCKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Rowlands 1, R. J. Foster (first of Minor) 2, H. Oglesby 3, G. Riglar 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev. H. I. L. Russell, curate and a good friend of the ringers, who is leaving for St. Luke's, Fulwood, Sheffield.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Toms 1, Miss G. Graney 2, B. M. Barker 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper (cond.) 5, R. Longhurst 6. For Evensong. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss D. R. Cox 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, P. W. Harper 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On June 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. R. Millhouse (cond.) 1, Joyce M. Gurnhill 2, G. Paul 3, S. A. Chambers 4, L. Willders 5, W. Tomlinson 6, G. H. Randles 7, J. Walden 8, J. Freeman 9, J. Edwards 10.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hinton 1, A. Hinton 2, C. E. Truman 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, R. Hinton 6. Rung for the christening of Richard Mark Hinton, also a farewell to the Rev. T. P. Hamerton.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Pinney 1, J. T. Locke 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. C. Best 4, S. A. Turner (cond., 25th quarter) 5, Dr. L. E. Wear 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. N. Bathgate and the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. For Sung Eucharist.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Payton 1, I. Weatherley 2, C. G. Johnstone 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. D. Fuller 6.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Goodman 1, Barbara M. Payne 2, Maureen P. Stammers 3, R. Duesbury (cond.) 4, D. Cubitt 5, C. Goodman 6. To welcome Josephine Margaret, born to Mr. and Mrs R. Duesbury.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Kent (first in method) 1, D. Jones 2, J. Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, E. Garner 6, J. Ellison (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For the Sunday school anniversary.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On June 27th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Carole P. L. Cooke (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hudson 2, C. Green 3, T. Crowder 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. A compliment to Margaret C. Woodward on obtaining an M.A. degree at St. Andrew's University.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 14th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Miss M. R. Page (Salisbury) 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. Linnington (first quarter on 10) 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 6.30 Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: P. Perkins 1, M. Sinden 2, D. Belcham 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. King 1, Mrs D. Belcham 2, W. Ward 3, P. Perkins 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House 7, M. Sinden 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Hill 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, C. Haylings 3, F. Hawkes 4, B. Spiers 5, W. Gainey 6. Rung in honour of Miss Joan Gainey being presented to Princess Margaret.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Joycelyn Hillier (first quarter) 1, Marion Richards 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, D. Bounds 4, M. A. New 5, F. Broughton 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Ingham (curate) and Mrs. Ingham, who are leaving for Tunbridge Wells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: M. Jennings 1, A. Shelton 2, J. Euston 3, E. G. Talbot 4, S. Arnold 5, K. Game 6, R. J. Talbot (first as cond.) 7, G. Jennings 8.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Bridges (first in method) 1, Rev. S. M. Evans (first in method) 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Nellie Bridges 4, Mary S. Taylor 5, L. T. Peters (first in method) 6, S. J. Gee 7, F. C. W. Knight 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, R. S. Weekes 10.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 ..... Doubles: Marion C. Petts 1, Deborah J. Wilson (first as cond.) 2, K. Cowan 3, C. G. Alban 4, June N. E. Chilton 5. Treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Hilling 1, W. Birmingham 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. V. Clarke (first on ten) 6, G. R. Shedden 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, B. T. Lister 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Mary, and to welcome the ringers of 4, 5, 8 and 9, of Ealing, to the tower.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on June 16th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, J. M. H. Hunter 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, C. H. Rogers 6, C. T. Richards 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, L. W. Bullock 12. For Nave Evensong.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Tayler 1, Christine M. Hadfield 2, Caroline B. Copley 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, R. A. Brown 5, H. N. Evans (cond.) 6.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. H. Langley 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, W. H. Tarr 3, J. E. Brewer 4, H. G. Sparks 5, H. V. Young 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: A. Walker 1, R. E. Fentiman (first of Grandsire Doubles 'inside') 2, W. J. Munton 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, D. C. Brookes (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. First of Grandsire Doubles 1, 4 and 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, G. Westwood 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, D. H. Watson 6, P. W. Webb 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung for Evensong, at which a new Lady Altar platform and reredos was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chapman 1, Mrs. M. Bould 2, Miss Y. Porter 3, A. Milledge 4, J. Rea 5, M. Barton 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. For Matins, and a welcome to ringers of 2 and 3 from Devonshire.

SWANSEA.—At St. Paul's, Sketty, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Watkins 1, K. Watkins 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, B. Gladwin 4, H. Richardsor 5, K. Robinson 6. First quarter 1 and 5. Arranged for Hugh Richardson, who is shortly to join his parents in London.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Wellman (14) 1, P. Watts (16) 2, C. Butler (14, first attempt as cond.) 3, G. D. Weston (17) 4, D. G. Papworth 5, E. Cox (14) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. Baker (first quarter) 1, C. T. Brown 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, G. W. Elmes 4, C. M. Heawood (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Young 6. For Evensong.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Webber 1, I. G. Hughes 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, G. J. Gammon 4, K. W. Thorne 5, W. A. Riddle 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8. For morning service.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. White 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, Ann Bateson 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, J. W. Raithby 5, T. Webster 6. Rung after the wedding of the son of Mr. R. Wing, a local ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

SADDINGTON, LEICS.—On June 21st, 2,400 Doubles (17 methods): Rosemary Tailby 1, R. A. Clarke 2, D. F. Moore 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, B. C. Law 5.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janis Macdonald (first quarter) 1, C. M. Smith 2, Audrey Birch 3, A. P. Sheldon (first as cond.) 4, D. Starkey 5. For Evensong, and with all good wishes to Elsie and Richard Rowlands, on the occasion of their recent marriage.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. K. Adkins (cond.) 1, J. F. List (first of Minor) 2, P. G. Holden 3, E. J. Hill 4, P. Pearce 5, P. Beedie 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—On June 9th, 1,296 Minor (10 Spliced Surprise) J. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, R. Wiggins 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,440 Minor (12 Spliced Surprise): J. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, R. Wiggins 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Waterworth (first in method) 1, E. M. Haynes 2, S. J. Wight 3, P. A. Teal (first 'inside') 4, J. Gray 5, D. J. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Forbes 1, J. A. Waterworth (first 'inside') 2, K. Kitchen 3, E. M. Haynes (cond.) 4, J. Gray 5, N. W. Castle 6. Also on June 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forbes (first in method) 1, K. Kitchen (first 'inside' in method) 2, G. Drew 3, E. M. Haynes 4, J. Gray 5, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Godman (first quarter) 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 25th quarter together for 2 and 4. For Matins.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Endall 1, R. A. Cobley 2, M. J. Billings 3, Mrs. J. Belcher (first as cond.) 4, B. D. Shilton 5, R. Chapman 6. For the Patronal Festival of St. Peter.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. R. J. Palmer (first of Royal) 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, J. R. Heath 7—8, R. J. Palmer 9—10.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Groom 1, V. A. Headland 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, F. E. Coales 4, H. Richardson 5, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon B. E. Owen, Rector for 22 years.

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PEAL RECORDS

By DENIS A. BAYLES

(Continued from last week)

RINGERS

The greater mobility of ringers already mentioned has brought more peals by mixed bands, but this situation has existed for many years in border areas.

The vast majority of peal reports bear the heading of an Association or Guild. When one of these cannot be dragged in we find 'Non-Association' inserted. Would it not be simpler to leave the second line blank in such cases? Where the band is a mixed one, especially as in the case of a touring band, it cannot seriously be claimed that the peal has been rung **by** that Association any more than if a varied collection of footballers donned Arsenal colours and masqueraded as an Arsenal team.

The other claim that is put forward is that the peal is rung **for** an Association. If you believe this, consider the peals at Dundee last year. The Scottish Association derived no benefit from those performances and it is difficult to reconcile those peals as having been rung **for** that Association. Again, suppose you were secretary of an Association and that you received a letter of complaint from a non-ringer about a peal that had been rung. He had been told that your Association's name was in the record and therefore he presumed that you, as the secretary of that Association, had some responsibility in the matter. What would be your reply? Would you accept the responsibility, or would you disclaim it? Could you be expected to accept responsibility when peal ringing is usually arranged by individual ringers without prior reference to an Association? If responsibility would have to be disclaimed should the Association's name be included? If all the members of the band belong to one group, such as a local band, this would make a more appropriate heading than the footnote to which it is usually relegated.

Part of the reason for the continuance of the use of Association titles in the reports is, I feel sure, the continuance of that aspect of the peals analysis. What is the point of producing a 'league table'? The number of peals rung by an Association is no yardstick. Some have a thousand members and some have a hundred. This is something which should have been dropped when points for peals were abandoned.

The main reason is probably a financial one in that many associations fear the loss of revenue that would result if non-resident life membership were no longer considered necessary for visiting peal ringers. Visiting ringers are usually given a warm welcome and this should, surely, extend to visiting peal ringers. In so far as such a visitor causes extra expense he may reasonably be expected to make some contribution to local funds. The main expenses are the extra wear and tear on ropes, which is usually the concern of the tower itself, and the extra printing cost for the records of the local Association. The peal records of a local Association are in many cases the cause of continuing financial worry because they swallow up a lot of money for their inclusion in a printed annual report. Yet, for all their cost, these local Association records are seldom complete for all the peals rung within their territory. They will not usually include peals rung by such bodies as the A.S.C.Y., the university societies, neighbouring Associations and, of course, the non-Association peals. For a comprehensive record for an individual tower it is necessary to refer to a private collection compiled by Canon Felstead, if the tower itself has not kept a complete record. Would it not be better if territorial Associations kept full records for all their towers? With present practices this proposal would arouse considerable opposition for it would reduce income and increase expenditure. But it is in this section where what happened in 1942 is seen to have the greatest importance.

When 'The Ringing World' was a privately-owned journal it could be argued that some other **official** records were needed and Associations were justified in printing extended peal reports. Now the journal belongs to the Central Council and no Association need print more than an abstract of each peal report with a reference to the peal columns of the official journal for those who wish to look up the full details. For this it would be useful to have all peals given a serial number as they appear in print. The peal reports of Associations could be greatly reduced in length and printing costs would be reduced. It would not be unreasonable to ask visiting peal ringers to make a contribution on each occasion that they assist in incurring this extra expenditure without requiring them to add their names to a list of non-resident life members, who contribute nothing to the ordinary activities of the Association and whose particulars it is well nigh impossible to keep up to date. Such a system would make the payment proportonal to the number of peals rung instead of the flat rate now in operation.

Each Association could arrange to subscribe to 'The Ringing World' to obtain copies from which their own full record for the territory could be compiled by simply cutting out the appropriate peals. This could help to boost the circulation. Would it be a practicable thing to print the peals so that all the peals had other types of subject matter on the other side? One suggestion, which I am sure would be helpful, would be to collect all corrections to peal reports and repeat them under a suitable heading, say every quarter. At the moment corrections appear in various places and can often be missed. It is important that corrections receive as much prominence as the original reports.

I would like to think that the day is not too far distant when we shall see a touring band which is honest enough to head the peals that it rings with its own title, rather than retain the present system, which, surely, reached its peak last year, when a twelve-bell touring band set up a central headquarters and used a different alias nearly every day for the band, although the ringers themselves retained the same names.

OCCASION

The date and time taken for a peal are essential parts of the record, but some economy is possible there. This is shown in the sample of a suggested alternative form of a peal report given at the end.

Under this heading we may also consider the material which is to be found in the footnotes. Footnotes are of two types, the first denoting progress of ringers and the second dealing with any special reason for the peal. Of the first type little need be said, except that they should be confined to recording **progress.** For example, a first of Plain Bob Major is worth noting when a ringer has not previously rung a peal on more than six bells, but this is not so if the ringer has previously rung Cambridge Major to a peal. Filling in of gaps may still be noted if one wishes, but Belfry Gossip is better suited to that than the footnotes. In recording progress symbols with standard meanings could be used as is found in the Yorkshire Association reports. The meaning of the various symbols could be given at the start or finish of the peal columns and this would save having to print 'first peal' and 'first in the method' in several footnotes.

The second type of footnote calls for rather more comment. Many peals are arranged and rung for special occasions and where these have appropriate national or local significance there can be no objection to this being included as part of the peal record. Too often things are done the other way round, the peal being rung first and the search for something to put in the footnote coming second. Another criticism that may be levelled at some footnotes is that while the event itself is reasonable it has no local significance. I would suggest that when considering a footnote of this second type one should imagine that one were to be met outside the tower by a local resident and asked why the bells had been rung for three hours or so. Would the reason given in the footnote seem an adequate one? Would it stand up to a 'supplementary' as to what connection this event had with that locality? Thus, while it is reasonable to make the wedding of a ringer the occasion for a peal this is only really appropriate to the church where the wedding takes place or the church with which he and/or she was associated. Once again if one must mention birthdays and the like there is Belfry Gossip rather than the peal record itself. Returning to our imaginary questioner, I consider that it would be much better to explain to him that there had been no special occasion for the peal, but such exercises had an important part to play in the training of ringers and in the maintenance of ringing ability, rather than quote a 'frivolous' footnote.

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EXTENT OF MAJOR CONQUERED

The extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes, has been rung for the first time by eight men. This peal, which will go down to posterity as the finest achievement in English ringing, as regards stamina and concentration, was rung at the Loughborough Campanile on Saturday/Sunday, July 27th/28th.

The peal was accomplished in the surprisingly fast time of 17 hours, 58 minutes. The bells went into changes at 6.52 a.m. and the peal was completed at 12.50 a.m. It was rung at the rate of 3 hours 15 minutes for each peal of 5,040 changes.

'The ringing was excellent all the way through,' said Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, one of the four umpires, in reporting the achievement to 'The Ringing World' 'There were very few trips. Had there been many the conductor would have called halt; a long peal of this character cannot be rung with trips.'

The peal was conducted by Mr. Robert B. Smith (25), of Marple, Cheshire, who also conducted the previous longest length of 32,704 in 15 hours 30¼ minutes on July 15th, 1961. He is to be married on August 24th at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and his fiancée twice visited the tower during the attempt and was there when the bells came round. 'Bob Smith was a real general in the field,' was the tribute paid to the conductor.

HEAT FATIGUE

Saturday was a very warm day, and heat fatigue was the greatest enemy. Doors and windows were opened to give the band the maximum amount of fresh air. 'They were all very, very tired,' said Mr. Staniforth. 'Considering all things, they were all in very good shape, but the heat had affected them to some extent. There was no rejoicing afterwards, although a few bottles were available. They just wanted to go to bed.'

From the band announced in 'The Ringing World' there was one change. Derek Ogden dropped out and Frederick Shallcross, aged 17, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who was recently featured in 'The Ringing World' as an 'Up and Coming Youngster,' took his place.

The band stood as follows: Brian J. Woodruffe (Buxton) 1, John M. Jelley (Leicester) 2, Neil Bennett (Ashton) 3, Frederick Shallcross (Ashton) 4, John C. Eisel (Kingswinford, Staffs) 5, John Robinson (Manchester) 6, Brian Harris (Peterborough) 7, Robert B. Smith (conductor) 8.

The umpires were Messrs. Peter J. Staniforth, Derek Ogden, John Barlow and John Acres.

In the previous record of Plain Bob Major in addition to the conductor John M. Jelley and Neil Bennett took part.

Unfortunately Mr. Paul L. Taylor was away from Loughborough on this great occasion. His encouragement and help has stimulated enthusiasm towards ringing 'The Everest,' and he will be the first among the whole Exercise in showering congratulations upon the gallant eight.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Wolborough on July 20th, with a good attendance, and visitors from Somerset, Dorset and Surrey. The Rev. P. Stokes conducted the service, and this was followed by a picnic tea. We then made our way to Kingskerswell, where the business meeting was held in the church, and the men adjourned to the tower for ringing. The ladies very soon joined them. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and call changes.

Next meeting: October 26th at Tiverton.

Y. C. P.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Blackmoor on June 29th was the first peal by a Liss Sunday service band. This attempt was to have been made at St. Mary's, Liss, for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (July 1st, 1938), but it is regretted that permission to ring was withdrawn at the last moment. The Vicar of Blackmoor, the Rev. C. J. Butler, kindly allowed the use of Blackmoor bells at very short notice.

THE BIG WASH AT MELBOURNE

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, bells are on their way to England. As one bell was being lowered it hit a fire sprinkler, which not only flooded the rear of the Cathedral, but triggered off a fire alarm at the fire station.

Soon the fire brigade arrived in full force, causing a stir in the heart of the city. The men valiantly helped with the mopping up operations.

The bells are going to the Loughborough foundry to be retuned and provided with new clappers and fittings. An announcement on the A.B.C. on July 17th stated 'the bells must be back by next October as a party of English ringers are coming out for the express purpose of ringing the bells, which are the only ring of 12 outside Great Britain.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A well attended meeting of the Guild was held at Harborne, a populous village, situated some four miles from the centre of Birmingham, on July 13th.

Ringing on the newly-hung bells provided an interesting opportunity for ringers to compare the effect on the sound, resulting from the transfer of a ring of bells from one tower to another. For the present ring at Harborne are the bells which hung in Bishop Ryder's Church tower for 40 years, and upon which many peals were rung.

Before the meeting, the Master invited Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a vice-president of the Guild, to take the chair. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Smallwood mentioned that it was 56 years since he last visited Harborne, and on that occasion he accompanied John Carter and several well known ringers of the past.

The secretary read a letter from Canon Bryan Green, in which the Rector gave his consent to the erection of a memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker, in St. Martin's ringing room.

The following resident members were elected: Miss P. Holden and Messrs. B. Holden, P. J. Jefferies, W. H. Wright, J. W. Moore and H. J. Burston (learners at Perry Barr) and Mr. A. Crabtree (Solihull). The tower elections ratified were: David J. Taylor (Pinner), Anthony G. Tyers (Sunbury-on-Thames), J. Keith Ward (Slough), Harold C. Lonyon (Macclesfield), Martin D. Fellows (Stourbridge) and Miss Iris M. E. Lemare (York).

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Ven. S. Harvie Clark) for the use of the bells and the Church Hall, and to the local ringers and lady helpers for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting: Perry Barr in October.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Portsmouth District

The resignation was received of the District Ringing Master (Mr. T. R. Taylor) at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at Catherington on July 20th. Members heard with regret that this was due to his wife's health being a cause of anxiety. Mr. W. Cope was unanimously elected his successor. Mr. P. Stevens, Chichester, was elected a compounding member.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Kilvert), for his welcome and conducting the service, and the ladies for the very fine tea.

Next quarterly meeting: St. Mary's, Alverstoke, October 5th.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On June 16th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. Cherry 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First in 11 methods 1 and 4. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): A. King 1, E. P. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD RINGING FESTIVAL, 1963

The countryside bordering the Lincolnshire Fens was the venue chosen for the first ringing festival arranged by the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on July 13th. An early start to the day made at the cathedral-like churches of Coningsby and Tattershall, and good use was made of these modern sixes. As the company increased some moved to Ruskington (6) and Ewerby (10), and lunch was taken at the Finch Hatton Arms.

In the afternoon the company divided: tower grabbers were catered for by North Rauceby (5) and Silk Willoughby (6), and Ewerby Oval was the magnet for cricketing enthusiasts. Here the Central Branch had challenged the undefeated Elloe Deaneries Branch, and, despite a strong challenge on a drying wicket, the Central side failed to subdue the champions by 12 runs. These inter-Branch Test Matches have to be seen to be believed, but both players and spectators enjoyed the two hour diversion. Scores:—

Elloe Deaneries: B. Bailey 5, P. Sanders 3, M. Bennett 19, D. Jones 6, A. Payne 14, A. Leggett 9, R. Davey not out 5, T. Charlton not out 4. Total 65 for 6.

Central Branch: P. Burton 16, W. R. Parker 0, G. Paul 2, G. R. Parker 14, C. Dillamore 5, W. Tomlinson 12, P. Sharp 3, T. Smith 0, J. Edwards 0, J. L. Millhouse 1, S. Chambers not out 0. Total 53.

More ringing on Ewerby's lovely bells and a visit to the church garden fete in the village followed, and the whole company gathered together for a magnificent tea, provided by the Sleaford ladies.

Mr. J. Bray, Master of the Guild, thanked the Central Branch and hoped that it would be the first of many such occasions. Mr. J. L. Millhouse thanked all incumbents and the many others who had helped to make such a success of the gathering.

Service followed in Sleaford Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Mann. Evening ringing was enjoyed at Sleaford (8), Heckington (8), Great Hale (6), Sempringham (6) and Helpingham (5).

Over a hundred ringers and their friends had a most enjoyable day, and hope that next year more beautiful Lincolnshire churches can be visited and the Ashes (minor version) batted for.

A PICTORIAL STORY OF GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH

The many who visited Great Yarmouth in connection with the Central Council meeting will enjoy the pictorial history of Great Yarmouth Priory and Parish Church, which Pitkin Pictorials, Ltd., have added to their 'Pride of Britain' series (price 2s. 6d.).

The text is written by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the new president of the Central Council, who states that the rebuilding of the church after its destruction in 1942 led to a great revival of interest and work for the church in Yarmouth. Canon Thurlow became Vicar in 1955, when the church was still in ruins and desolate. The contract for the rebuilding was signed in April, 1957, and it was completed in under three years.

The War Damage Commission gave a grant of £315,000, which was just sufficient for the essential work. A large amount of restoration work costing over £10,000 was done in addition, and the furnishings, except the bell frame and clock, were individual gifts or made possible by the contributions of many people.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

A party of 32 ringers from Bristol Cathedral School and other Bristol ringers had a fascinating outing to Loughborough on July 18th. The programme included a tour of the foundry, ringing on the campanile and seeing four bells cast. Later came a visit to the memorial campanile. On the journey home half-on-hour was spent at Stratford-upon-Avon. Thanks are due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and P. E. P. and P. J. B. who made the arrangements.

DEVON GUILD'S SUCCESSFUL PEAL WEEK

What will doubtless be long remembered as a highly successful and enjoyable week's ringing took place during the week commencing Monday, June 24th, when a peal attempt arranged for each evening met with 100 per cent success. With Ann and Stan Jenner coming on holiday, and Roy and Margaret Bould prepared to give full support, and others willing to help if required, it was a reasonably optimistic organiser who set about making arrangements.

Permission at all the towers was readily granted, but the task of manning the ropes proved a **real headache,** and Wednesday's attempt at Bridgerule was made possible when Fred Sangwin came in at short notice.

Thursday's attempt at St. German's was also in doubt until 2 p.m. on the very day, and we were most grateful to A. William Myers for making up the number. The rest of the week went according to plan.

On Monday the peal at Meavy, except for the occasional missed dodge, was 'in the bag' after 2 hours 38 minutes splendid striking, and liquid refreshment was very much enjoyed in 'The Royal Oak.'

Tuesday's Bob Royal at St. Andrew's went well for two hours, when the rhythm was quite suddenly lost for a half-hour, and it became apparent to the conductor that one or two were feeling the strain and had to be 'nursed.' Fortunately all returned to normal and a good peal on the whole came well and truly round in 3 hours 19 minutes.

On Wednesday, Bill Lavers and Tom Myers had to catch a bus to Tavistock, where they were to be met by Roy's car to Bridgerule. Alas, at the 'Bretonside' Bus Station they got on the wrong bus and had half-an-hour to wait. Tom saw to it that this time there was no mistake! At Bridgerule, 'Reggie' Pearce had everything ready, but Kent Treble Bob Major was nearly an hour settling down to a good beat: it suddenly 'clicked' and over two hours' fine music was heard over the countryside: five of the band scored their first peal of Kent Major, and the conductor called his 50th peal. An adjournment was made to 'The Bridge Inn,' where ham sandwiches and pickles had, very thoughtfully, been laid on by Reginald G. Pearce, the popular secretary of the North-West Branch.

On Thursday, June 27th, we travelled via the Tamar Bridge to St. Germans, where the Vicar, Rev. W. L. Ackroyd, met us, and was pleased to learn that two of the band came from Tunbridge Wells, his home in Kent. Upon entering the church (ground floor pull) we were dismayed to find the sallies of the treble and second well out of reach. We made Margaret fairly comfortable on a double banked stand of hassocks, and Kent Treble Bob Major went from the word 'Go,' and 'This is all' was called after 2 hours 59 minutes of first class striking. This was Ann and Stan's 50th peal together, and A. William Myers 'chalked up' his 'first in the method.'

Walkhampton was the venue for Friday and a well-struck peal in two methods was rung in 2 hours 39 minutes on this tuneful six.

The peal on June 29th was rung as a birthday compliment to another of our welcome friends, who holidays annually in Plymouth—Mr. Albert W. Coles, of North Mymms, Herts. It was rung at Clawton, but the original intention was to ring it at Westleigh, with the blind Vicar taking a rope. This fell through, and Rev. J. G. M. Scott readily placed his bells at the ringers' disposal.

The complimentary remarks of the 'call change ringers,' at the non-Guild towers visited during the week was 'sweet music' to the 'method ringers' and their respective invitations to 'come again soon' were much appreciated.

ST. JAMES,' TAUNTON, BIG RINGING FAMILY



Back row (left to right): Mr. R. Beale, Miss J. Lunn, Rev. A. Drowley, Mr. D. Beale, Rev. G. Stent.
Second row: P. Jeanes, Mrs. P. Beale, A. Manuel, D. Holloway, J. Trembath, Mrs. A. Drowley, B. Lunn, T. Spearing, Mr. F. Matravers.
Front row: M. Marshall, J. Drowley, Miss C. Harewood, Miss J. Searle, Miss L. Britton, Miss R. Harewood, S. Drowley. [Photo: L. G. Charrett, Taunton.

The annual meeting of a church bellringing band does not sound to be anything out of the ordinary, but when it is found that three-quarters of the twenty members present are teenagers, then it looks an unusual band to say the least. This was true, however, of the annual meeting of Taunton St. James' tower.

The story of this youthful band goes back just over a year ago to the time when a Western National bus driver, Mr. Reginald Beale, was appointed captain of St. James' tower. Soon afterwards he appealed for recruits and found himself faced with training the choirboys to ring the eight bells in the tower. Today the band numbers 26 members, of whom 16 are of school age (the youngest is nine years old). Of the members, 19 of them have been trained in the past year and these include the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Drowley, together with his wife and their two sons.

A particular feature of the young members of the band is that they are all active members of the congregation, being in the Sunday school or Pathfinder Bible Class, with most of the boys being choir members as well. The captain sets a good example, since his wife and family of four are all ringers. Four of the family are St. James' ringers, with one daughter who rings at Ashford Parish Church, Kent, and a son who rings at Shepton Beauchamp. The Vicar is chairman of the band and the other officers include Mr. John Harewood, a master at Huish's School as vice-chairman, and Miss Jennifer Lunn, who is not yet 16, as vice-captain.

What about results? Well, with so many inexperienced ringers it cannot always be claimed that the bells 'go' where they should, but practices are enthusiastically attended and at least ten of the younger members have begun change ringing and can lay some slight claim to being campanologists!

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' July 18th, 1913—

We hear that there is an unfortunate state of affairs existing at St. Mary's, Willesden. A correspondent writes: 'In years gone by there was a church in the City of London, dedicated to St. Peter-le-pore, which has long since been demolished. The bells were deposited in St. Paul's Cathedral, and any church could have had them for the asking. Eventually they were given to the authorities of St. Mary's, Willesden, who had them recast and hung to make up the octave in their tower, a little over twelve months ago. The Bishop of the Diocese, however, refuses to dedicate them, and the authorities refuse to have them rung, because the casting and hanging has not been paid for. About £80 is owing, of which, I believe, they have £15. If any of the readers of "The Ringing World" could assist in any way to wipe off the debt I am sure they would feel most grateful. Contributions would gladly be accepted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Willesden.'

'R.W.' July 25th, 1913—

It is not everybody, apparently, who appreciates the beauties of handbell ringing. During the course of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-on Tyne, recorded in this issue, there was a demonstration in front of the house, where the ringing was taking place, and on two occasions a handful of gravel was flung at the window, much to the consternation of the ringers. At one time also there was a bicycle bell accompaniment, which did not fit in at all well with the method or the rhythm. However, all opposition was worn down, and the ringers scored a peal.

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Letters to the Editor

Music of London Surprise

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment briefly on two recent letters in 'The Ringing World,' expressing contrary opinions on the musical qualities of London Surprise.

It is difficult to entirely agree with either of your correspondents, Mr. Brookes and Mr. Rushton, since they both seem to have extremist views on the matter. The term 'unmusical rubbish' used by Mr. Brookes seems to be very ill-chosen, and for Mr. Rushton to equate 'almost all other methods' with the pop parade is quite unjust, and, moreover, because no direct comparision between bell music and orchestral music can be made in this context, unrealistic also. However, if one is to use an analogy, it would be fairer, in the present circumstances, to limit the range of comparison and to compare, for example, the music of Mozart (other methods) to that of Sibelius (London). The former is, generally speaking, easy on the ear, whilst the latter requires a little more attention and understanding. So it is with London, and if the music of London appears to compare unfavourably with that of other methods, it is probably because of its unorthodox construction, which, without an intimate knowledge of the method, makes the changes difficult to anticipate, that is to say, the familiar or expected patterns do not always occur, and the changes may seem therefore to be incongruous, and thus the music as a whole unattractive or unsatisfying.

London then undoubtedly has the distinction of sounding 'different' to other methods, but it seems to me that one's appreciation and enjoyment of the music can grow as one becomes more familiar with it, and as one's understanding of the method develops. Familiarity does not necessarily breed contempt, and I think that Mr. Brookes would enjoy London a little more if he allowed himself to take part in some well-struck touches and familiarised himself with the **style** of the music produced. Indeed, I am sure he would then be less contemptuous towards London.

As to Mr. Rushton's view, one hopes that he does not include Bristol and Grandsire Caters in his derogation of other methods.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

Lockinge Bells

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Mr. White for correcting my information about the four bells at Lockinge: he is quite correct; I was misinformed by the Rector, who is also the incumbent at Ardington.

Regarding Denchurch bells, these are definitely out of action and have been so for a considerable time.

I have had my attention drawn to my omission of three other Hampshire fours—Hurstbourne Tarrant, Pamber and Hound.

At Hurstbourne Tarrant the frame is unsafe. An unusual feature here is that the ropes fall diagonally across the tower in a straight line.

At Pamber, little is known because of the difficult ascent to the bells. I hope to make a personal inspection in the not too distant future.

On the Rector's information at Hound, there are now only three bells, the frame is unsafe and the wheels have been removed. The Vicar here is also the Vicar of Netley.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

A Learner's Question

Dear Sir,—In answer to 'A Learner's question' in 'R.W.' July 26th, perhaps the following quotations from a 'Student's' report on an Essex course in bell ringing (see 'R.W.' December 4th, 1953) might be of guidance; they are certainly worth considering.

'—Conclusions that were arrived at . . . Ringing calls for so many of the qualities that are not too evident in certain walks of life—physical and mental stability, religious conviction, coupled with moral strength and courage, team spirit, the spirit of meekness which allows persons to be told where they are wrong—without loss of temper, the spirit to persevere when things are not too rosy, the spirit of brotherly love not to dwell on the failings of others, but to see only the good motives in their actions. When all these qualities become the rule . . . I am sure our bellringing will be of service to the Church and to glory of God.'

My own comments are that irritating though it may be to have people constantly telling one what to do or giving advice regarding handling or striking, if this frequently occurs from capable and experienced ringers or from several members of the band, then it is likely that our performance is not as good as we think it is and we need further experience before we can judge. We all have to go through this stage. I can recall instances in my early ringing when all the other ringers were telling me what to do, and more recently when I would have been thankful if someone would tell me what I was supposed to be doing, and thus save me from endangering the ringing.

Our 'learner' will find as he **progresses** that the number of other ringers telling him and the number of occasions on which he is prompted will gradually diminish to zero, thus ending his troubles.

We don't want to fall into such attitudes as—'I can't ring it if I am told' or 'I know the bell, just tell me what to do' or 'What's wrong, I was on the right stroke' or 'I was following at regulation distance.'

There are many ringers who fail to reach a decent standard for lack of proper constructive criticism and guidance. Consequently they are seldom invited in peals or special ringing, and at meetings many will avoid ringing in a touch with them—knowing it is doomed to be mediocre. In the latter case the kindest thing is to give constructive advice and help the ringer acquire a more polished performance.

Of course, there is no point in persistently nagging at a learner and we must endeavour to be gentle and really helpful in our attitude towards him.—Yours, etc.,

STILL LEARNING.

Lerwick will hear Bells

Dear Sir,—The story of the tape recording supplied by me, in conjunction with the ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, to the Rector of Lerwick, would not be complete if I did not say that in return for our efforts the Rev. H. Oxley, without obligation, very graciously forwarded me a cheque.

The donation has been equally divided between the Education Fund of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the Belfry Repair Fund of the Yorkshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Commemorating a Long Peal of 40 Years Ago

Dear Sir,—Early this year I wrote Mr. J. W. Griffiths, of Chester, pointing out that July 21st would be the 40th anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Over in 1923, and suggesting we might get a band together to commemorate it by ringing a peal in the same method, by the same composer, on the same bells. He replied that he thought it a very good idea and he would see what could be arranged nearer the date. I asked him to contact Mr. Sam Jones to see if he would care to take part, as he and I are the only two left out of the original band, but as it turned out, because of business, he could not do so.

I think it was Sam who first had the idea of attempting the long peal, and, if I remember correctly, he wrote J. W. Parker for the composition, and handed it to Robert Sperring to conduct. We rang a 7,488 and a 9,344 out of the composition for practice before attempting the full length.

On Saturday, July 20th last, a reliable band met at Over and rang a 5,024 by J. W. Parker, in good style, ably conducted by John W Griffiths. Mr. G. F. Sperring rang the treble, which was the bell his father rang when he conducted the 17,280. I rang the fifth, the same as in the long peal, but this time I stood on the opposite side of the tower, because in 1923 the bells were hung 'anti-clockwise,' and have since been rehung 'clockwise' in a modern frame.

The late James Swindley, of Handbridge, rang the sixth in the long peal, and we wondered at one time whether his son, Percy, who has been ill, would be fit enough to take part, but it was quite out of the question, as ringing for him is 'out' at the present time. We hope he will be better before very long and back in his place in the tower.

The band who rang in the 17,280 were: Robert Sperring (conductor) 1, Geo. R. Jones 2, John Hayes 3, Harry F. Holding 4, Ed. V. Rodenhurst 5, James Swindley 6, Sam Jones, jun. 7, James H. Riding 8.

I wonder if we will be able to ring in a peal for the 50th anniversary! I hope so.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

Surprise 'Variations'

Dear Sir,—In his article on Surprise 'Variations,' on page 465, Mr. Cyril Wratten has resurrected some praiseworthy principles to guide the Exercise as to what methods in the Surprise group they should or should not ring. Some readers may take note of these principles as a future guide, but I feel sure the great majority will not, and continue to ring just what they please—and good luck to them.

In his reference to Christchurch Surprise, Mr. Wratten states quite unreservedly that 'it doesn't have any New Cambridge excuse that it removes any of the parent methods (Winchester) falseness either!' In the Major, I cannot but agree with his statement, but had Mr. Wratten taken enough trouble to look at the two Royal methods before committing himself in print he would have found that Christchurch removes **all three** false course heads from Winchester!—and if that doesn't come under of Sir Arthur Heywood's criterion of being 'better than what already exists,' as quoted by Mr. Wratten, then what does?—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

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A PAGE OF OUTINGS

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Big Ben boomed out twelve times in the still night as the day of our outing drew to a close, and we fumbled for front door keys, and clutched wearily at the empty flasks and uneaten sandwiches. Sixteen hours and ten towers earlier we had been busy packing ourselves into four cars, with a fine sky, and a programme each which sent us to Maidstone (10, 13 cwt.), where Stedman Caters collapsed at the course end, half a course of Cambridge Royal kept itself going until the treble rope snapped, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung.

East Farleigh bells (6, 7¼ cwt.) were interestingly rung to Cambridge, London and St. Clement's Minor, and Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, and Hunton's (6, 14 cwt.) sounded well in two touches of Spliced Plain Minor, and Bob Doubles. Linton (8, 15 cwt.) was our last tower before lunch and Yorkshire, Bristol and Bob Major seemed to develop sufficient thirst in most of us for us to wish to try The Bull for something to accompany our sandwiches.

Chart Sutton bells (6, 16 cwt.) were found to be elusive, but the syncopation noticeable in the London Surprise, Plain Bob and Double Oxford was due more to the power of the Kent hops than any unwillingness on the part of the bells to respond. At Headcorn (8, 23 cwt.), however, a certain reluctance to settle to a rhythm was detected, and rounds continued for some time before we set off on a stately three leads of Bristol, followed by Yorkshire and Stedman. The Stedman was that splendid touch composed by Mr. Leale, in which Queens occurs once at hand- and once at backstroke, and the musical changes are rung at least once. We were fortunate to hear it conducted by the composer.

Biddenden's ring (8, 23 cwt.) sounded well to Bristol, Grandsire Triples and a touch of London, and then we moved on to Cranbrook, where more Grandsire Triples, Bristol and a course of Double Norwich gave us all something to think about; after this 23 cwt. eight we repaired to a tea-shop to gather strength for the last two towers of the day. These were at Staplehurst (8, 21¼ cwt.) and Marden (8, 14¼ cwt.).

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers. M. M.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

Shortly after 7.30 on a fine brisk Whit Monday morning, a party of Stratton ringers and friends set out by motor coach for a day's ringing in South-East Devon.

Ringing in the standard methods started at Crediton, to be followed by Silverton and Broadclyst, where the Myers brothers joined the party. After lunch at Exmouth, Withycombe Raleigh was eventually reached, and here the bells rang out to a wonderful medley of Kent Treble Bob on seven bells and Double Norwich on the remaining one. The absent-minded ringer on the fifth bell was apparently under the impression he was still practising Double Norwich with the Stratton ringers at Bridgerule. Tea was taken at Exmouth, and two good towers — Woodbury and Clyst Honiton—finished the day's ringing programme.

H. S.

BABBACOMBE

Mr. D. J. Roberts arranged a very successful outing for Babbacombe ringers in the Tavistock area on June 22nd. Mr. W. G. Lavers met the party at the first tower—that fine octave at Plympton St. Mary—and two good sixes at Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior followed. Because of the poor condition of ropes no ringing took place at Sheepstor.

After a picnic lunch on the green at Meavy village, ringing took place on the very pretty six, followed by Bere Ferrers and Walkhampton (the visitors had kindly provided a set of ropes previously so that these bells could be rung). The five at Sampford Spiney left much to be desired, and then came Whitchurch, where, according to rumour, the bells are likely to be restored. Two towers remained on the programme for after tea—Brent Tor and Tavistock, a fitting conclusion.

A. B.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

In spite of a sky red enough to delight any shepherd who happened to glance up from his television on Friday night, the morning of July 13th was doubtfully overcast. However, 35 ringers and friends (some from Canada) hopefully stowed macs and handbells on the luggage racks. At the first call, Withyham, Frank Hairs welcomed us. The Double Norwich was unaffected by the flash of Derek's camera.

Pushing onwards to Croydon, the windscreen wiper began to click, but we were far too busy bargaining with the pencil salesman from East Grinstead to pay much attention. At St. Peter's the ringing was indifferent, but after an excellent lunch the ringing improved with the weather. Grandsire Cinques at St. John's went better than we had dared to hope, thanks to Fred Collins and some his friends. These bells, 50 odd miles away, must be the nearest twelve to Eastbourne.

The next visitors' book to receive our scrawls was in SS. Mary & Nicholas', Leatherhead. We wondered why the faces of Messrs. Marriner and Winch were so familiar, until someone suggested the 'Personality' columns of 'The Ringing World.' The striking here was lumpy, but passable.

Henfield bells brought us back to Sussex and more familiar ground, and a course of Cambridge Major at last satiated the appetite of the Ringing Master for good striking.

H. R.

SAPCOTE

Seven Sapcote ringers and Leslie Pickering, of Thurlaston, had an enjoyable two-day outing in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire on June 29th and 30th. They camped at Cromwell Earley and rang at 9 a.m. at Sutton-on-Trent, staying to the Sung Eucharist. The week-end concluded with supper at 2, Leicester Road, Sapcote. Ringing took place at East Bridgford, Brant Broughton, Sutton-on-Trent, Babworth and Gamston. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Bourne, London, York and Spliced Surprise.

M. E. B.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

For a number of years the second Saturday in July has meant an early rise for the ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, and so precisely at 7.30 a.m. we were off on our annual outing. Twenty-seven set off from Emmanuel Church, and two more of our ringers, also our old friend, 'Bill' Lavers, were picked up in the Plympton area. Our visitors included Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Maidstone, who were on holiday, and 'Tom' Myers and Yvonne Porter, of St. Andrew's.

We were on the Exeter By-pass before 9 a.m., and after half an hour for a welcome coffee, we arrived at Sowton right on time, 9.45 a.m., where we were met by the captain, Mr. A. Tapley. Although a light eight, these bells are known to play tricks. Bradninch, with a 20 cwt. tenor, was our next call, followed by an hour's stop at Cullompton for lunch. We then journeyed on to Culmstock, another fairly heavy eight (19 cwt.). We returned to the main road and headed for Wiveliscombe, via Wellington. Here was a very attractive eight, with another 20 cwt. tenor. We were now in quite new country to most of our company, and the scenery in this part of Somerset was greatly appreciated. A hilly road, on the edge of Exmoor, brought us to Dulverton. Here before ringing we had a hot meal of roast chicken, apple tart, etc., which was thoroughly enjoyed. The bells were not too heavy. To reach our last church, Silverton, meant a lovely run through Tiverton, down the Exe Valley. Here, as at all the churches visited, we were met by the local band, with a cordial welcome from themselves and the incumbent.

Mr. J. P. Sims, captain, did an excellent job to ensure that every one of the 20 ringers had a ring at each church, and at each there were a few rounds for the two young recruits, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. Arrangements were made by the writer.

H. H. T.

HORNCHURCH

Over the years it becomes difficult to find new territory in arranging outings, but this year we managed to do so, thanks to the M.I.

Newport Pagnell, Olney, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Wellingborough and Knebworth followed in punctual succession. We enjoyed them all, wishing that we could have had better climatic conditions at Knebworth (it poured with rain most of the day), and wondering wistfully how grand Olney bells must have sounded over the flat countryside.

To all the people in the area who helped us (there were many) we say a very sincere 'Thank you' and, as is our wont, pass on two helpful suggestions to those contemplating the same area—an excellent lunch is to be had at the Green Dragon, Higham Ferrers, and for that 'one for the road' try the Station Hotel, Knebworth.

F. V. G.

AN ISLAND TOUR

There was a warm 'Thank you' to Miss Cherry White for the day's outing in the Isle of Wight; she arranged for ringers from Newbury, Petersfield, Kingston and Dunsfold, and Brian Mills and Christine, from Shelford, Notts.

Ringing during the day included London, Wells, York, Beverley and Norwich Minor and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY'S 1963 TOUR

THE theme song of the U.B.S.C.R.'s cycle tour in the Surrey-Kent area this year might well have been 'The rhythm of the falling rain.' It was difficult to persuade the first years that it never rains on the summer tour as we swam on through the unceasing torrents.

Saturday, June 15th, had been arranged by our thoughtful and efficient secretary to give us an opportunity to look round the new Guildford Cathedral, but through British Railways our connection at Reading was missed so we only caught a glimpse of it from the train. The first tower that we rang at was Holy Trinity, Guildford, where Mr. Tom White met us; alas, we put up a poor show because of the shortage of men, three of our back-enders not having arrived. At Shalford and Godalming we did not acquit ourselves much better. The youth hostel at Milford was very badly situated, being at least a 15 minute walk from the nearest pub, where we were served with bottled cider.

WATCHED CRICKET

On Sunday the weather turned to a misty drizzle. We rang for Sung Eucharist on the 3 cwt. ring of five at Hascombe, luckily not breaking any stays. After a pretty frightful packed lunch, the next tower was Dunsfold, which had been unconfirmed because the Ringing Master was in Canada. We then idled away the next couple of hours in front of a cricket match, either watching it or explaining the rules of the game to someone who had never seen it played before. At Cranleigh, our Master appeared, still handsomely scarred after his steering accident; the bells were good and we had an attempt at Stedman Triples, which unfortunately broke down. We admired the well kept ringing chamber and the small girl who handled the treble so beautifully.

We found some difficulty on the heavy six at Ockley on Monday, but were compensated by the lovely light rings at Capel and Newdigate. However, our troubles were not yet over, and we came to grief at Betchworth, especially in a dismal attempt at Cambridge Major; but we managed it on the easier bells at Dorking, thanks to Mr. Patrick Cannon, to whom we are grateful for the sudden improved standard of our ringing. By this time the rain was well established so we quickly found a pub which provided us with soup, sandwiches and coffee, before setting off on a long, uncomfortable climb up to Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel. It is situated in the middle of a dark forest, accessible only along a muddy footpath, and the warden carries a hunting knife to and from his cottage. There was an open log fire waiting to unchill our bones, and we went to sleep in bunks lodged low among the rafters.

The next morning, after an interesting breakfast, consisting mostly of condensed milk, we made our way to SS. Mary and Nicholas', Leatherhead (a lovely ten), where we managed a course of Stedman Caters. Breakfast was supplemented by sandwiches and coffee, kindly provided by the Rector's wife and her helpers in the newly opened Church Hall. At Ashtead we noticed the beautiful flower decorations in the church and the details of the tower cycle outing, a programme which put our struggling twenty miles a day to shame.

SECRETARY LEAVING FOR U.S.A.

The Vicar at Epsom is evidently used to ringers because he came straight across to the pub to find us. We again managed Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal, before moving on to Banstead, but we did not get a very long ring here because the clock chimes were loose and had to be retied before we could use the bells. It was here that we said good-bye to our secretary, who was leaving us to spend the summer in the U.S.A. as a missionary in the campanological field. Our last tower of the day was Kingswood, reputedly the best six in Surrey. Their lovely soft tone almost hypnotised us into ringing well a long touch of Cambridge Minor. The night was spent at Chaldon Youth Hostel, an old manor house of 'historical interest.'

Coulsdon (5) was the first tower scheduled for Wednesday. As it was some miles out of our way, five people volunteered to go and attempt a quarter peal there: but they were unable to ring because no one appeared to let them in. The rest of us cycled casually to Chaldon Church—not for the sake of the bells, but to see the magnificent 13th century mural depicting heaven and hell, which was rather worrying to some of us. We then rang at St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate (a fine ten), and after lunch at Redhill and Nutfield. At Bletchingly the long draught made handling difficult and ringing was not helped by half the band nipping off and scoffing tea and scones. The rain was belting down by the time we finished here and most people decided to go straight to Chaldon, where we were spending another night.

TEST SCORES PRIORITY

On Thursday the weather had cleared up and we were able to hide away our plastic macs for the last time. The first tower was St. Nicholas', Godstone (a good eight), and so on to Oxted and Limpsfield (both sixes). At Westerham our not over high standard sank even lower when we didn't ring Plain Bob, or Stedman, or Yorkshire.... At Brasted we just didn't ring, but sat on a tombstone and listened to the Test scores and had our photographs taken from unusual angles, while various people tried to find someone to let us in. We had a go at tolling the treble, which brought a bristling matron stalking up the path demanding who we were. We spent the night at Cudham Y.H., to be noted for the high quality of the food, and also because we were not sent to bed like good children at half-past ten, but went of our own accord twenty minutes later.

Appropriately named is Downe. To reach it on Friday morning we had to go down a very steep hill which induced a couple of people to get off and walk, but just retribution for this sin lay in the exceedingly high climb which faced us immediately. On this hill we met an obstinate motorist, who though so obviously stalled refused all offers of a push. After Downe we rang at West Wickham (a lovely six), until a loose clapper stopped us all too soon. We ate the best packed lunches we had had in a pub in Hayes, after which we rang on the light six at St. Mary the Virgin. The ringing chamber was also the west porch, which overlooked the main street of Hayes, and was some experience ringing in the middle of heavy lunch-time traffic. After this we went on to Bromley Common, where an advance party had to leave early in order to cycle the seven miles up to Biggin Hill, the secretary having forgotten to tell us that he had warned them we would be late.

The last evening was spent in the traditional way, everyone weeping into their draught cider. We were entertained by a fascinating group of yobs, who had stepped straight out of a Giles' cartoon, whose guitar playing and singing were not much worse than most stuff on record. Afterwards we were not entertained by the U.B.S.C.R. male voice choir who failed to think of anything original to—dare I say sing?

It was back the way we came the previous day for our last tower of the tour, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, a beautiful, smooth ringing eight, and the home tower of our treasurer elect, Maria Kirby, who generously provided us with a magnificent lunch. Thank you, Maria.

Although personal knocks and bruises were numerous our bikes suffered very little, there being only one puncture and one clanking sprottle (or something). The prize for the bike of the year should this time be equally divided between 'I love Cliss, Duane, Elvis and the Beatles,' and the delicate red with turquoise mudguards. The most well-dressed cyclist would be the person who managed to wear grey flannels, white shirt and tie throughout the muckiest weather, but perhaps the prize for sartorial elegance should go to

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VETERANS' REUNION

The Veterans' Reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 29th, brought together many old friends. Some had been very ill and we were thankful to see them; some were not well enough to attend, and we especially missed Bill Shepherd, Freddie Wicks, A. Wellington, Ernie Fenn and H. Hazell. Apologies for absence, with good wishes, were received from many, with a special note of good-will from Canon C. Carew Cox, who was prevented from attending because of the long journey. Family ties prevented Dr. E. L. Taylor and Miss E. Steel from being present.

The service was conducted for the first time by Rev. Stanley Moore, Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. In his welcome, he expressed appreciation of the many years of service they had given to the Church. Those who had died during the past year were remembered by name during the prayers. A good tea was provided by Mrs. Davis and many willing helpers.

Perhaps one of the happiest periods of the meeting was when those present indulged in reminiscences. Mr. Hazelden commented on a book on Shoreditch by Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Barnett's wonderful memory put at rest certain queries. Reuben Sanders was mentioned as the sole survivor of the first peal of Bristol in London 50 years ago, and Joe Hawkins was reminded of the good Sunday service band he started 40 years ago at St. Andrew's, Holborn, with Jim Bullock as Master. Congratulations went out to Alder Gofton, of Whitley Bay, on ringing London for his 85th birthday, as many of those present had rung with him at various times.

Arthur Barker calculated the average age of the veterans present as 76. Many came under their 'own steam,' including the 'Brighton wonder' Harry Stalham.

Of the many to be thanked there are the Rev. Stanley Moore, Mrs. Davis and her tea helpers, Messrs. L. Tubb, J. Tomsett and E. Talbot (with cars), G. Parsons and J. Hibbert (general help), Walter Wainwright (photographer) and Albert W. Coles (keeping the touches in order). Ringing at St. Lawrence, Jewry, was due to the good services of Mr. Jack Phillips, and also took place at St. James', Clerkenwell, where the agility of the company was commented upon by the Rev. H. E. Roberts, and at Bishopsgate.

Good health to you all, and please listen in on Sundays at 8.50 to 9.30 a.m. to 'With heart and voice.' Until we meet again.

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BRISTOL TOUR—Continued

the predatory animal in the purple socks, red shorts, shirt and sweater and egg-yolk tie. We broke no ropes or stays, except on the model bell at Bromley, and we would like to express our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains. Finally one big thank you to Derek for making everything run so smoothly,

VISITORS' QUARTERS IN WEST COUNTRY

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Stacey 1, Yvonne Porter 2, Mrs. A. Jenner 3, Mrs. M. A. Bould 4, Winifred Elliott 5, C. Sangwin 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8. Visitors 3, 5 and 7. Also on June 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, H. Trewin 6, F. Sangwin 7, C. Bishop (first Plain Bob Major) 8..

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Lucas 1, J. Bowden 2, Christine M. Glastonbury 3, W. H. Cholwill 4, R. Pearce 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, C. Bishop 7, W. Bond 8. Visitors 1, 3 and 7.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Bishop 1, Christine M. Glastonbury 2, R. C. Lucas 3, A. R. Elliott 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6.

HARTLAND, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. G. Bishop 1, Mrs. A. Smart 2, Christine M. Glastonbury 3, C. Bishop 4, R. C. Lucas 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. First Cambridge 1, 3, 4 and 5.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Ladd 1, Elizabeth A. Tester 2, R. C. Lucas 3, H. Trewin 4, Christine M. Glastonbury 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. For the Festival of St. Swithun.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Lucas 1, Christine M. Glastonbury 2, Elizabeth A. Tester 3, Mrs. M. A. Bould 4, Margaret A. Ladd 5, C. E. Taylor 6, D. R. Bould 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. T. B. McCall, Bishop of Rockhampton, Australia.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Desmond Kerley 2, J. Clatworthy (first quarter) 3, P. Jones 4, George Kerley 5, Geoffrey Kerley 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the treble.

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On July 2nd, at the Church of St. Helen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Patricia Dixon 1, R. T. G. Bennet 2, Anne M. Rowson 3, C. I. Rowson 4, F. M. Larkin 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6, J. W. Berry 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. P. J. North.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Camp (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Proctor 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, R. Snack (first 'inside') 4, Miss R. Hicks (first as cond.) 5, B. Spragg 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. Campbell. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Penrose 1, Miss F. Proctor 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, R. Snack 4, M. Damerell 5, B. Spragg 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Benfield and Miss R. Hicks.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Williams (first quarter) 1, H. Smart 2, D. A. Whetton 3, J. Gow 4, J. S. Eastland 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. White 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, Gillian Pritchett 3, Mrs. C. Pritchett 4, D. Pritchett 5, C. Pritchett 6, C. W. Reed (cond.) 7, T. Webster 8. First quarter on eight 1, 3, 4 and 8. Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the anniversary of the casting of two trebles on July 23rd, 1962.

BICESTER, OXON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Evans 1, Jane Thurmott 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, M. Thurmott (cond.) 7, A. Crutchfield 8. Rung by the local band to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells after rehanging on July 10th, 1913.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. E. Godden 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. Siderfin, who was leaving for Clanfield, Oxon.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jennifer Payne 1, Jilian Outhwaite 2, J. S. Barnes 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. G. Moorbey, lay reader in charge of Well Hill Church.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. Stratford 2, D. J. Meadows 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, R. Cooper 6. For Matins. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. F. Payne 2, R. Cooper 3, J. H. Payton 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, B. G. D. Vince 6. Rung after Evensong.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Corcoran 1, Miss C. L. Mason 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, M. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6, G. A. Bell 7, Miss M. Mason (first quarter) 8. A farewell quarter for the conductor, who is moving to Chester.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, W. Tyson (cond.) 5, R. B. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, M. Armstrong 8. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Maughan 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Rung immediately following the wedding of Miss June Smith and Mr. John A. Clark.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor behind): Miss E. Mason 1, Miss E. Foulk 2, F. W. Stone 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Shaw 5, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 6, A. Bennett 8. For Evensong.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Cunecastre Surprise Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, Hilary N. Kippin 2, Jessie M. Kippin 3, D. P. Treble 4, H. Kippin 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FILTON, BRISTOL.—On June 30th, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: Ruth C. Sheldon 1, A. Howard 2, D. C. Haslum 3, D. S. Voss 4, A. Tubb (cond.) 5, M. E. Buckler 6. First in the variation by all. For the Patronal Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mary and Harry Poynor's first peal together was Stedman Triples, their 50th Stedman Caters and their 100th, rung at Surfleet on July 20th, Stedman Cinques. What will be the next stepping stone? Sextuples!

The return to peal ringing of Mr. Edward Jenkins, with the peal of London at Ashton, will be noted with pleasure. He rang suitably 'rejuvenated.'

Mr. William E. Court is to spend a year in Canada as visiting professor of Pharmacognosy at the University of Saskatchewan. He informs us that his nearest tower is only about 200 miles away.

Visitors from Kent, Surrey and Cardiff on holiday in Stratton (Cornwall) wish to thank Mr. H. Stacey for arranging the series of 'Visitors' West Country' quarter peals just published.

After ringing a quarter peal at North Moreton, Berks, the ringers were surprised to hear the sound of bells. A resident had tape recorded some of the method, and after considerable deliberation the ringers were able to identify the method as Carter's Principle.

To commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1911, two trebles were added to the old ring of six at St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent. The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication was on July 20th, the bells having been rehung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Because of the shortage of recruits, there is a possibility that Darlaston may become a silent tower. Mr. D. T. Bates informs us that a reason is that the bells are such hard work to handle. The bells were cast by Thomas Mears II in 1840, and he believes that nothing has been done to them since. The P.C.C. ought to have the bells rehung.

In sending his congratulations to Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe and his band, who rang a peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Major at Ashover, based on Superlative, Mr. Robert B. Smith writes, 'Although I do not enjoy spliced ringing myself, I feel that it is more difficult to ring variations correctly than it is to ring complete different methods.'

Mr. Fred Bogan, president of the Irish Association, through 'The Irish Bell News' thanks an anonymous donor for the gift of a presidential badge of office. The badge, in the shape of a bell on a circle, is finished in silver gilt and a green silk cord is affixed. The installation was by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody at the quarterly meeting at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

We are asked to state that Romford, Essex, tenor weighs 17 cwt. 2 qr.

The quarter peal at Sarratt, recorded last week, was Plain Bob Doubles.

Hard luck on Elizabeth Timmins, attempting her first peal at St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs. The bells were going very well when, after two hours, the clapper of the fifth dropped out. Better luck next time, Elizabeth.

The bells of Rayne, Essex, had not been rung for some time until a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was attempted on July 21st. Some consternation was caused when bits and pieces fell above!

A party of ten ringers from six towers in Kent and Surrey had a very good week-end's ringing in the Isle of Wight, travelling in a green Dormobile from Bromley on April 19th. All the towers on the Island were visited and on the mainland Horsham, Petersfield, Portsmouth Cathedral, Havant and Westbourne.

The peal rung at Calverley, Yorks, is the first of Major by a local company for 37 years. Messrs. Wilfred Lee and Percy Wheatley took part in this peal and the one of Prince Albert Treble Bob Major, which was rung in November, 1926. All the ringers of the 1963 peal received their instruction in the Calverley tower, and have never been attached to any other tower.

The announcement that Cottingham bells (5) would be available after the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild meeting at East Carlton (6), induced a reader to make a 25 mile journey in the hope of ringing a six score. After waiting 1 hour 18 minutes, a local and three others, one of whom was a beginner, arrived. Up to 7 p.m. only rounds were heard and then it was time for the bus home.

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PEAL WEEK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 5 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 10560 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe	*Treble*	Marcus P. Barton	5
Nicholas J. Davies	2	Anthony G. Osborne	6
Diana M. Lawless	3	Alan J. Frost	7
Mary S. Taylor	4	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
The longest peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORBURY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Brian J. Woodruffe	*Treble*	Pauline Fennell	4
Lynne V. Sherwood	2	Anthony G. Osborne	5
Mary S. Taylor	3	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Believed to be the first peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal off every bell.
Rung for the 738th anniversary of the church (July 7th).

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Alan G. Kirk	*Treble*	*Henry Kirk	4
*Mary S. Taylor	2	*John C. Eisel	5
*Anthony G. Osborne	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Brian J. Woodruffe	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
*Pauline Fennell	2	*Anthony G. Osborne	6
*Mary S. Taylor	3	*John C. Eisel	7
Carol Fernley	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ELTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being 480 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's and Grandsire, and 240 Plain Bob.

Pauline Fennell	*Treble*	Anthony G. Osborne	3
Mary S. Taylor	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	4
John C. Eisel	*Tenor*		

Conducted by John C. Eisel.
First peal in ten methods on the bells. Tenor 6 cwt.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 FAIRFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	Anthony G. Osborne	5
John C. Eisel	2	*Alex Richardson	6
Pauline Fennell	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Mary S. Taylor	4	*Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Michael W. Crowder and Roseann Pile on their recent engagements. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Plain Bob, Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Buxton and Pinehurst, (7) Plain Bob; 35 changes of method. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson	4
Mary S. Taylor	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Anthony G. Osborne	3	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in 13 Plain Minor methods by all the band, and on the bells.

FAIRFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.58.34 x 34.78
L.H. = 12—4263857. F.C.E.: 24365, 32546, 46253.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

John E. Ellison	*Treble*	Anthony G. Osborne	4
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Gles B. Thompson	5
Nicholas J. Davies	3	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 576 Superlative, 320 Alderney, 224 Guernsey, 224 Islay, 352 Thanet, 320 Sheppey, 224 Orkney, 224 Wight, 576 Purbeck, 320 Caldy, 352 Oxney, 320 Westray, 224 Clywd, 224 Glaslyn, 352 Berwyn and 320 Vyrnwy; 29 changes of method, and all the work of every method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	Anthony G. Osborne	5
Mary S. Taylor	2	Nicholas J. Davies	6
Pauline Fennell	3	John C. Eisel	7
Alex Richardson	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton.
Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of 16-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 78

GUERNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 78

ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 78

THANET SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36.12.78

SHEPPEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58.12.36.12.78

ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58.12.36 x 78

WIGHT SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36.12.78

PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 78

CALDY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 78

OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 78

WESTRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 78

CLYWD SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 36.12.78

GLASLYN SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58.12.36.12.78

BERWYN SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58.12.36 x 78

VRYNWY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 36.12.78

All the above have 2nds place L.H. —5738264 and F.C.E. 32465, 43265.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., July 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At 70, King's Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mary S. Taylor	1—2	John C. Eisel	5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	Nicholas J. Davies	7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpire: Anthony G. Osborne.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*Mary C. Poyner	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Geoffrey Paul	8
Joyce M. Gurnhill	3	Peter A. Sharp	9
Delia E. Smith	4	John Walden	10
Andrew S. Hudson	5	*Harry Poyner	11
Ronald C. Noon	6	John N. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 100th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	6
Ann Fellows	2	Edward W. Colley	7
Martin D. Fellows	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Elizabeth M. Yardley and Mr. Alan Wood.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Thomas W. Strangeway	*Treble*	Allan Wear	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	*Robin Brown	7
*Ian North	3	*Irvin Slack	8
William Dixon	4	*Malcolm L. Bennett	9
*Fred Bennett	5	David S. Lockwood	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Thomas W. Strangeway.
* First peal of Kent Royal

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

David J. Marshall	*Treble*	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
John N. D. Chaddock	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
John F. Murfin	3	Burley P. Morris	8
Derek G. Astridge	4	Denis A. Frith	9
Neil Donovan	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon E. Halls.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*Peter N. Felton	*Treble*	Charles W. Ottley	6
*Patricia Rogers	2	Squire Croft	7
Hadley Hunter	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
*Carol Andrews	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Frederick W. Goodfellow	5	David W. Struckett	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Elson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Valentine Beadle, aged 82 years, a ringer at this church for 33 years.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Anthony E. Stamp	*Treble*	John Weaver	6
Edward Hudson	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	7
Harry Brown	3	*Alan Sheppard	8
John A. Brown	4	C. Barrie Dove	9
*John Potts	5	Elsdon Metcalfe	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
* 75th peal together. First of Grandsire Caters for all except 3 and 4. Believed to be the first of Grandsire Caters on the bells.
Rung for the Diocesan Missionary Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. James Glass	*Treble*	*Norman Phillips	5
Monica M. Blagrove	2	*Douglas Boniface	6
*David W. Struckett	3	Albert C. Wenban	7
Geoffrey Riglar	4	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Maurice Hughes	*Treble*	James Insley	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
Muriel Reay	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Susan Funnell	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Peter T. Dale	5
Neil Bennett	2	Frederick Shallcross	6
Basil Jones	3	Geoffrey Davies	7
John Robinson	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb.

Derek Butterworth	*Treble*	Jeffrey Brannan	5
John Robinson	2	F. John Nelson	6
Derek A. Ashton	3	Peter T. Dale	7
John C. Baldwin	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. John Nelson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*David Eames	*Treble*	John K. Smith	5
Roland Beniston	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Raymond Benfield	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	Claire Dillamore	5
Katherine Burchnall	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
Mary C. Poyner	3	Harry Poyner	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Peter A. Sharp	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield on the birth of a son (Richard John).

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

William H. Minnear	*Treble*	Edmund E. Pearson	5
*Alec W. Ivings	2	William Ivings	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	†Michael W. Coleman	7
Barry J. Davies	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. G. H. Palmer as Vicar.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	*Treble*	*John E. Chapman	5
Eileen J. Osborne	2	Ian M. Holland	6
Malcolm P. Phipps	3	Leonard Goodall	7
Richard A. Shekelton	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
* First peal of Surprise.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Rev. J. E. E. Tredennick	*Treble*	*Adrian G. Semken	5
*Neil V. Avis	2	†Maurice E. Downs	6
Ed. E. Davey	3	Walter Arnold	7
George Waterman	4	‡Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 75th peal in this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

John Shonfeld	*Treble*	John K. Smith	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	R. Kingsley Mason	6
Raymond Benfield	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Robert Topham	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
Sydney Hough	2	John Worth	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	†Robert Smith	7
Fred Price	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal for Chester Guild.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Vernon Bottomley	*Treble*	Vivian Nutton	5
Jeanne Bottomley	2	S. Barry Schofield	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	David Smith	7
Arlene Flather	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
C. D. P. Davies' variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*Heather Kent	*Treble*	D. Jones	5
R. Kenrick	2	C. Blackburn	6
Jas. Dilworth	3	*J. Ellison	7
*John Dilworth	4	*H. Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Kenrick.
* First peal in the method.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Harry A. Richardson	*Treble*	Charles E. Truman	5
David Burbidge	2	James Linnell	6
*Margaret A. Wilson	3	*Robin H. Rogers	7
Alan C. Cozens	4	William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
A compliment to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc. (Chemistry) at Hull University.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Derek Butterworth	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
Derek A. Ashton	2	John Robinson	6
John F. Barlow	3	*Frederick Shallcross	7
John P. Partington	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 200th peal. First in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

John M. Jelley	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
*Colin Disney	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
Alan E. Hartley	3	William A. Lacey	7
David G. Wilford	4	Alban Disney	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	*Peter Coxal	5
Jack N. Brown	2	Frederick Pearson	6
Thomas S. Horridge	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
William E. Court	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Horridge (July 15th and 12th).

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.) Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

Pauline Bull	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	G. Leslie A. Lunn	6
Delia E. Smith	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
T. Alan Gilbert	4	Stephen L. Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Heppenstall, churchwarden of this parish.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Peter J. Malloch	*Treble*	Derek A. Ashton	5
*John A. Booth	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
Margaret Wright	3	John F. Barlow	7
Jeffrey Brannan	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Frank Osbaldiston	2	John Worth	6
Giles B. Thompson	3	*Basil Jones	7
Brian Woodruffe	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John Worth.
* 100th peal together.

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SIX BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F sharp.

Michael Daniels	*Treble*	Andrew T. Beckwith	4
Robert E. Lester	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Neville F. Whittell	3	Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

David Eames	*Treble*	Richard J. Clifton	4
William F. Woodward	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William H. Curson	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

F. Hector Bennett	*Treble*	David J. Danby	4
Raymond J. Ballard	2	Michael R. Wycherley	5
Derek P. Jones	3	David Eames	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

An 85th birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare, veteran ringer of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Grandsire, Newborough, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

W. John Clayton	*Treble*	John W. Hope	4
*Margaret J. Stephens	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	3	Danzy Watkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Hope.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. C. Williams, former Rector; also for the 200th anniversary of the casting of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Rupert E. Clarke	*Treble*	Raymond Benfield	4
Gordon H. Lane	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard E. Clifton	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

An 85th birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare, veteran ringer of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Rev. David Hoare	*Treble*	Gwilym Salmon	4
Edward C. Chivers	2	Peter C. Wright	5
Victor G. Roberts	3	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

First peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	Keith R. Davey	4
Roger D. Bailey	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Alan G. Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

BECKWITHSHAW, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, seven extents: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*Anthony E. Stamp	*Treble*	Alan Sheppard	4
*John Weaver	2	*C. Barrie Dove	5
John Potts	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

* First peal in eight methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Potts.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Newcastle and Alnwick, (2) London and Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Wearmouth, (6) Lightfoot, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

Bertram C. Hines	*Treble*	Hermon J. Oliver	4
Frank V. Gant	2	Terence T. Jones	5
Harry Turner	3	Colin M. Tiffin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Frank Pattenden	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	Reginald E. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

A 21st birthday compliment to Jane Foster.

NEMPNETT-THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

George Prescott	*Treble*	*Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
*Ronald J. Ballam	2	*Sydney G. Smith	5
Marjorie Legg	3	*John Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur Smith	*Treble*	*Miss R. Browne	4
Frank Shaw	2	Alderman Ling	5
Arthur Ling	3	Ernest Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alderman Ling.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Sheila and Raymond Scopes on the birth of a son (Sheila is a member of the Bloxhall company)—a grandson to F Shaw; also to the second grandson of E. Steward.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods: 480 each of Candlesby, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

M. Alec Beaumont	*Treble*	*David Archer	4
Andrew King	2	Michael R. Meadows	5
Michael King	3	Alec Beaumont	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael R. Meadows.

* First peal, aged 14 years. 25th peal on the bells.

Rung by the Wentworth Sunday service band to commemorate the centenary of the casting of the bells.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*John P. Burton	*Treble*	*Gordon K. Goodwin	4
†Michael J. Mulvey	2	†Colin J. Gall	5
Edward Hough	3	Andrew J. Strathdee	*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew J. Strathdee.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Swithin; also as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Goodwin. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

SHAUGH PRIOR, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANCES M. RICKARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. LAVERS	4
MARGARET A. BOULD	2	D. ROY BOULD	5
YVONNE C. PORTER	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	*Treble*	†ROGER S. ALGATE	4
*ALAN TUBB	2	HENRY TAYSOM	5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal in more than one method. † First on six bells.
Rung in fond memory of Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who died on July 17th, 1960.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*MAURICE LINGS	*Treble*	†MICHAEL WHITING	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
HAROLD JUDD	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to Richard Judd.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one three-extent block, and four extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WIGGIN	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4
EDMUND MALIN	2	*ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) London and Wells, (4) Durham, Beverley and Surfleet; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Norwich; with 71 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*JOAN BERESFORD	4
*PATRICIA DISERENS	2	*RONALD F. DISERENS	5
E. JANE SIBSON	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal in 11 Surprise Minor methods.
Rung to mark the birth of a son, Adrian Leslie, to Joyce and Leslie Weller.

BELFAST, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (maximum callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*MRS. P. W. MILLS	*Treble*	*PERCY W. MILLS	4
†ROSEMARY THOMPSON	2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	5
JEAN JEFFERY	3	†W. LESLIE DOUGLAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal of Doubles † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull; (6) Westminster and Allendale; (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
Greatest number of Surprise methods rung to a handbell peal.

PEAL RECORDS

(Continued from front page)

Let us now compile a fictitious peal report and set it out in the current fashion, and then as it might be set out if the suggestions that I have made were to be adopted.

EIGHT BELL PEAL

LARGETOWN, SOMESHIRE.
THE SOMESHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E

*JOHN BROWN	*Treble*	†GEORGE BLACK	5
GEORGE GREEN	2	JOHN GREEN	6
†WILLIAM WHITE	3	THOMAS BROWN	7
ROBERT BLACK	4	WALTER WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BROWN.
* First peal † First in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEAL
(TRIPLES)
63/1 ALL SAINTS', LARGETOWN, SOMESHIRE.
Sat., Jan. 1, 1963—2 *h.* 59 *m.*
5040 GRANDSIRE (Parker's 12-part)

1. John Brown*	5. George Black†
2. George Green	6. John Green
3. William White†	7. Thomas Brown—conductor
4. Robert Black	8. Walter White

In this suggestion a serial number has been included and there would have to be **one** explanation of the meaning of the * and †.
Where peals are rung on less than the full number of bells in the tower, which combination was used could easily be indicated by using the numbers of the bells themselves in the full ring. Thus, in a twelve-bell tower the back eight would be described as 5—12, whereas the middle eight would be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6b, 7, 8 and 9.
This same fictitious peal could be recorded in abstracted form by the Someshire Association along this sort of line:

Date	Church	Method	Ref. No.
Jan. 1, 1963.	All Saints', Largetown.	5040 Grandsire Triples	63/1

Peals could be reported in chronological order or they could be groups together by the towers in which they were rung.
Earlier I suggested that the 'league table' serves no useful purpose, pointing out the differences in size between associations. I have also, in the past, drawn attention to the fact that some associations ignore this and appropriate to their records peals credited to other Associations in that table. This part of the Peals Analysis could be discontinued and this committee might well be amalgamated with the Records Committee under a title such as the Peal Records Committee. Such a committee could examine the peal columns and issue interim reports to correct inaccuracies and delete unacceptable peals, thereby adopting the peal columns as its own official record. It could also delegate to a section of its members the examination of the style and systems of compiling those records so that recommendations could be made where there was room for improvement.
I have written this article in the hope that it will stimulate discussion and I hope that I shall be able to read comments from others on the points that have been raised.
(Concluded)

WOOD DITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	J. REGINALD HEATH	7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.
The conductor's 25th peal for the Association.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours.*
AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET, PIMLICO.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

*JOHN V. CLARK	1—2	RODNEY A. YEATES	3—4
†MICHAEL P. MORETON	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
* First peal on handbells. † 50th in the method. 25th as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 14, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARY C. POYNER	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
HARRY POYNER	5—6		

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Baker 1, A. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, M. Heymann 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6. To congratulate the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his induction at Long Sutton on July 18th.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Massey 1, W. H. Mills 2, Frances M. Massey 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, R. J. Baker (first of Triples) 5, A. Payne 6, G. W. Massey 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On July 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Peta Ollen 1, Mrs. C. E. Slade 2, Mrs. R. A. Gage 3, Miss S. Heaseman 4, A. Martin 5, R. E. Waters 6, R. A. Gage 7, C. E. Slade (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 1 and 5.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Saunders 1, H. Cheshire 2, W. H. Turner 3, A. W. Glazzard 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, R. Carlisle 6, C. Bow 7, F. Bush 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Turner (83), a ringer at Hartlebury for 60 years.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden 1, P. Joyce 2, K. Sansom 3, P. Treble 4, Mary White 5, B. Walton 6, K. Waller 7, T. Page 8, R. Corke (cond.) 9, K. Tipper 10. First of Caters for all except 1 and 5.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 7th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: J. Woolford 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, W. A. Theobald 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, F. Wreford 5, A. Truman 6, G. Skinner 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to J. Woolford and Miss J. Barnet, on their recent engagement.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Brookes (cond.) 1, Miss L. C. Andrews 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, Miss F. S. Pocock 4, D. Boniface 5, P. N. Felton 6. Also on July 13th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: D. Boniface 1, Miss F. S. Pocock 2, Miss L. C. Andrews 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, P. N. Felton 5, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 6. Both rung on the front six after meeting short for Major.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS. — On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Johnson 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, C. Longmore 4, A. J. Brazier 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, W. Newman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. J. Lampitt, a former ringer at this church, who was interred earlier this day.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wright 1, R. J. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, J. T. Locke 4, T. Hill 5, E. White 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. R. N. Bathgate, of Merriott.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miller 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, N. Watson 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul, of Elveden.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): R. Allen 1, Miss M. Smith 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, F. Reed 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on July 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Thomsett 1, W. F. Oatway 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, M. T. Spracklin (first of Caters as cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Datchett 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, R. Mitchell (first quarter) 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway, on their silver wedding.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. P. Selway 1, Stella Allen 2, A. W. Dyer 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6. To welcome the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall as Vicar.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. M. Wood 2, W. J. Poole 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. Gaylard 6, F. C. Knight (first of Surprise 'inside') 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, who was inducted and instituted as Vicar of Long Sutton this day.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Todd 1, Mrs. B. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Mrs. B. Watts 2, Miss M. Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Before and after service, at which four young ringers were confirmed by the Bishop of Dover.

QUARTER PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On July 23rd, at St. Michael's, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: G. Henshaw 1, H. Lomas 2, M. M. Mottershead 3, G. Owen 4, J. Worth 5, D. Wright 6, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8, V. J. Norbury 9, C. Morlidge 10. First in the method by all the band except 5. Rung to mark the birthdays of the ringers of 3 and 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (540 Oxford T.B. and 720 Plain Bob and St. Clement's): F. S. Parsons 1, P. H. Langton 2, A. Turnbull 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For Morning Prayer.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Jeeves (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Jones 2, M. J. Lockey (cond.) 3, G. Kirby 4, D. Jeeves 5, A. Murphy 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of 60 years' faithful service to this tower by Sidney Sharp, buried the previous day. R.I.P.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On July 11th, at St. Patrick's, R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four variations): Mary Hines 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Ivan Page 3, Harold McDonald 4, Graeme Heyes (cond.) 5, Kevin Marstin (first quarter) 6. Rung for the coronation of His Holiness Pope Paul VI.

MERROW, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Davies 1, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 2, S. M. Cobbe 3, K. A. R. Glue 4, W. Savill 5, M. A. Cattell 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Miller and family, who return to Detroit after a year in Merrow.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Ball (first quarter) 1, J. Honeywood 2, G. Waterman 3, Miss G. Brown 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Patching 1, G. Orme 2, J. List 3, G. Holden 4, P. Holden (cond.) 5, S. Patching 6. To the glory of God and for the induction this day of the new Vicar (the Rev. C. J. S. Burne).

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On July 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: D. Bennett (first quarter) 1, P. Phillips (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Johnson 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, Miss A. Gratton 5, J. L. Shenton 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, J. M. Jack 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Miss E. D. Mason 3, T. G. Hull (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Pontin and Mr. M. Norman.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. D. Wesley 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Susan E. Burt 3, A. D. Smith 4, A. J. Burt 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,440 Coldstream Surprise Minor: L. Pickering 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For morning service on Military Sunday.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON. — On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Howell 1, B. T. Ford 2, Miss A. Frost 3, H. Griffiths 4, H. Howell 5, A. S. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Hickman, 50 years a chorister at this church, interred this day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Gillian M. Weston 1, Jocelyn M. Cooke 2, J. Milford 3, Marie R. Cross 4, Catherine M. Chapman 5, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 6. For the christening or Orlando R. M. Milford, and for the birthdays of 2 and 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss E. Cumberworth 2, S. Rayfield 3, D. Breakspear 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, K. Young 6, P. Samut (first quarter) tenor cover. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk, of Stockbury, also to ringer of 4th.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pratt 1, Jennifer Dye 2, A. Syder 3, P. Le Count 4, R. Suckling 5, R. Lindsell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. N. Parkin (cond.) 1, Barbara T. Peat (first 'inside) 2, Margaret J. Allen 3, Jean M. Hunt 4, P. W. Sewry 5, Dorothy Blant (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Michael Joel and Miss Pat Thompson.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 21st, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bruce 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, D. Nichols (first of Surprise 4, S. Armeson 5, N. Donovan 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. For Morning Eucharist.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Rowland (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Poolman (first 'inside') 2, E. V. Williams (cond.) 3, D. Heath (first quarter) 4, W. J. Poolman 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung to mark the christening of Richard George, son of Betty Irene and Edward V. Williams.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fisher (first quarter, 12) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, H. Gummer 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Hillier 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Gummer.

SILEBY, LEICS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Preston 1, L. Lovett 2, T. Dexter 3, D. Lewin 4, M. White 5, E. Smith 6. Rung in memory of Mr. C. F. Goss, 52 years' organist at this church.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 13th, 1,440 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: Miriam F. Pettitt 1, M. J. Marriott 2, C. M. Payne 3, R. F. Law 4, R. L. Piron 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Miriam F. Pettitt.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, P. W. Webb 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, R. Smith 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. J. Fellows 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Barbara and Jennifer Stephens, who are leaving the district.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Doreen Cook 1, Jane Smith 2, R. Spray 3, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 4, E. Styler 5, G. Stock 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Rung for the christening of Julia Perkins and Joanne Elizabeth Holden, granddaughters of the ringer of the 4th.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 30th, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: G. McIlhone (cond.) 1, A. Howes 2, Barbara Butler 3, J. Godman 4, A. Jobson 5, Helen Butler 6, F. Absolom 7, R. Howes 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung for Sunday service and Jim Godman's wedding anniversary.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Huddleston 1, D. C. Haslum 2, A. Tubb (cond.) 3, R. S. Algate 4, B. Huddleston 5, D. S. Voss 6. First on the bells for about five years.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Lovell 1, A. L. Guppy 2, Ann Hannam 3, Loreen Bedford 4, H. W. Pearce (cond.) 5, L. R. Tizzard 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. By the Sunday service band.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On July 18th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. V. Clarke (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, M. P. Moreton 2, R. A. Yeates (first in the method) 3, C. D. Emery (first of Surprise Major) 4, C. Simpson (first of Surprise Major) 5, I. Hughes (first of Surprise Major) 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Wye Surprise Major: T. E. Roberts 1, Mrs. J. Thurmott 2, B. R. Eglesfield 3, H. C. Edwards 4, D. Burbidge 5, J. Linnell 6, C. E. Truman (first of Major as cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

How it rained on July 6th! What with the difficulties of getting to Knebworth church and the driving, almost continual rain, we were afraid the meeting would be hard hit. To our pleasure there was almost the usual number for tea, and the customary variety of methods rung: the chairman, Mr. A. Rex Agg, said that it was praiseworthy.

Earlier Rev. D. Smith, the curate, had conducted the service, with Mr. Besley at the organ; and an ample tea had been enjoyed. There was little business to be transacted: the confirmation of the tower election of Messrs. B. C. Burrough, B. E. Matthews and R. E. Waters: and the next meeting to be at either Barkway or Askwell in October. Advance notice was given of the Datchworth dedication on September 16th. J. S.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, at Prescot Parish Church. Times and further details not yet arranged. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30, North Linkside Road, Woolton, Liverpool 25.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 2943

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PERSONAL

'Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.' (Psalm lxxxix, 15.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

GRANTHAM v SPALDING cricket match at Edenham on August 10th. All welcome. Match commences 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Ringing 6 'Five Bells' 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, by Tuesday previous. 2926

THERE will be no service ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, until Thursday, September 5th. 2935

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Sunday ringing (5-6 p.m.) at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, will be resumed from August 18th onwards. Any ringers visiting or passing through London will be welcome. From Tower Hill tube station turn left and left again.) Preliminary notices: General meeting, Saturday, October 19th, 1963: annual dinner, Saturday, February 15th, 1964.—A. J. F. 2913

THE BELLS of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will **not** be rung until further notice, owing to defects in the steeple. 2942

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cranfield on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) from 5 to 9 p.m.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2910

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, at Stretham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Buses at 25 past each hour from Blackburn.—J. Pilkington 2915

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, Slaugham (8), 3.30-5, and Lower Beeding (8), 6-8 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 2898

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager. 2909

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern Dis.) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey. 2876

ALBERT WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

Official sanction has now been granted for the erection of the Memorial Peal Tablet in the ringing room at St. Martin's, to the late Albert Walker. The cost will be in the region of £100. Any of Albert's friends who would like to contribute are invited to send a subscription to the honorary secretary:— G. E. FEARN, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 2896

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. Meeting at Heptonstall on August 10th. Please notify Miss Jean Akroyd, 4, Northfield Terrace, Heptonstall, for teas by previous Friday. All welcome.—D. Smith. 2927

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Henlow, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Durham Surprise.—M. Major, Dis. Sec., 92, High Street, Henlow. 2925

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 7th. **Please note change of date.** —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2931

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, August 10th, at Brasted (6), 3-5 p.m., and Sundridge, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Names for annual outing in October will be taken at this meeting, or send direct to Mr. S. Jenner, 2, Sheffield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. 2923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (in Village Hall).—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2920

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting, August 10th, Minety (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Oaksey (6), 6-8 p.m.—R. L. 2934

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 10th, St. George's, Millom, Cumberland, 2-3 p.m. Names to R. J. Gray, Riddings, The Hill, Millom.—N. M. Newby. 2938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, August 10th. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, by Tuesday, August 6th, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. Buses 367 from Chorley, 98 from Preston, 88 from Wigan, 298 Southport–Oswaldtwistle. — L. Walmsley. 2937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. St. Chad's, Rochdale, bells (8) available from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, no business. Please make a special effort to support this, our first meeting at Balderstone for nine years.—J. P. Partington. 2917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, at Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing to 8.30.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Thatcham, Saturday, August 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 6th, to A. C. Christopher, 59, Bath Road, Thatcham. 2939

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Evening meeting, Newnham, Saturday, August 10th. Bells available 7-8 p.m. —F. W. Hancock. 2918

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, August 10th, at Hodnet. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 7th. No names no teas.—R. E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton. 2908

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Hickling, August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Markham (8) (not South Anston), Saturday, August 10th. Please take own food, cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 2928

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bradfield, August 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. K. Wood, The Rectory, Bradfield, Sheffield, by 8th. Bolsterstone bells (8) also available 7-9 p.m.—J. W. Buxton and J. J. L. Gilbert. 2930

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, by Wednesday, 14th.—M. Phipps and G. Richardson, Dis. Secs. 2921

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Lanchester All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Names essential early to Mr. H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2932

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford and Clifford Districts.—Combined meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Peterchurch. Bells (6) from 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Tower open again 6-8.30 p.m. Following towers in the Golden Valley also open from 1-3.30 and 6-8.30 p.m.: Ewyas Harold (6), Abbeydore (6), Clodock (6), Bacton (5), Michaelchurch (5), Witney-on-Wye (5), Talgarth (6) and Clifford (8). Names for tea by August 12th, please, to R. G. Powell, 9 Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 2922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section).—A joint meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Early notification for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, would be much appreciated —in any case by Wednesday, 14th, please.—G. A. W. and W. H. D., Hon. Secs. 2941

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke). Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.) Tickets £1 1s. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.: Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.: St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsworth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2897

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'ALL WE LIKE SHEEP . . .'

AS long as change-ringing has existed men have made mistakes, and as long as ringing persists men will continue to err; and the trip, the false blow, the unpredictable mental aberration cannot be said to be confined to the beginner, the nervous, or the moderate performer. Even in a band picked with meticulous care, for some extraordinary feat, mistakes may be made, and these lapses must be corrected, either by the erring ringer himself or by someone in authority. The letter from 'A Learner' in a recent issue of our journal invites some thought and invokes some interesting speculation on this matter.

The writer of the letter does not make his complaint quite clear, for we cannot be sure if he deplores being corrected in mistakes that he has not made, or if he feels that he should be allowed time to correct himself, or thirdly, if he holds the view that all errors should be detected and corrected by the conductor and by no one else. All three of these points are worthy of consideration.

It is well recognised that there are certain ringers who are fond of correcting other people's mistakes; and while it is certain that in most cases the motive is laudable and the intention sincere, there are occasions when the casting out of the mote obscures the realisation of the beam, and the importunate monitor may, in his zeal, be concealing or precipitating a fault of his own. But this brings us to the very debatable question as to whether all correction should be left to the conductor or whether a general alertness on the part of all the band is desirable. Some conductors have held that it is their responsibility and sole duty and that all other intervention is intolerable. The late Clement Glenn used to say, bluntly, that there was only one conductor and that he would tolerate no interference. But Glenn, like other men who held the same view, was a genius, and no band ringing with him could justly quarrel with his ruling. Washbrook and Pye took no such extreme measures to exert authority, but their general command of the situation required no ancillary support, and the same may be said of the brilliant conductors of today.

Of the second point in our reflections it may be said that here we come up against a problem that can scarcely be stated with precision or resolved with definition. For when exactly has a ringer made a mistake? When does a trip become a mistake? How can one decide when the first slight default will or will not grow into a disaster of the first magnitude? This is the problem facing the conductor (and, indeed, other members of the band), and a display of ineptitude and an exhibition of helplessness can follow from a slight trip by the most careful and experienced ringer just as easily as it may from a mistake by a learner. There is in this matter no touchstone for the conductor, and only his intuition and his knowledge of his band can inform him when to bring swift help and when to let events take their course. And so it must be that there will be times when a ringer is admonished needlessly and may resent this because he has made no mistake or because he has already corrected his erring way.

This problem is an old one. More than 200 years ago William Laughton complained of this. Of that great ringer and conductor Benjamin Annable, Laughton wrote: 'Whoever rings as well as he can ought not to be blamed by anybody. If they can tell a mistake before it's made I'd say they were lucky, but they know no more than the pope o' Rome who'll make a fault before it's done. And what signifies calling out when a person knows it as well as they do? It only serves to set people fretting and making more mistakes.'

Of recent years Henry Fearn has said much the same thing in very similar words. Now both these gentlemen, the ancient and the modern, have proved themselves capable and competent ringers, each as widely experienced in the art as their times would allow; and so 'A Learner' finds himself in good company in his affliction, and may be sure that there are many other excellent practitioners who have had the distinction of being admonished and corrected by famous conductors. The privilege of being allowed to join with others in the pursuit of our art may mitigate our discomfort and soothe away much of our resentment; and with this reflection may come the realisation that in making our mistakes, and being (even bluntly) corrected, we endure a minor ordeal from which the most competent ringers cannot always escape.

E. C. S.

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THE EXTENT OF MAJOR FROM WITHIN

Conductor ROBERT B. SMITH writes of a Great Occasion

ON behalf of all the ringers who rang the 'Extent of Major' at Loughborough I would like to thank all those concerned for their help and encouragement. A detailed letter of thanks has been written by Brian J. Woodruffe, but I wish to repeat that we would never have reached the end but for the support of those who were present. The enthusiasm of those watching and listening gave the ringers the necessary drive to finish, long after normal resources had expired. If ever a peal was the result of a team effort, this was it!

A week before the attempt we were robbed of the services of Derek Ogden, who had a fall, and damaged his shoulder. His place was taken by Frederick ('Ricky') Shallcross, who, at 17 years old, showed that as well as being a brilliant ringer, he has the determination to 'keep going'—like the rest of the band.

It would be unfair, unwise—and impossible to say who rang best; they all did! All that I can say is that I am extremely pleased and proud to have had the opportunity to stand with such a band of ringers.

'Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.' (Eccles. vii, 8.)

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Brian J. Woodruffe, Treble. Age 24.—Brian has just successfully completed an honours degree course at London University, where he read geography. He has accepted a post-graduate position at University College of Swansea, where he will be taking up residence in September. His peal total is about 400, of which he has conducted 220. (If, in fact, the 40,320 could be counted as eight peals, his 400th would have been included somewhere around the middle of the eight, I believe!)

With the long peal of Superlative this year Brian surpassed the record of the late George Pye, who rang seven peals over 10.000 changes long. His total over the 10.000 mark is now 10, the list being as follows:

10.000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major,
10,944 Rutland Surprise Major,
10,560 Pudsey Surprise Major,
11.552 Superlative Surprise Major,
15,000 Doubles (handbells),
15.840 Plain Bob Minor (handbells),
15.904 Plain Bob Major (handbells),
16.920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal,
18,928 Plain Bob Major.

In 1958 he rang 100 peals in the year. Many of his peals have been multi-method: Doubles up to 94 methods 'in hand' and Minor up to 73 Treble Bob methods on tower bells.

John M. Jelley, 2. Age 25.—One of three Johns in the band—which, I suppose, could have led to some confusion had there been any trips. In 1961 he rang over 100 peals in the year, and his present total is about 600, of which he has conducted about 150. Previous long peals are:

10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal (handbells),
16.920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal,
18.928 Plain Bob Major,
32.704 Plain Bob Major.

His peals include many 'first': on tower bells Scientific Triples, and on handbells Yorkshire, York, New Cambridge, New Durham Surprise Maximus and the same methods and Lindsey in the 'Royal' field. The latest of his notable achievements is London Surprise Major 'in hand'—what next?

Neil Bennett, 3. Age 24.—Neil is employed in the Research Laboratories of Oldham's Batteries, Ltd., Lancashire. He is the secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. His peal total is approximately 250, of which he has conducted about 50. Previous long peals are:

10.000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major,
15.904 Plain Bob Major (handbells),
16.920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal,
18,928 Plain Bob Major,
32,704 Plain Bob Major.

This year he has rung about 70 peals so far, and could be the third leading peal ringer on the run who started ringing in the Manchester area. His peals include Spliced Surprise Maximus to 18 methods, and Spliced Surprise Royal to 12 methods. It is interesting to note that his first peal of Major 'in hand' was in fact the record 15.904 Plain Bob, to which he rang 3—4.

Frederick Shallcross, 4. Age 17.—'Ricky' is still attending Grammar School and will be taking his 'A' level examinations next year. His peal total is now 200, of which he has conducted about 40 (including Minor to Maximus). He has not previously taken part in any long peals, but is already 'booked' for one on Easter Monday of next year! Earlier this year he appeared under 'Up and Coming Youngsters' in the 'R.W.'—as one very famous ringer would say, 'He's there—don't you agree, Jock?'

John C. Eisel, 5. Age 21.—John started ringing in June, 1955, at Hereford Cathedral under the tuition of A. W. Davies. His first peal, Reverse Canterbury Minor, was on July 28th, 1960 (just three years ago), and was conducted by Paul Cattermole. The 40.320 was his 95th peal, 23 of which have been 'in hand.' These peals have been rung for 13 Associations, the majority being for the Worcestershire Association and the University of London Society. So far this year he has rung about 40 peals. Previous long peals:

10.560 Pudsey Surprise Major,
10.944 Rutland Surprise Major,
11.552 Superlative Surprise Major,
15,840 Plain Bob Minor (handbells).

John Robinson, 6. Age 21.—John is another member of the young band from the Manchester area. His peal total at present is about 200, of which he has conducted about 40. His first peal was at Norbury (Hazel Grove), in 1959, the method being Bob Major. Once his first peal had been scored, progress was made very quickly, and he soon developed into a very reliable ringer.

His peals include 18 Spliced Surprise Maximus and Royal to 12 methods. Last year he took part in the first ever Maximus peal week—only having rung two or three twelve bell peals previously, and soon felt 'at home' on the higher numbers of bells. At present he is working hard to teach a band of change ringers at St. Mary's, Stockport, a tower which has been undermanned for several years! Only previous long peal: 11.552 Superlative Surprise Major.

Brian Harris, 7. Age 30.—Brian now lives in Peterborough, where he is a teacher at one of the grammar schools. He is the only married man in the band, and is a father of four. His wife, Shirley, is a ringer, and takes part in peals when the opportunity arises.

Again, if the 40.320 could have been counted as eight peals, Brian would also have passed a milestone—his 500th peal. These peals have been rung on all numbers of bells, and include over 60 each of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Previous long peals:

9.568 10 Spliced Surprise Major,
13.440 6 Spliced Surprise Major,
16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Robert B. Smith, Tenor. Age 25.—Now rung just under 500 peals, including following long peals:

9,568 10 Spliced Surprise Major,
10.000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major,
10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal (handbells),
11,552 Superlative Surprise Major,
13.440 6 Spliced Surprise Major,
15,904 Plain Bob Major (handbells),
16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal,
18.928 Plain Bob Major,
32,704 Plain Bob Major.

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UMPIRES' REPORT

The extent of Bob Major by one set of ringers was successfully rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 27th-28th, 1963, in 17 hours 58½ minutes.

The bells went into changes at 6.52 a.m. on July 27th, a warm but pleasant morning. A steady rhythm was rapidly acquired, and the first of the 12 parts was completed in 1 hour 31½ mins. The second part was rather quicker (1 hour 26½ mins.), but after this the ringing returned to the original speed. The band was in a lighthearted mood, and the half-way point came up at 3.56 p.m., after 9 hours 4 mins., almost without incident. The individual 5.040's had only varied in time between 2 hours 15 mins. and 2 hours 17 mins.

By this time the ringing room was very warm and there was no breeze, and although the ringing was a little quicker, several members of the band showed signs of faintness or severe fatigue. A very tiring part of the peal was between 25,000 and 30.000 changes, but by about 7 p.m. the atmosphere was appreciably cooler and pleasanter, and this partially eased the situation. 5,040's in the second half were averaging about 2 hours 14 mins., and by about 8 p.m. quite a crowd of bystanders had assembled outside the foundry. These included ringers and non-ringers, and a very pleasing feature was that nearly all the local inhabitants appreciated what was being attempted, and many of them expressed their good wishes for a successful conclusion.

The previous record peal (32,704) was passed by 9.30 p.m., having taken 50 minutes less to reach this point than the peal itself, and by 11.2 p.m. the band had been ringing longer than any previous set of ringers (16 hours 10 mins. in an unsuccessful attempt, conducted by Mr. F. Lufkin). Throughout all this time only minor trips had occurred and for maintaining this standard Bob Smith, the conductor, is to be most sincerely congratulated on his incredible handling of the composition and coursing order during the entire day.

By 35.000 changes all members of the band were suffering from stiffness of legs, arms and backs, but the end was in sight. The ringing was still of a high standard, and when only the last 15 courses remained to be rung the band rallied for a final effort to bring the bells successfully into rounds at 12.50½ a.m. on Sunday, July 28th.

Amongst the bystanders waiting to congratulate the band was a police car investigating the reason for the noise and activity at that time of the morning. However, as an indication of how well the inhabitants of Loughborough appreciate what ringing is, the policemen soon understood exactly what had been achieved and offered their congratulations, along with those from all the other people present, for a truly remarkable performance.

UMPIRES: John A. Acres, John Barlow, Derek Ogden, Peter J. Staniforth.

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MY AMERICAN TOUR

By FREDERICK SHARP

THE eighth National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers was held in Detroit, Michigan, on June 26th-28th. The convention headquarters were in the Park Sheldon Hotel, and the whole company of 857 handbell ringers, their conductors and chaperones were housed in this hotel and the nearby Detroit Layland.

Many came long distances: from the far off Western States, from New Mexico, from Canada, and even those from the nearer Eastern Coastal States travelled further than from Land's End to Scotland. They brought their bells, their equipment, stands, and their robes, for almost every team, called in America a Handbell Choir, has a distinctive uniform. These varied considerably in style and colour so that the scene when many groups were together was spectacular. Great dignity was displayed at all times by the robed choirs, particularly in stage entries and exits.

It was difficult to assess the exact proportion, but I estimated that approximately two-thirds of the company were teenagers, and that probably about three hundred of these were girls. For every six teenagers the Housing Committee of the A.G.E.H.R. insisted that there should be one adult chaperone.

Most teams were attached to some church, and a great number of different denominations were represented. In many of the very large churches the music is controlled by an official having the title of 'Minister of Music.' He would have a staff of assistants. One man had 22 singing choirs in his church; another had 13 handbell teams.

Some groups gave recitals and concerts all the year round to finance their visit to the Convention: others gave concerts as they travelled across the American Continent to help defray their expenses.

IMPORTANCE OF CONDUCTOR

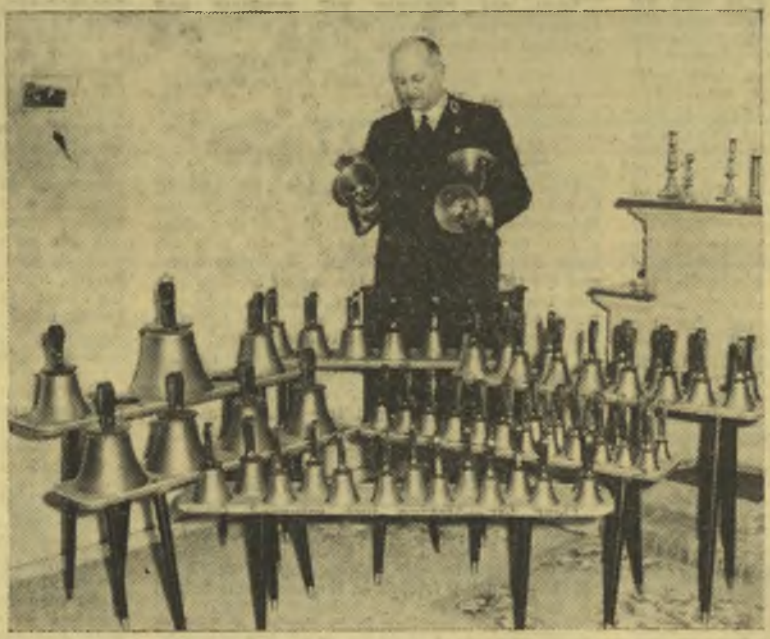
Most ringers rang two bells each, retaining these in their hands; but occasionally exchanging one for another bell on the stand, or table, in front of them. The general arrangement was for the ringers to stand in a straight line facing the audience, and facing their conductor, with their music on racks, or music stands. They depended entirely on the conductor for it was impossible for any one ringer to see the whole team.

A great variety of bell positions was observed. Very few rang in the clockwise position, as we do in England: many rang anti-clockwise, but, of course, this would appear clockwise to the conductor who would face the ringers and have his back to the audience. Many more teams rang with their bells in mixed positions: trebles, altos, tenors and basses all mixed up together. I tried to find out the reason for this, but without success.

The backstroke position was used almost universally. Bells would be held nearly shoulder high, inverted. With much grace and dignity the backstroke would be sounded and the bell returned and held stationary in its normal inverted position. This would be done in one graceful movement, concluding almost, so it seemed to me, like the action of holding one's glass when proposing a toast. The ringing was done with great feeling, soft passages in particular being beautifully rendered; and with harmonies well subdued to the melodies. But there were exceptions: some teams in their enthusiasm were over vigorous, and the dampening of bells was carried to extremes by others. One team even rang with their bells in bags to obtain a particular dampened effect for one piece.

The swinging of bells for sustained notes was practised by some, but the effect was lost by the way in which this was done.

Great attention was paid to harmonisation and arrangement. This was done strictly on the recognised principles and rules governing music in general, rather than being composed especially for bells. The harmonisation was thin compared with ours, and was not helped by having the bells held so rigidly at the end of each stroke. It was almost like a tower bell being struck by an Ellacombe hammer, in contrast to one struck in full swing.



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ELABORATE EQUIPMENT

A great variety of stands, tables, bell-racks and carrying cases were used. Some were elaborate and obviously costly. One team had a set of aluminium stands designed so that the ringers stood on three levels, tier behind tier, with carefully designed bell stands and rests complete with music racks in front of each tier of ringers. One director explained how she had designed carrying cases which formed bell stands when required, and could be erected in a minimum of time. The cost of these had amounted to £500. All equipment was obviously well cared for, as were also the bells which, without exception, were highly polished and in first rate condition. Most of them were cast at the Whitechapel foundry in London, but several teams were using Dutch bells from the foundry of Messrs. Petit and Fritsen, and a few had American cast bells. Most teams used three chromatic octaves, or more. Less than two chromatic octaves, 25 bells, is termed a small set by the A.G.E.H.R. All are tuned to standard pitch (A=440).

Registration began at 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the MacGregor Memorial Hall at Wayne University. The city of Detroit, its hotels, Wayne University and Arts Institute had co-operated in a wonderful manner with the programme chairman, Dr. Marvin Reecher, in placing every facility at the disposal of the A.G.E.H.R.

The official opening of the Convention followed. An enthusiastic and very sincere invocation and welcome to all by the president, Dr. Robert Hieber, was followed by ringing by selected groups. It was beautifully performed, and I shall never forget my first introduction to American handbell ringing. On this occasion I sat with the Guild secretary, Mrs. R. J. Marlow (Florence Marlow), and Mrs. W. Tufts (Nancy Poore Tufts), chairman of Publicity and Publications Committee. These ladies had formed a reception committee to meet me on arrival just before midnight on Monday, and had assisted me on the previous day in arranging a display of photographs and exhibits of English bells in the Park Shelton Hotel. The amount of work done so easily and with such enthusiasm by them was astounding; and every day a committee, working well into the night, with Mrs. Tufts as editor, produced a four-page news sheet, almost a newspaper, called 'Undertones.' This was delivered to all members of the Convention at breakfast time each day. I was sorry I could not stay until the end of the first session, but I was requested to interview several press reporters and photographers. I had previously recorded three interviews for sound broadcasting. Press and radio interviews alike were anxious to present a picture of ringing in England.

In the afternoon Messrs. Frederic Fay and F. L. Whittlesey led a panel discussion on programming and repertoire, and demonstrations were given by Dr. Reecher's Tulsa ringers. Using film and tape recordings a lecture on the basic principles of arranging music was given by Mr. Istran Gladics. These took place in the Wayne University. I could not attend all of them for I was set what was probably the most difficult task of my visit. I had to lecture to the teenagers in the India Room at the Detroit Leyland Hotel, and demonstrate four-in-hand ringing. To play in four-part harmony at least five persons are needed, and at the limited time at my disposal I had coached Dr. R. Litterst, and Mr. Scott B. Parry (the author of the well known book 'The Story of Handbells'), both of whom had done a little four-in-hand ringing. The other two volunteers were Mrs. Hulet and Miss G. S. Hulet, of Kansas, neither of whom had attempted this type of ringing before the previous evening, but who were extremely quick learners. I was anxious to present a reasonably good demonstration after the excellent performances I had heard in the morning, and my scratch team rose to the occasion. So much was this appreciated that we were asked for two additional performances, not part of the programme.

YOUTH INTERESTED

Returning to the Park Shelton Hotel, I spent the next two hours with my exhibition. This meant explaining the basic principles of change ringing to all who were interested, and I left quite exhausted, but convinced that if there were bells hung for swinging in full circle in America the youth of that country would be as enthusiastic about ringing them as they are about handbell ringing.

After dinner the whole convention attended the evening concert in the auditorium of the Arts Institute, at which many groups, no doubt carefully selected, rang most beautifully. Afterwards the film 'Ringers Required' was shown in the Park Shelton Hotel, and a tremendous interest was taken in this by the adults. It probably did more than anything to present the art of change ringing clearly to the A.G.E.H.R. Members of the C.C.C.B.R. will remember the showing of this film at Cardiff by its author and producer, Mr. A. J. M. Collins, of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers. At Detroit it led to many questions, and I was called on for further explanations. So much interest was expressed that it was decided to show the film again on Friday.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor

Canadian Towers

Dear Sir,—I regret that I must point out certain inaccuracies in the information given by Mr. G. W. Pipe, regarding towers in Canada (see page 416).

I examined all the towers containing rings of bells in Eastern Canada in May, 1961, and conducted some correspondence with Mr. Dove after this in order that all the rings in Canada could be accurately brought up to date. As far as I know, I am probably the **only** person who **has** rung on the towers in Canada all of which have ringers—this totals **five** towers.

I started the ringing in Vancouver in 1957, a tower totally without ringers and unusual for at least five years, and I also was responsible for the instruction of the fathers at the Benedictine Monastery at Mission City.

Those of your readers who have seen my film 'Ringers Required' will have **seen** the former bells and **heard** the latter ring. At the Cardiff Council meeting, last summer, I opened my showing of three films with brief extracts from a holiday coloured film taken in Quebec City. These shots were of the church, tower and ring of bells at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity—the oldest ring in Canada. I personally have rung on these bells, and have given one evening of instruction to the struggling band there, in the very small Anglican community. Some of you will also remember my remarks on the difficulties of ringing in the extremely cold winters, and chipping ice off the bells for Christmas ringing!

Unfortunately, Mr. Dove printed that the bells were unringable. I purchased his third edition at the Council meeting at Cardiff, and was horrified to find this inaccuracy. I wrote to him after, asking for a correction to be made, but as far as I know no correction has been made for these very historical Canadian bells.

The ring at St. Matthew's, Quebec City, is in **perfect** working order, but has no band. It is far from unringable! The ring at St. Patrick's, Montreal (10), has, I seem to remember, five bells complete with stays, sliders and wheels, but no ropes. The other five have been motorised with enormous chain drives, which are terrifying to see in operation. I therefore submit that the omission of five ropes should not make a five bell ring (albeit an odd middle five) unringable. Of course the motorisation of the **other** five could be dismantled in less than a day and no doubt the remaining wheels, sliders and stays are in the church's store rooms, somewhere, for reinstallation.—Yours sincerely

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Vancouver, British Columbia.

Humour from Letters

Dear Sir,—In his letter in 'The Ringing World' July 19th, Mr. Giles B. Thompson suggests that, thanks to Mr. R. G. Leale, your letter page now 'beats even the peal columns for laughs.'

Perhaps in view of this statement Mr. Thompson would care to explain the laughs about the 'peal' that he 'conducted' at Penn, Bucks, on May 11th this year ('R.W.' June 7th, page 387), so that the whole Exercise may share in the mirth that Mr. Thompson attributes (or rather **contributes**) to the peal columns.—Yours expectantly,

GILES R. SHEDDEN.

Horton, Bucks.

A Learner's Question

Dear Sir,—Regarding 'A Learner's Question,' it was established at a recent meeting of Yorkshire ringers that we are all still learners so perhaps 'A Learner' should be described as a beginner, and, as such, will be watched very carefully whilst ringing.

It has been said that good conductors can anticipate a trip before it happens, and instantly take steps to correct a ringer who may have momentarily lapsed.

The conductor often spots a beginner looking towards the wrong rope and realises that the latter is uncertain and takes immediate action which irritates the beginner. Until the 'Learner' acquires good ropesight and gains confidence he will be constantly under the eagle eye of the experts, who, I admit, often overdo the prompting, but it is all part of the training.

Soon the beginner will graduate and experience the exquisite delight in prompting a wretched novice.—Yours faithfully,

M. F. MOXON
(Just another learner).

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

How is it done in Brum?

Dear Sir,—Nothing ever surprises the Lincoln Cathedral ringers, but we wonder how the Brummies squeeze their peals in. Having spent a full day's outing in the Midland area on June 22nd, visiting Walsall, Wolverhampton and the two Birmingham twelves of St. Martin's and the Cathedral, we also enjoyed the company of our York friend, Miss Iris Lemare. This accounted for her activities from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., but then we read of her ringing a peal of London at Birmingham Cathedral on that day. We offer our congratulations, but still marvel how she did it.—Yours etc.,

J. L. M.

Thank you, Somerset

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a wonderful fortnight's holiday at Clevedon, Somerset, I would like, through the medium of your columns to express my gratitude to all those ringing friends in the area who helped so much to make the holiday a success by arranging and standing in in ringing at various churches, and also in quarter peal attempts (two of which were successful!). Thanks are due especially to the members of the Batn and Chew Deanery Branches of the Bath and Wells Association, particularly to my good friends David Yeo, Len Derrick, George Prescott and Michael Horseman; also to clergy and tower captains for so willingly giving permission for ringing.

Thank you, Somerset, for a grand welcome, and I look forward very much to visiting more of your beautiful churches and fine bells in due course.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Gillingham.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' August 1st, 1913.—

In connection with the Hertfordshire demonstration of protest against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, held at Hatfield last Saturday, Canon Lord William Cecil invited members of the Herts Association of Ringers to use the bells of the Parish Church, and members attended in considerable numbers from many parts of the county. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung.

Extent of Major

(Continued from page 530)

CONDUCTOR'S THANKS

Mr. Robert B. Smith writes: I would like to thank everybody who sent telegrams and letters, and will reply to them personally as soon as time permits.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—At last the full extent of Plain Bob Major has been rung, and I would like through 'The Ringing World' to congratulate most heartily Bob Smith and his young band on having accomplished this great achievement, one which must surely go down in ringing history as 'The Peal of 1963.'

The first attempt to ring the full extent was made on December 4th, 1954, and since that time several attempts have been made, the last four or five by two bands, one led by Bob Smith and the other by Frank B. Lufkin. Bob, in his determination to gain this victory, has now proved to so many ringers, who have said it can't be done, that they are wrong.

Having taken part in eight attempts to ring the full extent at Loughborough I can well appreciate the feelings of the eight successful ringers when they heard the long awaited words, 'That's all.'

In rejoicing at their success we must not forget the one man without whom the extent might never have been rung. I refer, of course, to Mr. Paul Taylor, who through his kindness and generosity has made this great ringing marathon possible.

I am certain that the whole Exercise will wish to join me in this message of congratulations, and we look forward with eagerness to the next venture of Bob Smith and his young band of ringers.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

Dear Sir,—The band that twice failed to ring the extent of Major sends congratulations to Bob Smith and band on their success.—Yours sincerely, FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea.

FROM LEEDS, KENT

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the present day members of the Society of Leeds Ringers, I offer my congratulations to Bob Smith and his band on ringing the extent of Major, with eight men only. I am sure my eminent predecessor in this tower, James Barham, would wish his name to be associated with these congratulations. He led the band which first attained the full 40,320 changes over 200 years ago. On that occasion though, fourteen men took part in the ringing, so Bob Smith's eight deserve all honour for their clear and decisive superiority over the earlier achievement.—Yours faithfully,

ALEC W. FRY,
Tower Captain.
St. Nicholas', Leeds.

Confidence in Officers

Dear Sir,—Regarding the letter from Mr. Slight, of Grantham, concerning Lincoln Guild officers, the views expressed are probably his own. As an ordinary ringing member of the Southern Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, I wish to state that the vast majority of our members have full confidence in our office holders at the Guild headquarters, and greatly appreciate the work which they efficiently carry out.

We are also well served with officers at Branch level and have a secretary whose integrity and devotion to the office is second to none.—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. L. BLANCHARD.

Rippingdale, Lincs.

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Coach parties from Chesterfield and Derby brought the attendance at the Association's quarterly meeting at Glossop to over 70. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Batslear) presided and welcomed the company. He is a ringer, and later in the proceedings he and five of the local company joined the Association.

Mr. J. C. Woolley, general treasurer, deplored that many subscriptions were outstanding, and asked for payment as soon as possible, as expenditure had increased. Over £4 had been received in voluntary donations appealed for so as to avoid an increased subscription. The Bell Repair Fund was healthy, with a balance of over £170. Only one church out of 68 had failed to pay the affiliation fee.

An interesting and detailed account of the Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth was presented by Mr. A. Mould.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £2 10s. 6d., and proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Adams. The meeting was preceded by a service and tea.

Chesterfield District

There was only a small attendance at the Chesterfield District meeting at Brampton on June 8th, but the business was significant with the election of eight new members from North Wingfield (Messrs. A. Sollis, B. Dunn, F. Roby, B. Wharmley, C. Booker, J. Timmons, P. Hopkinson and G. Freeman and G. Hibbard (Staveley)). The strong effort by the local band at South Wigfield to re-establish regular ringing was noted with pleasure.

Silent tribute was paid to Mr. L. Palmer, of Staveley, a ringer for almost 60 years. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Goodall, District Ringing Master. Welcomed visitors were Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, and his son, Fred.

REDEDICATION

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE

The old red sandstone Norman Church of St. Andrew, Stanton-on-Hine Heath, Shropshire, was filled for the rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve). In less than two years this small agricultural community has raised the £1,200 needed for retuning the bells and rehanging them in new fittings in an iron frame. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have made a splendid job, and the tone is now brighter. Canons have been removed and the tenor weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Immediately after the dedication the bells were chimed in rounds for one minute by six members of the Shropshire Association, at the request of the Vicar, and at the conclusion of the service the bells were raised in peal and rung for an hour or so under the leadership of Mr. R. E. Morris, general secretary of the Association. Men tanned by their work in the hay harvest showed they had not forgotten their Grandsire Doubles, although several seemed to find the little treble rather light.

Everybody was delighted with the improved tone and excellent 'go.' Unfortunately the Vicar seems rather against peal ringing, and it looks as though no permission will be given, at least for the present. E. V. R.

OBITUARY

MR. J. R. GILSON

Melton Mowbray has lost an old and faithful ringer and churchman by the death of Mr. Joseph Richard Gilson, on July 15th. Aged 87, he had been ringing for over 70 years, having learned to handle a bell at Kirby Bellars, where his father was sexton. He was a member of the Framland Association, the Goscote Society and the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of 1,320 Plain Bob Major on July 18th, with the bells half-muffled. They were: M. Ponting 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, F. J. Stimson 4, A. J. Stimson 5, J. L. Day 6, R. E. Manton (cond.) 7, M. T. Stimson 8.

MR. FRANK R. KNIGHT

By the death of Mr. Frank R. Knight, aged 64, on July 15th, Stanton St. John, Oxon, has lost the last of its veteran ringers. Frank had been in ill-health for the last two years and was recovering from a stroke when he collapsed and died.

On coming to Stanton in 1920 he joined the local band and rang with them until 1939, when war was declared. After the war he became tower captain and began training a new band, members of which still ring in various part of England.

He was a conscientious man, and, before ill-health prevented him from climbing the stairs, seldom missed service ringing. One of his greatest pleasures was to hear the bells rung by a young band, especially if it was local. In his younger days he played cricket for the village team and, in later years, had played a great part in keeping it together. He had maintained to the last that bellringing and cricket were two of the finest things man could have.

May he rest in peace. R. H. J.

BICESTER'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

The 50th anniversary of the recasting of Bicester bells was marked by the local company ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by a dinner, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. W. Eardley) presided, and guests included Mr. H. J. Preece, Mr. J. Grimsley (one of the original band), Mr. and Mrs. C. East and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunt. The toast of 'The Vicar and Churchwardens' was proposed by Mr. C. Kinch, and acknowledged by the Vicar, and that of 'The Bicester Ringers' by Mr. C. East, of Ludgershall, and replied to by Mr. H. Hatfield (captain).

During the evening it was decided to start practices again on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m., when visitors would be welcome. The Bicester register of 1913 gives the membership as follows: Bowers, F., Bowden, W. G., Clifton, A. T., Clifton, C., Clifton, H., Cox, B., Grimsley, J., Hims, E., Pitts, G., Neale, D., Neale, W.

The quarter peal of Grandsire was rung by E. Evans 1, Mrs. J. Thurmott 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. Kinch 6, M. Thurmott (cond.) 7, A. Crutchfield 8.

Unfortunately, a peal attempt of Stedman Triples the following Saturday failed after 65 minutes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Visitors made the meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chilton Foliat on July 27th. There was a touring band of young men calling themselves 'The Nomads,' and also Mr. Tony Price, of Sunbury, who gave a fascinating demonstration by ringing the treble and second to a touch of Grandsire.

The Rector (the Rev. F. C. Unwin) not only conducted the Guild service, with Mr. Alan Keen (Aldbourne), but saw to it all were entertained to tea in the new rectory by Mrs. Unwin and her helpers. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Newman (chairman) and ringing was under the direction of Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary and Ringing Master). W. A. E.

Dorchester Branch

Thirty-five members attended the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Abbotsbury on June 29th, at which the Vicar (the Rev. B. H. P. Ball) conducted the service and gave an address. After tea, at the Flower Bowl Cafe, the business meeting was held in the church, with the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (chairman) presiding. New members elected were Miss P. Brockway, Messrs. G. Brockway, K. Brockway and T. Riggs (Piddlehinton), Miss M. Ford and Miss P. Corbon (Abbotsbury).

Next meeting: Charminster, September 24th. Practice meetings: Wyke Regis, August 10th; Maiden Newton, August 24th: St. Peter's, Dorchester, September 7th; Cattistock, October 5th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and organist, Abbotsbury ringers and the caterers. R. H. D.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

N.W. District

The Rector and a team of youthful beginners welcomed those attending the quarterly meeting of the N.W. District at Ixworth on July 13th. The service was taken by the Rector, with Miss June Wright, a Rougham ringer, as organist, and a collection for the Suffolk Bell Fund was taken by Mr. L. Wright.

After an enjoyable tea, provided by local ladies, Mr. Wright presided at the business meeting. A programme of forthcoming events announced included: Evening meeting, Hessett, August 10th: no meeting in September; quarterly, Lakenheath, October 19th; annual dinner, Bury St. Edmunds, October 12th. The Rector was thanked by the chairman.

Visitors from a wide area joined in the evening ringing. G. R.

Next Grantley Hall Course

There are only 27 places available at the next week-end course at Grantley Hall from October 25th-27th, and an early application to the Warden, Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, Yorks, is advised.

Lecturers will be Messrs. John Freeman, Harold Chant and N. Chaddock. The main topics will be Minor methods, and ringing, conducting (Stedman, Double Norwich and Surprise Major), double-handed handbell ringing, ringing Spliced Major. Use will be made of Ripon Cathedral and Kirkby Malzeard bells for practical sessions.

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OUR PAGE OF OUTINGS

BIRSTALL, LEICS

Saturday, July 20th, dawned brightly for the annual outing of the Birstall bellringers. Joined by friends from other parts of the county, we descended on the Staffordshire area, commencing ringing on the light octave at Overseale, followed by St. Paul's, Burton. Here, unfortunately, the rope on the tenor broke during a course of Bob Royal, but after this had been rectified we rang a good course of Stedman Caters.

Other towers visited were Sudbury, with the church almost hidden in the Hall grounds, Rocester, Mavesyn Ridware, which we had difficulty in approaching as the access road is only 10 feet wide for nearly 1½ miles. The last three towers were Rugeley, where we were lucky enough to ring for a wedding, Barton-under-Needwood, where the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber was locked and we had to get in from the inside of the church up a window cleaner's ladder, and Lichfield, St. Mary's, where the claim that the bells go better to odd bell methods was disproved when one of our stronger ringers turned the tenor in to a touch of Spliced Major.

The usual halt was made on the way back when 36 handbells were rung to tunes for nearly an hour, with such good results that the landlord's wife asked us to move from the back lawn into the lounge.

Finally, thanks are due to Sid Harrison for the use of his handbells, incumbents and tower captains, and finally our very patient and helpful driver. D. F. M.

CALVERLEY, YORKS

The Lake District was visited by ringers from St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, and their friends on July 6th. The first call was at Kirkby Lonsdale, where good use was made of the six bells. After an extremely good lunch is perhaps not the best time to ring the musical but heavy bells at Ambleside, but we rang them to the best of our ability, and enjoyed ourselves very much.

A short, but beautiful, run to Langdale, followed, the fells and steams looking their best. The light six at Langdale went like tops. We rang slow Treble Bob in the traditional 'cart-wheeling' style and faster open lead Surprise and plain methods. While in the tower there was a heavy thunder shower.

At Hawkshead the local company had arranged a wonderful tea. The homemade cakes and fancies put us in a good mood for the lightest eight of the day. We left at 7.15, with regret, and arrived home at 11 p.m., with happy memories of the kindnesses of our ringing friends in the towers visited. JIM.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Six towers in Sussex were visited by Dartford and District ringers during their outing on June 15th and the route chosen was mostly through byways.

Ringing at the first tower, Turner's Hill, was preceded by prayers, led by the Vicar of Dartford. At Cuckfield (8) the local band, who were away on their outing, left useful instructions, and at the King's Head Hotel, adjoining the church, an excellent lunch was provided.

There was competition to our ringing at Burgess Hill, in the form of a brass band at the local festivities, but we were allowed to depart without any disturbance of the peace. Newick bells (6, tenor 5 cwt., the lightest six in Sussex) were a novelty, with their outsize sallies, and at Uckfield (8), after tea, we met Mr. and Mrs. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hairs, well known to the older ringers of Dartford area, greeted us at Coleman's Hatch. The day's ringing was quite up to standard, and we thank all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable. R. G. R.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On July 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Banton (cond.) 1—2, W. Hick 3—4, S. Burnett 5—6. A compliment to Alan Evans and Jennifer Stephens, on the occasion of their wedding at Ebbw Vale.

ST. PETER MANCROFT OUTING, 1963

A cloudless sky, a perfect day,
Lilacs and laburnums we passed on our way
From Norfolk to Cambridgeshire, fertile and green,
Trees, fields and hedges completed the scene.

To Burwell St. Mary's, an F sharp ring of eight,
Four dated 1705, three trebles added of late;
Inside the spirelet hangs an old sanctus bell,
Square Norman tower traces still visible as well.

From Cambs to Northamptonshire, the valley of the Nene.
Flowing slowly thro' pastures Higham Ferrers is seen,
13th century tower, with high crocketed spire,
Fine ring of eight; misericords in the choir.

A beautiful church; treasures unique and rare
16th century screen and a Bede House stands there.
The bells were struck well, rang out loud and clear,
Major and Triples, all methods, did share.

Our next call was Rushden; recast 'fifty-three,'
For the coronation of Elizabeth trebles added D and E
From John Taylor's foundry; in 100 days,
£3,500 was subscribed in many ways.

Ancient customs were kept here; a bell rang daily at noon,
Pancake bell on Shrove Tuesday, gleaning bell; all too soon
Old traditions leave us, the death bell; its knell,
If you counted, the age of the departed could tell.

St. Katharine's, of Irchester, another ring of eight,
To All Hallows' at Wellingboro', with histories great.
Both rings key of D, bells loud and clear
Rang o'er country and market for all to hear.

We made our last call at Raunds Church of St. Peter.
High above the town, bells mellow and sweeter,
We raised them and rang, lowered them in peal
Then homeward once more, our day to reveal.

Thanks given to all, a happy day; before it ends
One silent thought for all absent friends;
For those who are sick, one moment 'We pray
God's help and comfort for them every day.'

D. M.

DAVENTRY BRANCH

Making an early start from Daventry on July 20th, we arrived only a few minutes behind schedule at the Cleve Hotel, Wellington, where we were met by Mrs. E. S. Powell and Miss Hartley.

After an excellent lunch, at which we were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Powell, the towers of Wellington, Milverton and Wiveliscombe were visited, and a return was made to the hotel for high tea.

The Branch chairman thanked all those who had helped towards the outing, especially Mrs. Powell and Miss Hartley, for their part in arranging the ringing programme and meals. As a small token of our appreciation Mrs. Maude Clarke presented flowers to Mrs. Powell.

Ringing for the day was concluded at West Buckland. F. W. H.

DEVIZES TOWERS' COMBINED OUTING

Members of St. Mary's and St. John's, Devizes, Bishop's Canning, Urchfont, Seend and Bromham had a half-day six-bell outing on July 6th. On the fine bells of Kilmersdon the rope broke during the last touch. Radstock bells were particularly pleasing, and so was the tea here! Compton Dando, where the Vicar welcomed the party, has a splendid six, and at Newton St. Loe, the last tower, the almost new ropes required extra care. A most pleasing point was that at every tower 'the gentleman with the key' was always there to open up and extend a welcome. H. A. G.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY

Ladies and gentlemen: before I begin,
The Rector apologises, for letting you in
For this verbose and garrulous account of a day
We've all spent together, this Saturday.
The service of a good psychologist
Must decide what drives any campanologist
To seize his hat—with no farewell,
And travel miles to ring a bell.
But they do. 'We came along too,
To see whether it was bells, or the brew,
That inspired them to pull on a rope.
Now we know.' We watched them cope
In six lovely churches. We've heard bells fifty-two
(Six-and-a-half tons of ten—that includes too).
But let us get the tale narrated
From when we boarded our Midland Red.
In dawn's early light the party assembled,
With two Ringing Masters, we novices trembled.
We boarded the coach and sat where we could,
And headed for St. Mary's, in Brewood.
Roger bet Janet, of nylons one pair,
If it should rain before we got there.
It did and he lost, and promised to pay.
Is that why it stayed fine for the rest of the day?
St. Mary's was reached half-an-hour before time.
The others, in search of coffee or tea,
Found the local landlady in her deshabille.
To Coalbrookdale, by boarding the bus,
The day was progressing without any fuss.
While some rang the bells, there was a rival appeal
And some smacking their lips, proved it was real.
Here the Rector, alone for the moment, wavered.
Was lost and succumbed to his first ice cream wafer.
So to Shrewsbury, in time for lunch:
You have never seen a hungrier bunch.
But the lunch that we had—chicken and bangers—
Was right up the street of our bunch of clangers.
After lunch, Peter Border's lads,
Scurried up the hill to ring at St. Chad's.
A nearly two ton tenor. What a to do.
(The Rector ate ice cream number two).
A further journey to Much Wenlock,
Where we stopped till past four o'clock.
While the bells rang in Holy Trinity
We went off in search of tea.
It was a little shop—a tiny place—
And there the ladies took up all the space.
But ordering tea in shifts about,
The men went in as they came out.
Another short ride, but a pleasant one,
Landed us at Bridgnorth's 'Swan.'
Here a salad tea with ham,
Amply filled our inner man.
Our waitress asked us 'What's the reason
For putting slops in your fruit salad basin?'
Bill Osborne, of the head so white,
Said, 'We'd no slop basin.' She said, 'Oh! That's all right.'
A gentleman missed a well known sign, when greatly urged.
His face was red when he emerged.
Up the hill, to ring St. Leonard's,
Ropes creaking loud—louder creaked our innards.
The Rector looked downward from the town called High,
To the river below, and emitted a sigh.
'Down there, I feel, I've got to go,' said he.
'If I'm not back by seven, wait for me.'
Having walked down and up the valley rift,
He discovered the existence of a west cliff lift.
One more short ride, to church number six,
To find the Vicar of Claverley in a fix.
Two privately-owned chapels were his bane,
The non-churchgoing owner was to blame.
After ringing at this painted church,
We entered into the CROWN to search,
For food, and wine and comradeship;
This latter we should like to skip.
Mr. Taylor—at Claverley we're done!
We thank you much, both all and one,
We deem the day has been a memorable one,
Indeed, it has been most Claverley done.

DOMINE.

NORTH MORETON, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Susan Howes 1, D. H. Slade 2, D. J. Slade 3, M. S. Hammerton 4, J. R. J. Dyke (cond.) 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Chew Deanery Branch

The Rev. P. N. Bond, who as Ringing Master conveyed the best wishes of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, was a welcome visitor to the Chew Branch quarterly meeting at Backwell (8) on July 20th. The Rector (the Rev. J. T. George) conducted the service, and after tea presided at the business meeting.

Subject to confirmation, the following meetings were approved: Quarterly, Chew Magna: practice meetings, Nempnett (August) and Clapton-in-Gordano (September). The Branch Choral Evensong will be held at Backwell on St. Andrew's Day. Elected non-resident life members were: E. Shuttleworth and F. J. Nelson (Manchester), J. H. Fielden (Todmorden), G. Davies (Hanley), and D. W. Friend (Stafford).

Further ringing followed under the direction of Mr. H. W. Knight (Ringing Master).

J. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

When the Bingham District held a meeting at Cotgrave on July 13th, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Stephanie) had previously typed out two ringers' hymns for use at the service. These were sung heartily.

Appreciation of the Vicar's interest came at the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, when he was elected a vice-president of the Guild. Roger Barker (Holme Pierrepont) was elected a member.

Forthcoming meetings: Hickling, August 10th: Radcliffe (Crawford Cup final), September 7th; Bottesford (joint with Melton District, Leicester Diocesan Guild), September 14th.

For the evening ringing numbers had reached nearly 70. The day ended by joining the parishioners in Compline at 8 p.m., a pleasant end to a successful meeting.

R. B.

SCHOOLS FORGATHER AT SILEBY

Seventeen members of Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, led by Mr. John Partington, and another party from New Parks School, Leicester, led by Mr. Michael White, met outside the Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 16th. After the 'tour' and trying out the ten 'up the ladder' they moved off to Barrow, where lunch had been arranged at the Humphrey Perkins School. Enlarged by Humphrey Perkins' School ringers the party adjourned to the Parish Church, where further reinforcements arrived from Loughborough College School.

An impressive procession led the way to Sileby Parish Church, where methods rung included Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major and the standard of striking augured well for the future. Tea of a substantial character for the 40 teenagers present was held in the Pochin Hall, arranged by Mr. White. Each group then entertained the rest, and the two styles of tune ringing caused much interest. Change ringing was not neglected and included Bob Royal and Cambridge Caters. Another meeting is wanted next year—perhaps in a different area and perhaps with one or two more school societies involved.

B. S. PAYNE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch

Most of the towers of the Tewkesbury Branch were represented at the well attended quarterly meeting at Hasfield on July 20th. As it was a lovely warm day, tea was taken on the Vicarage lawn, and, needless to say, was enjoyed by all.

During the business meeting the following were elected performing members: Messrs. O. Trenfield, R. Loxley, W. Bulford and O. Cooper, of Eckington.

M. A. B.

AMERICAN RINGING WEEK-END

Miss Alice Shurcliff held a 'week-end of change ringing' at her home in Ipswich, Mass. U.S.A., from June 21st-23rd. The nine ringers present were: Alice Shurcliff, Tillie Suggs, from Washington, D.C., Elizabeth Bradford and Ruth Stiell, from Marshfield, Mass, Bonney McDowell, from New York City, Sabra Sullivan (Manchester Un. Guild), from Northampton, Mass, Alan Durfee (Ely Diocesan Association), from Cambridge, Mass, David and Alice Dickinson (Ely Diocesan Association), from Amherst, Mass.

Short touches in various methods on six, seven and eight bells were rung. On the Sunday evening some of the ringers drove to Boston to ring the tower bells in the Church of the Advent.

A good time was had by all, thanks to the hospitality of Alice Shurcliff, as well as her sister, Mrs. Sara Ingelfinger, and friend, Jane Phillips.

On Wednesday, June 26th, three of the ringers, Bonney McDowell, Sabra Sullivan and Alice Dickinson, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand,' to celebrate the week-end of change ringing.

A. B. D.

RUTLAND RINGER'S WEDDING

Miss Vivian Jean Hubbard, bellringer and chorister at SS. Peter and Paul's, Langham, Rutland, and only daughter of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Frederick Hubbard, and Mrs. Hubbard, was married on July 27th to Mr David Whitehead Carrington, of Bishop's Stortford.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. N. Hill. As the happy couple left the church Langham bells rang out to a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise by ringing friends from Asfordby, Melton and Wymondham.

At the reception held at the Noel Arms, the toast was proposed by Sir Kenneth Ruddle, who paid tribute to Vivian and her parents.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Can any band equal this record? Forty-three years ago a peal of Minor was rung at Melbourn, Cambs. One July 20th the ringers who participated met and rang a quarter peal in thankfulness for their good health and being still able to ring. Each rang the same bell as he did 43 years ago.

Comment of a Rector's wife at a recent Hampshire meeting: 'He may be an excellent ringer, but he can't tell Stork from butter.'

Senior member of the band of St. John's Church, Frome, Mr. William Mills (81), rang the second in grand style to a quarter of Grandsire Triples on July 21st.

The Vicar of Burghill, Herefordshire (the Rev. R. J. Coombs), has decided to limit the number of peal attempts in his tower and to give notice of them in the parish magazine. 'It is not fair to villagers living in the immediate vicinity of the church to have to listen to peals too frequently,' he writes.

The peal of Quedgeley Surprise Major rung during Mr. Frank C. Price's tour of Devon and claimed as the first in the method for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was, in fact, the second. The first in the method for the Guild was rung on March 17th, 1963, at Newton St. Cyres.

Holy Trinity Church, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent, built in 1841, has only two bells. A generous donor, tired of hearing 'one, two,' has had a loud speaker installed in the open tower and recordings of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, call changes on eight, Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Caters are now played. Is this the first of its kind to be installed in Kent?

On August 4th, 1913, members of the Middlesex Association rang the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, the band being W. J. Nudds 1, G. R. Pye 2, B. Prewett 3, J. H. Cheeseman 4, I. G. Shade 5, C. T. Coles 6, J. S. Goldsmith 7, A. W. Grimes 8, K. Hart 9, R. Sanders 10, E. Pye 11, W. Pye (cond.) 12. This was followed in the afternoon with a peal of 5,019 Stedman Cinques. A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung 'in hand' the previous afternoon at Pembroke College.

Prittlewell ringers are proud of their achievement at the parish fete on July 13th, when their jewellery stall raised £28 16s.—a sum larger than the efforts of any other parochial organisation. The jewellery had been donated by parishioners and in making it saleable Sunday evenings after ringing were spent in mending broken brooches and rings, re-threading necklaces and sorting the genuine from the paste. Well done!

'The Victoria Daily Times' has an interesting article about Christ Church Cathedral (B.C.) bells, and Mr. E. W. Izard and other ringers in its Whitsun issue.

Of note is a handbell peal of 31 Surprise Minor methods rung at Bushey, Herts, on July 10th, conducted by Mr. Roger Baldwin. It is the greatest number of Surprise methods rung to a handbell peal. A previous record had been established on July 5th, of one of 27 methods, also by the same band.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Alan R. Bridges, of Ipswich, is now home, after 11 weeks in hospital. He hopes before long to be normal. One interesting observation—he found the diagram on his temperature chart made a good attempt at the front work of Cambridge Surprise only to miss out a dodge with the treble.

A striking competition, open to Sunday service bands in the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, will be held at Cranford on August 17th. If a tower has insufficient members available, other ringers may be called in, but their names must be declared. The test is 240 changes of an own choice method.

'Irish Bell News' has in its summer issue a very topical article entitled 'The Belle,' dealing with lady ringers' apparel. The writer suggests as the ideal form of dress either a skirt with a loose fitting blouse, which is secured at the waist or long enough not to expose the top of the skirt, or to wear a short-sleeved and comfortably fitting frock. Ladies who are fashion conscious might stand in front of a mirror and stretch up their arms in the act of ringing to see that all is well before going to the belfry to ring.

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RECORD PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. and Sun., July 27 and 28, 1963, in 17 Hours and 58½ Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C

HOME TOWER

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Fairfield)	*Treble*
JOHN M. JELLEY (Leicester Cathedral)	2
NEIL BENNETT (Ashton, St. Peter)	3
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS (Ashton, St. Michael)	4
JOHN C. EISEL (Stourbridge)	5
JOHN ROBINSON (Stockport, St. Mary)	6
BRIAN HARRIS (Peterborough, St. John)	7
ROBERT B. SMITH (Marple)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Umpires:
JOHN A. ACRES, JOHN F. BARLOW, DEREK OGDEN, PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Witnesses:
JOHN P. FIDLER, MISS MAY, B. FOSTER, G. STEDMAN MORRIS, MRS. PETER J. STANIFORTH.

This is the greatest number of changes ever to be rung to a peal.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
*SUSAN FUNNELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
†MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
FREDERICK ROSS	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Cinques. † First on 12 bells.
In memoriam Albert Walker.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5040 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. FRITH	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
F. JOHN NELSON	3	DEREK OGDEN	8
JOHN ROBINSON	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	9
NEIL BENNETT	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the quincentenary of the foundation of the Borough of Grantham.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
MURIEL REAY	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
ANN E. FELLOWS	3	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
SUSAN FUNNELL	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5400 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	ANDREW N. STUBBS	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	F. JOHN NELSON	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JOHN FREEMAN	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
ALAN F. THIRST	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Arranged by R. W. PIPE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and tower after the fire; also a farewell to the Vicar, Archdeacon T. Dilworth-Harrison.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., July 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

PATRICIA ROGERS	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS BONIFACE	6
*FELICITY POCOCK	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
DENNIS BROCK	3	*DAVID W. STRUCKETT	8
†J. M. HADLEY HUNTER	4	*ANDREW M. JOHNSON	9
PETER N. FELTON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ANDREW M. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal on tower bells. First as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	6
*E. JANE SIBSON	2	*DEREK E. SIBSON	7
PATRICIA DISERENS	3	*HENRY C. WEAVER	8
ALBERT W. BOND	4	RONALD F. DISERENS	9
ANGELA GRAINGER	5	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Caters in the method.
A wedding compliment to Margaret Hoy and Peter F. Romney (Sussex County Association peal secretary), married this day at Keymer, Sussex.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5	BERT GOGGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the King's Lynn Festival of Art.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

HAROLD WORRALL	*Treble*	*†BERNARD MOSS	5
*JOHN RYDER	2	*SYDNEY OSBORNE	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	TUDOR EDWARDS	7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in memoriam Miss Emily Houghton, parish clerk and sexton from 1932 to 1955, who died on July 2nd, 1963.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Treble*	SUSAN FUNNELL	5
PHILIP J. ROTHERA	2	PETER S. BENNETT	6
*JENNIFER M. COOK	3	MAURICE C. HUGHES	7
†RODERICK W. PIPE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROSS	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
PAMELA M. TURNER	3	DAVID J. PURNELL	7
*PHILIP M. ROTHERA	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Michael J. Fellows	*Treble*	John C. Eisel	5
Paul Cattermole	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
*Peter L. Bill	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Paul W. Webb	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Michael J. Fellows has now 'circled the tower,' and is the youngest person to do so (aged 15 years).
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, on the occasion of his 77th birthday.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Roger G. Havard	5
Peter J. Shipton	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Jacqueline S. King	3	D. John Hunt	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Vernon Green	6
Roger Baldwin	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
*E. Keith Jordan	4	†Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method. † 200th of Surprise, and 175th peal for the Association.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	*Treble*	Anthony Laughton	5
David Kingman	2	Leonard Goodall	6
Eileen J. Osborne	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	Richard Shekelton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Geoffrey N. Goodall.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R. K. Sledge.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Roland Biggs	*Treble*	*Sydney M. Bailey	5
Joan Beresford	2	Dennis Knox	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of the Bishop of Buckingham, which took place this day at Great Missenden.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John S. Dean	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	John W. Griffiths	7
Philip J. Evans	4	Geoffrey Parting	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at this church on July 21st, 1923. Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst and Mr. S. Jones are the only survivors of that band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Ronald Kenrick	*Treble*	Joseph Ridyard	5
Frederick Pearson	2	Eric Cook	6
*Peter Beverley	3	Norman Heaps	7
Victor Draper	4	*Kenneth Wilson	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Norman Heaps.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to the wife of the treble ringer; also a fond farewell to the Rev. B. F. F. Crane, who has taken up the living of Astbury, Cheshire.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Michael D. Penney	*Treble*	†Victor Griffin	5
Cyril A. Wratten	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	‡Anthony R. Peake	7
Gordon W. Land	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal on eight. † First of Major in the method. ‡ 150th peal for the Association. The conductor's 100th of Major. First in the method by the remainder of the band.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Shirley M. Drew	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
Victor Griffin	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Eric Sutton	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Gordon W. Land	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method, and 100th peal, as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Michael West, assistant curate of Christ Church, and Miss Elizabeth Van Horn, married on July 15th.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Arthur S. Richards	*Treble*	*Ian H. Oram	5
†Ann Jenner	4	John R. Cooper	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	†Stanley Jenner	7
John S. Barnes	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Roger J. Lumley	*Treble*	Wilfred Lee	5
Joan M. Dawson	2	Percy Wheatley	6
*Olivia A. Marshall	3	Peter M. Dawson	7
†Robert A. Appleby	4	†Roger Waddington	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter M. Dawson.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band for evening service.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Arthur Allsop	*Treble*	Roger L. Hawksworth	5
†Lewis D. K. Roberts	2	Robert G. W. Broughton	6
Barnabas G. Key	3	Roy K. Mowforth	7
†William G. Allsop	4	‡Derek T. E. Hidden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal away from cover. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. V. Bishop, Vicar of this parish, who died suddenly on July 22nd.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5024 METHERINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	George H. Randles	6
Peter A. Sharpe	3	John Walden	7
Norah M. Randles	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in this method.

METHERINGHAM SURPRISE
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NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., July 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-Part (No. 13). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE BAILEY	*Treble*	E. MARION KEY	5
JOHN K. SMITH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
WILLIAM H. CURSON	3	WILLIAM WOODWARD	7
*ARTHUR ROWLEY	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. A. W. Hall (a vice-president of the North Staffs Association), of Cheadle, on his 70th birthday.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., July 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
PAMELA M. TURNER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
MARGARET FORT	2	BARRY S. PICKUP	6
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
STANLEY ANDERTON	4	SIDNEY OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
This composition now rung for the first time.
Rung to welcome Elizabeth Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mossop, of the local company.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	ROGER J. LUMLEY	5
*WILLIAM A. KIRKBY	2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
PETER A. KIRKBY	4	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal, aged 13.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	†D. JOHN HUNT	6
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	GORDON W. LAND	7
†‡ANTONY R. KENCH	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 250th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th for the Association. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.
Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to William A. Theobald (July 28th).

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	*DAVID S. OSENTON	5
*GILLIAN F. PARKES	2	JOHN W. COLEMAN	6
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	3	LEONARD CROUCH	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Triples. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' three times.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Gillian F. Parkes.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 COLCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

EDWARD F. FORSBERRY	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ALEXANDER PAGE	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. PRATCHETT	*Treble*	*‡HAROLD STEVENSON	4
*MARGARET E. CHILTON	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
†WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	*DENNIS SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 150th peal for the Guild. ‡ 50th peal.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents Plain Bob and 32 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ANNE BATESON	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	MARGARET E. CHILTON	5
HAROLD STEVENSON	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal attempt.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of London and six of Cambridge. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	COLIN JOHNSON	4
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	ALAN M. BARBER	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Turner, of Hauxton, upon their recent marriage.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Plain Bob and 40 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

VALERIE J. WILSON	*Treble*	MARGARET E. CHILTON	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT	5
*ELISABETH A. TUTTY	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

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WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX	*Treble*	JEFFREY SAWYER	4
*PAULINE TURNER	2	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
MARGARET E. FORT	3	BERNARD MOSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD MOSS.

* First peal 'inside.'

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*ANDREW G. STEVENS	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
†PHILIP STEVENS	2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First 'inside' in five methods.

Rung to congratulate Joyce and Leslie Weller on the birth of their son.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES F. LIST	*Treble*	PETER PEARCE	4
†PETER G. HOLDEN	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
BERTRAM J. COGGINS	3	THOMAS W. TIMMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM WATKIN	*Treble*	E. MARION KEY	4
ERIC YOUNG	2	WILLIAM H. TALBOT	5
ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A farewell peal for the Rev. G. C. Batten, M.A., who is leaving the parish.

TWYWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN G. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*FRANK E. COALES	3
ROY H. JONES	2	†ANTHONY D. SANSOM	4
†PETER M. FLECKNEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER M. FLECKNEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in seven methods. First of Doubles as conductor.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GREGORY EARLES	*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
*ROSEMARY ECCLESTON	2	PETER DALE	5
*MARTIN JONES	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pimlott, of Chelford.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and St. Clement's, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	*PETER LAURENCE	4
FRANK ROPER	2	PETER WOOD	5
*PAUL LE COUNT	3	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

DAVID P. HILLING	*Treble*	DAVID A. CORNWALL	4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the wedding of Joy Hannah Savage (elder daughter of the Bishop of Buckingham) and Malcolm Richard Parlett.

HOOE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods, viz.: (1 to 9) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (10 to 17) April Day, (18 to 25) Reverse Canterbury, (26 to 34) Grandsire, (35 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	THOS. M. BARLOW	3
CHRISTINE M. FULLER	2	IAN V. J. SMITH	4
ALAN R. BALDOCK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. BALDOCK.

Most methods to a peal by all the band except the treble ringer. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	‡IAN NORTH	4
†MAVIS SHIRES	2	ROBIN BROWN	5
‡PATRICIA LOCKWOOD	3	*IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt, and first of Minor. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, HEALEY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*JUDITH BARLOW	*Treble*	†RICHARD S. STARKIE	4
*ROGER J. SHEA	2	‡JEFFREY KERSHAW	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor, and of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge. First of Surprise on the bells.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PERCY L. TOMKINS	*Treble*	THOMAS COOPER	4
JOHN H. THOMAS	2	†GEORGE CORBETT	5
FREDERICK J. BEDFORD	3	JOHN CLEMENTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

A compliment to William Mantle, ringer at this church for 50 years.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb.

*JANTHIA C. VINCENT	*Treble*	†REV. DAVID H. SANSUM	4
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	MALCOLM M. POWELL	5
D. JOHN HUNT	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROSEMARY ECCLESTON	*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
DEREK ASHTON	2	PETER DALE	5
MARGARET WRIGHT	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER DALE.

25th peal on the bells.

The band would like to associate this peal with the memory of the late Mr. A. M. Buxton, of this parish.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

MARGARET A. BOULD	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	4
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	2	D. ROY BOULD	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents and one 2,160. Tenor 5 cwt.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	2	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	5
ERIC NAYLOR	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN A. COATES	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*JOHN V. CLARK	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
FRANK COOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal 'inside.'

HALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*LEONARD CROUCH	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
†GILLIAN F. PARKES	2	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	5
*BRIAN TRILL	3	‡GARETH S. EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles, and 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David S. Osenton, a local ringer.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	F. JOHN VALLENDER	4
YVONNE EDWARDS	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
PETER L. BILL	3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. (Fourth Edition) Nos. 1, 2, 7, 21, 23, 24 and 25. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	DAVID THORLEY	4
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	2	ERNEST THORLEY	5
MELVYN A. ROSE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Thorley.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

BERYL N. REED	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
*HAROLD DENMAN	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	COLIN W. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven variants of the Old Chestnut. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

HORACE R. TOOGOOD	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
MARY C. POYNER	2	HARRY POYNER	5
RICHARD E. MORRIS	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

11,520 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

2345678	2/3	4	5	6	7/8	9	10	11	16	17/18	20
43526	X			—	X		—				
32465	X				X						
54326	X					—	—	—		X	—
42563	X				X						
35426	X					—	—	—		X	—
52364	X				X						
35642	X					—	—	—	—	X	
26435		—	—	—							
26354	X				X		—				
65243	X				X						
54632	X				X						
2635487		S	—	—							
65243	X				X						
54632	X				X						
3265478		S	—	—			—				
46532		—	—	—							
63425	X				X						
63254	X				X		—				
35264	X			—	X						
42356	X					—	—	—		X	—

Repeat twice.
The calling positions are given by the half leads.
Arranged by R. F. B. Speed, from 11,360 by A. J. Pitman.

HANDBELL PEALS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 3, 1963, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14.

*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	1—2	*JOHN W. COLEMAN	3—4
		CYRIL S. JARRETT	5—6

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 31 methods: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley and Wooler; (2) Alnwick, Chester, Munden and Newcastle; (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (4) Berwick, Beverley, Durham, Hexham, Surfleet and York; (5) Annable's London, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford and Wearmouth; (6) Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk and Primrose; (7) Allendale and Westminster.
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
The greatest number of Surprise methods rung to a handbell peal.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,496 London, 1,280 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 480 Superlative; with 125 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	*FRANK C. PRICE	7—8

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells.

MINIMUS PEALS

TROTTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In five methods, being 42 extents each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MARY E. WHITE	*Treble*	KENNETH G. WALLER	3
RAMON A. STONE	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.
First peal on the bells. First of Minimus by all the band, and the S.C.A.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Alan F. Clark to Miss Elizabeth Maclean, which took place immediately before.

ORCHESTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents.

EDWARD D. ELDERKIN	*Treble*	JOHN H. TAYLOR	3
MALCOLM M. POWELL	2	HUGH N. EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. ELDERKIN.
First peal of Minimus by all except the ringer of the tenor. First as conductor. First and last peal of Plain Bob Minimus by all the band. First of Minimus in the county, and for the Guild.
A 28th birthday compliment to Pandora Morris.

LONG LENGTH

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On July 25th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: James Insley 1, R. Wilkins 2, A. Burbidge (cond.) 3, John Insley 4, M. Ingram 5, D. Ingram 6.

ASHFIELD, MASS, U.S.A.—At Ridge Hill Cottage, on June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bonney McDowell (first quarter) 1—2, Sabra Sullivan 3—4, Alice Dickinson (cond.) 5—6. Rung to celebrate the week-end of change ringing, at the home of Alice Shurcliff, in Ipswich, Mass, U.S.A.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Munroe 1, J. Dickenson 2, R. Fletcher 3, A. Metters 4, J. E. Burles 5, H. Wood 6, J. Bagnall 7, A. Brooksbank 8. For St. James' Day.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Barsby 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, M. G. Godwin 3, J. R. Perkins 4, G. J. Lowe 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Thompson on the birth of a daughter (Frances Jane).

BATHWICK, BATH.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): June Stubbs 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Stubbs 3, J. Owen 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Stubbs 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Rowe to this church.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On July, 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Smith 1, Ann Harris (first of Stedman) 2, Christine Fuller (first of Stedman) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, A. Jackson 5, T. M. Barlow (first of Stedman) 6, A. Baldock (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. Prodger 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: Hilary F. Martin 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, C. A. Tester 4, J. Schofield 5, R. W. Hinde 6, F. E. Darby 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, C. A. Levett 2, Ann Harris 3, A. R. Baldock 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, J. Downing 6, A. Jackson (cond.) 7, G. H. Standon 8. Rung for the christening of Deborah Jayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Skinner.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Phipps 1, D. Turner (first quarter) 2, J. Stewart (first quarter) 3, M. Cooper 4, D. Cooper 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Davison 7, A. Keller (first as cond.) 8. A farewell to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison.

BRECON, BRECS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Owen 1, T. H. Owen 2, A. V. Protheroe 3, M. T. Johns 4, M. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, R. W. G. Harding 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer; also for the engagement of the treble ringer.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. C. Collins 1, S. Lilly (first 'inside') 2, E. G. Swift 3, Mrs. E. G. Swift 4, B. C. Collins 5, C. J. Shepherd 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 6. Rung as a compliment to the engagement of Hazel V. Hogg and Michael G. Swift.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covers): Miss E. Meadows (first quarter) 1, J. F. Payne 2, J. H. Payton 3, R. Cooper 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. J. Bura (first quarter) 6, M. D. Fuller 7, R. W. Meadows 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 28th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maria E. Kirby 1, D. P. Smith 2, R. A. Long (first of Minor) 3, P. J. Long (first of Minor) 4, J. Lewis 5, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob): D. Lloyd 1, K. Gardner 2, D. Hart 3, W. A. Stote 4, D. J. Allen 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

COTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On July 21st, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Cammack 1, Jennifer Green (first quarter) 2, G. W. Pybus 3, D. P. B. Miles 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. I. Booth 6, C. C. Brown 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Walker (first quarter) 1, A. Wilson 2, Catherine Bradley 3, Eileen J. Osborne 4, J. W. Sykes 5, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 6.

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QUARTER PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Kelly 1, M. Smith 2, H. Heaton 3, J. S. Abbott 4, A. P. Ogden 5, G. Abbott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the East Crompton company of the Church Lads' Brigade.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Y. Parker 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, R. Rose 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, M. Rose 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the belfry captain, Mr. James Paul, and Mrs. Paul.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Burt 1, D. Wesley 2, Susan E. Burt 3, A. D. Smith 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Wise 6. For the wedding of Mr. Patrick Pim and Miss Susan Hazlewood.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (alternate 120's): C. M. Barnes (first quarter) 1, Judy M. Bowan (first in two methods) 2, Ann Harris 3, I. V. J. Smith 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent Minor: B. C. Mann (cond.) 1, C. Southgate 2, Barry Mann 3, T. White 4, W. White 5, H. R. Appleton 6. For the silver wedding of W. White.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. McArthur 1, Miss S. Bostock 2, Miss S. Harrison 3, M. E. Downs (cond.) 4, Miss F. Smith 5, E. Furbank 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, U. W. Wildney 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. H. Payton 2, B. G. D. Vince 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 13th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Miss A. Cox 1, Mrs. D. Gardiner 2, Mrs. Marshallsay 3, F. Harris 4, P. Tubbs 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Mack 7, J. Hartless (cond.) 8. A compliment to M. Glennie and Miss J. K. Wreford, on their engagement.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On July 6th, 1,456 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Brandrick 1, I. S. Merry 2, G. Johnson 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, C. P. Rice 5, W. Johnson 6, J. Vernon 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8. For the marriage prior to the attempt of Miss J. Rice and Mr. J. R. Brown, at this church.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pullen (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, Brenda Martin 3, R. Goodwin 4, J. Adams (cond.) 5, W. Fern 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. Gower.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, H. Hunter 3, Miss J. Felton 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, P. N. Felton (cond.) 6, S. Croft 7, D. W. Struckett 8, N. F. Felton 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For Evensong.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Law 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, E. L. Duffield 3, G. Seth 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law 6, M. J. Marriott (first of Major as cond.) 7, F. W. Rivett 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 5, 6 and 7. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Inskip, of Kempston.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On July 13th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 37 changes of method): I. C. Maycock 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Jennifer M. Cook 3, P. J. Rothera 4, M. C. Hughes 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. To mark the wedding this day of the Vicar's daughter, Miss Mary Tompson, and Mr. A. Selig.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Vivienne Kirk (first quarter, on 13th birthday) 1, G. Smith (first 'inside') 2, M. J. Wilson (first as cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, D. S. Johnson 5, A. B. Cooper 6. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to John Singleton and Ann Gardham, married at Hessle the previous day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Reed 1, A. E. Austin (cond.) 2, C. Gouldthorpe 3, J. W. Ward 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, F. Harper 6. To commemorate a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung on these bells on July 20th, 1920, by the same ringers, standing in the same order, and with the same conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: M. Ponting 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, H. Clayton 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. E. Manton 6, J. L. Day 7, F. J. Stimson 8, R. H. Cook (cond.) 9, A. J. Stimson 10. In memoriam Frederick Shepheard, died July 8th, aged 72, ringer for 50 years. Also on July 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Ponting 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, F. J. Stimson 4, A. J. Stimson 5, J. L. Day 6, R. E. Manton (cond.) 7, M. T. Stimson 8. Rung in memoriam Joseph Richard Gilson, died July 15th, aged 87, belfringer for 70 years and sidesman.

MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. M. Babbage 1, Jennifer Pomeroy 2, F. A. Rundle 3, B. J. Bull 4, Rev. E. M. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, J. S. Maddever 6. First quarter by entirely local band in this tower and for all except conductor.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, H. Hardwidge 1, S. Lewis 2, W. P. Blake 3, T. G. Phillips 4, Rev. P. N. Bond 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. A welcome to Elizabeth and Dawn, twin daughters of Mary and Tony York, born July 7th.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Toni M. Rogers 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, W. A. Yates 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, D. Burbidge 6.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Wadsworth (first quarter) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, J. H. Upton 3, Yvonne C. Porter 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Valerie Mepham 1, Anne Harris 2, Christine Fuller 3, A. Jackson 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On July 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, Jill Palmer 4, T. R. Hayward 5, R. J. Cann 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, G. Palmer (first 'inside') 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree (first quarter) 10. A compliment to Jill Palmer, who rang the 4th, on the eve of her departure to Walton-on-Thames.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Chilton 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, Elisabeth Tutty 3, Mrs. C. Crossthwaite 4, P. Crossthwaite 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Crossthwaite 7, H. Stacey 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On July 15th, at the Church of the Immanuel, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: R. E. Finch 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, J. Schofield 3, Olive D. Tester 4, F. E. Darby 5, R. J. Talbot 6, C. A. Tester 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Minor (six methods): R. Heyworth 1, Angela Ayres 2, Susan Howes 3, J. R. J. Dyke 4, R. Howes 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6.

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, August 10th at Bagshot. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mrs. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. 2977

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting at Mountsorrel on Saturday, August 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, by Wednesday, August

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ANNUAL LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

Shropshire Assn., Stafford Archdeaconry Society, North Staffs Assn.

Saturday, September 7th, 1963.

The following towers will be available during the day:

Madeley (6), Betley (6). 10-11.30 a.m.
Keele (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Barthomley (8). 12 noon-2 p.m.
Audley (8), Wolstanton (8). 1-3 p.m.
Silverdale (8). 2-4 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10). 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Service at St. Giles', Newcastle, 4.30 p.m.
Tea in St. Giles' Parish Hall, 5 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10). 6-8 p.m.
Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Broughton (8), Swynnerton (6). 7-8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle, Staffs, by Monday, September 2nd, 1963.
Accommodation limited. No name no tea.
—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2944

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BIRTHS

CLOUSTON.—At 1, Canons Close, Radlett, on August 4th, 1963, to Christobel (Kitty, nee Page) and Ranald, a son, Eric Nicol—a brother for Katharine. 2973

JOHNSON.—On Sunday, July 28th, 1963, in Oxford, to June and Christopher Johnson, Michael David—a brother for Caroline. 2961

PALMER.—To Rosemary (nee Seabrook) and Roger, of Fordham, Cambs, the gift of a daughter, Gillian Marjorie, on July 26th, 1963.

DEATH

STUBBINGTON.—On July 26th, 1963, at the Lister Hospital, Hitchin, Christopher Charles Stubbington, of Spiel Cottage, 18, Canonsfield Road, Welwyn, Herts, aged 68.

PERSONAL

'And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.' (Jeremiah xxix, 13.)

Mr. and Mrs. F. Robinson have pleasure in announcing the coming of age on August 11th of their only son, John. Wishing you health and happiness always.—From Mum and Dad. 2975

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LAWSON.—After August 15th the address of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson and family will be 29, Farley Drive, Acklam, Middlesbrough. Tel. Middlesbrough 87426. 2956

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—Bed and breakfast, moderate terms, parking space, two minutes from station, half hourly train service to Eastbourne, Brighton, Hastings, Bexhill, etc. —Mrs. G. Fuller, Droslyn, High Street, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. Westham 306.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALTON, HANTS.—Open practice, Saturday, August 17th, 6 to 8 p.m. Mainly Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.— All welcome.

SILSOE, BEDS.—Weekly practices will be resumed each Tuesday, commencing August 13th. All visitors welcomed.—T. P. Harris. 2970

TOWER CLOCKS.—Two, each with hour strike, but no dial works. Only minor repairs needed. Any offer above scrap value accepted, but buyer arranges transport.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. 2967

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting on Saturday, August 10th, at Brasted (6), 3-5 p.m., and Sundridge, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Names for annual outing in October will be taken at this meeting, or send direct to Mr. S. Jenner, 2, Sheffield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. 2923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (in Village Hall).—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2920

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, at Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing to 8.30.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Thatcham, Saturday, August 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Christopher, 59, Bath Road, Thatcham. 2939

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Hickling, August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.— Practice meeting at Hessett (5), Saturday, August 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2945

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Westbourne (8) on August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. 2959

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bradfield, August 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. K. Wood, The Rectory, Bradfield, Sheffield. Bolsterstone bells (8) also available 7-9 p.m.—J. W. Buxton and J. J. L. Gilbert. 2930

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice on Tuesday, August 13th, at High Littleton, 7.30 p.m. start.—H. Kingcott. 2949

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—Eight bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, August 17th, 7 p.m.—K. Prime. 2966

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Nempnett Thrubwell, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2962

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2948

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, by Wednesday, 14th.— M. Phipps and G. Richardson, Dis. Secs. 2921

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, joint with the Chesterfield District, Ashover, Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. For teas, please advise Mr. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, by August 14th.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2965

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Lanchester All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Names essential early to Mr. H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester,— C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2932

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, evening only, Teversall, on August 17th. Bells 5.30-8.30 p.m. Methods: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's (see Diary).—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Woodston, Hunts, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for those only who send their names to Mr. L. Brightman, 165, Belsize Avenue, Woodston, near Peterborough, by August 14th.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION
Join towers meeting
on Saturday, August 17th,
at North Niblev (6).
Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea at Stinchombe (6) 5.15. Ringing 6-9.
Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-u-Edge. 2960

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford and Clifford Districts.—Combined meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Peterchurch. Bells (6) from 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Tower open again 6-8.30 p.m. Following towers in the Golden Valley also open from 1-3.30 and 6-8.30 p.m.: Ewyas Harold (6), Abbeydore (6), Clodock (6), Bacton (5), Michaelchurch (5), Witney-on-Wye (5), Talgarth (6) and Clifford (8). Names for tea by August 12th, please, to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 2922

ALBERT WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

Official sanction has now been granted for the erection of the Memorial Peal Tablet in the ringing room at St. Martin's, to the late Albert Walker. The cost will be in the region of £100. Any of Albert's friends who would like to contribute are invited to send a subscription to the honorary secretary:— G. E. FEARN, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 2896

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans and Western Districts) and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint meeting, North Mymms, August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells evening. Names, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.— M. A. Coburn, R. Sheppard, K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 2954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section).—A joint meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Early notification for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, would be much appreciated —in any case by Wednesday, 14th, please.— G. A. W. and W. H. D., Hon. Secs. 2941

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for outing, September 21st.—L. W. Allen, Dis Sec. 2969

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. W. District.—Striking Competition on August 17th at Cranford—pull off at 3 p.m.; open to all bands in S.W. District. Followed by tea, results, A.O.B. and further ringing. All visitors welcome. Names for tea to Competition Secretary, J. B. Sansom, 55, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 2953

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton, Saturday, August 17th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2968

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, August 24th, Donhead St. Mary. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—Y. Eloie, Branch Secretary. 2952

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 21st, please, to Mr. E. C. Hynard, 'By Ways,' Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex. 2947

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Ticehurst and Wadhurst, August 24th. Ringing: Ticehurst (6), 2.30 till 4 p.m.; Wadhurst (8), 3.30 till 4.30 and 6.15 till 8 p.m. Service (Wadhurst) 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.—I. Smith, Sec. 2971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2s. per head. Those who require tea please send names and cash by August 28th to Mr. A. Harrison, 'Braemar,' Ringwould, near Deal. 2929

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—The Oswy Street Memorial Cup (which is an open contest to any tower) will be at Babworth (6), 1 mile west of Retford, Saturday, August 31st, at 3 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, please, notify by 27th, Mr. W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts. Rules from Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, Notts. 2955

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By ROBERT B. SMITH

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5,088 RUTLAND SURPRISE

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 14)

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THE ARCHITECT AND BELLS

By Brian Austen

THE architectural profession came under considerable fire at the Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth at Whitsun, mainly because there was a general feeling that architects concerned with church restoration in general knew little or nothing about church bells and the principles of correct bell hanging, but were including the amount of this specialist work in the final account on which professional fees are based. Strong sentiments were prevalent and in order to place this whole question in the correct perspective the views of the Royal Institute of British Architects have been obtained.

The whole question of the architect's brief from the client and terms of reference must be examined because on this depends the ultimate fee which the architect charges. To illustrate this fully, several hypothetical cases are set out below:—

Case 1

The Parochial Church Council decides to have a ring of bells rehung. The architect is employed solely to design the foundations on which the frame sits. Note that in this case **no advice** has been sought as to the safety of the tower or the design of the frame, and therefore **no responsibility** is vested in the architect other than the building work involved, the Parochial Church Council being responsible for the subsequent condition of the fabric. The fees should therefore be on a 'quantum meruit' basis calculated on the time involved. This is the R.I.B.A.'s legal opinion.

Case 2

The Parochial Church Council employs an architect to inspect the church, i.e., the quinquennial survey, and resulting from that he finds that the church tower is cracked badly and mentions this fact in his report, with a rider that the ringing of the bells be suspended pending further inspection, which he advises be carried out without delay. If then the architect is instructed to proceed with obtaining further specialist advice and providing a report, a specification, and bills of quantities for the whole work, which includes the frame and the bells, so that the tower when all the work is complete is safe for ringing, the position regarding fees is different. This is obvious as his responsibility and skill on the work has increased. Instead of being solely concerned with the building work as in case 1 he is now responsible in law for (a) the safety of the tower, (b) the design of the foundations and any subsidiary work to the bell frame, and (c) the checking of the design of the bell frame and supporting steelwork. The fees must therefore be higher as the responsibility and skill involved have increased.

Even in this case it is difficult to state precisely that the fees should be on a fixed percentage or a time basis as the actual statement from the architect which says 'this tower is now safe' results from the architect's experience and may cost the Parochial Church Council over £100. This may seem excessive, but it should be borne in mind that the responsibility is with the architect and not with the Parochial Church Council. This can be of great comfort to the Parochial Church Council, although it may hurt their pockets at the time.

The cost of the actual bells should not be included in the total cost on which fees are based. The R.I.B.A. is quite adamant on this point and the reason is obvious. The architect is not competent to pass an opinion on the bells nor does he use his professional skill in the design of the bell itself. This is the bellfounder's province entirely.

The picture should be clear from what has been written; it remains only to summarise that if a Church Council is considering a bell restoration and it intends to employ an architect, then the brief to the architect should be clear and concise. He should be able to indicate how his fees will be based at the outset and these will be in proportion to the amount of skill and responsibility vested in him.

The other aspect of this whole subject of bell hanging in relation to the structural safety of the tower will eventually be resolved if the proposed publication from the Towers and Belfries Committee does materialise. The form of this (it is hoped) will be a factual document in concise terms. It is required to become a standard textbook on this subject to which all church architects can refer with confidence. The present publication is admirable for its intended purpose, but is not sufficiently convincing technically for most architects.

It is hoped that now the question of fees is clarified and a textbook for architects is to be published, the relationship between ringers and architects will be more harmonious—after all, architects are human and some are even ringers!

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Conductor ROBERT B. SMITH writes of the Ordeal

In response to numerous letters, Mr. R. B. Smith sends the following detailed account of the progress of the long peal at Loughborough on July 27th/28th.

The start of the peal was very much like the start of any peal—apart from the early hour. We met at precisely 6.30 a.m.; those who wished to adjusted their ropes. Everyone unwrapped sweets and chocolate. I had 13 barley sugars—one for each part, and one to spare; actually I ran out of them at about the 35,000 mark. Time is not measured in hours and minutes, but in number of changes rung; this was my experience anyway. I did get one rough check on time at about 6.30 p.m. John Acres arrived after work at Leicester to do his spell of umpiring.

It had been suggested to me by Derek Ogden that if we rang at about 2 hours 15 mins. speed, we could cut the time of the peal by about 1½ hours. For about a week I considered the proposition, but it was not until we actually started that I made up my mind that 1½ hours off the 'wrong end of the day' was worth the extra effort required 'round the back end.'

FIRST 10,000 ALL SMILES

The progress of the peal I can only describe from the way I saw it. For the first 10,000 changes everybody was smiling, particularly when familiar changes like Whittingtons came up. Everybody enjoyed the 5678 handstroke roll ups off the lead—thoughts of London Royal—and also the course ends which sounded so much like Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The period between 10,000 and 20,000 was very boring really—rather like the start of a 5-day Test Match on a dead wicket—everybody knows that you can get a big score, you've just got to do it. At the 18,000 mark my back felt as though it was going to break in half! No point in stopping now though as you'll have to come again? Several of the band started to take sweets and chocolate during this spell (never take chocolate, it sticks in your throat, I believe?).

Inquiries were made to the umpires about the score in the West Indies v England Test Match at Leeds, and Brian Harris said that he didn't think that I was pulling the treble hard enough. Some of the band began to show signs that the heat and lack of air was having an effect, and the downstairs door of the foundry was opened. I wished that I'd taken my vest and shirt off as it was getting quite hot, and my arms were being chafed.

EVERYBODY PARCHED

A course after halfway I announced that there were only 179 more courses to go—John Jelley replied that I'd 'cheered him up no end.' Several of the band looked very uncomfortable at about 25,000, so I said that we'd passed all the records but one. My arms started to bleed at about this point, but this seemed to stop the chafing a little bit. Most of the band were able to lean back on the wall, and by the time we reached 30,000 they were doing so if they were fortunate enough to be able to. Everybody was 'parched,' and helped themselves to glasses of water: I dropped mine and it broke, after I'd had a drink fortunately!

At 35,000 Brian Woodruffe informed me that 'I better hadn't miscall it, or else....' By this time everybody had black rings round their eyes and some of the band had a sudden change of colour. Smelling salts were bought and livened the atmosphere up somewhat; the only way we could possibly lose it now was if somebody fell over—there were eight candidates!

Queen's came up in the last 5,000 changes. Nobody smiled. At 37,000 I remembered that Paul Taylor had said he dreaded the thought that a rope would break then. During the last course I looked round the band to see how they compared with the picture I had imagined the previous evening; they were much more weary, but then they had stood up to much more strenuous conditions than those anticipated.

THE COMPOSITION

I would like to make a point of explaining how simple the composition by Kenneth Lewis is to call. Composers and conductors may be interested to see how it is built up.

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The basic block shown above is essentially two singles at wrong and a bob at home, the well known composition for 720 Bob Minor. During the first 20,160 the 6th is never in 6th place end during the second 20,160 the 5th is never in 6th place.

Consider the first half of the peal, when we have reversed 5 and 6 with a single. The first lead after the part end, one can hardly miss the single (or if the 4th was a 4ths place bell at the part end, this becomes a bob). The only bob one has to remember is the first bob at home: this puts the 6th in 3rds place. From here we call a middle, and then continue calling bobs at every wrong until the 6th is in 3rds, then call middle. This applies throughout the peal. If the 5th comes into 6th at a middle, call homes (2) until the 6th is in 2nds, ready to make 3rds and out at the single wrong. A bob at home brings the part end up.

From **any** coursing order in the peal it is possible to know where the next bob (or single) comes without knowing where you are in the part. I would once again like to thank Mr. Kenneth Lewis for the composition, and all the people who have written to me during the past week.

'Those Behind the Scenes'

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the ringers who took part in the extent of Major at Loughborough, I would like to express our gratitude for the work done and enthusiasm shown by the people 'behind the scenes.'

The umpires deserve first mention. Throughout the peal there was at least one present, but more often than not they were all there, with a double check being taken. This checking of calls and course ends and coursing orders is a tedious task, but we all knew that they were present in more than a mere technical position. Every look, every smile gave us encouragement and support, especially towards the end, when there were some anxious moments.

Next, we must thank the witnesses and listeners. The thought of their presence inspired us to attain a high standard of ringing and we hope it was this that kept several of them there until the end.

Our greatest thanks must go to the man who made this historic event possible—Paul L. Taylor. By letting us use the foundry bells, he gave us somewhere where we could ring comfortably and undisturbed: he was of invaluable assistance, with regard to the hotel arrangements and transport; and, finally, his unfailing enthusiasm brought us back after failures in previous years. We were very disappointed that he could not be there at the finish, but we are glad that he was one of the first to know that the extent had been accomplished.

Lastly, we must thank all those who sent best wishes before the attempt, and to all the ringers of the previous attempts. The advice and experience of the latter gave us a means of approaching the attempt and their loss was our gain.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Fairfield, Buxton.

REDEDICATIONS

PADBURY, OXON

The bells of St. Mary's, Padbury, were rededicated by the Bishop of Dorchester on Saturday, July 20th, after having been rehung in a new metal frame erected lower in the tower by Mr. F. A. White, of Appleton. Mr. White's great grandfather rehung the bells in 1882.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who has taken much interest in this rehanging, read the first lesson at the service. The Bishop, preceded by the choir, Vicar and churchwardens, walked in procession to the tower, where the rededication took place. The bells were rung as the procession returned to the church.

The Bishop, in the course of a helpful address, stressed the need for maintaining the art of bell ringing and implored those already skilled to make every effort to encourage young people to take up the art in the service of the Church.

The first touch on the bells after the service was of Plain Bob, called by Mr. F. Sharpe, in which the other five ringers were from five different Branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Altogether during the afternoon and evening some 60 ringers attended, the youngest being a boy of 12, from East Claydon, who took his turn on every bell in the tower.

NEW RINGING CHAMBER AT USK

As the result of ten months' voluntary work on the part of the bellringers, who generally devoted three evenings a week to it, the ringing chamber at St. Mary's Church, Usk, has been renovated in a most extensive manner. The chamber was rededicated by the Vicar (the Rev. Randle Davies) on July 24th. The service was followed by two short touches on the bells and then came a tea in the Church Hall.

The work started by scraping the many coats of lime off the wall, each stone being cleaned thoroughly with wire brushes, and then pointed with cement. The misshapen ceiling necessitated a framework being fitted between the oak joists and then panels of hardboard neatly fitted.

Wood was laboriously hauled over the porch and between the two roofs of the church, the length of timber being impossible to carry up the narrow winding stairs. This was then nailed in place and polished to form a new floor over the original ugly cement.

Two fluorescent lights were fitted, which, although modern, did not seem to be incongruous. The woodwork and ceiling were painted and a beautifully oak panelled sliding door surmounted by blue glass in the shape of two bells was fitted over the entrance to the ringing chamber. Eight new squared carpets lay under each bell rope and a new electric clock keeps watch over the ringers' enthusiasm in keeping the congregation waiting.

A plaque stands in the centre of the chamber, which commemorates the work and bears the names of those who have carried out this transformation.

Although the ringers' funds (obtained through ringing carols on handbells at Christmas) will now be nil, the wonderful results voluntarily achieved give a great sense of satisfaction.

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MY AMERICAN TOUR

By FREDERICK SHARP

(Continued from page 531)

Apart from the group directors and conductors, who were fully occupied with their teams and had little spare time, I found the adult members of the A.G.E.H.R. exceptionally good company. They were a very friendly group, on Christian name terms with one another, and much like a gathering of English ringers. All wanted to entertain me to meals and sightseeing expeditions: I was almost kidnapped and hurried away somewhere each day when lectures were over. Church leaders encourage the young people to take up handbell ringing much as we encourage youth to take up tower bell ringing in England. At the moment it appears to be regarded as a church and musical activity, rather than being done for the love of bells. Perhaps I noticed this more easily than others, as first and foremost I am a lover of bells. The young people were delighted and full of enthusiasm. They crowded around me at every available moment, announced their names and groups, and were eager to talk about bells and music, and to ask questions.

On Thursday morning there were three lectures for adults in the Park Shelton Hotel. Mrs. H. Runkle spoke on arranging music for small sets of bells, and Dr. David Wehn on arranging for larger sets. I was able to attend a little of Mrs. Runkle's talk before going to hear Dr. Wehn. He uses an alphabetical system of notation, not unlike the one which is used by some English ringers, but with a more advanced form of harmonisation, and with charts arranged so that many variations were possible, while still using a master copy. I was invited to speak on several points, and to describe the various forms of notation used in England. After the lecture I mounted up a display panel of photographs of the Launton Handbell Ringers and played tape recordings of their music, which occasioned many questions.

I then attended an interesting lecture on bell equipment by Dr. R. Litterst, and Mr. Scott Parry. All the problems of the care and maintenance of bells, their transportation, and arranging for recitals appear common to both sides of the Atlantic. This lecture greatly exceeded its time limit by reason of the numerous questions asked. I was in constant demand with the ever-recurring question, What do you do in England?

The afternoon was spent in Greenfield Village and concluded with a barbecue.

'RINGING IN ENGLAND'

At approximately 7.45 the whole Convention, 857 of them, plus about an additional two hundred, had assembled in the large auditorium of the Arts Institute of Detroit University. Dr. Marvin Reecher took the chair and introduced me. I spoke for one hour on 'Ringing in England,' and afterwards the whole company stood as one man to applaud: Scott Parry told me that this is an American custom to show extra appreciation. My activities of this kind at the Convention are to be reported for 'The Ringing World' by Mrs. Tufts, the publicity officer of the A.G.E.H.R., so I will say no more.

Following my talk was a half-hour performance by Miss G. S. Hulet (Ginger Hulet), an extremely talented and popular teenager. She plays with astonishing speed on Swiss bells, cow bells and handbells, and never before have I seen such quickness of hand and such skill in solo ringing. Miss Hulet appeared by courtesy of Messrs. Schulmerich Carillons, Incorporated, and the whole Convention was quick to show appreciation of her talented performance.

Soon after 9.30 p.m. the adults met in the ballroom of the Park Shelton Hotel for the annual general meeting of the A.G.E.H.R. It amazed me that they held this at the end of such a strenuous day, but all seem possessed of endless vitality, even though the temperature registered 100 in the shade. About 300 attended the meeting, and looking round the room I could count over 50 I already knew by name, and approximately 100 more by sight. Dr. Hieber presided. The meeting lasted little more than half-an-hour, yet all the essential business was done. No words were wasted. Reports and accounts were presented and adopted—officers were elected, and alterations to rules agreed. What a pattern for some of us. Motions were passed by members saying 'Aye.' Only if there was a reasonable volume of 'No' was a vote taken.

Dr. Marvin Reecher was elected as president for the next two years, and Dr. Richard Litterst succeeded him as vice-president. Tributes were paid to retiring officers, and appreciation expressed by members standing to applaud. I have already mentioned the outstanding work of Doctors Hieber, Reecher and Litterst. Others selected for special appreciation were Mrs. Marlow, the energetic secretary of A.G.E.H.R.; Mrs. E. Thompson, the registrar, Mr. Irving Daniels, under whose expert guidance the finances of the Guild appeared flourishing; Mrs. W. Tufts, whose work and skill are obviously greatly appreciated by all; and last but by no means least, Mr. James Lawson, the celebrated carillonneur, of Riverside Drive Church, New York, the talented editor of 'Overtones,' the official journal of the Guild.

850 Bon Voyages

The following letter was received by Mr. Sharpe as he was leaving America from Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts, chairman, Publicity, Publications, A.G.E.H.R.

'Dear Mr. Frederick Sharpe,—Your friends of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, especially including the Tufts, are unable adequately to express their great appreciation of your kindness in addressing the 8th National Convention and your marvellous co-operation in every phase of the programme. This establishment of a link between our two countries as regards handbell ringing—past, present and future—is helpful and valuable to our organisation and your presentation made a deep impression.

'And so—thank you, thank you, from all of us. May 850-ish Bon Voyages and Good Wishes attend thee!'

After the business meeting there was a social gathering in the ballroom, where the whole company were guests of Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London. I was happy to go round and give Mr. Hughes' many friends news of him, and pass on his good wishes to all. At the conclusion of the social, and although it was nearly midnight, four more groups rang, and earned much well deserved applause. Even then I was not allowed to escape, for I had a pressing request for another four-in-hand demonstration, and it was well into the early hours before the party finally broke up. We were extremely fortunate in having one more four-in-hand ringer, and an English change ringer, who had joined us. He is Mr. Derek Sawyer, the Master of the Bristol University Society of Change Ringers, and he played a prominent part in explaining our English ringing to the A.G.E.H.R.

Friday morning saw much activity. Mrs. Marlow and Mr. Fred Elder were in charge of a ringing seminar in the India Room, while Mrs. Alinda Couper lectured on organising a bell choir in the ballroom. Following these was a forum for experienced directors, conducted by Dr. Robert Hieber, in the Shelton Room, while Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. E. Thompson, and Mr. R. Hollinger held a seminar on 'Bells in Worship Services' in the ballroom. Later in the morning the teenagers were entertained by Miss G. S. Hulet, and I conducted a handbell practice in the Wardell Room, in preparation for the afternoon's lecture. On leaving the practice I was kidnapped by three well-meaning and generous members of the A.G.E.H.R. and driven at high speed over the great suspension bridge to have lunch in Canada. We had to speed back also to be in time for my afternoon's lecture. This took place in the ballroom and was divided between change ringing and four-in-hand tune playing. During my brief stay in Detroit Miss G. Hulet and Mr. Scott Parry had learned plain hunting on a pair of handbells, and with the welcome addition of Mr. Derek Sawyer we were able to illustrate plain hunting, and ring a plain course of Grandsire on handbells. Mr. Sawyer also illustrated the paths of various pairs of bells while I explained their paths using Mr. Wilfrid Moreton's excellent instructional charts. After the lecture we again showed Mr. Collins' film 'Ringers Required,' and played tape recordings of English bells. A massed rehearsal for the evening concert followed.

OUTSTANDING TEAMS

After dinner we assembled for the last time in the large auditorium of the Arts Institute. It is quite impossible to describe the scene adequately. Over 850 ringers were there, with their bells, tables, stands, racks and other equipment. Almost all teams wore their colourful robes. In turn sixteen selected teams took their places on the stage, and then returned to the pit. How the selection was made for this final concert I do not know. Four of the teams were really outstanding and received tremendous applause. The whole performance was delightful, and included also a handbell carillon recital by Mr. Scott Parry. Before the concert I was invited to view the stage, bell equipment, back stage arrangements and organisation, and spent some time with Dr. Hieber and Dr. Reecher. Half-way through the concert presentations were made to the retiring officers of the Guild, and I was presented with a membership certificate and had to speak in reply.

Dr. Hieber presided at the concert, and Dr. Litterst and he conducted the final ensembles. First, a Prelude and Fugue in B minor, composed and conducted by Dr. Litterst, and finally a bell prelude on the Welsh hymn tune 'Hyfrydol,' arranged and conducted by Dr. Hieber. Almost everyone took part in this, and the scene was unforgettable. Approximately 400 ringers occupied the stage, about 100 more rang from the pit and two groups of about 50 each occupied the wings of the gallery. Well over 1,000 people attended. Dr. Hieber conducted from the front of the gallery, and the volume of sound from such a vast number of players, alternating when desired with soft passages by selected ringers, is difficult to describe. So that I could obtain a better view I was invited to join Mr. Scott Parry in the organ loft for these final ensembles, and to ring the final note of the festival myself from that position.

The concert ended, bells, ringers, robes and equipment disappeared as if by magic, and I was driven by Mr. Fred Elder, with his wife, Mrs. Runkle and Mr. J. Lawson, to the Detroit Leyland Hotel, where we formed the panel to select the Festival King and Queen. While the young people danced almost shoulder to shoulder in the ballroom we had the extremely difficult task of choosing one boy and one girl from fourteen candidates. The selection made, I stood on the rostrum in the ballroom and placed the crowns on the heads of the selected King and Queeen, as the seven couples passed. After I placed the crown on the Queen's head she left the procession and stood by me on the rostrum while I crowned the King. Immediately, deafening applause burst forth, and afterwards trophy cups were presented to the King and Queen by Mrs. H. Runkle. It was with great difficulty that I was able to leave and return to the Park Shelton Hotel, as people crowded around to shake me by the hand and wish me God-speed. My message to them all is one of sincere goodwill and thanks. May God prosper the A.G.E.H.R.

(To be continued)

Leicester University Society

A gay band of ringers from Leicester University, with some members of Nottingham University Society, had a tour of five churches in Leicestershire and Rutland on Friday, June 21st. Ringing took place at Somerby, Market Overton, Wymondham, Buckminster and Syston. Tea at Melton Mowbray was much enjoyed.

Letters to the Editor

Peals Rung by Visitors

Dear Sir,—In his concluding words, Denis Bayles hopes that he may read other views on his most valuable article. May I rush in forthwith and say that I agree wholeheartedly with much that he has said.

Before going into details, may I declare my interest. I am not 'agin' peals. I have rung some, though none recently. I look forward to doing so again—both in Hertfordshire and, if I may, elsewhere.

I feel particularly strongly with Mr. Bayles about the custom whereby a band of visitors or a touring team ascribe their peal to the territorial association in whose area they ring. We all know the pleasant and courteous custom which this was—and which brings some financial advantage to the, often unwitting, host organisation.

But how many of such visitors, and I include myself in this, before or as they ring give a single thought to the Barset Diocesan Guild. In a few cases, I suspect, that it is only when they see the peal in the 'R.W.' that they know who the peal was rung for.

We do know, sir, unhappily, from your columns that from time to time such a visitors' peal may indeed, in the event, be a most unwelcome one—not only to the host association but to non-ringers in the parish concerned. I would not make much of this, for such events are, I hope infrequent. But surely it is adding insult to injury when a possibly not-so-good peal which has irritated the citizens of Barchester and angered Barset's Guild has to be recorded on their books as 'their' peal—even if it brings in a few shillings.

So much for destruction: what could be done? Here are some potted proposals, which I would be prepared to argue in detail.

(1) No change in non-territorial peals, e.g. A.S.C.Y.

(2) A peal only eligible to be recorded for a territorial association if all but two of the ringers (up to eight bells) or all but three (nine to 12 bells) are **present** members of that organisation—or have been ordinary members of it some time in the past—for at least three(?) years.

(3) If these conditions are not satisfied, the peal when rung shall be non-attributable to an association. It may, however, be submitted for recording to the Central Council.

(4) For such recording the C.C. may require a fee of 2s. 6d. per rope (or a minimum of 1s. for ringers under 18 or over 65). The surplus remaining after the C.C. has covered the expenses of keeping the records of all such peals to be divided from time to time between all affiliated territorial associations on a basis of their ordinary membership—Yours truly,

DAVID GULLICK.

Stevenage, Herts.

Peal Records

Dear Sir,—Having read the article by Mr. Denis A. Bayles, entitled 'Peal Records,' I have come to the conclusion that his observations are rather pointless.

Firstly, if it is a matter of saving space, at least forty peals could have been recorded in the space occupied by the article. Secondly, the fictitious peal recorded on page 525 is so little short of the usual size that the diffierence could well be disregarded.

I, for one, should be very sorry to see the present style discarded in favour of one that I'm sure would meet with disapproval all round.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Ramsgate.

A Question for Cambridge

Dear Sir,—I have just been catching up on a few weeks of 'Ringing Worlds,' after missing them during my holiday. I am interested to observe that the controversy over the peal of eight spliced at St. Neots still continues.

Seeing that Mr. A. S. Hudson, of Clare College, Cambridge, has joined in the argument in your issue of July 19th, I wonder whether he would be willing, as an expert, to enlighten a more simple-minded Cambridge man on the subject of another peal of eight spliced, which he called for the Cambridge University Guild on June 7th, at Great St. Andrew's, as published in your issue of June 28th.

Can it be that some subtle variation of Bristol has been invented in a murky corner of Clare—a variation almost totally indistinguishable from the original method—and then christened, with fiendish cunning, Bristol?

Can we take it that is the official Cambridge answer to both the St. Neots peal and its ignorant critics?—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Cardiff.

Recollections of August, 1912/13

Dear Sir,—I thought I would pen a few lines on the visit of Mr. William Pye and his famous band in the years 1912 and 1913, when Cambridge endured nearly eight hours of ringing, on both occasions.

Needless to say, this invasion into the quietude of Cambridge raised a storm of protest, both in the local press and university journals, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Vicar at that time, came in for a bout of angry criticism for allowing this to happen. Unfortunately I did not keep any of the correspondence, but I can assure you it was very vitriolic, especially from those who were near the church.

In the 1912 visitation Mr. Boughey, with H. S. T. Richardson as curate, rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, and at the completion of this peal he (Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) collapsed, and was gently conveyed down the belfry steps, resting on the stout shoulders of Ernest Pye and George Taylor (steeplekeeper), and revived with stimulant, to be able to preside at the luncheon table at the Lion Hotel, at which he entertained his visitors and friends to a splendid lunch.

In the 1913 visitation Mr. Boughey took part in the afternoon attempt for Stedman Cinques. To add fuel to the fire, the bells of St. Andrew the Great also rang out to the strains of Kent T.B., the Cambridge Youths having been reinforced by the late F. Dench and A. Wilkerson, of Royston, and a good peal of Kent was knocked off there.

I thought I would write a line in case it was overlooked.—Yours sincerely,

T. R. DENNIS.

Cambridge.

Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs, on Saturday, January 6th, 1962, owing to false alteration on my part as conductor of the composition. With apologies to all concerned.—Yours, etc.,

GERALD C. HEMMING.

Evesham, Worcs.

No Change, Please

Dear Sir,—I have waded through Mr. D. A. Bayles' front page article in recent weeks. It is all very well thought out and constructive, no doubt.

He asks for opinions. Well, I have taken a ringing journal for well over fifty years; first 'The Bell News' and then 'The Ringing World,' and the peal reports have always been printed in the same manner, in good times and in bad.

Why chop the peal columns to bits in these more affluent days? Is our little paper on the verge of bankruptcy? I don't think so, but if it is, then adopt Mr. Bayles' cuts by all means, otherwise leave things as they are.

I cannot see that a change would be for the better, but rather the reverse. It may come to something like Mr. Bayles' well intentioned idea eventually, but not for some time, I hope.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

Place Notation of New Surprise Methods

Dear Sir,—May I ask for more uniformity in the submission of Place Notations for publication in 'The Ringing World.' I am sure it would save a great deal of time for those of us who try to keep a record of all the new Surprise Major methods if conductors would submit the notations in the following way:

ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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The following was published a few months ago —5—6—2—3—34—45—6. 34. 7. Although, of course, this can be worked out it is not at all obvious what the first places are. The lead end is not given, nor is it said if the method is 2nds or 8ths. The conductor must have had the place notation in full and it would have taken little extra space to have published the method as set out above. There even seems to be some doubt as to the correct name, as it is given as **Vermouth** in the peal report and **Vermont** in the place notation.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Kensington, S.W.

Note—The peal should be Vermont.—Ed.

THE OKEFORD BELLS

Paul and I, we love to ring
And hear the bells go ding-a-ding.
And when we ring the Grandsire Peals,
The ropes go up from Sally to end.

The ropes go up from sally to end.
With arms held high we stretch and bend.
We listen to our Captain's voice.
Each pulls the rope of his own choice.

All need God's grace and saving power.
For this we labour in the tower.
The melody we hope will bring
Our people's praise to God our King.

ANDREW WALLIS (aged 12).

Okeford, Dorset.

A DEVON OUTING

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett an evening excursion was held on August 3rd, when towers visited were Lustleigh, Spreyton and Bow; the last named tower being obtained at very short notice in lieu of Cheriton Bishop, which had to be cancelled at the last moment. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, as well as call changes to oblige a number of the Spreyton ringers who accompanied them to Bow.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S 1963 TOUR

THE rendezvous for Liverpool University Society's second annual tour on the evening of Thursday, June 27th, was the Roman Catholic Church at Cambridge, where we were welcomed by Mr. James Quinney, who had also arranged for us to ring at Trumpington that evening. At these two contrasting eights Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. After the easy going bells at Trumpington, where we were privileged to ring with Miss Kitty Willers, we were pleased to find the 32 cwt. tenor at the R.C. tower not so tricky to handle as we had expected, with the 40 ft. unguided draught of rope.

Amusement was caused at the hotel by the receptionist assigning a lady and gentleman of the party to a double bedroom. When this match-making error had been rectified, a social evening was enjoyed until the early hours. After breakfast we transferred our luggage to St. Andrew's, the University hostel, where we stayed until the following Tuesday.

The morning's programme was three sixes, including Duxford, where the third is the lightest bell and the 5th the heaviest. Methods up to London Surprise were rung. At lunch time the president ordered his 'pint of orange, please,' a habit to which the beer-drinkers were disgustedly resigned.

After lunch the striking was much improved at Barkway. Barrington Church was undergoing extensive renovation and the bells needed similar treatment, as the tenor was unringable with a cracked headstock At Fulbourn, with an anti-clockwise ring of eight, we found two unringable trebles lacking ropes. The day's ringing concluded with methods up to London Surprise at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, our fourth ground floor ring in succession. Here we were joined for the week-end by Andrew Hudson, Master-elect of Cambridge University Guild, and Clare Dillamore, their presence enabling us to ring Surprise Major.

Saturday provided an interesting selection of churches, towers and bells. Very pleasant were the five at Fen Ditton, but the five at Isleham, believed to be the heaviest five, were very noisy and rough going. In spite of the hard work, we were all pleased to have rung here, except perhaps the ringer who had to kneel down to ring. We also rang the pleasant six at Swaffham Prior, where the bells hang in the tower of a derelict church, and on two tens—Mildenhall and Soham—Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

All sat down to a proper meal at Bury St. Edmunds, and then enjoyed ringing at St. James' Cathedral. The 30 cwt. ring of ten sent forth pleasant deep-toned music from the Norman tower, but it was hard work for the 'back-end' ringers.

The twelve at Great St. Mary's were rung for service on Sunday morning, and in the afternoon came the best ringing of the tour at St. Andrew the Great. Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung on these fine bells, in addition to the four standard methods. Probably the best bells of the tour were those at Saffron Walden, where we joined the local ringers for evening ringing.

Monday morning saw the party reduced to ten for what was to be quite an eventful day. At Histon, in addition to our first stayless bell, we found seats cunningly made from old headstocks, and also a handbell repeater, enabling changes to be heard at a reed-bell practice. The ladies all turned in the tenor of the light five at Rampton, where St. Simon's Doubles and that horribly false 'method.' Kent Treble Bob Doubles, were rung. The six bells at Willingham went well to a variety of methods, including Killamarsh Treble Bob.

Our Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire did not do justice to the eight bells of either Over or St. Ives, where we ought to have rung much better. Our performance was improved at Brampton, where the tone sounds much deeper than the tenor's 14 cwt. led us to expect. These bells are hung anti-clockwise, with one bell hung on a second tier, diagonally to the main frame.

Our last tower was St. Mary's, Huntingdon. We were pleased to be welcomed by Mr. Harold Peacock, his presence strengthening our band, which was now depleted to eight. Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, before concluding our ringing with three leads of Kent Treble Bob.

We wish to thank Mr. James Quinney, of Cambridge, for his help, also all incumbents and local tower captains. We are also grateful to Mr. Geoffrey Pullin, a past president of the Society, who drove the minibus, and to those who helped organise the tour.

P. A. F. & M. P.

START OF NAVE AT CARBIS BAY



Visitors and resident members of the Truro Guild, who attempted a peal of Bob Major (unfortunately lost through a rope slipping wheel) at Carbis Bay on July 27th, to mark the commencement of the building of the nave, standing by the growing granite south wall. Left to right: Mrs. J. A. Howard, J. A. Howard (East Grinstead), Rev. A. S. Roberts, A. Locke (St. Kea), A. J. Davidson (Truro), Valerie Perkin (St. Gluvias), T. J. Lock and M. F. Lock (North Mymms).

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' August 8th, 1913.—

Cambridge.—The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

On Monday, August 4th, 1963, in 3 hours and 57 minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Great,

A Peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus,

5,280 changes. Conducted by William Pye.

On Monday, August 4th, 1963, in 3 hours and 42 minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Great,

A Peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes.

Conducted by John H. Cheeseman.

TONBRIDGE RINGERS' OUTING

On the afternoon of July 20th, Tonbridge ringers and friends held their first annual coach outing, the route chosen being along the byways of Kent and Sussex. The first tower was St. Nicholas', Sandhurst (11¼ cwt.), where the recently restored six proved to be very pleasant. St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst (eight bells, 23 cwt.), was the next venue, and here we were welcomed by members of the Hawkhurst Guild. Into Sussex now to St. John Baptist, Sedlescombe (6). Tea followed, after which ringing on the fine six at St. Mary's, Northiam (14 cwt.), was greatly enjoyed before the journey homewards.

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YATES GOES WEST



BACK (left to right): E. Lines, N. Mallett, C. E. Truman, F. C. Case, J. Linnell, T. E. Roberts, C. C. Clarke, W. A. Yates, R. H. Rogers.

FRONT: G. E. Green, W. J. Chester, B. E. Saunders, D. Burbidge, R. A. Vickers.

ON Thursday, July 18th, ten ringers from South Northants and North Bucks, with a highest common factor of Cambridge Major, journeyed to Yeovil, the headquarters for the annual trip, arranged by Mr. W. A. Yates.

Mother Nature was kind as the previous day's rain turned to glorious sunshine on Friday. Thorncombe, Dorset, bells (a 20 cwt. octave, augmented this year from five bells) have a fine tone, but the tenor is sadly odd-struck for a new ring. After a good rise in peal, a brisk touch of Stedman with Queen's and Tittums opened the proceedings, and Cambridge and Yorkshire followed.

At Crewkerne the choppy course of Bristol on this 22 cwt. eight was only the cobwebs being shaken off, as a decent course of Double Norwich proved, but we didn't ring these bells with the best of our abilities. Quick refreshment at the Windwhistle Inn tuned us up for the 25¼ cwt eight at Axminster, our first tower in Devon. Straight away a peal beat was established, with some Stedman and Bristol, and George Cross, a former Master of the Cumberlands, rang with us in some respectable Cambridge.

Lunch was taken at the Cedar Hotel, before we crossed the border to Beaminster, where the magnificent tower houses a difficult eight, which went well to Stedman, and not so well to London and Yorkshire.

The ring at Bridport, the last tower before tea, has a pleasant tone, which was demonstrated by Stedman, four Spliced Surprise and some sparkling Superlative. The best ringing of the day, however, came at Whitchurch Canonicorum, where, on the easy-going bells (17 cwt.), Stedman, five spliced and Yorkshire were rung.

REUNION AT LYME REGIS

An interesting hour's browsing on the beach at Lyme Regis preceded ringing on the delightful 11 cwt. eight, where many old friends were reunited. Bristol was lost by going too fast and some very rough London didn't do credit either to us or the tuneful bells, but some five spliced went well. Back at the Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, our reinforcements, Chas. Truman and Chris. Clarke, were patiently awaiting our return. And so, after a chicken barbecue and handbells, we retired wearily to bed.

The quality of the bells on Saturday, and the standard of ringing, had to be experienced to be believed. Smiles spread round our faces as the 23 cwt. eight at Ilminster were raised —wonderful tone with a reverberating hum. Some fantastic Yorkshire with an easy rhythm had just come into rounds when the cheery face of Ernie Lines, round the door, gave everyone a pleasant surprise. A long drive through the low clouds brought us to Ottery St. Mary, where Norman Mallett was waiting for us.

A COMPLIMENT

Stedman, Bristol and Superlative were of such a standard that it prompted the comment from a local call change ringer, 'You needn't be afraid to ring anywhere, if you strike the bells like that. You can ring up and down well too, and we specialise in that.' A compliment indeed!

A perfect 21 cwt. ring is that at Broadclyst. An excellent circle, easy 'go' and first class tone set the scene for some ringing that will not easily be forgotten. The Stedman brought a smile for the second time to the face of Bill Chester, and a course of Yorkshire was near perfect. Some fair four spliced was the last ringing before lunch.

Silverton bells are a handy octave, which sounded to London and Bristol, before Norman led us to Tiverton, bells reputed with Heavitree to be the best octave in Devon. The five spliced and Yorkshire made us realise that the good reports of these bells were not ill-founded.

AEROBATICS AT EXETER

After a brief look at the Cathedral, and tea, St. Petrock's was visited before we sampled the fine 12 at the Cathedral, where we joined the local practice. Yorkshire on the middle eight warmed us up for six men to pull the 72 cwt. tenor up, backwards, of course! The only interesting thing about the scrappy Grandsire Cinques was when 'Gaffer' was helped too strongly to pull the tenor off at handstroke. It lifted him two feet off the box at backstroke, and, instead of going into orbit, he returned gracefully to earth, missing the tenor box, which he neatly remounted at the handstroke bob, and continued to ring the bell with complete ease. At Heavitree, the bells easily matched Tiverton for inside tone. First class Stedman had long since been a formality and, after fair Cambridge, a course of Bristol,

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OUTINGS

BATTLE, SUSSEX

Following on last year, the annual outing of St. Mary's, Battle, bellringers was held on the first Saturday in July. The first ring was on the light eight at Lower Beeding, where ringing was curtailed by a broken rope. At Capel ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise and was enjoyed.

After lunch in the coach—it was raining heavily outside—we moved on to Dunsfold, where a course of London was successfully brought round (or almost). Godalming bells proved somewhat difficult to strike well, but on the whole we had quite a good ring. The last ring before tea was on the beautiful Taylor eight at Shalford, where, after rounds and Grandsire, a touch of Stedman Triples was achieved.

High tea was taken at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, and afterwards ringing took place at St. Nicolas' Church, where, although a course of Grandsire Caters was brought round, we did not settle down to ten bell ringing and unfortunately did not do justice to the bells. The last ring of the day was on the lovely eight at Dorking.

Any sorrows of the day which may have resulted from the almost incessant heavy rain were heartily drowned in the traditional manner on the homeward journey, after which some found interest in the eclipse of the moon whilst others found other things of interest to do! I. V. J. S.

FOREST OF DEAN BRANCH

The first outing since the amalgamation of the North Forest and South Forest Branches took place on July 13th, when seven towers around Bath were visited. Marshfield and Colerne, the first towers, were conspicuous for their well kept ringing rooms—a matter for congratulation. At Bathampton, because of the low clock casing, one of the ringers sat down to ring.

After lunch, Dunkerton was visited. Then came the beautiful ring at Tiverton (8), where non-ringers sang hymns to the organ accompaniment provided by the organists in the party. We had tea before ringing on the lovely eight at Weston, but some of the best ringing of the day came at Chipping Sodbury, where we all enjoyed the lovely tone of the bells. Nine o'clock, and the start of our journey back to Gloucester came all too soon. Our thanks are due to Miss Joy Smith and Mr. Chew for planning such a successful outing.

B. J. & G. M.

SOUTH NORFOLK

Thirty-five ringers and friends from South Norfolk left Diss at 6.45 a.m. on July 20th for their annual outing, this year into Kent. Arriving at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lewisham, the eight bells were rung for 45 minutes. Then on to SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley (another good eight). Lunch was taken at Bickley, and the afternoon programme included three eight bell towers—St. Luke's, Bromley Common, the Church of the Annunciation and St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst. Back to Bickley for tea, and then to the last tower, St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, where the party joined the local ringers and rang 'touches' on the grand ten.

It was indeed glorious weather, excellent food, good bells and over eighteen hours, which brought us into Sunday morning. Mr. Harry Fuller, of Thetford, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, on behalf of all thanked Mr. William Flatt, of Harleston, for once again making the arrangements. To all ringers who met us a great 'Thank you.' A. G. H.

YATES TOUR—Continued.

which was probably the best ringing of the tour, delighted our ears.

Sunday service ringing on the fine ten at Yeovil, at Hardington, and a quarter of Stedman Triples at Martlock, ended a memorable tour.

To the local ringers who met us, to Norman Mallett and Harry Gaylard for advice on towers and Bill Yates, for his unfailing organisation and enthusiasm, we extend our grateful thanks. R. H. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The quarterly meeting at Damerham on July 27th was a very pleasant gathering, blessed with fine weather. Some 30 members were present, and visitors from Holt (Trowbridge), Badsey and Maulden. Four new members were elected: James Alexander (Salisbury, unattached), Alan Payne (Wilton), Miss Hilary Coyle and Mr. Paul Kelly (St. Paul's, Salisbury). Mr. Kelly has recently returned from Kenya and settled in Salisbury and will be known as the organiser of the Kilifi ring and ringers.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. W. H. Moule), who himself took part in the ringing, said in the course of his address that he was a naturalist and people sometimes said he was mad. Ringers were often accused of being mad. But if a person was not 'mad' about something, he was colourless!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On the recently restored bells of All Saints', Babbacombe, which are now a delight to ring, the Mid-Devon Branch held its quarterly meeting, on July 27th. Ringing was supervised by the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. Simmonds), and the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. B. de Andrews).

Mrs. D. E. Hood (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting, which followed tea, and congratulated the Babbacombe ringers on the hard work they had done in their tower.

Certificates were presented to the Misses C. A. Goss and E. Cruze, of Townstal. A joint meeting with the South Devon Association is to be held on September 7th at North Bovey, and the next quarterly meeting (subject to permission), on September 21st at Buckfast Abbey. After appropriate votes of thanks there was further ringing. A. B.

Nude Woman In Belfry

An unusual incident is reported from St. Ives, on Aug. 3rd. The Vicar, the Rev. Paul Black, hearing the bells ringing, went with other people to the church to investigate and found a nude woman of about 30 hanging on the bell ropes. The police were called when she refused to leave.

A constable threw a raincoat over her and led her from the church. She slipped from his grasp on the church steps, threw off the raincoat and ran through the market place. She was caught, taken to the police station, seen by a doctor and admitted to hospital. Her clothes were found in the vestry. All the candles in the church were found to have been lit and a cross on the altar removed.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District held their July meeting on the 20th at Kimpton. The six bells are rung from a gallery, which was installed in recent years by the ringers themselves. The rather cramped conditions in the tower were made up for by the hot sun and the grass outside.

The Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth Martin, who took the service, said that as it was the ringers' job to praise God the service would be one of praise and he had chosen the hymns and psalm accordingly. Tea was served by Mrs. Price, a local ringer's wife, in her garden. At the business meeting Miss Thelma J. Burrows was elected a probationary member. Mr. Stan Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Dodds, who had played the organ.

J. D. C.

A LONDON JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting between the Middlesex County Association and the London County Association is becoming an annual and popular event. This year, on July 13th, the Middlesex Association were the hosts and towers open during the afternoon were Pinner, Harrow Weald and Harrow-on-the-Hill. An inspiring service was held at last named church, conducted by the Rev. P. Brassel, Vicar of St. Alban's, North Harrow. The organist was Mr. Brian Apperson, organist of Roxbourne.

In his address, Mr. Brassel spoke of a visit he had made to a very modern church in South London, where old traditions had been swept away. The Vicar of this church invited him to hear the bells. He then opened a cupboard in the vestry, and showed him something like half a piano keyboard. The incumbent played a modern song on this keyboard, and the preacher's impression of the 'bells' was that they were a good set of well-tuned 'Heinz' tins. He was proud to say that a bell or bells had been ringing out from Harrow-on-the-Hill for nearly a thousand years, and this was a part of the great ringing tradition. He finished by emphasising that everything changes but God, who is changeless.

A most satisfactory tea had been prepared by the local ringers in the Parish Hall. Handbell ringing followed, before a return to the tower, beginning with a touch of Stedman Triples rung by two members of each Association. A well-struck course of Bristol showed Harrow bells to their best advantage.

The thanks of both Associations are due to the incumbents and to the organisers and helpers.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, on July 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. S. Bishop 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Margaret Lewis 3, A. Clayton 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, M. J. Bangham (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Morpeth on July 4th ('R.W.' page 506) was the 50th peal to be rung in the Watch Tower. There were five peals rung here between 1892 and 1939, so it may not be very long before the 50th peal on the recast (1951) bells. The 50 peals are made up of: Spliced Surprise (3), Surprise Major (20), Treble Bob Major (5), Plain Major (12), Triples (7), Minor in seven methods (1), Plain Minor (1).

Regarding the combined meeting of the Hereford and Clifford Districts on August 17th (see page 527) we are asked to state that Bacton has four bells.

For sixty years, Mr. P. W. Marjoram, now 87, has been a ringer at Tuddenham St. Martin's, Suffolk. For his diamond wedding anniversary a peal of Minor in four methods was rung on August 3rd.

By ringing in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Christchurch Priory on July 27th, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd has completed the Grandsire family, with peal of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques.

We are informed by E.V.R. that Wrenbury, Cheshire, tenor weighs 11 cwt., and not 15 cwt., as reported on page 524, although he had been there on occasions when it has gone like 15 cwt.

The ringers of the peal at Wellow would like to associate it with the 37th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Young (July 31st) and as a 68th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, Mr. Albert Butt. As a matter of interest, Mr. Butt has rung over 20 peals on Dunkerton tenor, which weighs 5 cwt., so for his first outside his own tower he decided to try something over four times as heavy.

Mr. J. Woolley, of Greton, Corby, reports that while a quarter of Plain Bob Minimus was being rung at Tilton-on-the-Hill on July 25th, the following was noted, nailed to the wall: 'On Saturday, July 11th, 1897, 5,040 Minimus: 1 James George, Birmingham: 2 William Pye, London: 3 George R. Pye, London; 4 Edward Pitman, London. First peal of Minimus ever to be rung.'

We regret that a misprint occurred in our report of the extent of Major conquered (page 515). The peal was rung at the rate of 2 hours 15 minutes, and not 3 hours 15 minutes as inadvertently stated. We thank those readers who called our attention to the error.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, of Ramsgate, is now back in our peal columns. He rang his first peal for 10 years at Sellindge, Kent, on August 2nd.

Can any reader explain how to learn a method from the place notation instead of depending on the blue line? 'I greatly admire and wish to emulate such feats.' writes B.Sc.

A Pakomac was left behind in Slaugham tower on August 3rd. Will the owner please contact Mr. G. F. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham, Sussex, who has it.

Mr. Alan Ainsworth took up a new appointment at the General Hospital, Birmingham, on August 6th. A farewell peal was rung at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, his home tower, on July 27th.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Groombridge, was rushed to hospital on August 6th, and operated on within an hour. The latest report is that she was very comfortable, and looking and feeling a lot better. Mrs. Hairs hopes to be home shortly.

The Northamptonshire village of Flore held a festival of flowers to mark the completion of the restoration and redecoration of the 13th century church. If the target of £1,200 is reached the bells will be rehung. During the festival, which lasted four days, 10,000 teas were booked and 2,000 turned down. In the words of the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Yates), the public response was overwhelming.

The thatched roof of the Church of St. Helen, Ranworth, a church familiar to most members attending the Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth last Whitsun, was destroyed by fire on Friday. The damage is estimated by the Rector, the Rev. E. Everard, at several thousands of pounds and a theory is that it was caused by a cigarette end thrown from the tower.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

CHELMSFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	*PETER J. EVES	8
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	10
ANDREW S. HUDSON	5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	11
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	6	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
ALAN F. THIRST	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	8
F. JOHN NELSON	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	10
WILLIAM A. THEOBOLD	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	11
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	KENNETH J. HESKETH	8
ALAN F. THIRST	3	GWILYN SALMON	9
F. JOHN NELSON	4	NEIL BENNETT	10
ANDREW N. STUBBS	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN S. MASON	6	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID PARSONS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

COLIN CONWAY	*Treble*	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
ALAN A. PRICE	2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
REGINALD W. REX	3	†ARTHUR SAYER	8
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	FRANK SOUTHWOOD	9
WILLIAM F. J. COPE	5	WILLIAM T. GODFREY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	6
EDWARD J. BEER	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	8
ERNEST J. LADD	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method and on ten bells.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt.

*ADRIAN G. SEMKIN	*Treble*	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	6
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*MISS JOAN PEACOCK	3	WALTER ARNOLD	8
PETER D. CHAPMAN	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	9
DENNIS A. HEWITT	5	ALAN D. GARGRAVE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
RICHARD C. L. BROWN	2	*ROGER I. KENDRICK	6
RAYMOND BENFIELD	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	KEITH H. MILDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on eight bells.
A 19th birthday compliment to Richard C. L. Brown.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE	*Treble*	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
RAYMOND BENFIELD	3	*KEITH H. MILDRED	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	A. JAMES POYNER	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 3).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

HUBERT RICHARDSON	*Treble*	KENNETH J. HESKETH	5
LESTER L. GRAY	2	V. DAVID JENNER	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
JOHN N. BROWN	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BEUNO,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

BERYL E. CAWSER	*Treble*	MICHAEL WILSHAW	5
PATRICIA A. MORRIS	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	EDWARD W. COLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal on the augmented bells.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt in E.

*COLLIN FORSYTH	*Treble*	ROGER W. D. WETENHALL	5
JOSEPH LING	2	GRAHAM MCKAY	6
†BRUCE FORSYTH	3	ALLAN CAPSTICK	7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN CAPSTICK.
* First peal, † First on eight.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Alec Forsyth, a member of the Cathedral band for many years.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced Tenor 14¼ cwt.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	2	*PETER F. WINDLEY	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
*E. KEITH JORDAN	4	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN V. CLARK	*Treble*	CLIVE SIMPSON	5
ANDREW N. STUBBS	2	*IAN HUGHES	6
RODNEY A. YEATES	3	†DAVID T. DARBY	7
LAWRENCE SMITH	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILB,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	RAYMOND BENFIELD	5
*RUPERT A. CLARKE	2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	6
KEITH H. MILDRED	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
JOSEPH H. COTTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE (No. 9).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PETER J. HERITAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	EDWARD R. VENN	6
CHARLES COLES	3	DAVID P. HILLING	7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by the Guild and by all the band.
Rung to welcome Michael David, first son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher M. P. Johnson, born July 28th. 1963.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	J. BARRY PICKUP	7
BERNARD MOSS	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, M.A., President of the Lancashire Association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 FRODSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOHN HILL	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan No. 133).

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ROGER I. KENDRICK	*Treble*	DAVID F. MOORE	5
MRS. H. POYNER	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
†RUPERT A. CLARKE	4	HARRY JOYNER	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B. 72).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., July 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 2,160 and 4 extents. Treble 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	4
LUCY SMITH	2	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	*LESLIE MONK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method for all the band and on the bells.

FRODSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.
—58—4.58—58.36.14—14.3—34—5.
8ths pl. L.E. 15738264. 6ths pl. bobs.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods/variations, being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

JOHN W. ISAACS	*Treble*	*HAROLD L. PARFREY	4
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	TERENCE J. MILSOM	5
*ALAN F. LEE	3	†JULIAN NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt.
Rung for the Feast of St. Swithun.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	†LAWRENCE H. PIZZEY	4
HARRY D. LISTER	2	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	5
†NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	3	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* 300th peal. † First peal in four methods.
Rung in connection with the annual church fete.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES F. LIST	*Treble*	*J. STUART ANDERSON	4
PETER G. HOLDEN	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
PETER PEARCE	3	THOMAS W. TIMMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal in three methods.

TETSWORTH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 14 extents of April Day, 21 of Grandsire and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

LEONARD MAUND	*Treble*	NOEL D. DEAM	4
ROY H. JONES	2	ALEC GAMMON	5
F. MARILYN BIRD	3	GORDON J. BELCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.
Rung for the Festival of St. James.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES B. SKINNER	*Treble*	CECIL R. LONGHURST	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	3	BASIL W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.
A wedding compliment to Sheila A. Shackell and Richard F. Verrall, ringers at this tower, married here on July 20th.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being two extents of Rev. St. Bartholomew and two extents of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure: repeated thrice. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN V. PROTHEROE	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	4
MALCOLM T. JOHNS	2	COLIN A. LEWIS	5
MICHAEL V. POWELL	3	DANZEY WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. LEWIS.
A wedding compliment to John and Margaret Hope.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	REGINALD H. NEWTON	4
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	RICHARD E. MORRIS	5
PETER MORRIS	3	PHILIP J. EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP J. EVANS.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MICHAEL EDWARDS ..	..*Treble*	JEREMY P. BRANDON ..	4
MICHAEL J. COWLING ..	2	CHRIS K. COOPER	5
ANDREW S. HUDSON ..	3	GEORGE E. THODAY ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON, CHRIS. K. COOPER AND GEORGE E. THODAY.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Wed., July 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in E flat.

PERCIVAL R. YOUNG	..*Treble*	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	4
ALAN F. LEE	2	LESLIE J. COX	5
*JULIAN NEWMAN	3	ALBERT F. BUTT ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First attempt 'inside.'
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Wilfred Miller as Vicar of Wellow.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In fourteen methods/variations, being three extents of each of the following: Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough, Grandsire, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps. Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

IRENE ELLSMORE ..	..*Treble*	ROBERT A. HATCHER ..	4
MRS. E. CHANDLER	2	A. BRIAN ELLSMORE ..	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	3	A. W. WILLIAMS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret J. Stephens and John W. Hope (Ringing Master of the Clifford District, Hereford Diocesan Guild).

EWHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 9 methods: (1-6) Antelope, (7-10) St. Martin's, (11-14) St. Simon's, (15-18) All Saints', (19-21) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (22-25) Reverse Canterbury, (26-28) April Day, (29-38) Grandsire, (39-42) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*CHRISTOPHER M. BARNES	*Treble*	IAN V. J. SMITH	3
VALERIE MEPHAM	2	†ANTONY JACKSON	4
THOS. M. BARLOW ..	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells.
First peal in nine methods for all the band, and on the bells. First peal of Doubles in nine methods for the Association. Quickest peal on the bells.

TORQUAY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, TOR MOHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

G. J. ROBERTS (1958-)	..*Treble*	J. W. PERKINS (1946-1953)	4
PETER A. LOCK (1955-1962)	2	D. J. ROBERTS (1941-1949)	5
R. BLACKLER (1949-1957)..	3	P. J. S .SHIPP (1955-1962)..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD J. ROBERTS.
Rung by past and present pupils of Torquay Boys' Grammar School to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school after attending a service of Evensong and thanksgiving conducted by Mr. W. B. Sydenham, B.Sc., an old boy and master of the school.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and ten different extents of Grandsire repeated, and four different extents of Plain Bob repeated four times. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GRAHAM G. FIRMAN (12)	*Treble*	J. RICHARD HOUGH ..	4
PAULINE FENNELL	2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ..	5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	3	†PETER M. STOCKWELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
* First peal attempt. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F. sharp.

*BARBARA M. WATSON	..*Treble*	JOHN H. ROTHERY ..	4
†HAROLD WILSON	2	‡COLIN F. GATES	5
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.
* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers.

TUDDENHAM, ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

CLAUDE WOODARD ..	..*Treble*	DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ..	4
LAWRENCE H. PIZZEY ..	2	JOHN L. GIRT	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE ..	3	ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW T. BECKWITH.
A diamond wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Marjoram. Mr. Marjoram (87) has been a ringer at Tuddenham for sixty years.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods: 13 extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*JOHN A. COLLIER ..	..*Treble*	*JOHN PILKINGTON	4
ROGER LEIGH	2	*WALTER E .WILKINSON ..	5
RICHARD J. PARKER ..	3	ANTHONY J. HALLIWELL..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER E. WILKINSON.
* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4) (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

*SHIRLEY LITTLE ..	..*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	4
†MARGARET M. RODEN ..	2	GORDON W. LAND	5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE ..	3	BRIAN BLADON	..*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
* First peal. † First peal in five methods 'inside.'

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*ELIZ. T. BIRMINGHAM ..	*Treble*	‡IAN V. J. SMITH	4
†JOHN RICHARDS	2	ANTONY JACKSON	5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	3	§ALAN R. BALDOCK ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise Minor. § First of Cambridge Minor.
Rung for Evensong.

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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 9 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (3) Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Plain and Double Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Treble 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. ..*Treble* | HARRY POYNER 4
KEITH H. MILDRED .. 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3 | RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT J. COOLES .. ..*Treble* | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 4
ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS 2 | ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 5
BRIAN J. BULL .. .. 3 | MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

MINIMUS PEAL

OUTWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In 11 methods, being 20 courses each of Single Court, Reverse Court, Double Court, Double Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Double Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 10 courses of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. *Treble* | ALAN R. MILLIDGE 3
BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 2 | BRIAN J. BULL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

First peal of Minimus for all the band, in the county, and for the Association. First on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 42, WILLOW GROVE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one 1,440 and five different 720's. Tenor size 13 in E.

MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 1—2 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 3—4
WILFRED G. WILSON .. 5—6
Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

Rung for the solemnity of Our Holy Father Benedict, and with special intention for the Anglican Benedictine Community at Nashdown.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 181, WRAGBY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

MARY C. POYNER .. .. 1—2 | HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 3—4
*PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5—6
Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal 'in hand.'

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 9, RICHMOND ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven variants of one 720. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARY C. POYNER .. .. 1—2— HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 3—4
P. WILLIAM BRETT .. .. 5—6
Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3—4 | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7—8
JOHN WORTH .. .. .. 9—10
Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

ARDARA, CO. DONEGAL, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs. and Fri. July 18 *and* 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN MORRIS OXFORD *XZC* 654, HALF-A-MILE OUT OF ARDARA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 2¼" dia. in C.

*MARGARET M. LEWIS .. 1—2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3—4
FREDERICK E. DUKES .. .. 5—6
Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First handbell peal. First peal in Co. Donegal.
Peal commenced at 11.50 p.m.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 21, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
ON THE ROOF OF THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 1—2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3—4
JOHN C. EISEL .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 2,112 of London, 864 Cambridge, 768 Ealing, 704 Bristol and 576 Superlative; with 119 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. 3—4 | JOAN BERESFORD .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells by all the band except the conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 27 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull and Bourne Surprise, (2) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight, (3) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (6) Netherseale Surprise, (7) Oxford T.B., with 71 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2 | ‡ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5—6
†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3—4 | †NEIL BENNETT .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. NICKOLL. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major 'in hand.' † First of Oxford T.B. 'in hand.' ‡ First of Oxford T.B. Major.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING ROOM OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRAINTREE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

PLYMPTON, DEVON
THE DEVON ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 1069 CALL CHANGES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. ..*Treble* | WILFRED EDWORTHY 5
CYRIL J. NICHOLLS .. .. 2 | JOHN BUSHIN 6
ERNEST WOODMAN .. .. 3 | WALLY CRUMP 7
WILLIAM WITHERIDGE .. 4 | WALTER H. MARKS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

HALF PEAL

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On July 20th, 2,520 Doubles (six methods): Ann Skinner (longest length) 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Judith Geiringer 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, J. H. Gaze (longest Length) 6. First half peal for all. A peal attempt brought round half-way due to interruptions from outside.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Ruth Perrin (first of T.B.) 1, R. Rayfield (first of T.B.) 2, Margaret C. Godfrey (first of T.B. 'inside') 3, C. H. Macve 4, J. C. Perrin 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Valerie Mepham 2, Margaret Fisher (first 'inside' of Grandsire) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Trusler, ringer in this church and secretary of the band for over 23 years, who died on July 25th, 1963.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Leighton 1, J. Crowther 2, Miss S. Scott 3, A. C. Bolton 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For Matins. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. W. Leighton 1, Miss I. Thomson 2, K. Arthur 3, F. Ross 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For Matins.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): P. J. Stopp 1, M. Sceeny 2, Jennifer Sceeny 3, C. Blundell 4, N. Belson 5, G. Riglar (cond.) 6, Brenda Stainthorpe 8. For Patronal Festival.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: H. W. Knight 1, E. Lee 2, D. G. Yeo 3, Hilda M. Kingcott (first in the method) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, G. Prescott 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, J. Brain (first in method as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. W. Knight.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's, Handbridge, on July 17th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Mrs. D. Shallcross 1, D. Collins (first quarter) 2, S. Jones 3, J. S. Dean 4, A. B. Close 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, G. Parting 8.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,280 Quornden Surprise Major: Kay Exell 1, Jennifer Davies 2, D. G. Yeo 3, A. W. Cleaver 4, J. Brain 5, A. R. Kench 6, P. Bridle 7, D. C. Exell (cond.) 8. First by all except ringer of 7th.

DUNDELA, BELFAST.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. L. Goodman 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Miss F. E. Wyman 3, F. E. Macey 4, R. J. Clifton 5, Margaret Lewis 6, E. R. Rapley 7, G. C. Goodman 8. M. J. Bangham (cond.) 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. First of Royal 1 and 9. Arranged to conclude Miss F. Wyman's ringing tour of Northern Ireland.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, A. W. Williams 2, W. J. Clayton 3, F. Sandford 4, R. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung before their wedding ceremony as a compliment to Miss Margaret J. Stephens (a local ringer) and John W. Hope (Ringing Master of the Clifford District).

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Griffin (first quarter) 1, Diana Butcher (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, C. Jane Smart (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, M. P. Howard 5, F. H. Hicks 6, J. A. Howard (cond.) 7, C. Osbon 8.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Naylor 1, C. Green 2, P. Heath 3, T. Crowden 4, G. Reynolds 5, E. Jacques (cond.) 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, R. J. Cooles (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Judith Geiringer 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. A 16th birthday compliment to John Gaze, of Putney.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Park 1, J. Blackburn 2, N. M. Newby, jun. 3, T. F. Metcalfe 4, J. Dickinson (cond.) 5, A. Edgar 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. C. B. Fowler, who is leaving the parish after 10 years.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On July 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Josephine Morley 1, J. Goodwin 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Lucas 4, A. Barber 5, R. Palmer (cond.) 6. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, Toni M. Rogers (aged 12) 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On July 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mann 1, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 2, A. E. Ling 3, B. Horrell 4, W. Newman 5. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. D. Isitt.

QUARTER PEALS

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Baker 1, Sheila M. Rawlings (first quarter) 2, J. W. Sullen 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, J. W. Rawlings 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters 7, B. Stevens 8.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. Stilwell 1, Patricia Diserens 2, R. Wilson (first in method) 3, R. Diserens 4, Jane Sibson 5, H. Weaver (first in method) 6, D. Sibson (cond.) 7, R. P. Wood 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5, D. Barker 6. For Evensong, and in memoriam Mr. J. Willatt.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. Tribe (first on a working bell) 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, J. R. Norris 3, B. Nulty 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Nulty 6. For the Whitsuntide Festival, and the 10th anniversary of the coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, N. J. Wright (first in the method) 2, S. W. Brown 3, J. R. Norris (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. H. Tribe 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival, for the ordination as deacon, at Chichester Cathedral this day, of Peter Heartfield, assistant curate of this parish. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Nulty (first quarter) 1, A. V. Sheppard (first of Plain Bob Doubles) 2, J. R. Norris 3, Frances P. Gilbert 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. To mark the christening of Chistopher Michael Humphrey at St. Nicholas', Brighton, on this day.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On July 29th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine Bradburn 1, D. Darby 2, D. Bennett 3, Enid Town 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, A. Herbert (first of Cambridge Major) 6, D. C. Birkinshaw 7, R. B. Meadows 8. Rung as a farewell to Enid Town.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Lloyd 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, A. E. Morgan 3, A. Fasey 4, C. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes 7, F. Preston 8. For the Patronal Festival.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Georgetta Harrison 1, Maureen P. Green (first quarter 'inside') 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For the Feast of St. Swithin.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miller 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, N. Watson 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. G. Firman (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, N. J. Davies 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, J. R. Cooper 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (six callings): G. Belcher 1, L. Maund 2, L. Porter (first as cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, N. Deam 5. Rung for St. Swithin's Day.

MILDENHALL, WILTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss L. Weaver (first quarter) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, V. Griffin 3, F. E. Jones 4, B. Bladon 5. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne.

OXFORD.—On July 25th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Rev. H. Benson 1, N. Deam 2, F. Marilyn Bird 3, A. Gammon 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Belcher 6. For the Festival of St. Mary Magdalen.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Opie 1, D. H. Gendall 2, K. G. Davey (cond.) 3, J. Harvey 4, A. J. Davidson 5, J. D. Walker 6.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Terha Barnett 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, J. W. Rose 3, J. Vardy 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5. Rung to commemorate the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rose.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Barnfather 1, R. W. Turner 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 3, J. L. Queen 4, P. C. Plant 5, T. G. Andrew 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A leaving compliment to 5 and 6.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Joines 1, R. Sherwood (first 'inside') 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, P. Page 4, Miss S. Smith (cond. and first of Grandsire Doubles) 5, Miss B. Daysh 6. First of Double 3 and 4.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On July 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Roberts (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. Smith 2, C. Harris 3, J. E. Manners 4, P. Webster 5, C. W. Hall 6, R. Berrisford 7, T. Harris (cond.) 8. Rung for the opening of the Church Hall.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On July 26th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (three methods): F. E. Jones (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. Drewitt 2, E. W. Ford 3, B. Bladon 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. W. Land 6. First of Spliced Surprise 2 and 3.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 540 Plain Bob): A. R. Mildred 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Festal Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, M. G. Wood 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, N. R. May 8. For Sunday School Festal Evensong.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: G. Belcher 1, L. Maund 2, Janet Woodman 3, N. Deam 3, R. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Knight, a ringer for 43 years and tower captain here for 16 years. Associated with this quarter are the Rev. W. E. Dane, Charles Hemmings and the local ringers.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Watkins 1, Christina Griffin 2, D. J. Williams 3, E. Morris 4, J. T. Williams 5, H. Boyce 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, A. Griffin 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. Arranged for Miss Tess Burn, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Dennis Radcliffe.



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CHAPMAN.—At 50, High Street, Daventry, Northants, on August 9th, 1963, to Joan and Patrick, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, a sister for Dominic. 3013

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SMITH—FOSTER.—On Saturday, August 24th, 1963, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, 2 p.m. Bells available before service, and Cathedral bells available after Evensong. 3003

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of George and Diana PIPE is now 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. Phone 75647. All ringers and friends welcome. 2986

PRICE.—After August 13th the address of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Price will be 'Zermatt,' 10, Butler Road, Heathwood Estate, Crowthorne, Berkshire. 2989

SMITH.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, as from September 2nd, will be 20, Tytherington Court, Tytherington Park Road Macclesfield, Cheshire. 3004

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—New members of the University are invited to contact the Secretary, S. Clarke Walters, 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. First practice of term, Wednesday, October 9th, Great St. Andrew's, 7.45 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Day trip to Chester on Saturday, September 7th, calling at several towers. Lunch arranged in Chester—own arrangements for tea. Preference given to Ladies' Guild members, but other ringers and friends welcome. Coach departs Macclesfield 8 a.m., Stockport 8.30, Altrincham 9 a.m. Maximum cost 20s. Those interested should contact Mrs. H. L. Horn, 13, Cherington Crescent, Macclesfield, before August 24th. Tel.: Macclesfield 4772.) 3011

SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Shalford postponed to Thursday, August 22nd. Methods: Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Rutland, and Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London Spliced. 3002

PERSONAL

'Let your moderation be known unto all men.' (Philippians iv. 5.)

CANCELLATION

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The combined practice arranged at Waltham St. Lawrence for August 17th is **cancelled.**—B. C. Castle. 2987

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be no meeting of the Coventry Archdeaconry District on Saturday, August 17th. Instead there will be a joint meeting with the Warwick Archdeaconry District on Saturday, August 31st. Details to be published next week. 2983

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—M. Phipps and G. Richardson, Dis. Secs. 2921

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, joint with the Chesterfield District, Ashover, Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. For teas, please advise Mr. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2965

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, evening only, Teversall, on August 17th. Bells 5.30-8.30 p.m. Methods: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's (see Diary).—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Woodston, Hunts, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for those only who send their names to Mr. L. Brightman, 165, Belsize Avenue, Woodston, near Peterborough, —Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Evening meeting at Bledington, nar Kingham, Oxon, on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available from 6-7.30 p.m., or later if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans and Western Districts) and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint meeting, North Mymms, August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells evening. Names, **please,** to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.—M. A. Coburn, R. Sheppard, K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 2954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section).—A joint meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Early notification for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, would be much appreciated, please.—G. A. W. and W. H. D., Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Striking Competition on August 17th at Cranford—pull off at 3 p.m.: open to all bands in S.W. District. Followed by tea, results, A.O.B. and further ringing. All visitors welcome. Names for tea to Competition Secretary, J. B. Sansom, 55, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 2953

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
CULWORTH BRANCH
Meeting at Brackley (6), Saturday, August 17th.
Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.
All welcome, learners especially.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—J. R. Norris, Div. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, August 20th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: August 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; August 27th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; September 3rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn; September 10th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 2992

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Berrow (6), Saturday, August 24th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 2997

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, August 24th, 7 p.m. 3000

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hildyard Arms, 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr D. A. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington, Hull. 2972

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch ringing meeting at Carlisle Cathedral on August 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 21st to Mr. J. Boustead, 23 Burgh Road, Carlisle.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 2980

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome. 2981

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 2994

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, August 24th, Ruardean (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr H. Meek, The Hart, Ruardean.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Hersham on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, August 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Free meal, no names required. Special welcome to our Cheshire friends.—Thornley, Sec. 3008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 2996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Desford, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Regret no service. Tea 5 p.m. at the Blue Bell Inn, followed by business meeting in the Church Rooms. Names for tea, please, by **Tuesday** previous to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford, Leicestershire.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3005

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose, August 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Moulds, Hose, Melton Mowbray. 2993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chesham, Saturday, August 24th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names by 20th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2951

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, August 24th, Donhead St. Mary. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—Y. Eloie, Branch Secretary. 2952

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Hope Bowdler, August 24th. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 3006

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 21st, please, to Mr. E. C. Hynard, 'By Ways,' Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex. 2947

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Ticehurst and Wadhurst, August 24th. Ringing: Ticehurst (6), 2.30 till 4 p.m.: Wadhurst (8), 3.30 till 4.30 and 6.15 till 8 p.m. Service (Wadhurst) 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.—I. Smith, Sec. 2971

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42 Cressing Road, Witham. 2978

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2s. per head. Those who require tea please send names and cash by August 28th to Mr. A. Harrison, 'Braemar,' Ringwould, near Deal. 2929

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Maidwell, Saturday, August 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday, August 27th. No name no tea. 2919

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Scarning on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to H. Waterfield, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 3007

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—The Oswy Street Memorial Cup (which is an open contest to any tower) will be at Babworth (6), 1 mile west of Retford, Saturday, August 31st, at 3 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, please, notify by 27th, Mr. W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts. Rules from Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, Notts. 2955

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Striking competition, Bredfield, Saturday, August 31st. Draw 2.45 p.m. Competition 3 p.m. All entries and numbers for tea to Mr. E. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, Woodbridge, not later than Saturday, August 24th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 3014

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District Ringing Festival, Saturday, September 14th, 1963. Programme—Tour (private car): Meet Milford-on-Sea (8), ringing 10-11 a.m.: Ringwood (8) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Lunch, own arrangements): Fordingbridge (8) 2-3: Bournemouth St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30-3.30; St. Peter's 3.30-5. Service, Christchurch Priory, 5.30. Meat tea (5s.), Priory Church Hall, 6 p.m. Ringing on Priory bells (12) 7-9 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) from A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 2998

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice: Snowdon Dinner, Saturday, October 12th, 1963, Guildford Hotel, Headrow, Leeds. Please note the date. Applications for tickets (16s.), with names and remittances, to F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorks. Detailed ringing arrangements later. 2974

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice: The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 1963, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. Professional entertainment and dancing afterwards until 11 p.m. Tickets (14s. each) and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 2990

OBITUARY

MR. G. W. JENNINGS

The Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral band has lost a most reliable and cheerful ringer by the regretted death on August 2nd of Mr. George William Jennings, of Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, at the early age of 53 years. May he rest in peace. A. F. B.

MR. ERNIE TRUSLER

'Nobody can organise an outing quite like Ernie,' was a tribute paid to Mr. Ernie Trusler in the minutes of a past A.G.M. of the Aldrington (Sussex) band.

It is with sadness that we have to report that Ernest Trusler passed away on July 25th, at the age of 57 years. He was the youngest of the pre-war Aldrington band, and was noted for his good nature and happy disposition. Not many secretaries give 22 years' continuous service, but this was Ernie's achievement, for which he received a silver tankard from the members of the local band. He rang many quarter peals from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

The cremation was at the Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, on July 29th, where the Aldrington band was represented.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on July 28th, in his home tower, by members of the local band.

S. W. B.

QUARTER PEALS

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): C. W. Rigby 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, F. P. Brangwyn 3, W. F. Eydon 4, W. A. Denny 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For morning service, and an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. A. Booth.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On July 28th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Reeve 1, J. Ivings 2, Mrs. Ivings 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, F. Cooper 5, A. Ballham 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. For the open air service of the Horringer District British Legion Rally.

KENWYN, TRURO.—On July 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. P. A. Rowe 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, P. R. Dean 3, Mrs. M. Carveth 4, A. F. Burley 5, R. E. Dean 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, P. A. Rowe 8. First in the method 2 and 5.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, N. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MADRESFIELD, WORCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Barber 1, C. Clark 2, J. Wall 3, F. Lawrence 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Samuel Driver White and Miss Christine Lodge, married earlier in the day at this church.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Beale (first quarter) 1, N. J. Maggs 2, W. H. Tarr 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, A. H. Reed (cond.) 5, Miss M. Norman (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, H. Shire 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, R. A. Cockrane 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, W. J. Garrod 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. C. Stubbington, ringer at Tewin.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Ivings 1, N. Watson 2, Mrs. Ivings 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, J. Moy 5, J. Ivings 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Lord Bishop of Thetford.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Double (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Sismey (first quarter) 1, A. Waller 2, G. Davis 3, F. Sismey 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5. Rung as birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker.

TROTTON, SUSSEX.—On July 27th, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): Rosemarie Walton 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, D. Hughes 3, B. Walton 4. First of Minimus 1 and 4.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Baitup (first quarter) 1, Jill Lucas 2, Marion Baitup 3, Sybil Tonkin 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. K. Mellor (first attempt quarter) 1, H. T. Rooke 2, J. V. Clark 3, J. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On July 14th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist with All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, L. Bullock 3, A. Hampton 4, C. Ottley 5, W. G. Wilson 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. G. Mitchell 8.

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The annual outing of the Wantage Parish Church bellringers was held on July 27th, in perfect summer weather, in contrast to the thunderstorms which were experienced on the outing last year. A part of 31, including some ringers from East Ilsley, Blewbury and East Hagbourne, set off at 1.15 p.m. and reached Henley-on-Thames at 2.30, where touches of various methods were rung on the very fine eight. The ringing did not really do justice to the bells, but was much appreciated by some local residents, who told us how nice it was to hear all the bells, as they rarely heard the eight for Sunday service.

Marlow, the next tower, has also a nice eight, the Parish Church of All Saints being set in lovely surroundings by the side of the river. For tea at the Dutch Tea House we were joined by the Vicar, who had been delayed by other engagements. We then journeyed to Maidenhead by way of Cookham Bridge and Boulter's Lock, and rang at the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill. Here the standard of ringing was much improved, and included a particularly well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

After an hour at Maidenhead, we went to Theale, where we were welcomed by Fr. King, an old friend, who is now Rector of Holy Trinity. The six here are not an easy ring, and after an hour's ringing the party was much in need of refreshment, which was found at a local hostelry. The journey home was sustained by the usual sing-song.

We were very glad to have with us Mr. H. C. Mulford, who is one of the longest serving members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, having been elected a member in 1908, but is now prevented by doctor's orders from regular service ringing. Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring. K. L.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

The Cotswolds in early June; Stratford-upon-Avon on a warm, sunny afternoon; the river at Evesham; Birdlip; the Stroud Valley—all this and four carefully selected eight-bell towers to ring at. With these ingredients how could our outing be other than successful?

A party, numbering forty ringers and their friends, set out from N. Somerset and soon after 9 a.m. the bells of Olveston were sounding out across the Severn Valley. Further ringing took place at the pleasant village of Prestbury, nestling between Cheltenham and Cotswold, then over the hill to Winchcombe for lunch. We crossed the Worcestershire border for a glimpse at Broadway (a village famous for its beauty), then back into Gloucestershire for a ring on the fine eight at Mickleton.

The timetable allowed for a 1½ hours stay at Stratford, to enjoy the sights and the sunshine, then on to Evesham for high tea at an hotel overlooking the river. Evening ringing was enjoyed at Bishop's Cleeve, and here several visitors to the village, on hearing the bells, came up to see what was going on and were rewarded by being invited to join in a touch of Stedman. It was a happy party that descended the wonderful 15th century ladder and forgathered outside the church for a group photo.

A late evening stop for a 'night cap' was made at Chipping Sodbury.

Many thanks to all the kind people who helped to make this outing so enjoyable.

A. J. G.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The meeting of the Cary Branch on July 27th at West Camel, with Queen Camel available in the evening, attracted ringers from as far away as Newbury and London. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

The Rector (the Rev. M. P. Ralph-Bowman) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. O. H. Skipwith (Branch vice-chairman). At the business meeting, which followed tea, two new members were elected from Castle Cary, two from Ditcheat and three from Evercreech.

Arrangements for the Branch outing in August were announced and the Rev. O. H. Skipwith invited the Branch to Maperton in October to make their first Corporate Communion.

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISED MAXIMUS

(in 18 methods)
By DEREK OGDEN

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42356			—	Ca Ld Ab Li Ys Be
63254	—	3	—	Po Yk Ad So Wi Su Pr Ro Ro La
26354			—	Ca Ld Ab Li Ys Be
35264		—	—	Bd Pu La
23564	3		—	Po Yk Ad So Wi Su Re Re Pr La

Twice repeated.

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As rung at Manchester, April 13th, 1963.

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QUARTER PEALS

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Flynn 1, T. E. Trickett 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, J. S. Baker 4, G. Astbury 5, G. Meade 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On July 21st, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): P. S. Bennett (cond.) 1, Jill Riley 2, D. Baker 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6. For Matins. Also on July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire, 960 Reverse Canterbury): J. J. Green 1, Jill Riley 2, D. Baker 3, Hazel Arrowsmith 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. For Matins.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: M. J. Stone 1, R. J. Bowden 2, E. Lee 3, J. Brain 4, C. T. Clarke 5, M. J. Horseman 6, B. J. Wylde 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Patterson 1, R. Clist 2, Miss G. Marshall 3, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 4, D. P. Treble 5, P. J. Joyce 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, E. Hunt 8. First of Triples 3 and 5.

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AN IMPORTANT REPORT

AT Great Yarmouth on Whit Tuesday a report of Overseas Ringing was submitted to the Central Council. The representatives received the typescript as they entered the Council Chamber for the morning session and consequently there was little time in which to examine the contents of this report before it was formally presented to the Council by Mr. George Pipe, who had compiled it. That the majority of the members had found time to read it through was obvious; it was equally obvious that the Council recognised the presentation of this report to be one of the most important items on the agenda that day.

Ringers at home should indeed rejoice that more and more rings of bells are being hung in different parts of the world and that more and more ringers are being trained in these countries to ring them.

There would appear to be another aspect of the presentation of this report on Overseas Ringing to the Exercise at home, in that it affords an opportunity to appreciate the difficulties under which our brother ringers are labouring in order to establish and enjoy the art in distant lands. More recently, a report of an annual meeting in Australia revealed that the members (approximately 40) had travelled over 40,000 miles between them in order to attend! That sort of situation would seem to bring before us, in retrospect, something of the conditions facing our forbears in this country some 70 or 80 years ago when, to quote the late Mr. George Williams, 'You had to comb the South Coast in order to get a band together to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples.'

How privileged we are to-day! We have hundreds of well-hung rings of bells, our country is literally thick with bell towers; a few minutes in a car, or at the worst an hour in a bus, will take us to a bell practice at least once a week. Sunday ringing is easy to obtain and 'The Ringing World' advertises dozens of meetings each week, to say nothing of the luxurious peal ringing opportunities which abound for those who wish for them. But do we appreciate these privileges as we should? Do we value the work of our predecessors who made long difficult journeys to teach others, to ring peals and to attend practices in order to establish and progress the Exercise? How many of our bells are silent because we have been slack or taken our many privileges for granted?

A few years ago a Sunday service ringing survey was made and it was conceded that although the situation was not bad, there was room for much improvement in this very important department of our Exercise. Has there been what the Americans call a 'recession' since that time? One hears from visiting ringers sometimes that 'fings ain't what they used t'be' and that many rings of bells are silent except for the occasional meeting or a visiting peal band.

There is some evidence, too, of depleted bands doing duty on Sundays. 'There is a better band which is **not** here than that which **is** here' is a remark made recently in a well-known South Coast tower. Unpunctuality seems to be increasing. 'Getting there in time to come out with the rest' does not produce good results and it can become infectious.

A Dorset stalwart opined that 'Ringing is a dying art.' He has taught more ringers and more bands of ringers than he could remember, but he backed up his opinion by reeling off a formidable list of towers where ringing rarely took place nowadays, although a few years ago the same towers boasted thriving bands. Perhaps he was being unduly pessimistic, nevertheless, the question recurs—Is there a 'recession'? Are we less enthusiastic, less aware of our privileges as church bell ringers, less aware of our duty to call the people to church Sunday by Sunday?

The Overseas Ringing Report has been printed in 'The Ringing World'—it is available for all to read. If it were read and examined thoughtfully by **all** the ringers in this country, perhaps we should find encouragement therein to do much more than we do at present for the benefit of the Exercise. It could lead to a revival of interest comparable with that demonstrated at the end of World War II. Were this to be so, the Overseas Ringing Report would assume an importance much greater than that which the Central Council at Great Yarmouth imagined. A. V. D.

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St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs

By CHRISTOPHER WALLATER

SITUATED on the main road from Wolverhampton to Walsall, the Church of St. Giles stands on the right, a short distance from the town centre of Willenhall. Travelling towards Walsall, the towers of Darlaston and Wednesbury can plainly be seen, and on the left is a good view of the new Church of St. Emmanuel, at Bentley, which contains four bells hung dead for chiming. This church was a gift of the Owen family, through the generosity of Mrs. Owen, mother of Sir A G. B. Owen, who is head of the engineering organisation of Ruberg Owen and Co., Ltd., Darlaston.

Nearby is a plaque marking the place where once stood Bentley Hall, made famous in history for the part it played in the escape of King Charles II from Cromwell's soldiers, after the defeat of his army at the Battle of Worcester. Passing through Stourbridge, on his way to Boscobel, the King, under the guidance of Colonel John Lane, eventually arrived at Bentley Hall.

The next morning, disguised as a groom to Jane Lane and riding pillion, the King continued his journey, thus escaping to the Continent. This episode is the subject of a frieze painted on the wall of a corridor in the Houses of Parliament. At the Restoration of the Monarchy the Lane family were rewarded with a pension and the privilege of using the royal coat of arms, which is portrayed in a small window in the present Church of St. Giles. This window was given by the descendants of this family.

In the 'Annals of Willenhall' by Frederick Wm. Hackwood, the historian of Wednesbury, there were two Charters, dated A.D. 732 and 733, executed by Ethelbald, King of Mercia, at a place named Willenhalch (halch means enclosed land on the banks of a stream). The building of the present Church of St. Giles was commenced in 1860 on the site of at least two former churches. Although the names of other churches in nearby towns were changed as the Protestant Reformers took objection to non-Biblical names (All Saints', Walsall, now St. Matthew's, St. Clement's, West Bromwich, now All Saints', St. Mary's, Wolverhampton, now St. Peter's), St. Giles', Willenhall, retained its name throughout the centuries.

The staple trade is locks and keys, for which the town has been famous for many years and is unique in having a lock museum. Many other industries have developed in recent years, such as casting, stamping and drop-forging, all of which played a great part in the successful efforts of the two World Wars.

In the year 1547, from an inventory taken by the commissioner of King Edward VI, there were two small bells, which were allowed to remain in the steeple. By 1786 there were six bells, cast by John Rudhall, of Gloucester, the tenor weighing ten cwt.

WEATHERCOCK STOLEN

The steeple, much shorter than it is now, was the one from which the weathercock was stolen in 1827. A reward of 10 guineas was offered on July 24th, 1827. There was intense rivalry between the men of Darlaston and the men of Willenhall, as to who owned the best game bird. The Darlaston men would bring a game cock and hold him up to show him the weathercock on the church steeple, and would give vent to roars of laughter when the bird crowed his challenge.

By way of reprisal the Willenhall men would raid Darlaston and pretend to call the cock from the steeple by scattering corn in the churchyard.

The Willenhall men woke up one fine Sunday morning to find that the Darlastonians had entered their town in the dead of night and stolen the cock from the church steeple. Consternation reigned supreme in Willenhall. It was felt that this latest act of aggravation could only be met by an appeal to the law, which hitherto both factions had so recklessly set at naught. So a public notice was promptly issued, offering ten guineas reward.



ST. GILES', WILLENHALL.

No one came forward to betray the heroes of this daring escapade. A new vane had forthwith to be provided. Some time afterwards the old weathercock was found by some miners who were reopening an old coal pit, which lay between the rival townships. Needless to say the new vane was instantly fetched down and the old one once more set up to flaunt itself bravely as of yore in the eyes of distant Darlaston.

For many years the notice offering the reward was displayed in the Neptune Inn (an old coaching inn), which then stood opposite the church.

The Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury, has a model of a game cock, which is used as a lectern, and is stated to be the gift of the owner of a successful bird at a local main.

There is no information available as to what ringing took place on the six bells, other than an account of Wake Sunday, when the bells rang merrily as the crowd assembled for the bull-baiting on the village green.

The six bells were increased to eight in 1873 by the addition of a treble and tenor, and recasting the fourth by Mears and Stainbank, London. These were rehung in a new tower. There was a public appeal to defray the cost as the inscription on the former treble bell indicates: 'We for other churches three, Are ready to make sounds of Glee.' The other parishes were St. Anne's, St. Stephen's and Holy Trinity.

EARLY PEALS

The first peal was rung on the bells on February 3rd, 1874. It was 5,040 Grandsire Major in 3 hours and 18 minutes, by the Walsall Society of Change Ringers, assisted by W. Johnson, of Darlaston; composed and conducted by W. Hallsworth. Peal No. 2 was Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 5 minutes, conducted by W. Johnson, of Darlaston. Mr. John Carter, inventor of the ringing machine, taking part, this being his first peal, which was rung on July 7th, 1874.

The first peal of Stedman Triples rung on the bells was a notable performance and was mentioned in 'The Ringing World' some months ago (under '50 Years Ago'). It was the first peal of Stedman for the late William Rock Small, a native of Wednesbury, who later went to reside and work at Tipton, and in later years became known as the Black Country Veteran. The incident of the choir boys repeating the bobs after the conductor was possible as the organ and choir stalls were situated in the gallery, the entrance to which was close to the belfry door. The peal was rung on Saturday, August 14th, 1880, in 2 hours 55 minutes, by Samuel Reeves, Job Joynes, William Rock Small, Henry Johnson, sen., Henry Johnson, jun., John Buffery, William Hallsworth, Thomas Reynolds. Composed by the late Mr. Lates. Conducted by Mr. William Hallsworth, of Walsall, for St. Martin's Society of Change Ringers, Birmingham.

On September 25th, 1880, the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells was rung by James Foster 1, William Micklewright 2, Abe Malborn 3, John Lloyd 4, Joseph Bate 5, William R. Small 6, Thomas Foster 7, John Astbury 8. Conducted by James Foster. The conductor was a son of T. Foster, who was head ringer of St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury. Another peal of Grandsire Major was rung on February 21st, 1881, composed and conducted by John Carter.

The first peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells was rung on April 8th, 1905, by Edward J Stafford, Thomas J. Elton, Christopher Wallater, Joseph Birch, William Fisher, Edwin J. Tyler, George Hughes, John C. Adams. Composed and conducted by George Hughes (5,088 changes). The ringers of treble, fourth and tenor came from Bloxwich, the second Walsall, the fifth Coseley, the sixth Wood Green, the third and seventh from Wednesbury.

Mr. George Hughes, who had only his left arm, was a native of Hanbury, Worcestershire. He was appointed as conductor to St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, upon the death of Mr. Thomas Foster. Before coming to Wednesbury Mr. Hughes was a member of the band at St. Martin's, Tipton, the tower of which was called the Pepper Box by ringers in the Black Country. This was on account of its peculiar shape. The eight bells, hung on one level, were considered to be a masterpiece of bell hanging.

RECASTING AND AUGMENTING

The scheme for the recasting and augmentation of the bells to ten was launched during the incumbency of the Rev. Edward Harrison, M.C., M.A., who came to Willenhall from St. Catherine's, Liverpool, at which vicarage the Rev. Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie) passed away, whilst on a Crusade. The appeal for support to the restoration was well responded to by all sections of the community. People who had left the district stated that they remembered the bells in former years, one in particular being Professor Rosedale, College of Medicine, Singapore, who, in his reply, mentioned that he was once a potential bell ringer. His father, Rev. W. E. Rosedale, D.D., was voted to the living upon the death of the Rev. G. H. Fisher, in 1894.

Shortly after the appeal for restoration was launched the sad news came that our Vicar had suddenly passed away, whilst undergoing treatment in hospital, his illness being through the after effects of the war. The next Vicar, Rev. Christopher E. Turner, A.K.C., came from St. Aidan's, Leeds, Yorkshire. He proceeded with the restoration scheme, and a committee was formed and a meeting arranged to deal with the situation.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, one of the members, Mrs. Mary Ethel Dyke, announced that with her sister, Mrs. Emily Fox, they would give two bells in memory of their parents Henry Vaughan and Hannah Vaughan, and would also contribute towards the cost of the new frame for ten bells.

Eventually the scheme was brought to a successful conclusion on Sunday, May 2nd, 1937, when the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Stafford conducted the dedication service at 11 a.m. These bells were recast to commemorate the coronation of King George VI.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Wardhaugh 1, J. Crowther 2, Miss O. Douglas 3, M. Armstrong 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, T. Bullerwell 6.

WILTS AND SOMERSET RINGERS IN WARWICKSHIRE

The combined Surprise Major practice band, drawn from the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, paid a visit to Warwickshire on July 27th. An early start allowed for the collecting of members from Frome, North Bradley, Melksham and Chippenham, and the long run to Stratford-on-Avon was much enjoyed. At Stratford the lovely 10 were turned briskly to Cambridge and Yorkshire Major, supplemented by two touches of Caters, and towards the close of the ringing we were joined by Mr. Gordon Benfield, of Pudsey.

On the run into Birmingham we picked up Mr. George Fearn at Hall Green, and he acted as our guide. At the Cathedral the famous ring was set going to rounds on 12, Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Major. Rescuing Mr. Brian Price from vain efforts to collect antiques in a thoroughly modern Babylon, we ran out to Solihull, the former home of Mr. E. C. Shepherd. Lunch was taken informally, and we had the opportunity to meet some of the Solihull band, including that faithful veteran, Mr. William Leeson, who has been ringing at St. Alphege's Church since the beginning of the century. The ringing on this beautiful 10 included an excellent course of Bristol.

Taking leave of our guide, and successfully thwarting attempts to kidnap Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, we traversed the very pretty 13 miles to Warwick, where Mr. Garner-Hayward awaited us at St. Nicholas' Church. The excellent eight provided us with some good Stedman Triples, 'topped up' with Cambridge and Yorkshire. A substantial tea was taken at the Warwick Cafe, and this establishment may be unreservedly recommended.

North-bound traffic was building up in alarming fashion as we ran down the Fosse Way to Stow-on-the-Wold, but we made good progress and were able to finish the day's ringing on the heavy eight at St. Edward's Church. Here we were joined by a very young stranger, who, with more confidence than competence, found himself in trouble on the treble and contrived to break the stay. We are grateful to our local mentor for the good natured manner in which he received this catastrophe.

The run southwards over the high Cotswolds, with the sun dropping unclouded on our right and the long evening shadows streaming eastwards, was a beautiful and soothing experience.

Our best thanks are due to incumbents for the use of their bells and to the tower representatives for patience and unfailing courtesy. N. G. K.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The second Saturday in July found the Beverley and District Society holding their monthly meeting at St. Peter's Church, Hutton Cranswick, to mark the anniversary of the rededication of the bells in 1950. Thirty-four members were present, representing 15 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and chaplain to the Society (Rev. G. Storer), whilst the Bishop of Hull, Patron of the Society, read the lesson and gave an inspiring address. The Bishop joined the members at tea in the schoolroom, again provided by the hospitality of the Vicar and the local ladies. A collection for church funds raised £5 1s. 6d.

On show for the first time was the Memorial Cup, obtained for annual competition to the memory of Mr. Albert E. Sellers, president of the Society from 1951 to 1962.

THE BELFRY IS HIS HOME



Meet Rene Mignot—a man who actually lives in a belfry!

Rene, seen in his full regalia in this picture, is the official watchman at the 700-year-old Cathedral of Lausanne, whose job it is to call the hours from the high tower every night between sunset and sunrise.

He starts his duty every evening by climbing the 184 steps that lead up to the belfry, where he has a comfortably furnished wooden hut, equipped with bunk, telephone, radio and electric fire.

For 300 years Lausanne has had its night watchman, a job which in the last century has been very much a family affair, handed down from father to son.

And every hour, without fail, the cry is heard four time as he calls to the north, the east, the south and the west: 'C'est le guet. Il a sonné trois.' (This is the watch. It is three o'clock.)

Tradition has only been broken once. In July, Lausanne joined in official celebrations to mark the centenary of the first-ever British conducted tour of Switzerland, and large crowds gathered below the Cathedral tower to hear the watchman shout, for the first time in English: 'Eleven o'clock, and all's well.'

In the picture, which was taken on this occasion, he is seen with an English girl in Victorian costume (left) and a girl in Lausanne costume.

Rene was asked by reporters whether he had ever dozed off and missed one of his hourly calls.

He laughed and showed them his 'alarm clock'—the six-ton bell, dated 1795, which automatically tolls the hour and which is right next to his wooden hut.

'You would have to be stone deaf to sleep while this fellow is ringing,' he told them.

Helvetic News Service.
(Photo: Max Feissel, Vevey.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Gandsire Triples: R. Carpenter 1, J. Hallett (first 'inside') 2, M. Johnson 3, Susan Smith 4, H. Allberry 5, M. Marshall 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, G. Luckhurst 8. Rung following the induction of the Rev. John St. Maur Williams as Rector.

A MEETING FOR LEARNERS

Some ringers are apt to look upon learners as ringers who 'will make the grade if keen enough,' overlooking the fact that from bell-handling to Bob Minor is the most difficult period. Many learners keen enough to try are discouraged by lack of opportunity at Branch meetings. They arrive and ring rounds once or twice during the afternoon, and once after tea. These are often bad rounds with all learners ringing together. Perhaps they are pushed through Doubles on the treble, without the slightest idea of what they are doing and the Ringing Master having no time to explain.

In an attempt to help this type of learner an experimental 'learners and young people' meeting was held recently at West Overton, Wilts, where Captain Manfield-Robinson, R.N. (retired), has some dozen or more learners.

Ringing with instruction was under the control of Mr. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, who started at 2.30 p.m. by demonstrating bell handling and control and followed by explaining the principles of plain hunting and Bob Minimus. Several courses with various learners were rung.

A short service was held at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. F. Smedley, and after tea, in the Village Hall, a talk on 'Belfry Management and Tower Upkeep' was given by Mr. Peter Minchin, of Swindon. This was followed by a demonstration of double-handed handbell ringing and then the learners each rang plain hunting on one bell, Mr. Bladon explaining how this was done, and also the build up into Bob Minimus, by chalking the changes down the middle of the Village Hall floor. The handbell ringing ended with a demonstration of tune ringing.

The results of this meeting were that several learners rang changes for the first time, knowing what they should be doing. One ringer, who before had only rung Plain Bob and Grandsire, learnt and rang two new methods—St. Simon's and St. Clement's. A. R. P.

BANK HOLIDAY AT LEATHERHEAD

The opinion was expressed early in the year that the annual joint meeting of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild at Leatherhead on August Bank Holiday was played out. Had those who voiced the opinion been present they would have to agree that, far from being played out, this 'hardy annual' is thriving as well as ever. Where indeed could a better setting be found for a Bank Holiday meeting? The old Church of St. Mary, with its lovely ring of 10, set close to the River Mole, with Box Hill and the North Downs as a backcloth. The ideal spot for a walk, a ring, tea, pleasant company and meeting old friends.

Ringing during the afternoon was in the excellent hands of Mr. Patrick Cannon, in his dual capacity of General Master of the Surrey Association and District Master of the Guildford Guild. A service, to the Surrey order this year, was led by the Vicar, at 4.30, who, in his address, voiced the heresy that ringing is a sport in no uncertain terms. Albeit we must add, before you take up your pens, unlike most sports it serves a very good purpose still.

Tea followed in the new Church Hall, and this had been in the capable hands of Mr. George Marriner and his helpers. The Vicar attended, and during tea he informed the 60 or so ringers present that Mr. Marriner was celebrating his 80th birthday that day. A presentation was made to him and all joined in the usual birthday song. Long may we have the pleasure of his company and ringing.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. Douglas May, seconded by Mr. A. P. Cannon.
W. P.

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Letters to the Editor

Substitutes for Bells in Kent

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the 'Belfry Gossip' of August 9th of the installation of another of these wretched contrivances for imitating the sound of bells, at East Peckham. This is, to my knowledge, the second of its kind to be put into operation in the county, the other being at Smeeth, near Ashford.

At Smeeth there was one old bell in the tower, but this somehow sustained some injury, with the result that a large piece was broken out of the soundbow. Obviously the tone was adversely affected, and a pious but sadly misinformed donor had a loudspeaker installed to enable recordings to be played. I am glad to say, however, that the novelty of the new toy soon wore off, and the apparatus is not now used; evidently the parishioners preferred the panny tone of their one real bell to that of its cheap replacement.

However, the story did not end there. Last year the church was offered the gift of five disused clock bells, but, after careful consideration, the Parochial Council decided that they could not accept the bells on the grounds that they were not in a financial position to bear the expense of a bell frame and hangings.

Obviously this is a story with a moral. If the worthy benefactor had instead been advised to make his donation to a fund for the bells (which, in my opinion, is a 'must' for every tower whether the bells are in good repair or not), then the church would at least have had something towards hanging them, which would probably have swayed the decision of the council to keep the bells.

There is, however, another problem which has become much more frequent during recent years, and which must account for the downfall of so many good intentions: I am, of course, referring to the Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus. So often these days one comes across towers where the bells are unringable, and an attempt to raise money for them has ended in the installation of a chiming apparatus. It is unfortunate in these cases that this is usually sufficient to satisfy both parson and Parochial Council and all further thoughts about restoring the bells are forgotten until one of them literally falls from the tower.

When Canon Ellacombe invented his apparatus it was intended to allow the sexton to sound the bells for week-day services and any on Sunday when the ringers were not in attendance. It was not intended as a second-rate substitute for rehanging and doubtless Ellacombe would have had second thoughts had he realised some of the circumstances under which it is now used.—Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford.

Not in Peal Records

Dear Sir.—Regarding the 'peal' which was 'conducted' by Mr. Giles B. Thompson at Penn, Bucks, on May 11th, and which was referred to in Mr. Giles R. Shedden's letter ('R.W.' August 9th, page 532), I feel I must point out that I and two others in the band have not included it in our peal records.

Short of announcing the fact in the 'R.W.' (a drastic and very unpleasant step, I think) we have done everything possible to persuade the conductor to withdraw the 'peal,' but without success.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD OGLESBY.

Hitcham, Bucks.

Penn Peal Satisfies Conductor

Dear Sir,—In reply to Giles Shedden's letter I would make the following comments:

(1) As far as I am concerned the **peal** (with no inverted commas) still stands as such; others may testify against this, but their arguments do not satisfy me, and I give myself the benefit of any doubt which might exist.

(2) The inverted commas around 'conducted' are perhaps more appropriate than those around 'peal.' I make no claim to be much of a conductor (after all, how many people are conductors in every sense of the word?). I do put the calls in the right places and keep the coursing order straight as far as I can (even with a band of conductors this is difficult in certain methods—or so I've found!), and I expected to improve with practice.

Finally, I would say, as one Giles to another: Go and try to **call** a few peals yourself before you criticise other people's efforts and then your remarks might be of some value, and, as he wasn't a member of the band or a witness of the peal, mind your own business, and have a look at both sides of an argument before making pointed comments.—Yours in reply,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Wincanton.

Rabbits' Guild and A Learner's Complaint

Dear Sir,—The editorial royal command (page 501) must, of course, be obeyed, but it is not quite clear just what A Learner's complaint is.

If he means that he is troubled by advice from self-appointed tutors not in charge of the ringing, such ill-mannered interference requires a fairly crude protest if it is to be understood. The exact form can be left to A Learner, with the hope that he is skilled in pointed speech.

If he is complaining of prompting given by the right person when he knows well what he is about, and serving only to retard his progress, as may well happen, then various remedies are open to him. First, however, he must be **absolutely certain** that he knows as much as he thinks he does. Then he may begin by saying politely, 'Thank you, I'm quite all right for the moment.' or something equally innocuous, and if necessary saying it again and again. Next he can point out, privately, and still politely, that unasked-for prompting is a hindrance in his case.

If these moves fail and he is unwilling, or it is inexpedient to be rude, then he can try excluding the unwelcome voice from consciousness—it can be done. An aid to this exercise is a silent recitation; Gray's Elegy is good (the stresses come in useful later, when the tyro requires to count five dodges).

If all these remedies fail, only one cure remains. A Learner must say in a loud voice, **'Will you stop!'** It works. I know, because I did it—and the boss and I remain the best of friends.—Yours, etc.,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary,
The Rabbits' Guild.

Postscript.—This reply to A Learner was written and awaiting the approval of the Guild when the article of E. C. S. appeared (page 529), written, of course, from the opposite end of the campanological ladder.

Outsiders Ring the Farewell Peal

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of London Surprise Royal at Chesterfield on July 20th ('R.W.' page 537), I would like to comment on the fact that, although the peal was rung as a farewell to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield and the restoration of the Parish Church, the band did not include anyone from the Chesterfield District and was not even rung for the Derby Diocesan Association.

All credit is due to the conductor and his band for their performance, but I think they would agree that an opportunity ought to have been given to the local ringers to ring for the departure of the Archdeacon. It would appear that as far as Chesterfield is concerned the Yorkshire Association has preference over the Derby Diocesan Association.

This impression was strengthened recently when a request by local ringers to ring the bells to welcome the new Archdeacon was refused.

Perhaps we shall open the 'R.W.' one morning to find that the Outer Mongolian Association of Bell Ringers has rung a peal to welcome the Archdeacon.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN KELLER.

Bolsover, Chesterfield.

Place Notation of New Methods

Dear Sir. — I was beginning to feel disappointed that none of our readers had written to you concerning the trivial error in the reporting of the Vermont peal. How had all our budding authors missed this golden opportunity?

Now we see, on page 548, that after weeks of hesitant deliberation, Mr. Ketteringham has found it necessary to point out the error of our ways, together with his views on the 'correct' presentation of the place notation.

If your readers would kindly turn back to Mr. Ketteringham's letter they will see the two extremes of place notation presentation. They can make up their own minds as to which looks the best and which is the easiest to read.

As to any omissions that I may have made let me say, firstly, that I consider external places in the notation as completely superfluous and that they incur unnecessary typesetting both in 'The Ringing World' and in my own collection.

The second point is that if Mr. Ketteringham knows anything at all about the methods of place and lead order notation he would know that the letters L.E.B. indicate a seconds-place method having a lead end 5738264.

I would extend my first point to the publishing of false course ends. These, to my mind, are further examples of unnecessary printing. Personally, I would never rely on this information and I suggest that if they are required for checks, etc., they are always re-extracted.

I would also suggest that all new methods be published in a standard form.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID J. TAYLOR.

Harrow Weald,
Middlesex.

WESTLEIGH, GLOS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, Jennifer Coombs 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Powell 4, J. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. For Patronal Festival, also a birthday compliment to Jane Smith, 13 years old this day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Anne Skinner 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, A. Bishop 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, R. Hartley 6, M. Bangham 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8.

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A WEST COUNTRY HOLIDAY

SEVEN ringers from various parts of London, Essex and Peterborough set out on Saturday, July 6th, to be greeted by seven hours of non-stop rain. However, on arriving in Devon, we stopped for a cream tea, and the weather changed for the better. Finally, we arrived at 'Lerwill Farm,' Chittlehampton, in the early evening, and decided to ask for permission to ring the bells. This was granted and the captain met us and called 'changes' for us.

On Sunday morning we joined the local ringers at South Molton (8) to ring Triples and call changes for morning service. In the afternoon we rang at two six bell towers and continued on to Minehead (10), where we were joined by the eighth member of our party, who had hitch-hiked from London. Then we rang for evening service with the local band. This was a 'gentle' start to a somewhat busy week ahead.

During the week we rang at 63 towers. At many of the churches we were met by the incumbents or the captain of ringers, and we were made welcome wherever we went. We toured through beautiful countryside, with our two drivers skilfully negotiating the narrowest of Devonshire roads. Every day we had to contend with herds of cows, tractors or similar obstructions.

Highlights of our holiday included visits to Selworthy (6), where we were invited to ring a peal of Surprise Minor at a future date; Cutcombe, said to be the highest ring of bells in Somerset; West Buckland, Somerset (6), a fine heavy ring; Marwood (6), where the shorter members of the party could have stood on chairs to ring as the sallies were so high; Wiveliscombe (8), where we were delighted to meet Mr. Brigham Young; Langtree (6), where the church has no dedication due to a fire in which all church records were destroyed.

TRIED TO EMULATE

At North Molton (6) we joined the ringers at their practice on a fine toned ring. We were very impressed by the way they dropped the bells, setting us a standard which we endeavoured to reach for the rest of the week. Afterwards in the 'local,' where we were joined by two men from Mears and Stainbank's, we quenched a well earned thirst, played darts and rang handbells with encouragement from the landlady and one of the ringers.

On Thursday, with time in hand, we rang a quarter peal at Egg Buckland, and admired the view from the top of the tower. Later, we crossed the Tamar Bridge to Saltash and St. Stephen's-by-Saltash, where we failed to do justice to the bells.

We were pleased to ring methods with local ringers at six churches during the week, after ringing call changes with many more. The last night was spent at Sampford Peverell, where we joined in ringing for morning service. On the journey home we rang at Collingbourne Kingston (6) and Collingbourne Ducis (6). We endeavoured to ring a different method at each tower and almost reached our target. In all we rang five Doubles methods, 49 Minor, three Triples, three Major and one Caters.

Besides the ringing, memorable events, such as discovering one-in-four hills, crossing Exmoor in brilliant sunshine and watching the men pushing the third car on Saturday morning, made it an enjoyable holiday. The party regretted that Tony Bishop, who initiated the holiday, was unable to come due to a back injury. We are glad that he was able to go to Ireland later.

We all appreciated Elizabeth's hard work in doing all the pen-pushing towards the week's arrangements. Our thanks also go to everyone who made this holiday possible. A. M.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' August 15th, 1913.—

The marriage of Mr. T. Faulkner, while Master of the College Youths, recalls the fact that it is a rare occurrence for a President or Master of any ringing society to be married during his term of office. Mr. Martin Stewart joined the benedicts a year or so ago while Master of the Salisbury Guild, but we have to go back twenty years to find an instance of the Master of the College Youths married in office. This was Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was wedded on October 7th, 1893, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where a fine peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in the evening, under the conductorship of the late Mr. J. Pettitt.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Monmouth Branch at Lower Machin on July 13th was opportune, as at the business meeting those present heard from the Rev. Anthony Bailey (Rector) that much progress had been made at Lower Machin, where a band had been taught by Mr. I. Davies, and regular service ringing was taking place. He thanked Mr. Davies, for his hard work in teaching learners, and said that as a band they hoped to take a far more active part in the Association in the future.

Eight new members from Lower Machin and two from Chepstow were elected. The choral service was conducted by the Rector; tea was served by ladies in the Church Hall, who were thanked by Mr. David Pike. Mr. F. Hannington thanked the choir and organist.

Next meeting: Tredunnoc, October 12th.

J. S. K.

JOINT MEETING IN SOUTH YORKS

No fewer than 21 towers were represented at the joint meeting of the Barnsley and District Society and the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) at Bradfield. At the meeting of Barnsley Society, the Rector (the Rev. R. K. Wood), who presided, in reply to a vote of thanks from Mr. Michael King (Wentworth), said he had been asked by the bride and bridegroom at a wedding that day to thank the ringers for their unexpected ringing. Miss Gillian Gidding, Wokingham, Berks, was elected a member.

After the meeting some of the company left for Bolsterstone, which is in the midst of the beautiful scenery in the Sheffield Lakeland.

Next meeting: Hoylandswaine, September 14th (cup contest).

SEAL CHART MEMORIAL

In the presence of 20 ringers from Seal Chart, Seal, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, and his widow, two daughters, son and other relatives, a memorial was dedicated on July 28th at St. Lawrence's Church, Seal Chart, to the memory of Arthur Wenban.

The memorial is an inscription, cut in the stonework over the belfry door, in the following terms: 'In affectionate memory of Arthur Wenban, devoted ringer in this tower from 1904 to 1962.'

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through illness, the service was taken at very short notice by the Rev. M. Heal, from Sevenoaks. He took as his theme: 'For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office.' The lesson, from Romans 12, was read by Mr. P. A. Corby, secretary of the K.C.A. Immediately after the dedication, a short touch of Bob Minor was rung on handbells by Sheila M. Dobbie 1—2, W. H. Dobbie 3—4, P. A. Corby 5—6. The six bells at the church were rung before and after the service. W. H. D.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

N. and E. District

The 15th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, with its very rare copper cresset surmounting the tower turret, lies just within the county boundary and was the venue for the August meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association.

With the sun in evidence during the afternoon there was a good attendance of members and friends, including visiting ringers from the North Staffs Association, Bradford Cathedral and Croydon.

The bells were kept going to a variety of methods from 3 o'clock onwards, followed by a service conducted by the Rector of Monken Hadley, the Rev. H. E. Wood.

Subsequent to tea a short meeting was held in the ringing chamber, when two new members were elected to the Association, viz., Miss E. Emmett (Stanmore) and Philip M. Cuckson (Barnet). Mr. Charles Gray, who for very many years was a member of the St. Matthew's Upper Clapton band, rejoined the Association.

Reference was made to the forthcoming second Triennial Dinner on Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Wembley. This dinner is to commemorate the memory of Charles T. Coles, who did so much for ringing in general and the Middlesex Association in particular. Tickets for this function are available from either of the District secretaries or any member of the Dinner Committee and it is hoped that it will be well supported.

Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. W. M. Soper for accompanying at the organ; and to Mr. M. J. Soper for having everything in readiness at the tower. E. H. K.

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SOME NOTES ON CONDUCTING

By DENIS A. FRITH

SEVERAL articles have appeared in these pages in past years concerning short touches for meetings or for service ringing.

These have usually been applicable to one method only. But if a conductor understands the build-up of a touch, he can have quite a variety at his fingertips from a basic knowledge of one or two touches in each method. Slight variations of the original are very useful if one wishes to keep a learner from being affected by the bobs, or conversely to involve him in them especially. Another point is that they can relieve the tedium of seeing, for instance, the tenor called 'Wrong–Home–Wrong–Home' whenever a touch of St. Clement's Minor is asked for.

Consider Plain Bob Major. In even-bell methods, the tenor is usually regarded as observation bell, and the 'Standard Calling' is when the tenor is called 'Wrong–Home–Wrong–Home.' This means that a bob is called each time it is about to dodge 7/8 up and 7/8 down, and produces a two-course touch of 224 changes. Now, if the 4th is called likewise two courses are still produced, and the 7th still courses after the tenor for all except one lead. With this touch, the effect is that the tenor is called 'Fifths–Fourths–Before–Before.'

To those not familiar with this notation, 'Fifths' is when the observation bell is in fifths place at the lead-end, e.g., in Plain Bob it has just dodged 5/6 up: 'Fourths is when it has made the Bob: 'Before' or 'Out'—running up from the treble: 'In'—running in to turn the treble: 'Home' is when it is in the last place at the lead-end (has just dodged 7/8 down in Plain Bob Major): 'Wrong' when in last-but-one place (has just dodged 7/8 up): 'Middle' in last-but-two (has just dodged 5/6 down).

By the way, if the 4th is made observation bell the 2nd and the 6th are also unaffected by the bobs.

Supposing the bobs are called when the 3rd is about to dodge in 7/8. 224 changes are again produced, and the 3rd, 2nd and the 5th are unaffected bells. From the tenor the calling is 'Before–Before–Fifths–Fourths.' In other words, the difference between this variation and the last is that the calling from the tenor to the two courses has been swapped. This can be done with any two-course touch, although if the two courses are called alike, e.g., 'Wrong–Home–Wrong–Home,' nothing will be altered. Similarly if it is called 'Middle–Home–Middle–Home' (calling the tenor 'Middle–Home–Middle–Home' is only calling the 7th observation).

Again, if the 2nd be called observation, the tenor and 7th will not course together for eight of the leads, but six leads of the plain course will be rung. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th are unaffected by the bobs: 12348765 is the half-way change. Nothing startling, but musical and interesting.

Before going on to the next step, the above can be tidied up. The 8th is almost always used as the observation bell, but it has been shown that the 4th, 3rd, 2nd or 7th are just as good: the two remaining bells, the 5th and the 6th, can also be used, of course.

If these variations are written out more fully:

B=Bob. P=Plain lead.

8th	Observation	B P P P P P P B B P P P P P B
7th	,,	P P P P P B B P P P P P P B B
5th	,,	P P P P B B P P P P P B B P
3rd	,,	P P P B B P P P P P B B P P
2nd	,,	P P B B P P P P P B B P P P
4th	,,	P B B P P P P P B B P P P P
6th	,,	B B P P P P P B B P P P P P

The difference between the first and the second is that the first lead, a bob lead, has been placed at the end, and so on. All these touches are, of course, true. Armiger Trollope explained this very well in his booklet 'Variations and Transpositions.' He suggested that if every change of a touch or peal was to be written out on a long piece of paper, and this piece of paper was to be fastened around the outside of a drum of such a size so that the final rounds just covered the rounds written at the head of the touch (in other words, all and only those changes in the touch were visible and continuous), then from wherever one started, their progression forwards and backwards are all ordered by the same rules. Whatever symbols were used in place of 12345678, no row would be the same as any other row no matter where begun or in which direction rotated, as long as the same rules are obeyed as in the original touch in the method.

In any change ringing method, the same rules are obeyed throughout if the touch ends at the backstroke of the treble's full lead. Therefore, all the variations of the 'Standard calling' given above are true.

Now, in 'The Ringers' Diary' there is a touch of 208 Plain Bob Major. 'Fifths-With-A-Single, Fourths, Wrong, Before, Middle, Home-With-A-Single.' This one-part touch is of thirteen leads and will give a total of thirteen variations. To demonstrate this, they are written out with the tenor observation.

WS	5	IN	H	4	MS
W	B	M	5	4S	HS
4	W	B	2S	MS	H
5	IN	H	WS	4S	M
W	B	M	HS	5S	4
4	W	5S	2S	IN	H
5	IN	3S	3S	B	M
W	B	2S	MS	H	4
4	MS	WS	5	IN	H
5	4S	HS	W	B	M
W	5S	2S	IN	H	4
WS	4S	M	5	IN	H

W=Wrong.
5=Fifths.
4=Fourths (make the bob).
2=Making seconds.
3=Making thirds.
M=Middle.
H=Home.

The addition of 'S' means that the call is a single.

Another point with Bob Major is that Bobs at any two successive leads can be made singles (or vice versa), also a bob-and-single can be made single-and-bob (or vice versa). Note that the last and first leads of a touch are in effect successive. Therefore, in each of the 'Standard callings' given first either two or four singles can be substituted for bobs, and in the 208 six more variations can be obtained. Thus from a knowledge of two touches in the method, the conductor has a further thirty-eight to hand.

Although to show the effect, some of these variations have been written out in full, there is no need to learn anything more than the original touch, but keeping in mind one golden rule. **To ensure that there will be no repetition the conductor must make a call at the first position where a call is allocated by the notation of the original touch.** For example, if in the 208 the conductor is ringing the 2nd his calling will be M-HS-5S-4-W-B, i.e., bobs at the third lead-end, singles at the fourth and sixth, and bobs at the seventh, tenth and thirteenth lead-ends. If he is ringing the 3rd, his first call will be at the Before; if ringing the 4th, it will be at the Middle, etc. If he does not observe this ruling, an extra plain course may be included. For example, if the 3rd were to call himself 5S-4-W-B-M-H, he would have six leads before the first call and three after the last, and the touch would extend to 360 changes, not all of which would be different.

Longer touches may be treated in the same way.

448 Plain Bob Major

23456	W	M	H
46235	—	—	S
23465	—		—
53426	S	S	
23456	S		

Some peculiar music may result if this touch were to be called 2nd observation (calling the first bob when the 2nd is at middle, the third lead-end), but if rung with the tenor observation it can easily be transposed in full courses. That is, ringing them in the order 4123, 2341, 4321 or 2143, etc.

As a general rule, any method can be transposed in similar ways, except sometimes in the matter of singles.

In even-bell methods when 2nds place is made at the lead-end the 'Standard calling' is 'Wrong–Home–Wrong–Home': when 6ths, 8ths, 10ths or 12ths place is made the calling is In-Out-In-Out or Out-In-Out-In, whichever position is arrived at first.

One class of touches can be better understood by a little writing out. The 192 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major given in 'The Ringers' Diary' calling the tenor Fifths–In–Home is

P P P B P P P B P P P B.

As can be seen, this can be split up into three equal groups of four leads, each group containing three plain leads and one bob lead. Starting at different lead-ends only has the effect of altering the position of the bob lead within the group of four leads. In this touch as given, at all three bobs the sixth will be the bell actually making the bob. If the bob had been called at the first lead of the group, the second would have made them all: if at the second lead-end the 8th would have made them all, and if called at the third lead-end the 3rd would have made each one. So all that is necessary to be known is that a bob may be called at any of the first four lead-ends, and that bob-making bell be called to make two more bobs.

With Plain Bob Major, each group is five leads long, so calling a bob at any of the first five lead-ends, noting the bob-making bell, and calling it to do that twice more, produces a touch of 240 changes. In St. Clement's the group is of only two leads. And in Little Bob one, so there is not much scope here: Kent has a three-lead group—a little better.

In Royal, a bell will be required to make the bob four times, and in Maximus five, but as this throws the bells about so much and takes so long to come round, this principle is not of practical use, and the 'Standard calling' should be employed. As might now be expected, in Minor a bell need only be called to make the bob twice. In Double Court, Little Bob, Killamarsh and Hull Minor the group consists of only one lead. In other methods a useful touch is produced by calling a bob at the first lead-end, noting the bob-making bell, and calling it to make its other bob. This brings the bells back into the plain course. If then a bob is called at the next lead-end, and that bob-making bell bobbed again, an extended touch is produced. This can be continued until all the bells have made their pairs of bobs, one lead of the plain course being rung between each pair. Each time the bells are in the plain course they can be left to run into rounds, though in certain cases part of the plain course may be repeated. In Minor, of course, the 'Standard calling' may be adapted, as explained for Major.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AND CATERS

Similar variations can be obtained, but, it must be emphasised, only with touches that come round at backstroke. (One ringer I know worried for a long time as to whether the touch of Triples with a single every other lead-end should be started with a plain lead or a single.)

The familiar touch in Triples is the 7th called In-And-Out-of the Hunt, twice repeated. In this case the basic group is B B P P. Its variations are P B B P (6th In-And-Out) . . . . . P P B B (4th In-And-Out) and B P P B (2nd Out-And-In), each twice repeated for 168 changes.

The equivalent touch in Grandsire Caters is made up of three groups each of five leads. The basic is B B B P P (7th Into the Hunt, Out and 8/9 down). The four variations are P B B B P (9th In, Out, 8/9 Down), P P B B B (8th In, Out, and 8/9 down), B P P B B (4th 8/9 down, In and Out), and B B P P B (2nd Out, 8/9 down and In). Repeat each twice for 270 changes. Another Caters touch is the one with two groups of five leads—B P B B P. This has its four variations . . . P B P B B . . . B P B P B . . . B B P B P . and . P B B P B.

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Conducting—Cont.

The Grandsire Triples touch often used to fill in the last two minutes before service time is the doubled-up bob course, B B S, repeated; this is how it is invariably rung. But any arrangement of bobs and singles can be used . . . B S B, S B B, S S B, S B S, B S S, S S S. For Caters, to give four minutes approximately, B B B S repeated is used. There are fourteen variations of this. Incidentally, the 107 of Triples that one of our young ringers rediscovered . . B S B P S P S P . . is a group three minute fill-in.

STEDMAN

Many people do not realise that in Stedman Triples the bob course S.L.Q. (3/4 - - 7/8 - - 12/13) can be called from any bell and not just the 7th. A well known ringer from Lavenham has an interesting play on this. If any bob directly affects 1, 2, 3, omit it. If they are not so bobbed, call one to affect them. The equivalent touch to S.L.Q. in Caters is 6/7 and 4/5 down before slow, out slow and 4/5 up, in and out quick, off any bell, starting with the appropriate call. In Triples calling any bell to make 7ths-With-A-Single twice (one after quick and then after slow, or vice versa) produces one course. This is the same as calling a bell to make 5ths, then 6ths (or vice versa) with singles. Similarly in Caters in 7, 8, 9. In Triples calling any of the first five bells to make the bob as every opportunity comes round.

CONCLUSION

The impulse to compile these notes came after attending two eight-bell meetings recently and at both places Plain Bob Major was one of the nominated methods. At the first, the only calling used (apart from a plain course 'conducted' by the writer) were Wrong–Home–Wrong–Home tenor observation, and Wrong–Three Befores–Middle–Home. (N.B. —This last touch has two groups, each of five leads . . B P P B B . . having, if singles are substituted, eighty variations in all.) At the other meeting, as well as these touches, a more enterprising person called two singles Home, and later called the tenor to make three bobs. It is not a case of budding conductors being overawed by the eight bells, as several of the touches were called by experienced conductors. There were quite a few eminent conductors at a six-bell meeting not far away some fifteen months ago. Single Court was asked for five or six times. The tenor was called Out-In-Out-In every time.

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REDHILL, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. E. Dunn 1, Gillian Parsons 2, K. G. Game 3, E. Nixon 4, G. Olliver 5, M. Atfield 6, A. Streeter 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First in the method 1, 3 and 6. First quarter of Double Norwich by a resident band of the Southern District, Surrey Association.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT PARKER

The parish of St. James, Poolstock, Wigan, has lost an old and valued servant by the death of Mr. Albert Parker, on August 3rd, at the age of 76. Although in indifferent health he had been at work until the previous day, but suffered a heart attack and passed away in a few hours.

Another month would have seen the completion of Albert's 56th year of service as a ringer: in addition he was a sidesman, member of the P.C.C. and diocesan representative. In all those years he missed very few times in spite of living far from the church, and latterly having trouble in climbing the tower steps.

He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn a loss shared by a wide circle of friends in Wigan, where Albert was a keen Rugby League supporter. Truly can it be said of him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' J. A.

CAPTAIN J. WATSON, C.A.

A quarter peal was rung at Blaydon-on-Tyne (see quarter peal page) to the memory of Captain John Watson, of the Church Army, who was well known for his youth work throughout the country. He was the first Scoutmaster of the Blaydon Boy Scouts, which he helped to form, along with the Rev. E. V. Simpkinson (then Rector).

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Knight 1, P. Harding 2, A. Knight 3, F. Slatford (cond.) 4, R. Mitchell 5, L. Hitchens 6, E. Hitchens 7, G. Scharz 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Roy Harding, by his Sunday service ringing friends at St. Nicholas'.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An attempt for a peal of Minor for the Clerical Guild at Mapledurham on August 8th was lost near the end of the 5th 720. Three of the band came from Kent—the Revs. P. T. Robbins, Peter N. Bond and Stanley Evans; two from Somerset—Roger Fry (conductor) and Christopher Marshall; with Eric Wood, of Mapledurham.

After five years of silence ringing has been arranged at Kidderminster Parish Church on Sunday, September 8th, 5 to 6.30 p.m.

A peal attempt had to be abandoned at Chartham, Kent, on August 9th because the belfry lights were switched off by mischievous children.

Mr. George Cousins has been transferred from Hereford to Ross-on-Wye. His departure is a loss to the Hereford District as he has done a lot of work recently, especially in teaching young bands.

Will Mr. A. A. Paton, formerly of Minnetts Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve, send his address to the Editor, as his copies of 'The Ringing World' are being returned marked 'Gone away.'

The band who rang the four bells at Graffham, Sussex, recently would like to record their appreciation of the cider and biscuits provided afterwards by the Rector and his wife.

With a recent peal of Cambridge Minor at Smarden, Kent, another generation of a famous ringing family has at last appeared in the peal columns. Having lost several attempts in her native county of Bucks, Miss Elizabeth Birmingham was successful at her first attempt in Kent. Perhaps a change of air did the trick?

Mr. Bryan Pattison was married to Miss Patricia Butler on August 3rd. An early congratulatory peal was rung at Brancepeth on June 26th. Mr. Pattison is leaving this month for India as a visiting Fellow on behalf of Durham University to the Tate Institute of Fundamental Research in order to do a nuclear physics experiment using cosmic radiation deep underground.

July 30th was a happy day for Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton when at Withington, Herefordshire he conducted the first peals of his two nephews, Kenneth (aged 15) and David (12). They received their instruction from Mr. Austin Wingate (Master of the Hereford Guild) and Mr. Geo. Cousins (Master of the Hereford District). The nephews are the sons of Mr. Moreton's sister, and their surname is different from Wilfrid's—Morton.

The Yorkshire Peal Week, published this week, was arranged by Mr. J. Martin Thorley, for three ringers from South Lincolnshire.

The peal rung at Blackmoor, Hants, on June 29th (see page 508) was rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. P. T. Robbins hopes to take up his new living, Charing with Little Chart, near Ashford, about the end of October. There are two rings of six in the parish.

The peal of Minor rung at Marden, Herefordshire, is the second of Minor on the bells. The last (Plain Bob) was rung in 1920, conducted by the late Charles Edwards, and rung half-muffled after the dedication of the war memorial.

We have now received the annual report of the Lancashire Association, which was not available at the time of the annual meeting. Details are given of the Association's 1,027 ringing members (new 145) and the 'wonderful' peal year for the Association in 1962, when 140 were rung, of which 34 per cent are Surprise. As usual the ringing calendar gives full details of all rings, practice nights and in some cases methods rung.

The carillon at St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, has been repaired by volunteer labour over the past three years, and was rededicated at a service held on August 11th. It was the gift of the late Mr. Felix Cobbold in 1884. After serving for 36 years the diocesan authorities ruled that the tower was unsafe. The bells were hung 10 ft. lower—which made it necessary to wind the carillon twice daily, but it eventually gave up in 1952. Visitors can see the carillon working on Wednesdays at 2.50 or 5.50 p.m.

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HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ROGER D. BAILEY	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
KENNETH B. SISSONS	2	KEITH R. DAVEY	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
With congratulations to the ringers of the extent of Major.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING-MOOR, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	KEITH R. DAVEY	4
†J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
†ALAN G. PAYNE	3	ROGER D. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH B. SISSONS	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	ROGER D. BAILEY	5
KEITH R. DAVEY	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	KEITH R. DAVEY	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
ROGER D. BAILEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
The conductor's 200th peal of Surprise.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In sevent methods, being one extent each of Hereward, Double Court, Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Treble*	ROGER D. BAILEY	4
ALAN G. PAYNE	2	*KEITH R. DAVEY	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH R. DAVEY.
* 50th peal. † 50th peal of Minor in seven methods.
To mark the centenary of the casting of the bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*KEITH R. DAVEY	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	*ROGER D. BAILEY	6
JOHN POTTS	3	ALAN SHEPPARD	7
*ALAN G. PAYNE	4	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
* First peal of Triples.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Evans.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, in thirteen methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Hereward and Double Bob, (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	ALAN G. PAYNE	4
KEITH R. DAVEY	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
*ROGER D. BAILEY	3	*J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 25th peal together.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Hereward, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

KEITH R. DAVEY	*Treble*	ALAN G. PAYNE	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	ROGER D. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID PEARSON	5
MARGARET E. WILKINSON	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	ROGER D. BAILEY	7
ALAN SHEPPARD	4	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	KEITH R. DAVEY	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	JOHN POTTS	6
ALAN SHEPPARD	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	ROGER D. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.
First peal of Major as conducter.
A christening peal for John David Potts.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet Surprise and Beverley Surprise, (2) Hereward and Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	ROGER D. BAILEY	4
KEITH R. DAVEY	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
ALAN G. PAYNE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A birthday compliment to Keith R. Davey.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

NORAH M. RANDLES	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	BASIL JONES	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	BASIL JONES	11
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

*JANE V. COOPER	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
†PATRICIA ROGERS	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	8
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Royal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

John K. Smith	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	6
Patricia A. Halls	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	7
*Cynthia Warrilow	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
David W. Parkin	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
*Robert J. Warrilow	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 50th peal together.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	6
Brian Harris	2	John Worth	7
Basil Jones	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
G. William Critchley	5	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Norman Sherratt	*Treble*	Walter Sherratt	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Robert J. Warrilow	7
Cynthia Warrilow	3	Richard J. Warrilow	8
F. Hector Bennett	4	David W. Friend	9
*Dennis Latham	5	Charles A. S. Webb	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by David W. Friend
* First peal of Royal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt.

David W. Parkin	*Treble*	Wm. Arnold Morley	6
Mrs. P. A. M. Halls	2	*Richard Farnsworth	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Richard A. Shekelton	8
Mrs. I. M. Holland	4	Leonard Goodall	9
*Eileen J. Osborne	5	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. The treble ringer has 'circled the tower' to peals.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Gordon W. Land	*Treble*	Peter Bridle	6
Cyril A. Wratten	2	Peter T. Hurcombe	7
Gillian M. Hussey	3	*Don C. Exell	8
Michael J. Hobbs	4	*D. John Hunt	9
Victor Griffin	5	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 75th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Norman Errington	*Treble*	Alan R. Patterson	5
Michael Maughan	2	George S. Deas	6
Michael Armstrong	3	Frederick Ross	7
M. Elaine Murcott	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

Jennifer M. Davies	*Treble*	Peter Bridle	5
*Jane Foster	2	James R. Taylor	6
*Felicity Webber	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Don C. Exell	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Don C. Exell.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Illtyd,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William T. Petty	*Treble*	Adrian F. R. Hartley	5
Thomas Yeomans	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
*Louise Taylor	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Trevor M. Roderick	4	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

J. Alan Ainsworth	*Treble*	W. Norman Park	5
M. Elaine Murcott	2	George S. Deas	6
John E. Anderson	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
Roland Park	4	Kenneth Arthur	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., July 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	Andrew T. Beckwith	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Ernest G. Pearce	*Treble*	Leslie G. Brett	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	William J. Button	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

George T. Cousins	*Treble*	Austin T. Wingate	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	David J. King	6
*Ian Hughes	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Donald G. Clift	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Major and in the method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Stepher F. High	*Treble*	‡William B. Duncan	5
Mary F. Carr	2	Richard C. L. Brown	6
*Michael T. Stimson	3	Thomas Cooke	7
†Rohilla M. Cooke	4	A. William Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb in G.

Shirley Morris	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	5
John Worth	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Basil Jones	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John Worth.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Martin F. Lock	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
David J. Taylor	2	*Peter M. Fleckney	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
H. George Hart	4	John Hill	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the engagement of David J. Taylor to Janet Ferrari.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

David Nichols	*Treble*	Neil Donovan	5
Elsie Chaddock	2	Stuart Armeson	6
*Mrs. Margaret Burns	2	Norman Chaddock	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	Albert Greenhalgh	5
*Margaret E. Fort	2	†Bernard Moss	6
David Vincent	3	Barry Pickup	7
Maryl Crossthwaite	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First of Major in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

David J. Herschell	*Treble*	Peter J. Coles	5
John W. Euston	2	Stanley Huckle	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Kenneth J. Darvill	4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 25th peal and first of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Howard Davies and Kathleen M. Beasley, of the local band, who were married at this church on August 3rd, 1963.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Leslie E. J. Hawkins	*Treble*	Eunice D. Overend	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	David T. H. Robertson	6
Richard O. Humphries	3	Norman G. N. Knee	7
David Burt	4	George W. Massey	*Tenor*

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by George W. Massey.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Randall, vice-captain of the local band.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

E. Russell Gotham	*Treble*	Geoffrey Riglar	5
Howard Oglesby	2	Richard E. Dean	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Jennifer Sceeny	4	George Coussins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Claire Dillamore	*Treble*	Peter A. Sharp	5
*Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RIPE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 23 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 19 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Christine M. Fuller	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	3
*†Valerie J. Hollinsworth	2	Alan R. Baldock	4
†Thos. M. Barlow	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Thos. M. Barlow.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all except the ringer of 3.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

H. William Barrett	*Treble*	*Adrian Knights	4
Jack Pilgrim	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	†John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal 'inside.' † 250th peal.
A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Archer.

ACCRINGTON LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Philip Woods	*Treble*	M. John Halliwell	4
John T. Parsons	2	Barry Pickup	5
Robert Bolt	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry Pickup.
* First peal.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*Kenneth Morton	*Treble*	Austin T. Wingate	4
*David Morton	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
George T. Cousins	3	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First attempt for a peal.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., July 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*Margaret A. Wilson	*Treble*	James Linnell	3
Charles E. Truman	2	†David Burbidge	4
Robin H. Rogers	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal of Doubles, † First peal of Stedman Doubles.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

George T. Cousins	*Treble*	†Austin T. Wingate	4
*Ian Hughes	2	†Michael P. Moreton	5
William E. Thompsett	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 11 methods. † 50th peal together. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

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OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.)

*Leonard Maund .. .. *Treble*	*†Gordon J. Belcher .. 3
Noel D. Deam 2	Roy H. Jones 4
Alec Gammon .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Aleo Gammon.

* First peal of Plain Bob, † First 'inside.'
Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

CHIRBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick G. Beddow .. *Treble*	Richard E. Morris 4
Peter Morris 2	Reginald H. Newton .. 5
Philip J. Evans 3	Edward W. Colley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edward W. Colley.
First peal on the bells.

MARLESFORD SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain. Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

Arthur Cuthbert .. .. *Treble*	Rosemary Browne 4
Frank Shaw 2	Arthur Ling 5
Alderman Ling 3	Ernest Steward .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Steward.
First as conductor

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

John W. Hope .. .. *Treble*	Robert A. Hatcher .. 4
*Miss M. I. Ellsmore .. 2	Frederick R. Harris .. 5
Mrs. E. C. Chandler .. 3	A. Bryan Ellsmore .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.
* First peal of Minor.
A 70th birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. G. G. Worsop-Hyde), also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hope.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: 2 extents of Oxford Treble Bob, 2 extents of Kent Treble Bob, 1 extent of Cambridge Surprise, and 2 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Maisie Vantom .. .. *Treble*	Nicholas J. Davies .. 4
Pauline Fennell 2	Ian V. J. Smith 5
Robert Swift 3	Antony Jackson .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.
A birthday peal for the conductor's sister.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

D. Roy Bould .. .. *Treble*	Yvonne C. Porter 4
*Margaret A. Bould .. 2	H. Frederick Myers .. 5
Michael Armstrong .. 3	Robert A. Southwood .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.
* 25th peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District)
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Latimer Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*Marilyn Tipping .. .. *Treble*	†Christine J. Hart 4
B. Stedman Payne 2	J. Richard Perkins .. 5
Roger I. Kendrick .. 3	Frederick T. Bindley .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Richard Perkins.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
A 13th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NEWTON LINFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: (1-7) St. Simon's, (8-14) St. Martin's, (15-21) April Day, (22-28) Cassington, (29-35) St. Leonard's, (36-42) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Anthony D. H. Blythe .. *Treble*	Rupert A. Clark 3
Maurice R. A. Kirk .. 2	Richard A. Cobley 4
Stuart H. J. Edwards .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons .. *Treble*	James Thorley 4
Melvyn A. Rose 2	Alan Sheppard 5
John F. Underwood .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
A 9th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

Trevor J. Froley .. .. *Treble*	Harold Preece 4
D. Walford Davies .. 2	*David S. Lloyd 5
William T. Petty 3	Lewis Groom .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

Nigel J. Maggs .. .. *Treble*	*Royston Shepherd .. 4
*Jean Harlow 2	Arthur H. Reed 5
*John Medway 3	*Philip Popplestone .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur H. Reed.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July, 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Close,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Reverse, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Ian Hughes .. .. .. 1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3—4
Michael P. Moreton .. 5—6	

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on handbells and in four methods.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	Anthony R. Mann .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
First peal in the method on handbells.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 1—2	Ian M. Holland .. .. 3—4
Leonard Goodall .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At 'Zermatt,' Wheatley Way,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank C. Price .. .. .. 1—2	J. M. Hadley Hunter .. 5—6
Wilfrid G. Wilson .. .. 3—4	John Hill .. .. 7—8

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

HALF PEAL

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Aug. 5th, 2,580 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Sherrick (longest length) 1, R. Fuller 2, A. H. Smith (cond.) 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, B. B. Hullah 5, M. Major 6.

DATE TOUCH

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—1,963 Stedman Triples (by J. Topp): E. C. Wadman 1, Miss J. Purnell 2, F. A. Targett 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, H. D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Firman (first of Doubles, aged 12) 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, N. Fright (first 'inside') 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, P. M. Stockwell 6. Rung on the back six after turning up two short for a peal attempt.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, F. Carter 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Milsted 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. E. V. Fordham as Vicar.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On July 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge S., 540 Plain Bob): R. W. Leighton 1, J. Crowther 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, Miss I. Thomson 4, K. Arthur 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Alan Ainsworth. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Grice 1, R. A. Yeates 2, R. W. Leighton 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, W. Davidson (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. J. Watson, C.A.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Davison 1, D. Cooper 2, Miss G. Rutland (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Stewart 4, H. Wagstaff 5, K. Rutland 6, M. Cooper 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8. Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Stewart 1, Mrs. G. Ashley 2, Miss D. Slaney (first quarter) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, D. Cooper 5, D. G. Davison 6, M. Cooper 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. K. Rutland on the birth of a daughter.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cook (first of Triples) 1, Miss Newman 2, Miss G. Hussey 3, J. M. Stallard 4, S. G. Riches 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, B. A. Shackleton 8. For the 61st birthday of Mr. W. Cook.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great, on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. J. Hesketh 1, H. F. Brown 2, G. Pearson 3, D. F. Murfet 4, I. Munro 5, T. R. Dennis 6, S. C. Walters (cond.) 7, B. D. Threlfall 8.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,800 Minor (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Margaret M. Jones 1, Pauline Fennell 2, N. J. Davies 3, D. A. Chapman 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. This was a peal attempt abandoned because the belfry lights were switched off at the main by some playful children.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. K. Cook 1, J. Money 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 4, T. W. Palmer 5, Angela M. Ayres 6.

COLD HIGHAM, NOTTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Mansfield 1, R. D. Hayne 2, H. Folwell 3, R. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. A return to the tower by the ringer of the 3rd, who rang his first peal here in January, 1914.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pickett 1, H. Walters (first of Bob Minor) 2, C. Fynes (cond.) 3, J. Britchford 4, L. Way 5, J. Pickett (first of Bob Minor) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Valerie Waye (15½), who died on July 28th.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Mitchell (first away from tenor) 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, P. N. Felton 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, M. Sprackling 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Matins.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Evans (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, Elizabeth A. Tester 4, G. F. Roome 5, E. J. Jenner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Teresa Langdon (first of Treble Bob) 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, Christine Bowen 3, D. Bowen 4, J. Towers 5, E. Beauchamp 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, R. Wood 2, D. J. Duggan (first 'inside') 3, J. D. Duggan (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, R. Ash 6. Rung for Communion service.

QUARTER PEALS

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Weatherley 1, B. G. D. Vince 2, M. D. Fuller (first 'inside') 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Cooper 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): E. Thoday 1, A. J. Davey 2, P. Woollven 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, G. W. Henson 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6, C. J. Higgins (first quarter) 8. For morning service.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 8th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Bee (first quarter) 1, H. Mingay 2, J. B. Budd 3, M. Walker 4, W. Longbottom 5, J. Parker 6, F. Kennington (cond.) 7, A. Pashley 8. Longest touch on the bells since augmentation and rehanging. A wedding compliment to Michael Towns and Jeannette Powell, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Weatherley 1, D. M. Hughes 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, P. Treble 5, C. Pound 6, B. R. Walton 7, J. L. Queen (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Nicolas Blanks and Miss Pamela Jones.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Crouch 1, G. Oliver 2, Joyce Drury 3, J. Bills 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, Pauline Drury 6. For Evensong.

HURST, BERKS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. R. K. Rivers (first in method 'inside') 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin 8. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the tenor ringer.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Avril Ivin 1, A. Smith 2, F. W. Rivett 3, A. E. Rushton 4, J. Edwards 5, R. J. Sharp 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, S. J. Ivin 8. Rung in memoriam Sidney Sharp, a faithful Sunday service ringe for 60 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 mixed Doubles: J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick 2, R. Boultbee 3, C. Boultbee 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, Mr. Blake 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Yeates, of Churchill, on the occasion of her wedding on Aug. 3rd to Mr. Monty Ball, Winford.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, on July 31st, 1,260 Reverse Bob Minor and Plain Bob Doubles: J. G. White 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (first as cond.) 5—6. First 'in hand' for 1—2 and 5—6. Also at St. George's, Jesmond, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. White 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5—6.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. Belcher 1, L. Maund 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, N. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in five methods 1 and 2. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. Ronald Milner, Vicar of Westwood.

PRESTEIGNE, RADS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Wingate 1, R. A. Hatcher (first in method) 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, Miss M. I. Ellsmore 4, F. R. Harris 5, G. T. Cousins 6, A. B. Ellsmore (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. W. Hope 8. Rung to welcome the new Rector (Rev. T. Brynmoor Davies).

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Stilwell 1, Patricia Diserens 2, M. Fromm (first in method) 3, Jane Sibson 4, R. Wilson 5, D. Sibson (cond.) 6, R. P. Wood 7, R. Diserens 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Cooles (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. R. Millidge 2, B. J. Bull 3, A. E. Clayton (first of Surprise Minor) 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooles 1, L. Allen 2, B. Bull 3, A. Clayton 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Sturge (first quarter) 1, J. R. Milford 2, M. Hodge 3, D. R. B. Collins 4, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 5, R. N. Grange 6. First of Minor 4 and 6. A farewell to the ringers of 2, who is leaving for Southern Rhodesia after a year's teaching and ringing at Radley College, and 6, who is leaving after three years as secretary of the College Society.

SALISBURY, S. RHODESIA.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and All Saints, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. S. Cross 1, C. Stevenson (cond.) 2, Miss F. Pellatt (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. V. Grossmith 4, P. Raynor 5, P. Mason (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Christopher Head, accidentally killed, July 14th, 1963.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On July 11th, 1,470 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Hawkins 1, M. J. Bew (first 'inside') 2, R. M. Flanagan 3, Miss G. S. Martin 4, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 5, M. J. Sherrick 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam E. L. Burrows, churchwarden.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On July 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Pamela Cox 1, Shirley Guymer 2, M. J. Keyworth 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the choir, following the funeral of Mr. Herbert Hardy, for over 60 years a chorister at this church. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,224 Minor (Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent): Pamela Cox 1, Kathleen Yardley 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, following the christening of David William, son of conductor.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: C. M. Barnes 1, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 2, Christine Fuller 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5, A. Jackson 6. First in the method 1, 3, 4, 5.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bradfield (first quarter) 1, C. Hillier (first 'inside') 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, S. Cottle (cond.) 5, J. Abbott 6. A 'get well' compliment to Derrik Bailey, after his operation.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): P. Ashby (first quarter) 1, D. R. Brazier 2, H. Mann (first 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris 4, G. M. Pickwell (first as cond.) 5, Anne Tucker (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Derek Wheldon, former ringer at the church.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Yvonne Patheyjohns 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, J. F. Bowler 3, W. D. Ward 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, A. D. Rivers 6, R. F. Clarke 7, G. R. Shedden 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, D. P. Hilling 10. First of Royal for 1 and 7. Rung for the Feast of St. Laurence (Aug. 10th), patron saint of the daughter Church of St. Laurence, Upton, the original Parish Church.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, N. W. Grassby 2, B. G. Warwick 3, M. G. Wood 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. M. Smith 6, Carol I. V. Corton (first as cond.) 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Festal Evensong on vigil of St. Mary Magdalene. Also on July 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, N. W. Grassby (first in method 'inside') 3, A. R. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, June E. Wood 8. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. L. Bill 1, P. J. Brown 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, D. H. Watson 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. Rung by an entirely local band for Evensong, and as a compliment to Barbara Stephens and Brian J. Wylde, who were married the previous day at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.

THEALE, BERKS.—On July 21st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. E. Adams 1, Miss A. Raby and J. E. Harmsworth (change due to ill-health of the former) 2, D. L. Wilcox 3, T. Price 4, J. M. Allen 5. Unconducted. First of Minimus by all the band. Rung for Evensong, and as thanks to the Rev. A. C. Cross, for taking the services before the new Rector was inducted.

TILTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On July 25th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret C. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Carol P. L. Cooke (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Hudson 3, J. Woolley (cond.) 4.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Julie A. V. Caligari 1, P. D. S. Caligari 2, D. M. Morton 3, Christine M. Jay 4, G. T. Cousins 5, T. Rushton 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For the Patronal Festival.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): D. Yeo 1, Marjorie Legg 2, G. Prescott (cond.) 3, J. Brain 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (first in 10 methods) 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): R. Cooles 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Vanessa Rodrigues (first 'inside' of Cambridge Surprise) 3, Judith Geiringer 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, W. J. Munton 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Royal 1, Miss L. Skipsey 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. J. Adams 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, J. Skipsey 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by 2, 4 and 6.

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KIMPTON CUP RINGING COMPETITION.—Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2.45 p.m., Kimpton. Test piece 360 Minor or Doubles. Entries by Sept. 28th, please, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. (T.N. Kimpton 350.) 3037

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome. 2981

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 2994

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Hersham on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2985

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chesham, Saturday, August 24th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2951

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. C. Hynard, 'By Ways,' Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex. 2947

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of both Districts on Saturday, Aug. 31st, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. St. Nicholas', Warwick, bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth. 3025

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 31st, Thrybergh. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh.—R. Stenhenson, Hon. Sec. 3056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 2978

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 29th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3051

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting Pucklechurch (6), on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Aug. 27th to T. Jefferies, Hon. Sec., 19, Black Horse Road, Mangotsfield, Bristol. 3019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Cranham, on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by Aug. 28th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3038

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3039

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A meeting will be held at Highley and Chelmarsh on *Saturday, Aug. 31st.* Ringing at Highley 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing at Chelmarsh 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Shropshire. 3035

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2s. per head. Those who require tea please send names and cash by August 28th to Mr. A. Harrison, 'Braemar,' Ringwould, near Deal. 2929

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at East Ardsley, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available. 3046

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Diss, on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3029

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Scarning on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to H. Waterfield, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 3007

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Village Hall. Names, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3041

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Maidwell, Saturday, August 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday, August 27th. No name no tea. 2919

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Oundle, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 27th to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 3036

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 3040

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 31st, All Saints' Church, West Bromwich. Bells (8) available 7 p.m. (after Evensong) until 9 p.m.—C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 3034

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Striking competition, Bredfield, Saturday, August 31st. Draw 2.45 p.m. Competition 3 p.m. All entries and numbers for tea to Mr. E. G. Pearce, 36, St. Andrew's Place, Melton, Woodbridge, not later than Saturday, August 24th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 3014

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton-sub-Hamdon (6), Saturday, Sept. 7th, Chiselborough bells, too, after tea. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3042

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congleton (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 3018

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Gatter, Oak Leaf Cottage, Halse Hill, Budleigh Salterton.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 3027

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Milton Regis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. N. Crane, 57, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Gillingham. No name—no tea!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3045

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.—W. H. D. 3047

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8, 16 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney.—C. T. H. 3009

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Groby. Bells 3 to 4.40 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea at Ratby School Room 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Ratby bells available in evening. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to H. Spencer, 9, Stanford Street, Ratby.—A. J. Poynor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Addington, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. P. Milton, 20, Chestnut Grove, South Croydon.—N. Steere, Asst. Sec. 3043

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Gorseinon, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Aug. 31st.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3016

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting at Brockenhurst, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m., Ye Olde Tea House. Lyndhurst bells in evening. Names for tea *essential* by Thursday, Sept. 5th, to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Clifton-on-Teme. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Oak House Café, Martley (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 3032

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Gresford on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3031

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting, St. Thomas', Exeter, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names early. Meeting following. Cathedral practice 6 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 3044

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at the Maritime Museum, Greenwich. 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets 17s. 6d., available early September, from District secretaries or from Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 3048

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke). Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.). Tickets £1 1s. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.: St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsworth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 3015

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Whissendine (6)	12.15 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Langham (6)	12.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
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EBBW VALE WEDDING

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on August 10th, of Mr. Brian J. Wylde, of Totton, Southampton, and Miss Barbara Stephens, of Ebbw Vale. The Rev. Canon Oliver Davies and the Rev. H. Clarke officiated, and the organist was Mr. Ian Williams.

The bride, who was given away by her father (Master of Ebbw Vale ringers), wore a full-length dress of parchment brocade, with shoulder-length veil, and carried a spray of rosebuds and lilies-of-the-valley. She was attended by her cousins—Mrs. Alan Evans and the Misses Jane and Carol Butler—who all wore long dresses of nectarine taffeta and carried sprays of rosebuds. The best man was Mr. Trevor Fairlamb, of Bridgwater, and the ushers were Mr. Alan Evans and Mr. Brian Werry, Ebbw Vale.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, where 65 relations and friends of both families met and expressed their good wishes to the happy couple. Amongst these were local ringers, A.Y.P.A. representatives and the Ringing Master (Mr. Nicholls) from Stourbridge, where Barbara had worked, and ringers and friends from Bridgwater, where Brian worked, and friends from the U.B.S.C.R., of which both were members.

Ringing took place before and after the ceremony, and a peal of Surprise Major was rung in their honour during the afternoon by six members of U.B.S.C.R and two Llandaff and Monmouth Association friends. The couple are making their new home in Bridgwater.

QUARTER PEALS

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, C. Graves 2, J. Strawford 3, F. Carter 4, F. H. Whipp 5, J. Moore 6, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 7, A. Carter 8. A farewell compliment to Rev. C. H. G. Davey, M.A., who is moving to Guildford. Also on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, J. Strawford 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, F. H. Whipp 4, C. Graves (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, A. Carter 7, F. Carter 8. A farewell compliment to C. Graves, who is leaving the district to join H.M. Forces.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Payne 1, F. Hodson 2, J. Causer 3, P. Leggett 4, J. Parish 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss A. E. Fellows 1, Miss A. E. Lester 2, Miss S. Funnell 3, P. J. Rothera 4, J. K. Foot 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, R. A. Vickers 2, D. Burbidge 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. E. Saunders 5, C. E. Truman 6, H. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. C. Case 8. For morning service.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 31st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: P. Eastland 1, G. Freeman 2, F. Knowles 3, W. Swain 4, W. Riley 5, F. Robey 6, E. J. Sterland 7, B. A. Richards (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major by all the band, excepting treble ringer. Rung as a farewell to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Ven. T. Dillworth-Harrison.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. K. A. Huson 1, R. I. Gosling 2, A. F. Hall 3, B. R. Manning 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. J. Lander 6. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Heffernan 1, J. E. Collins 2, A. F. Hall 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, S. K. A. Huson 5, E. H. Willows 6. First in the method by all the band.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Yates 1, D. Burbidge 2, C. E. Truman 3, C. Gough 4, J. Linnell 5, F. Vickers 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. A. Stopps and Miss Gillian Smith, both local ringers.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Shaw (first of Minor) 1, E. J. Lambert 2, H. C. Edwards 3, J. Chance 4, M. J. Hooton 5, B. R. Eglesfield (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Walker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. A. Rowe 2, J. Roberts 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, Miss V. C. Allen (fist 'inside') 5, D. Docking 6.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 1, N. D. Skelton (first 'inside') 2, J. Baverstock 3, P. K. Waterman 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, W. F. Kelly (first quarter) 6.

EXHALL, near COVENTRY.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, St. Clement's): K. Gardner 1, D. Allen 2, G. Hammond 3, R. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Matins.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, E. Stanton 2, A. Stanton 3, G. Orchard 4, R. A. Vickers 5, H. Stopp 6. A compliment to Mr. C. A. Stopps and Miss Gillian Smith, both local ringers, who were married this day.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A. Harris 1, D. R. Saunderson 2, M. D. Trigg 3, A. H. Smith 4, A. Jackson 5, M. Major (cond.) 6.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Walker 1, Mrs. P. A. Rowe 2, Mrs. M. Carveth 3, A. J. Davidson 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, P. Rowe 6.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, R. J. Palmer (first as cond.) 5—6, J. R. Heath 7—8, T. F. Varney 9—10. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin. Rung on a set of handbells by Shaw and Son, Bradford, 19 in F.

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TIGHTENING THOSE NUTS AND BOLTS

THE majority of steeplekeepers and ringers think that if they have a ring of bells hung on up-to-date principles with cast iron headstocks and frames bolted to rolled steel joists, they do not require to give them any attention except to lubricate the main bearings and sometimes shift a rope up or down an inch to distribute the wear. This is not the case, for nuts have a nasty habit of becoming slack.

For instance, old bells which have had their canons removed and have been rehung on cast iron headstocks have a wooden pad fitted between the headstock and the crown of the bell, and no matter how well this fits the crown it will shrink, and therefore the nuts or the bolts which hold the bell to the headstock require tightening. The pad will form its own bearing on the usually roughish surface of the crown of the bell and while it is doing this the nuts are getting slack. Split pins are fitted to keep these nuts from coming off and they usually do so, but it must be remembered that split pins do not keep nuts tight as the shrinkage takes place.

The same remarks apply only more so, if the bell has a wooden headstock. Indeed, until recently at Long Eaton, the fourth bell relied on only one bolt to hold it to the headstock—the others had become loose and fallen out. Care must be taken in tightening the headstock bolts to pull up all the bolts equally. If one side is pulled up more than another there is a danger of the bell becoming false struck.

False struckness can be detected by measuring from each side of the clapper bell to the point where it strikes the bell, taking care not to disturb the clapper whilst this is done. If the bell is not odd struck the measurements on each side will be equal.

The nuts and bolts which hold the two halves of the wheel together and fasten the wheel to the headstocks are often neglected. This means that the wheel becomes loose on the headstock and the lower half drops away from the upper. These nuts and bolts should be checked for tightness.

It is always best to tighten bolts during a spell of hot, dry weather. This is because under these conditions the wood will have shrunk by its greatest amount, and therefore loose bolts will be easy to detect, easily tightened and they will, of course, remain tight when the weather is more humid when the wood begins to swell again. It is easy to think that a nut is tight when it will turn no more, but this is not always so, for it may be rusted to the bolt; if so, it should be soaked with paraffin or penetrating oil and tightened later. A nut may also be screwed down to the end of its thread before it seats on its face, in which case the nut should be taken off and washers used to make up the space.

Where timber headstocks are fitted, special care must be paid to the four bolts at each end of the headstock which hold the gudgeon plates in position. These bolts must be kept tight, but there is a right and wrong way of doing this. When a bell is down, the natural tendency is for the bell to make the bearings tip down inwards. Thus the nuts furthest from the bearings should be tightened first and more so than the others in order to correct this fault. If these bolts become slack it leads to the bell 'going' badly.

The nut holding the clapper in position is one which frequently becomes loose; if this is left to continue it leads to difficulty in shimming the bell during a rise and fall, the clapper rattles during ringing, and the bell can become difficult to strike correctly. More seriously, however, it wears away the threads on the nut and clapper retaining shank and eventually the clapper may fall out with the attendant possibility of damaging bells or fittings. When checking the clappers it is important to renew periodically the leather washer between the clapper and the crown of the bell, for it improves the tone of the bell and helps to keep the clapper nut tight—particularly so if the washer is softened in water before it is fitted.

G. A. HALLS.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS, 1963

Sunday, August 4th, dawned dull and damp as the advance guard of Pipe's Pilgrims left sleeping Grundisburgh with 'Lofty' at the wheel of a 41-seater coach. After picking up at St. Paul's Cathedral and ringing at Wandsworth, the coach headed for Guildford for ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas'. Mr. T. W. White met the party and at short notice arranged for a pull on the anti-clockwise six at the ancient Church of St. Mary. The stragglers joined up with the main body here and ringing at Shalford and Haslemere completed the programme for Sunday. H.Q. for the tour was the Arun Hotel, Pulborough.

Monday saw a big improvement in the weather and that was maintained throughout the week. The route lay westward and included ringing in the five Hampshire 10-bell towers. Alan Buswell met us at Portsmouth Cathedral and Canon Felstead was in attendance at St. Michael's, Southampton, which was followed by ringing at St. Mary's. Tom and Elizabeth Chapman and Christopher joined the party at North Stoneham and the Rolls piloted the coach to Curdridge, where the full-throated eight were a big contrast to North Stoneham. Mr. Pipe's sister welcomed some thirsty souls to her home and provided cups of tea, which were much appreciated. After Shedfield came Fareham, where interest in the bells flagged in favour of the organ.

ISLE OF WIGHT

Orders for Tuesday: 7 a.m. start in order to board the ferry to the Isle of Wight. Ringing took place at Newport, Carisbrooke, Brading and Ryde, but some really keen ones chartered taxis to ring at Godshill and Arreton. Their search for a ring of bells at Sandown proved abortive.

First call on Wednesday was the ancient Church of All Saints, East Meon, where Dr and Mrs. Moore joined in the ringing and a young lady member of the local band was piloted through her first course of Triples. Ringing was curtailed somewhat at Alton owing to a funeral and the sound of Farnham bells brought Stella Hughes, of Walsall, to the tower. She was on a course at Farnham prior to leaving for Uganda and accompanied the pilgrims to the next tower, Godalming. At Cranleigh some members of the party viewed the bells as they were being rung to Bob Major. A noisy but impressive five minutes. The last tower of the day was Pulborough, where Len Stilwell's neat handwriting was noted in the peal book. A quick run to Chichester Cathedral by the tireless ones earned them a pull on the Cathedral bells.

An Thursday the route lay north and east, starting with Horsham. At Lower Beeding the ladies rang a touch of Bob Minor. Lingfield came next and at Edenbridge the eight bells were rung to call changes by seven ladies with Irvin Slack, suitably attired, on the tenor The tall tower of East Grinstead was next, with its light, spacious ringing room. It is customary to make a donation to the tower fund at all churches visited by the pilgrims and the donation at East Grinstead brought the figure given on the various tours up to £250. Balcombe and Slaugham eights ended the day's ringing.

The route lay again to the east on Friday with Henfield as the first tower, and Mr. G. Elphick was waiting at Lewes, where lunch had been kindly arranged in the Church Hall. The church and surroundings at Fairwarp bore testimony to the benevolence of the Eckstein family, also the solidly-built little school, now closed owing to the decline in the number of pupils. At Tunbridge Wells members of the Ladd family met the party and our organist-ringer officiated at the harmonium for an impromptu choir practice. Mr. F. Hairs was in attendance at Withyham, and the final tower of the day was Coleman's Hatch, where the ladies, assisted by Irvin, again rang call changes.

IRVIN HONOURED

As this was the last evening of the pilgrimage, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Pipe in appreciation of their work in arranging a grand week's tour under severe difficulties. The ladies presented Irvin with a certificate to mark his admission as a non-voting, honorary member of the Ladies' Guild ! The nose of the coach was turned towards London on Saturday with a few less aboard, and Dorking was the first tower, followed by Reigate. At Godstone the Rev. K. Hoare (Rector) joined in a touch of Stedman Triples. Due to a navigational error the last tower of the tour, Cudham, was approached across the fields and credit must be given to 'Lofty' for his patient manœuvring of a large coach in a very small lane. A half-course of Cambridge Royal was rung on the light ten, and Bob Minor on the front six brought out the flute-like notes of the little bells. That concluded the ringing for the week, and it was London Bridge next stop, where a much-depleted party remained in the coach for the journey to Suffolk.

There were some familiar faces missing from this year's tour, notably Mr. and Mrs. Barker and Roddy, while some new pilgrims were welcomed on their first tour. Ringers came from the counties of Bucks, Cambridge, Derby, Durham, Essex, Hertford, Leicester, Somerset, Suffolk, Wilts and Yorks. The standard of ringing was very good and some excellent music was heard from various towers but a few points were dropped in raising in peal here and there. The historian tells me that of the 40 towers visited, 15 of the rings were by Taylors and 144 by Gillett and Johnston.

It was a comparatively easy week as there was no great weight of metal to contend with and very little climbing of stairs.

To sum up: Good weather, good bells and ringing, good food and lodgings and good companions. Could one ask for more?

Our grateful thanks are extended to all who met us and those who in any way helped towards the tour's success. RODNEY.

MIGHT BE 13th CENTURY BELL

Because the bell turret was unsafe, the only bell at Appleshaw Church, near Andover, was dismantled a dozen years ago, and it has since been rung from a rough wooden trestle in the open churchyard.

Quite recently, when rehanging was contemplated, Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, said that it was a sanctus bell of the 13th century, if not of the 12th century, with original chapter, headstock and ironwork. It bears neither date nor inscription, but its age is proved by the elongated shape and rough-cast canons, one of which is broken.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Rural Dean of Southampton, endorses Messrs. Taylors' opinion and writes that this may well be the oldest bell in Winchester Diocese. He adds a warning that if it was rehung the remaining canons might give, as is the usual end of ancient bells.

The Vicar and Council are delighted to have this relic of sacramental worship here, perhaps 700 years ago, and only sorry to see it dumb in the nave, where it now stands. Incidentally, they face the expense of replacing it and would be grateful to hear of any idle bell under a hundredweight which they might acquire.

CUCKFIELD AND AMERICA

On a pleasant summer evening four years ago, the sound of the bells at Cuckfield attracted a family of visitors from the U.S.A. to the tower. They were Dr. John Kirkpatrick, a professor at Cornell University, his wife and their son, David. The art of change ringing greatly interested them and the ringers of Cuckfield took much pleasure in explaining to them some of the principles of the Exercise.

It happened that David Kirkpatrick was about to go to the Kent School, where there is one of the very few rings of bells that are ringable in North America. Here was a coincidence indeed, and one in which both the ringers and their visitors delighted, for change ringing had been introduced to the Kent School some 50 years or so earlier by Isaac Attwater, who himself had learned to ring in Cuckfield tower.

Earlier this summer the Cornell Glee Club visited England, and among its members was Mr. Paul Lyon, chimesmaster of the Cornell Chimes. Guided by Dr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lyon duly arrived at Cuckfield during his visit bounding with enthusiasm for change ringing, and would not rest content until he had had his first lesson in controlling a bell. A copy of 'The Ringers' Handbook' is now pursuing him back across the Atlantic, and Cuckfield hopes that Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob may yet ring out across the campus at Cornell.

Hard on the heels of Mr. Lyon came Dr. Kirkpatrick on a return visit to England and eager to see his friends at Cuckfield again. He received a warm welcome and brought them the glad news that, encouraged by his visit four years ago, David has become an active member of the Kent School tower and has been appointed chairman (that is, captain) for the forthcoming year.

Of the many American visitors to our shores, there can be few for whom bell ringing arouses more than the mildest interest. How happy a chance that the future captain of the Kent School band and his family should have happened to find themselves in Cuckfield on practice night four years ago at the tower which first exported ringing to the United States over half a century ago. R. V. J.

ALL SAINTS', WANDSWORTH

The bells of Wandsworth Parish Church were rehung in 1956 by Messrs. Mears, but never went really well after that.

The local band at that time was quite good, but fell off badly in the next few years. As a result the bells were soon in a very bad state—wheels, ropes and bearings all being sadly neglected. At last, in 1961, the tower was abandoned and the bells remained silent for two years.

Earlier this month a team of five ringers from Putney and Wimbledon set to work in cleaning up the tower and doing some repair work. This took about ten days, the work including fixing an aluminium section on the broken tenor wheel, made by 78-year-old Mr. Edward Whitlock, one of the churchwardens, who had taken interest in the work.

At last, on August 16th, the full ring was ready for ringing and that evening the 16 cwt. ring was going to a quarter peal of Triples, which was rung in a very good time—45 minutes.

I hope to get a regular band going soon, and notice of a practice night should appear in 'The Ringing World' before long. I wish to thank all those who helped with the work, and the churchwardens and Vicar for their support.

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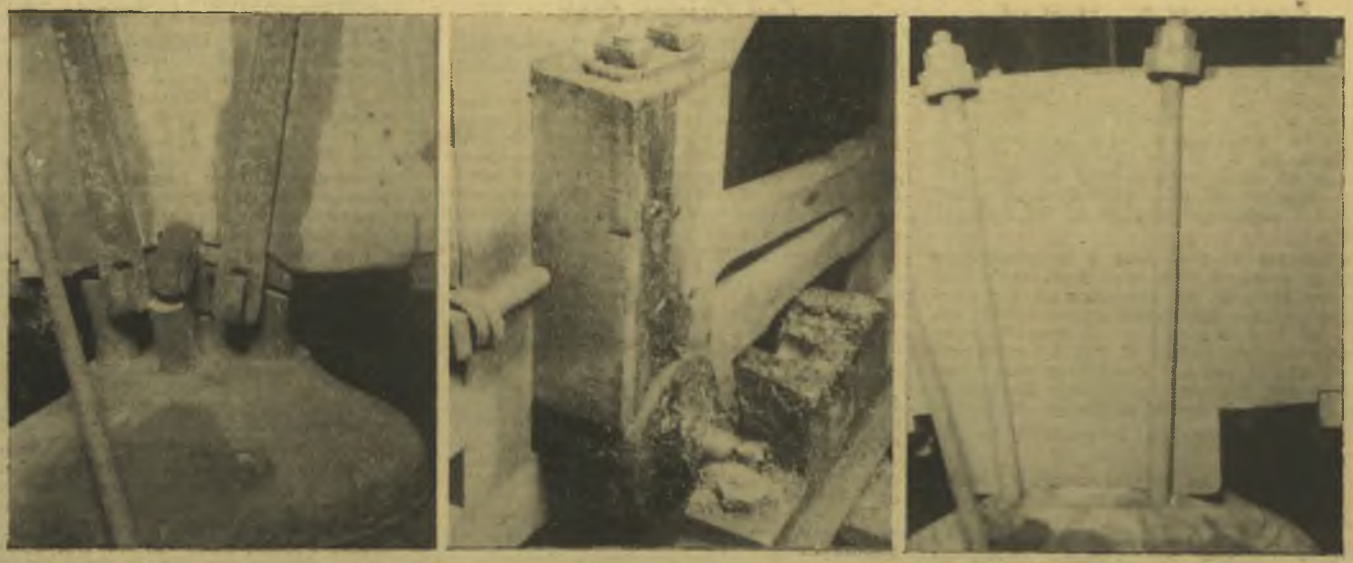

From left to right: (1) The fractured canon with four of the lugs damaged; (2) The gudgeon of the third resting on the frame: (3) The bell repaired.

Late this spring the full eight bells at Marshfield, Monmouthshire, rang out again after five-bell ringing during the winter months. The cause of this was an unfortunate accident which occurred while ringing down after an evening practice last autumn.

The bells were on the way down when, to put it politely, a noise was heard in the bell-chamber. When down, a hasty inspection was made, which revealed the gudgeons of the third resting on the frame. A more thorough examination was executed a few days later. This was when the true extent of the damage was brought to light—the broken canon. As can be seen from the photograph (1) four of the seven lugs had suffered.

A couple of theories were suggested by local ringers, but the most probable seems to be that of Mr. Frank A. White, of Appleton, who repaired the damage. This was that the stays of the third and fourth were of such a length that they could touch each other, as there is no cross-beam between the two bells to prevent this. It seems as if this is the most accurate explanation. The fourth, however, remained unharmed, while the third received all the damage.

The captain of the neighbouring tower of St. Mellons, Mr. Reg Addis, recalled that there was a similar occurrence in the 1930's, when the third was knocked out of its bearings by the stays touching. Fortunately, there was not so much damage then. The bells have been hanging in their present arrangement since they were increased to eight from a six in 1910.

The third photograph adequately explains what was done in restoring the third, together with the headstock receiving a grey painting to complete the job.

The stay of the latter was shortened and a shorter one was fitted to the fourth to remedy (it is hoped) a similar misfortune.

The moral of this is that if you have no cross-member between any of your bell-pits—beware!

B. S. N.

JOINT MEETING AT WESTERHAM

A very successful joint meeting was held at Westerham between the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the Southern Section of the Surrey Association. We were pleased to have visitors from Hampshire, Hertfordshire, London, Essex and the Lewisham District. A pleasant tea was enjoyed after a service conducted by the Rev. L. T. Burleigh, and ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

W. H. D.

OBITUARY

MR. C. T. WATTS

With sorrow, the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild report the death of Mr. C. T. Watts, captain of the ringers at Long Sutton, on August 11th, at the age of 46.

'Clem,' as he was known to his friends, had been a ringer at St. Mary's for over 30 years. Although in the past few years poor health had prevented him from taking an active part in ringing, he nevertheless attended all practices and services to encourage a young band whom he had taught.

The funeral service was on August 16th at Long Sutton, followed by cremation at Peterborough. In the evening the local band and members from other neighbouring towers came to ring the bells half-muffled and pay their respects to a dear friend so early taken from them.

It is indeed fitting that his ashes are to be buried in the garden of rest at the foot of the tower whose bells he loved to hear. The sympathy of his many friends goes to his mother and relatives in their bereavement.

K. R D.

MR. T. TAPLIN

For nearly 40 years a member of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. Tom Taplin, of Collingbourne Kingston, died at Savernake Hospital on August 15th at the comparatively early age of 55 years.

Tom was the youngest of three brothers, all of whom were taught to ring by their father, the late Mr. William R. Taplin, as soon as they were able to pull a rope. All three have faithfully formed part of St. Mary's band at Collingbourne Kingston since the early 1920's, and Tom had also cared for the churchyard for many years. He was unmarried. Although not a change ringer, Tom had rung in several peals of Grandsire scored for the Guild, being a safe and reliable tenor man.

He was buried in his beloved churchyard on August 17th amid every sign of sympathy and respect. Half-muffled touches on the bells were rung by his fellow ringers as a last tribute to a man whose chief characteristics were faithfulness and utter dependability.

W. A. E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Striking Contest In S. & W. District

When John Sansom enthusiastically suggested at the District A.G.M. that we ought to hold a striking contest, it was only rough justice that he should be given the job of organising it. No one better. He wrote to all the bands of ringers in the district. Some never bothered to reply, but coming in the holiday season was the excuse others made for not attending the event. A pity, for Derek Fowles and Peter Woodgyer make visitors so welcome to Cranford that it is always a joy to go there, especially if there is time to also visit the Queen's Head (try it on Boxing Day)!).

There was a wedding at Hillingdon to be rung for and it delayed the arrival of this band and the opening of the contest. Non-contestants were thereby enabled to ring and contestants to warm up. Eventually John was able to ask the teams to draw for the order of ringing and the first team went up to the little ringing chamber. Beforehand, the judge (John Mayne) had been locked in the vestry, with Peter Woodgyer on guard at the door. Five bands competed and each rang 240 changes of whatever method they chose. Three rang Grandsire Doubles and two Cambridge Minor. The styles of ringing were interesting to listen to. Most rang too carefully, so that what might be termed the natural or normal rhythm of these bells, a bit on the fast side, was not attained. The band that came nearest to doing so proved the ultimate winners of the contest. With Chris Fynes ringing 2-3 in this touch with his fascinating skill, it was only to be expected perhaps.

Cranford ringers, under their captain, had prepared an excellent tea for the 40-odd ringers present, at which we had the pleasure of the company of the Rector, the Rev. Michael Dean, a great friend of ringers. Afterwards the judge delivered his verdict on the afternoon's ringing. The mixed band mentioned had least faults, with Cranford band second. The others he kindly classed as 'also runs.' As he did his job most conscientiously, as was to be expected, we will not mention the figures. It only goes to show how far we have to go for perfection, surely the very reason for holding the contest. It was fun; it was interesting. It made us concentrate on the most important thing—our striking. It stimulated team interest.

Next year? Perhaps John Sansom will try again. He has our gratitude for trying at all.

F. W. G.

Letters to the Editor

Surprise Major Methods Publication

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting the Methods Committee were authorised to publish a comprehensive list of Surprise Major methods, but I am not sure whether the list was to be of all methods rung to peals (perhaps 500) or of all the methods available (which I understand may be of the order of 5,000).

Whichever of these lists it is intended to publish, I would like to support my friend Gordon Halls in his suggestion to the committee that the publication should include details of lead incidence of internal falseness (tenors together) instead of F.C.H.'s only, and I ask the committee, Council members and anyone else interested to consider the following arguments in favour of this:—

(1).—The information is available to the committee.

(2).—It could be printed concisely, would require no additional space and the extra cost could be small.

(3).—The Central Council's money should be used to publish the maximum amount of information, consistent with economy, and not the bare minimum.

(4).—If the lead incidence of falseness is not published in this collection of methods it is doubtful if the information ever will be published in the future.

(5).—The present system of publishing only the F.C.H.'s of methods is of minimal value and can be very misleading. A number of false peals have been rung as a consequence of this.

(6).—One of the main arguments against publishing the lead incidence of falseness is that 'it is informative to the inexperienced composer to work it out for himself.' Whilst this may be true for 20 methods it is hardly instructive to repeat the exercise for each of the methods available which may be as many as 5,000 and taking between 10 and 20 minutes over each one. It is like asking a student to work out his own logarithm tables.

(7).—It is no argument to say that humbler ringers will not be able to understand the system. They can, if they wish, ignore the additional information but at least they will have the hint that there is more to internal falseness than F.C.H.'s.

(8).—The information would enable composers to specify all methods for which their compositions are true.

(9).—The information would provide additional enjoyment to many composers. One may find that a composition designed for some particular method may, by chance, be a real jewel in applying to another method with very difficult falseness.

I can see only one valid argument against publishing full falseness information and that is the additional work involved for the members of the Methods Committee or their collaborators. But these are men of great ability and industry and I am sure they would not shirk such a task.

May I, in conclusion, take the opportunity to express my appreciation of the work done by the members of the Methods Committee and indeed of members of all other Central Council committees.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

Call Change Peals

Dear Sir,—It is always with interest that I read in 'The Ringing World' of call change peals.

Is it not possible for one of the call change brethren to explain the theories behind these peals, and how they are conducted?

Perhaps an explanation might also be given as to what constitutes a peal. The last 'peal' ('Ringing World,' 16/8/63, p. 556) consisted of 1,069 changes, which by 'scientific' standards does not even measure up to a quarter peal.—Yours sincerely,

S. K. A. HUSON

Wirksworth, Derby.

Peal of 8-Spliced at Cambridge

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Peterson's answer to my letter of 8th inst., which he considers, quite without foundation, to be the Cambridge answer to London University's peal of Spliced at St. Neots, I take this opportunity of explaining his difficulty concerning our own peal of 8-Spliced.

The place notations of the methods given as Bristol in 'The Ringing World' are as follows:—

Bristol (1):

x 58 x 14. 58 x 58. 36. 14 x 14. 58. 14 x 18.

Bristol (2):

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 18.

During the ringing of the peal I referred to Bristol (2) at Rutland in order to avoid confusion.

If Mr. Peterson attends the Cambridge University Guild tour he will doubtless find an opportunity to suggest an official Cambridge answer to the St. Neots peal.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON.

Great Baddow, Essex.

Duplication?

Dear Sir,—According to my records the figures published in the issue of August 2nd, 1963, as Fairfield Surprise Major are the same as Gloucestershire Surprise Major and first rung to a peal in August, 1958. As none of the experts have written in to query this method I wonder if my records are inaccurate.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Redland, Bristol.

ANOTHER YORKSHIRE FIVE PEALED

Following recent first peals at the five-bell towers of Meanwood, Rise and Roos, a peal of Doubles in eight methods has been rung at All Saints' Church, Wykeham, the only five-bell tower in the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, and the only detached tower in Yorkshire holding a ring of usable five bells.

Wykeham is a small farming village half-way between Pickering and Scarborough. The bells are a Taylor ring, hung in a cramped rusty metal frame with the treble above the four and equipped with such fittings as the Hastings stay slider and ball bearings. The ringing chamber is rather small with a big clock-case obstructing the activities of the treble ringer, especially if he is a tall man.

The bells have a tendency to 'drop' at intervals and some difficulty was encountered because of this during the peal. There is a local band but they do not meet to ring very often and when they do they leave the front four bells up, lowering only the tenor, as it is the hour bell for the clock chime. M. K.

A RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH

A Visitor's Impression

A famous Lincolnshire song says: 'It's my delight, etc., etc., in the season of the year.'

I was, in fact, in Lincolnshire on August 10th and my delight in the middle of the cricket season was to watch cricket, not between poachers, but between ringers. The enthusiasm of Lincolnshire ringers in the tower is well known and this was equally matched on the field.

Let me describe what happened. There was a meadow complete with cattle at Edenham, midway between Spalding and Grantham. This was deserted one minute but the next saw it filled with cars and scooters approaching from all directions, all containing players and spectators. The fact that some players looked like spectators was of no account, here was enthusiasm and an eagerness to get down to business. The captains spun the coin, the players took the field, the spectators clapped and the annual match between Grantham ringers and Spalding ringers had begun. Grantham batting.

It would be difficult to describe each stroke: I suspect that John Arlott would have been stumped for words, also, but nevertheless the score began to mount up. At one stage the rules of Stedman intermingled with the rules of cricket, batsmen being 'In and Out Quick,' and when the last man was in the score was 39.

With a third consecutive victory in sight, the Spalding ringers took the field but after a steady beginning the same rule of Stedman applied to Spalding until with the last man in the scores were level, and that is how the match ended—a tie! This was probably the most satisfactory result.

Approximately 100 people enjoyed an excellent tea in the Village Hall, and then followed ringing on the fine eight of St. Michael's, Edenham, the batsmen, the bowlers, the catchers (and the droppers!) and the spectators now in their more familiar roles as ringers.

Although I had to leave at this juncture, I understand that the ringing was followed by other activities connected with ringers, when no doubt next year's fixture was arranged.

B. A.

OUTING

LUTON

For this year's outing, on July 6th, the Luton ringers, with guest ringers from Woburn, Maulden and Harpenden and a number of friends, visited the Winchester area.

On this typical English summer's day the non-ringers had rather a raw deal as, apart from the first two hours, it rained incessantly and therefore the usual sight-seeing was 'out.'

Not that one wishes to malign the English climate, of course, and one must admit that, once the football season is over, the weather is usually very fair (except during the cricket season!). The pleasant eight bells of St. Michael's, Basingstoke, took our minds off the weather to some extent, and after a good lunch at Winchester and a ring on the magnificent 12 at the Cathedral, no one seemed to care if it snowed!

Tea and further ringing were enjoyed at Andover, where the belfry is approached by a most remarkable stairway, and the last tower of the day was Wallingford-on-Thames—an excellent eight.

Sincere thanks to the Dean of Winchester and the incumbents of Basingstoke, Andover and Wallingford for the privilege of ringing on their bells, and to the local ringers who so warmly welcomed us. A. E. R.

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A LINCOLNSHIRE PRIORY CHURCH

By T. A. BEVIS

DEEPING ST. JAMES is a big Fen village situated on the borders of Lincolnshire and Northants. It is in reality a 'twin' village, joining hands with Market Deeping, these places, with Deeping St. Nicholas, by their names reminding one of their location in the deep meadows which from time immemorial have been subjected to flood waters from nearby rivers.

Nearly 800 years ago Richard de Rulos embanked these parts, 'making them a garden of pleasure out of the very pits and bogs.' It is indeed a fertile area, the lands of which are steeped in legend.

The Priory Church of St. James is the oldest of the Deeping edifices. Much can be written of its glories, but the writer must of necessity ignore its captivating Norman features and excellent examples of the varying periods of Gothic architecture, and activate his pen in praise of the bells contained in a tower which is comparatively new, dating from 1717, adhering to the style of the Renaissance type of modern Gothic architecture.

Prior to that year the church was confronted with frightening financial problems.

As was the custom in those days in such circumstances, when the burden was found to be too ponderous and quite beyond the means of a parish, the particular problem was represented to the local Quarter Sessions, seeking permission to allow collections to be made in order to raise money.

A petition of like nature proved instrumental in helping St. James' Church . . . 'being a large antient church is become soe ruinous and decayed in severall parts of it, particularly the south aisle and ye steeple which is rotten to the foundation, and some parts of it fallen down, and the other parts become very dangerous to the inhabitants (which are in number about 800) when they resort to the sayd church for divine worshippe . . . within a few years last past hath cost the inhabitants of ye sayd parish above eight hundred pounds to keep it up . . . and are not now able to repair ye sayd church any longer, which will cost neare as much money as will build it, the steeple being to be taken down to ye foundation, and the bells being already ordered to be removed to lighten the walls. . . .'

The Brief was successful and consequently the church was restored and the steeple rebuilt at a cost of £1,102 11s. 10d.—a considerable amount at that time.

The village has every reason to be proud of its bells. Indeed a ringer would be musically deficient not to recognise and approve the sonorous qualities of this mellow ring of six.

Originally five, the bells were augmented with the addition of a treble (7 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.) by Taylors in 1923. The second (9–2–4) emerged from its moulds in 1704 and upon it was inscribed, J. COVLSON AND T. MEASVRE : CH : W : ALEX : RIGBY : MADE : ME : 1704. It was found necessary to recast this bell in 1900, expenses being met by the late Rev. W. H. Cooper (a worthy benefactor to the church). 'IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE. MARY COOPER. WHO WAS BORN 1827 AND DIED 17 AUGUST, 1895.'

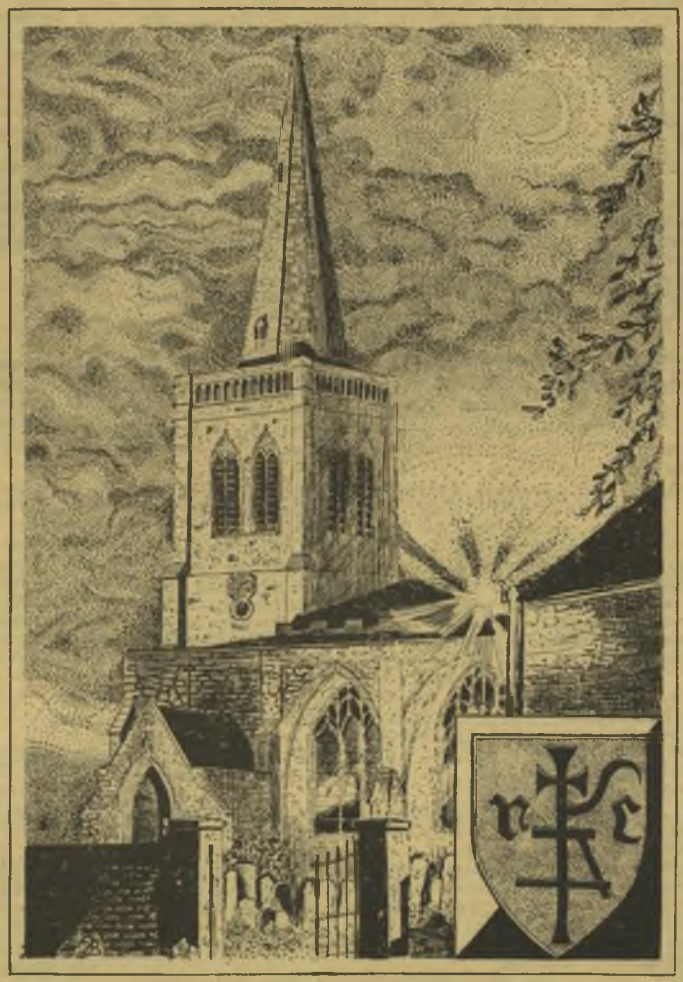
Also recast at the same time, the third bell (12–0–3) is in memory of the benefactor's father, the Rev. J. N. Cooper, born 1788, died 1864, who resided for many years at Deeping St. James.

Prior to its introduction to the furnace, the fourth (13–1–14) was the oldest bell in the steeple; in 1923 it received a new lease of life and Messrs. Taylor & Co. wisely retained the original inscription, and also the bell founder's mark (see inset illustration). It would appear the fourth was a product of the early Notts foundry, circa 1500, to which can be attributed the foundry mark and letters R.C.

Richard Seiyoake comes into mind when surveying this bell that founder having cast a bell for Croxton Kerrial, Leics, in 1529, with an identical mark. His father, John, was also a bell founder, and was Mayor of Nottingham, 1497-9, also in 1505-6.

Concerning the unusual cross and the letters R.C., North, in his book, states: 'It is found upon the curious little bell hanging on the top of the Guildhall, Lincoln, which bell was cast in the mayoralty of William Belle, 1371. The shield appears on other bells in company with other stamps from which it can fairly be assumed to come from an early Notts foundry carried on prior to 1600 by the Mellours, Quernbies and Oldfields.'

The fifth and tenor remain untouched and weigh respectively 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. and 16 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. They were cast by Tobie Norris, a Stamford founder, who is not exactly famed for his ware. But here he excelled. Norris inscribed upon the fifth: NON : SONO : ANIMABVS : MORTVORVM : SED : AVRIBVS : VIVENTIVM : TOBIE NORRIS CAST ME, 1624; and the tenor is inscribed: IESVS : SPEED : ME : NON : SONO : ANIMABVS : MORTVORVM : SED : AVRIBVS : VIVENTIVM : TOBIE NORRIS CAST ME, 1623.



St. James' Church, Deeping, Lincs. INSET: foundry mark from the early Notts. foundry

HORACE DAY

Approximately 40 peals have been rung in the tower, the first in seven methods on November 17th, 1923, conducted by that well known exponent of bellringing, the late Horace M. Day, who died in 1961, at the age of 79. Mr. Day had long been associated with the Deepings having rung at St. James' since the end of the Frist World War. He also served as a chorister at Market Deeping and as a rule rang at that village on Sunday mornings, and at Deeping St. James in the evenings of the Sabbath. His peals had been scored on ten, eight and six bells, and he particularly excelled in conducting

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

YOUNG WILLIAM'S PEAL

'Do you think it would be possible to fix up a peal for me sometime, please, Mr. Smith?'

They were descending the belfry steps after the practice and although Joe could not see Young William's face he could detect the anxiety in his voice.

Strangely enough Joe's thoughts had been running on similar lines. He had mentioned the subject to William, senior, a few days previously.

'I think it is about time that the young'un was ringing a peal. If he will only master his College Exercise he can have a peal in seven methods.'

Joe was a stickler for his seven methods. Rightly or wrongly he maintained that wherever possible each 720 in a peal should be in a different method. When it was pointed out that his first peal was Plain Bob Minor he shrugged his shoulders and said, 'That was because old "Zac" was a peal grabber and not averse to increasing his peal total at my expense. I ought to have been made to wait until I was proficient enough to ring seven methods.'

Phyllis often crossed swords with him on this point.

'It is nothing but a chip on your shoulder, father. If everyone had to wait until he could ring seven methods some people would never ring a peal at all!'

'With some ringers that I know, that wouldn't be such a tragedy!' A rejoinder which evoked a contemptuous snort from Phyllis.

'A peal of Minor in one method,' Joe went on, 'is like going a long distance in a train with the blinds drawn. You get there eventually, but the journey has bored you stiff because you have never had a change of scenery on the way!'

'At least you do get there, which is, after all, better than not setting off. Maybe the scenery isn't all that it should be, but the blinds can be lifted by degrees. We can't all travel as luxuriously as we should wish, but surely the point is that we either travel or stagnate.'

'It depends upon what you mean by "travel." I don't accept the dictum that peal ringing is necessarily travelling, although I grant you that in some cases it may be travelling downhill. If a young ringer is pushed through an indifferent peal he receives an impression that that is the acceptable standard—as well it might be for some ringers!'

'But surely,' said John, who usually left these arguments to Phyllis, 'there is no guarantee that a 720 in seven methods is of a higher standard, if by a higher standard you mean a better struck peal with fewer mistakes, than one in a single method?'

'A ringer who has practised sufficiently to be able to ring seven methods is a more mature ringer than a ringer who has learnt to ring only one. This is nothing to do with age, or the length of time he, or she, has been ringing.'

'I don't agree,' replied Phyllis. 'He may be more mature, but there are many excellent ringers who go through life ringing only one method, simply because they lack opportunity.'

'Rubbish! You're getting confused between excellent people and excellent ringers. The person who, in spite of his deficiencies as a ringer, turns up Sunday by Sunday in order that the bells may be used for the purpose for which they were intended is worth his weight in gold, but as a ringer he may be a perfect clod. If he is a born ringer of peal calibre type, he will find some means of increasing his own ringing vocabulary.'

'So you would deny him the pleasure of a peal simply because he can ring only one method?'

'The pleasure? The drudgery! No, I would encourage him to widen his interests and increase his store until he can ring a peal that is worth ringing. If peals of Bob Minor were as uninteresting for the conductor as they are for most of the remainder of the team, the number of peals of them which appear in "The Ringing World" would be considerably reduced!'

'I wonder!' mused Phyllis.

Young William's attempt was finally fixed up with a team that included Phyllis and John, and John Chappell, of Brigton, who had often intimated that he would like a peal at Hexworth, and consequently eagerly accepted Joe's invitation.

In the interim Young William buried his head in his notebook and memorised his music. A vacant look appeared in his eyes: he stared not at but through people as his lips moved in silent soliloquies. An expert lip reader would no doubt have been able to detect misterious incantatious such as, 'three-four places,' 'triple dodge,' 'pass treble in 4-5, single lie double,' and other apparently meaningless phrases. Each question addressed to him had to be thrice repeated and intelligent conversation was impossible.

His mother shook her head and sighed, confessing privately to Old William that she would be glad 'when the blooming peal was over'!

The great day arrived, as all days will whether great or small, and at the appointed time, 3 p.m., the ringers met in the ringing chamber.

At least, five of them did; John Chappell was still to come. By 3.15 Joe began to grow anxious; it was not like John to be late. Nothing, felt Joe, was more disturbing before a peal than to be held up because someone was late. Ringers became restless and began to make mental estimates as to the duration of the peal and to perform corresponding calculations with regard to bus or train timetables or other sundry appointments of divers nature.

He knew of a ringer who invariably consulted his watch before a peal and made some remark such as: 'If we begin straight away we should be finished by 6.35; I could catch the 6.45½ if I nip down the belfry smartly. It is, if one runs, about ten minutes' walk to the station!'

Such stipulations prior to a peal attempt were not exactly advantageous preludes.

By 3.20 p.m. a deep depression had settled over the ringing chamber.

In gloomy silence the church door banged and the ringers looked hopefully and expectantly at each other. A moment later the welcome sounds of footsteps echoed up the staircase.

Joe went quickly to the door and shouted down, 'Lock the door, please, and leave the key in the lock.'

The noise of the grating key was smothered by sounds of preparation as coats, cardigans and similar garments were discarded and people moved across to their bells in anticipation.

But the person who came through the doorway was not John Chappell at all. Instead a young, pleasant-faced youth, with a mop of blonde wavy hair, advanced diffidently into the ringing chamber. Joe recognised him as one of the younger members of the Brigton team. John Chappell had mentioned that he showed great promise.

'Hello Tony,' said Joe.

'Good afternoon, Mr. Smith. Mr. Chappell is sorry, but he is unable to come; he's ever so disappointed. He was suddenly stricken at work this morning: the doctor's sent him to bed. I went around and tried to get someone to come in his place; there was nobody that could manage it.'

'Oh! thank you for trying anyway.'

I thought perhaps that I—er—may be able to help you out.'

Joe stared at him.

'Thank you! What can you ring?'

He knew the answer, of course, before it came.

'Only Plain Bob, I'm afraid. I've never rung in a peal attempt before.' He sounded apologetic.

'Perhaps you would prefer to have one of your own ringers in. Is there anyone handy whom you could ask? I am quite willing to stand down.'

Only he knew what the offer cost him.

Joe again looked hard at him; he turned to Young William.

'Do you mind if we change the peal to Plain Bob?'

Not a bit.'

He sounded, Joe thought, more relieved than disappointed!

Then Plain Bob it is,' said Joe.

And Plain Bob it was.

'What is more,' said Phyllis afterwards, 'I enjoyed every minute of it. Both Tony Marchant and Young William rang as though they rang two peals every day before breakfast!'

'Yes, it wasn't a bad peal,' Joe admitted. 'I've rung in worse.'

'Did you hear,' he went on, 'what young Tony said to me afterwards?'

'No, what did he say?'

Joe chuckled.

'He said: "Your first peal was Plain Bob Minor, wasn't it, Mr. Smith? It's nice to think we both started the same way!"'

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' August 22nd, 1913.—

A correspondent has sent us an account of a curious action which is taken in some Devon towers. The rope ends are cut so as to do away with the 'tuck' and leave the ringer with a single rope with a knot in the end. This has many disadvantages.

A single end is, of course, not at all comfortable for ringing and does not enable the ringer to get anything like the same grip, while there is, of course, no possibility of lengthening the rope for a short man, or when the weather causes it to shrink. In the course of a visit to some country towers our correspondent found that the cutting had been done in more than one belfry and he thinks the attention of the incumbents should be drawn to the absurd action, with a view to putting a stop to it.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The August meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Henlow on the 10th inst. As it was an evening meeting there was no business meeting but arrangements were made to hold the next meeting at Maulden on September 14th.

About 25 ringers met at Henlow, including visitors from the other Bedfordshire Districts and Hertfordshire. Mr. L. Bywaters was Ringing Master for the evening. Methods were varied and included the special methods for the day—Cumberland Bob and Durham Surprise. S. N. P.

LINCOLNSHIRE PRIORY CHURCH—Contd.

Minor methods, notably Spliced Surprise; he earned himself a reputable name in this respect.

In 1936, Mr. Day conducted the then record peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods, and the present captain of the St. James' ringers, Mr. J. O. Landan, took part.

Mr. Landan has been a ringer at Deeping St. James all his life. Last year he and another member of the band, Mr. W. Clarke, completed 60 years at this tower, a creditable dual achievement.

Recently the need of recruits was realised and two popular ringers at St. James', Mr. J. Haw and his wife, Ruth, began teaching members of the Church Young People's Fellowship, with encouraging results. In this task Mr. and Mrs. Haw have the welcome assistance of Herbert and Frank Taylor, of Littleworth (the former a ringer at St. James', and the latter captain of the team at Deeping St. Nicholas).

It is through this happy and agreeable association between the bellringers of the three Deepings that one of the finest Minor rings in the country is faithfully manned, ringing Sunday by Sunday, which is much appreciated by the village.

WHILE eight ringers were churning out 40.320 Bob Major at Loughborough, members of Packwood & District band were wending their way down to Ashford, Kent, in glorious sunshine, which was to continue for most of their tour. A breakdown on the M 1 deprived one car-load of the privilege of ringing at Ware, in Hertfordshire, but Roydon, Essex, saw them united. Lewisham provided a London tower, and the party rang for a wedding; and it was here that the 'and District' portion became augmented with the inclusion of Miss Alice Lester from Suffolk. Foots Cray, an obvious choice, provided the afternoon interlude before the party joined in the ringing at the Kent County Association meeting at Cudham. Here, Miss Yvonne Porter pricked up her ears at a few towers and added Cornwall to 'and District' for the rest of the week, and proved to be very efficient (if overworked) at trebling up and down.

Sunday saw the party in Sussex, invading Rye after ringing at Iden in the afternoon and bathing in the sea. On Monday we rang on the eights round Faversham, where a long touch of Stedman Triples suited the bells very well. At Whitstable, the morning's programme told its tale and we did not do justice to this lovely little six. Chilham provided the big test for our keyshound and Double Norwich was going in no time. Selling showed up the navigators as being 'suspect,' and at Chartham a very keen band of young ringers joined us for call changes.

BAND AUGMENTED

Wye, the place but not the method, opened Tuesday's programme, which was spent around Canterbury, mainly on sixes, and this proved to be a wrong lead up to Grandsire Cinques at the Cathedral practice. Nevertheless, the hospitality extended by the Cathedral band was very much appreciated. We were very pleased that Cyril Beeching could join us for the day after meeting us at Petham. Richard

WARE, WYE, and HOO

Hough, who had previously made our acquaintance at Packwood, also joined us for the day, and also on Wednesday at Folkestone, where Bristol eluded us. Ipswich came round at Newington and again at Hothfield practice, where we were the only ones present.

Thursday opened with London Minor at Willesborough and a climb to the top of Aldington tower to survey the Romney Marsh —our area for the day. Double Norwich was tapped out at Appledore, and again on the magnificent eight at Lydd, where we also rang Cambridge Major. The detached campanile at Brookland was one of the four anti-clockwise towers of the day, but as it was remarked, after the din subsided, only three ropes were out of place! After working very hard on New Romney, we rang some Treble Bob at Burmarsh, with three local ringers, before going to Little Chart practice, where Nicholas Davies gave us an opportunity of thanking him for his excellent classification of towers, which made the organisation so much easier and the ringing so much more enjoyable.

For Friday onwards we were joined by three more ringers, so tens were the order of the day after two good rings of eight at Lenham and Harrietsham, where London was tapped round. Leeds was almost a pilgrimage, but no Bob Major was rung here: instead Cambridge Royal followed Grandsire Caters as it followed Stedman Caters at Maidstone. After lunch (Chinese, of course), Rochester Cathedral kept us on our toes, and Mr. Norris, who was also to meet us at Chatham, came via Hoo, which was to have been our third interrogative tower of the tour. Unfortunately this was not to be. At Aylesford someone just happened to mention a six bell practice at Barming, where the local band made us very welcome.

SOME CIRCLE

After turning in Tenterden to Yorkshire and Goudhurst to London, we found our first Flowers' house and reacquainted ourselves with our local brew. There was no connection between this and the fact that during the afternoon one member 'completed the circle' by ringing first without a slider and then without a clapper, having rung without a stay previously. It was with some trepidation that we ascended the next tower only to find a bell complete with headstock in the ringing chamber! When the navigators ultimately got us to Frittenden, the conductor eventually brought a good touch of Erin Triples round. The ringing ended with Warkworth and London at Smarden.

Sunday service ringing started at Ashford and Bethersden and finished with an attempted course of Biddenden Surprise at Biddenden, and a quarter peal of Norwich Surprise at Little Chart, with the late arrivals going to Canterbury, where St. Stephen's was added to the list after the Cathedral.

Sleepy navigators or sleeping drivers delayed our start at Tonbridge on August Monday, and we apologise to the young lady who met us. Dorking provided us with a new county and a fine hour's ringing, and an opportunity to nurse Mr. Cannon through a course of London. Yateley supplied the musical minded with a problem and the decision was the back seven of the light eight of a twelve, with something added and, as Mr. J. D. Faircloth says ('R.W.' page 516), the changes produce a certain amount of music when notes are anticipated.

Bristol eventually came round at Caversham, and the tour ended at Abingdon, where we were deprived of the tenor clapper.

Thank you, Kent, and thank you, Nick Davies, for directing us to some excellent rings of bells. J. K. F.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received from Mr. Sidney W. Smith, of Hobart, Tasmania, a letter expressing appreciation of Miss Shirley Rymer's good work in coaching beginners at St. David's Cathedral. She took part in a farewell quarter peal at the Cathedral on August 9th in which there were three 'firsts,' and a presentation was made to her from St. David's Company.

The Rev. Roger O. Fry takes up his duties at Portishead on October 1st.

Mr. John R. Mayne, despite his 716 peals, had not rung a peal of Stedman Caters until he met with success at Isleworth on August 12th.

The conductor sends his congratulations to K. Barry Osborne and Pamela A. Osborne on their faultless ringing in their first attempt for a peal at Lyneham.

Some good work is being done at St. George's, Newcastle upon Tyne. During July five members of the band rang their first quarter, all conducted by A. C. Bolton.

Mr. Roger V. Clarke, of Kirkburton, Yorks, had a profitable six months at Slough doing a 'sandwich course.' He came as a modest six-bell ringer and can now ring several Surprise Major methods. His loyalty to the tower, especially on Sundays, was much appreciated. A farewell quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on August 18th.

Mr. Peter Bellamy-Knights, a ringing member of Stapleford and Sandiacre, has obtained an upper second class honours degree in mathematics at Leicester University. He is shortly going to India to teach for three years, after which he proposes to return to England to attend a theological college.

Making his first Pipe's Pilgrimage, a West Country reader writes: 'It proved most homely and enjoyable. The company was good and the organisation excellent. It was nice to ring with a party where such a happy atmosphere was present, and where the company was not plagued with would-be tenor grabbers or bigheads!'

Mr. T. Reginald Dennis, of Cambridge, participated in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on August 17th to honour his 80th birthday. He is truly 'the Grand Old Man' of the Cambridge District and in spite of his age a fairly constant peal ringer. In fact, he has rung more than 120 peals for the Ely Association since his 70th birthday. After the peal he entertained the band to tea and discussed the peals he wanted to ring in the future. Our congratulations.

The peal at Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Leics, was the first by all the band on an anti-clockwise ring

Mr. Anthony R. Peake's band are in the news this week by a peal of Spliced Minor of 122 methods, which was rung at North Cerney, Glos, on August 14th.

Fourteen ringers shared in the ringing at St. Giles' Church, Newcastle, Staffs, for the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Cooke, local ringer, to Miss Dorothy White.

With a peal at St. Mary's, Barton-upon-Humber, on August 13th, Mr. J. L. Millhouse has now rung peals on all ringable eights in Lincolnshire.

During a recent gathering of ringers, after-dinner talk was on the possibility of the extent of Caters. A popular Cheshire pealer listened with interest and then remarked: 'Should you consider the extent of Maximus, then I advise engaging Border for the tenor, as he will knock a year off!!!

When Mr. Frank H. Hicks' band met at Balcombe on Aug 17th they were two short. Eric Knapp was approached and he 'downed tools' to join in the ringing. Valerie Howard, who had come to listen, was persuaded to stand in and rang her first peal of Major.

Sole member of the choir at Hitcham, Suffolk, is Mr. Jack Sewell (82) and he has been singing there for 75 years. He is also verger, clerk, sexton and bellringer. His sister, Mrs. Sarah Gosling (80), is organist, a post she has held for 61 years. In his younger days Mr. Sewell was a keen bellringer and had rung in almost every tower in the county. He recalls that once he rang at St. Paul's, Bedford.

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THEALE, BERKSHIRE.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BARBARA J. LEIGH	Treble	BRIAN B. HULLAH	4
*SUSAN E. SMITH	2	MARTIN MAJOR	5
JOHN ROBINSON	3	MICHAEL HATCHETT	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL HATCHETT.
* First peal of Minor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ANTHONY H. SMITH	Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON	5
*ANTHONY R. COPE	2	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	6
KATHARINE M. GUY	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
*ANDREW HOWARD	4	ALAN M. BARBER	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No. 5).
Conducted by GILES B. THOMPSON.
* First peal of Major.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ANDREW HOWARD	Treble	ANTHONY R. COPE	5
KATHARINE M. GUY	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	6
ALAN M. BARBER	3	BRIAN B. HULLAH	7
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	4	GILES B. THOMPSON	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.
First peal of Major as conductor.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*BARBARA J. LEIGH	Treble	ALAN M. BARBER	5
GILES B. THOMPSON	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	6
*ANTHONY H. SMITH	3	*MARTIN MAJOR	7
*SUSAN E. SMITH	4	JOHN ROBINSON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal of T.B. Major.

GARSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., July 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of D. Oxford Bob, S. Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*KATHARINE M. GUY	Treble	ALAN M. BARBER	4
†SUSAN E. SMITH	2	MARTIN MAJOR	5
†BRIAN B. HULLAH	3	MICHAEL HATCHETT	Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.
* First peal of Minor. † First in seven Minor methods. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANTHONY R. COPE	Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON	4
*KATHARINE M. GUY	2	SUSAN E. SMITH	5
*ANDREW HOWARD	3	MARTIN MAJOR	Tenor

GILES B. THOMPSON (last 3½ extents).
Jointly Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR (first 3½ extents) and
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

STREATLEY, BERKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

BRIAN B. HULLAH	Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	4
*BARBARA J. LEIGH	2	ANTHONY R. COPE	5
*ALAN TUBB	3	JOHN ROBINSON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal in three methods.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MAURICE C. HUGHES	Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
*JAMES INSLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
*RODERICK W. PIPE	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	10
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

MAURICE C. HUGHES	Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
FREDERICK ROSS	4	*PHILIP J. ROTHERA	10
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	11
RODERICK W. PIPE	6	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Maximus. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES PHILLIPS	Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	DENNIS RANDALL	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	10
KENNETH S. B. CROFT	5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	11
D. JOHN HUNT	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
†PATRICIA DISERENS	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
E. JANE SIBSON	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	9
TOM PAGE	5	STANLEY G. PONTING	Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

E. JANE SIBSON	Treble	JOHN HILL	6
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
N. DAVID ROBINSON	3	ALAN J. FROST	8
*MARCUS P. BARTON	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	9
*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	5	DAVID J. R. MARTIN	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	Treble	ALFRED J. MOY	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	7
HENRY TOOKE	3	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	8
A. WILLIAM BIRD	4	GEORGE SAYER	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	BERT GOGLE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

M. ELAINE MURCOTT	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	3	FREDERICK ROSS	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ELIZABETH SNELL	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
PATRICIA ROBINSON	2	†RAYMOND BALLARD	6
*ELIZABETH TIMMINS	3	PHILIP S. WHALLEY	7
GORDON I. LUCAS	4	GEOFFREY C. BEECH	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
Rung for the wedding at this church this day of Dorothy White and Kenneth Cooke (ringer at the above church).

LONDON, E.C.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

E. JANE SIBSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
DEREK E. SIBSON	2	JOHN HILL	6
PETER H. LANGTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 57 lb. in A flat.

TOM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
DAVID E. HOUSE	2	*PETER BRIDLE	6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	7
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* 50th peal together. First of Rutland on the bells.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 31 lb. in E.

HILARY N. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. THODAY	5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	2	PETER BRIDLE	6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
DAVID E. HOUSE	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* 200th peal.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOWS	*Treble*	*FREDERICK H. CATTELL	5
BESSIE CARTER	2	REGINALD H. NEWTON	6
PHILIP J. EVANS	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	ALFRED E. OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. First of Stedman on the bells.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIMBARRUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	H. FREDERICK MYERS	5
MARGARET A. BOULD	2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	6
THOMAS G. MYERS	3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	7
D. ROY BOULD	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON, E.C.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN CIRCUS.
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
29 course block, shortened. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HILARY F. MARTIN	*Treble*	RAYMOND J. TALBOT	5
JEAN L. LAVENDER	2	FRANK E. DARBY	6
OLIVE D. TESTER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.
* First peal. First in the method by all the band, except the ringer of the sixth, and for the Association.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BITTERNE PARK.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 41 lb. in A flat.

HILARY N. KIPPIN	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
GEORGE E. THODAY	3	*PETER BRIDLE	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.
* 50th peal of Major. First of Pudsey on the bells.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOHN K. SMITH	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ROLAND BENISTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-Part (No. 13). Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	IAN FRIEND	5
E. MARION KEY	2	WILLIAM G. TALBOT	6
ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MICHAEL H. SINDEN	*Treble*	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
*MONICA M. MOORE	2	*THOMAS G. HAWKINS	6
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	7
FRANK C. MAY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal in the method.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

CECIL T. CLARKE	*Treble*	ANTONY R. KENCH	5
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
DAVID J. KING	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	7
*MICHAEL J. STONE	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer Stephens and Allan Evans, who were married at this church on July 29th, and as a wedding compliment to Barbara Stephens and Brian J. Wylde, who were married at this church prior to the peal.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD HOWES	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
KEVIN S. HOHL	2	BERT GOGLE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	J. FRED MILNER	7
DAVID CUBITT	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Eric Charles Gerrard to Diane Amy, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Marshall, of Gressenhall.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

ROGER A. HOWES	*Treble*	*BRENDON R. BARTLETT	5
*STEPHEN A. TURNER	2	*ROBRET J. WIGGINS	6
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	7
EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	4	RONALD D. SHORT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Major.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Lincolnshire: with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ROBIN H. ROGERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
MARGARET A. WILSON	2	JAMES LINNELL	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	7
DAVID BURBIDGE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
First peal of three spliced for all except conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
PETER W. HORN	2	JOHN WORTH	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. ROBERT MORDAUNT	*Treble*	DENIS R. JONES	5
JOHN L. LUNHAM	2	ERIC COOK	6
†FREDERICK PEARSON	3	‡TERENCE M. FITZGERALD	7
VICTOR DRAPER	4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob, and on eight bells. † 25th peal together.
‡ First of Cambridge Major.
In memoriam Albert Parker, of St. James', Poolstock, Wigan.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

EILEEN J. OSBORNE	*Treble*	W. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	2	DAVID W. PARKIN	6
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	3	LEONARD GOODALL	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
In memoriam Mr. Lewis Palmer, a ringer at this tower for many years.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in E.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
PETER A. SHARP	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung on the 1,294th anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. Peter, Barton-upon-Humber.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Fri., July 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven methods, in the following extents: London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

ROBERT PEERS	*Treble*	ERNEST T. CARVELL	4
JAMES M. PEMBERTON	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
RAYMOND A. WATKIN	3	J. FRASER CLIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
Rung for the christening of John Richard, first child of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pemberton.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., July 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VEDAST, FOSTER LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London, Ipswich, Primrose, York, Beverley, Bourne and Norwich. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

E. JANE SIBSON	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
*MARCUS P. BARTON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 120's and six 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*CLIVE SMALLMAN	*Treble*	E. MARION KEY	4
LUCY ANN KEY	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
PAMELA E. KEY	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal (aged 13).
A compliment to Miss D. Pritchard, form mistress of the third ringer, who was married this day.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 18 methods or variations, being two extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Fortune, Rev. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough, Grandsire, Old, April Day, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, and three each of Seighford, Kennington, Plain Bob, Little Aston, Rev. Canterbury and Southrepps. Tenor 16 cwt.

IRENE ELLSMORE	*Treble*	JOHN W. HOPE	4
A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	2	ROBERT A. HATCHER	5
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	3	REGINALD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.
The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bradley.

LYNEHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*K. BARRY OSBORNE	*Treble*	SAMUEL A. COTTLE	4
*PAMELA A. OSBORNE	2	GEORGE PLUCKROSE	5
DENNIS A. POWNEY	3	JAMES W. ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PLUCKROSE.
* First peal, first attempt. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells. Thanks be to God.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

JOHN H. BLUFF	*Treble*	ALLEN TWYMAN	4
FRANCIS FAIRBANK	2	RAYMOND H. DAW	5
WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
Rung as a compliment to Wendy Hollowell and Raymond H. Daw on their recent engagement. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Norwich, Lightfoot, Cambridge, London, Ipswich, York, Primrose. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	CHARLES L. BLANCHARD	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	*DAVID R. BAXTER	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal. First on the bells since recasting and rehanging in 1962.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*Paul Muttitt	*Treble*	*Norman P. J. Cossey ..	4
*Edward D. Elderkin ..	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
H. William Barrett ..	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal in seven methods.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 19 methods: (1 to 3) St. Miles, (4 to 6) St. Giles, (7 to 9) Winchendon, (10 to 12) St. Nicholas, (13 to 15) St. Luke, (16 to 18) St. Thomas, (19 to 21) Shareshill, (22 to 24) Ryton, (25 to 27) St. John, (28 to 30) St. Andrew, (31 and 32) St. Columba, (33 and 34) Little Aston, (35 and 36) Southrepps Pleasure, (37 and 38) Clifford's Pleasure, (39 and 40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (41) Grandsire/Newborough, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew/Morning Star. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

Hugh Thomas	*Treble*	Richard A. Cobley	4
Stuart H. J. Edwards ..	2	Maurice R. A. Kirk	5
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Anthony D. H. Blythe ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. T. Shorthose-Smith, donor of the treble bell.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods: (1 to 5) Grandsire, (6 to 32) Plain Bob, (33 to 42) April Day. Tenor 5½ cwt.

Rupert A. Clarke	*Treble*	Hugh Thomas	3
*Anthony D. Blythe ..	2	Stuart H. Edwards ..	4

Richard A. Cobley .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal 'inside.'

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

George L. Pickering ..	*Treble*	*K. Paul Gilliver	4
*Mrs. Jill Belcher	2	Leslie Pickering	5
Michael E. Brown	3	Brian L. Burrows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Surprise.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt.

Reginald G. Hooper ..	*Treble*	James R. Taylor	4
Brynley A. Shackleton ..	2	Don C. Exell	5
D. John Hunt	3	Antony R. Kench	*Tenor*

Conducted by Don C. Exell.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 methods: (1 to 3) Stedman, (4 to 6) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (7 to 12) Grandsire, (13 to 15) St. Martin's, (16 to 18) St. Simon's, (19 to 21) Plain Bob, (22 to 24) Kennington, (25 to 27) April Day, (28 to 30) Reverse Canterbury, (31 to 33) Southrepps, (34 to 36) Clifford's Pleasure, (37 to 39) Reverse Canterbury, (40 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*Albert J. Stanton	*Treble*	Charles E. Truman	3
Margaret A. Wilson ..	2	David Burbidge	4

Robin H. Rogers .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by David Burbidge.
* First peal. First as conductor. First in 11 Doubles methods by all.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Gillian B. Smith and Christopher A. Stopps.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Consisting of 122 methods in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penhurst, Northaw, Allesley, Wrentham, Calverleigh, Snodland, Swanscombe and Hever Alliance, St. Lawrence Little, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Beckford, Hayes, Iver, Ellacombe, Buxton, Sharnbrook, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Winchcombe, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (3) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Wavertree, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight; (4) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham and Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Feikirk, Crofton, Kirkthorpe, Kippax Special Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (5) Benington, Freiston, Langton, Frampton, Candlesby, Butterwick, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Poynton, Sutton and Denton Special Alliance, Ellacombe and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Double Oxford, London Bob, College, Wavertree and Double Court, Cripplegate and Cornhill Special Little, Bastow Little Court; (6) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (7) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; with 255 changes of method and a plain lead of each included. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr.

Peter T. Hurcombe	*Treble*	Cyril A. Wratten	4
Shirley M. Drew	2	*Anthony R. Peake	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 200th peal. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BECKFORD ALLIANCE
x 14 x 123 x 12 x 5 2nds place lead-end.

WINCHCOMBE ALLIANCE
x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5 2nds place lead-end.

A PEAL OF MINIMUS

TOWERSEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 54 extents of Reverse Bob, 60 Reverse Canterbury and 96 Plain Bob; 30 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Garth Porter	*Treble*	*Noel D. Deam	3
*Gordon L. Belcher ..	2	Roy H. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal of Minimus. First in three methods for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joy Savage, daughter of the Bishop of Buckingham.

HANDBELL PEALS

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At 22, Castleton Grove,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Deborah A. Yeates ..	1—2	Robin G. Turner	5—6
Rodney A. Yeates	3—4	Alan R. Patterson	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 12, Worple Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*Vanessa Rodrigues ..	1—2	M. Bangham	—3—4
		A. S. Bishop	5—6

Conducted by A. S. Bishop.
* First peal 'in hand.' First as conductor.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
In St. George's Parish Hall,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Andrew G. Craddock ..	1—2	Alan R. Patterson	3—4
		Robin G. Turner	5—6

Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
* First peal.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Saville (first quarter) 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Palmer (first quarter) 1, Pauline Kyme (first 'inside') 2, Margaret Taylor 3, Kathleen Beasley 4, Marilyn Gibbs (cond.) 5, Geraldine Piper 6. Rung for the anniversary of the foundation day of Rosebery County Grammar School, Epsom. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Besant (first in method) 1, D. Hogg (first in method) 2, Geraldine Piper 3, L. Kingswood (first in method) 4, D. Herschell 5, J. C. Davidge (first in method) 6, Marilyn Gibbs (cond.) 7, R. Mills 8. A farewell to David Hogg, who has left Surrey to live in Cheshire.

BATTERSEA, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Cooles (first on eight) 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Catherine Harrison 3, D. Brooks 4, I. Hughes 5, M. J. Bangham 6, M. J. Uphill (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. H. Gaze 8. Rung for the Founder's Day Service of Sir Walter, St. John's School, S.W.

BISHOPTHORPE, YORKS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret C. Woodward 1, J. Woolley (cond.) 2, C. J. Groome 3, D. Pearson 4. To celebrate the signing of the Test Ban Treaty in Moscow.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bird (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Line 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, F. Curtis 4, N. Line 5. A wedding compliment to Miss E. E. Partridge and Mr. B. James.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. M. Rolfe 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, H. Clarke 5, D. Rowlands 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Jennings, of Whepstead.

CARLISLE, CUMB.—On Aug. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Payne 1, B. Redgers (first 'inside') 2, C. Forsyth 3, B. Forsyth 4, B. Porter 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Archibald 1, C. Hill 2, Mrs. B. Stirland 3, D. G. Blows 4, J. W. Priest 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. Rung for the rehallowing of the church on the Patronal Feast.

CHETWYND, SALOP.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day): Marian Callow (cond.) 1, D. Friend 2, E. Morrall 3, G. Morrall 4, I. Friend 5, W. J. Box (first quarter) 6.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. G. Beddow 1, F. A. H. Cattell 2, F. Leech 3, M. R. Wycherley 4, R. W. Powell 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. A compliment to the ringer of the second on his tenth wedding anniversary.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fisher 1, Pamela Osborne 2, H. Gummer (cond.) 3, C. Hillier 4, B. Osborne 5, D. Bailey 6. All recently-trained service ringers. Rung to welcome home D. Bailey after his operation.

EGG BUCKLAND, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise): D. Wilkins 1, A. D. Leach 2, Alison M. Mann 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, R. N. Harris 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wills (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Ride (first quarter) 2, Mrs. P. M. Ball (first in the method) 3, M. Peters 4, L. D. Smith (first as cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. Rung for the baptism of Francis Peter John, son of the Rev. and Mrs. N. T. Brewster, Rector. First baby to be born to a Rector of this parish for 98 years.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. J. Rawlings 1, C. B. Dove 2, E. B. Crowder 3, Freda Cannon 4, K. Taber 5, P. J. Spice 6, R. H. Dove 7, R. Stevens 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, J. Dafters 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Susan E. Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. J. Fuller 5, M. Major 6. First of Cambridge for 2, 3, 4.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Iris E. Down 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, F. Hillier 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. J. Sherrin 6. Rung to welcome Jacqueline Tracey, daughter of Mrs. and A. G. Sherrin, a local ringer.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Frederick C. White 1, Francis A. White 2, N. Leslie 3, F. Messenger 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, B. R. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. B. Hand, former Rector of Hinton Waldrist, buried this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral, on Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brian Kemp 1, Shirley Dymer 2, David Kirby 3, Sidney Smith (cond.) 4, John Smith 5, Peter Ketchell 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6. A farewell compliment to Shirley Dymer, returning to England.

HOVE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob: A. Jackson (first on treble) 1, Ian V. J. Smith (cond.) 2, B. G. North 3, A. R. Baldock 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. Johnson 1, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 2, I. M. Smith 3, D. F. Murfet 4, T. R. Dennis 5, G. Pearson 6, J. G. Gipson 7, H. F. Brown 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Harris 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, R. C. Kersey 3, G. Mayes 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. Arranged for ringer of the fourth, from Clifton, Beds.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain): Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, J. G. Mitchell (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. M. Hales 3, J. Mitchell 4, A. Idle 5, Miss M. Roberts (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Somerville 1, Miss J. Somerville 2, E. Stanton 3, R. Culley 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. C. A. Stopps and Miss Gilliam Smith, following their marriage at this church.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Yvonne Criddle (first quarter, aged 13 years) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, J. Lambard 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss A. Botting and Mr. G. Scott. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. First of Stedman 3, 4, 5 and 6.

LONDON.—As St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: M. F. Oakshett 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Miss M. Ladd 4, T. E. Sone 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, J. D. Faircloth 6, D. P. Smith 7, E. J. Ladd 8, J. E. Cannell 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10. First in the method 2, 3 and 7, and as conductor. Rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. Talbot 1, D. Brown 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, Mrs. H. Steere 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, K. Faber 6, N. Bagworth 7, N. Steere 8, P. Cave (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Kennell (first quarter) 1, J. H. Williams 2, R. Roberts 3, J. E. Goddard 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Shrives, also as a 58th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Green.

MABLETHORPE, LINCS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: G. A. Dixon (cond.) 1, T. Smith 2, P. Burton 3, C. V. Cade 4, W. S. Smith 5, B. Smith 6. Rung at the commencement of a Festival Week of the church, and to mark the occasion of the baptism of Heather Louise, daughter of Gordon and Anne Quickfall, both ringers at the church.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Valerie J. Perkin (first of Triples 'inside') 2, D. Burnett 3, G. W. Taysom 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. J. Davidson 7, J. D. Walker 8.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Church of St. George, on July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. M. Robson (first quarter) 1, A. G. Craddock (first 'inside') 2, Miss S. Scott 3, S. J. Pardoe (first 'inside') 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Sturrock (first quarter) 1, S. J. Pardoe 2, Miss S. Scott 3, A. G. Craddock 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. Rung for Matins. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. G. White (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Scott 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, A. G. Craddock 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. C. E. Shears (first quarter) 1, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, Miss S. Scott 4, A. G. Craddock 5, J. A. Sturrock 6. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Henderson (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Scott 2, A. G. Craddock 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. The last two quarters were rung as a farewell to Kenneth Miller, curate at this church. All quarters rung by the St. George's Guild.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor (front six): 1. North 1, Pat Lockwood 2, Margaret Larrard 3, E. Robinson 4, M. L. Bennett 5, D. S. Lockwood (cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. King 2, Miss R. Havard 3, F. Taylor 4, R. J. Lee 5, R. G. Havard (cond.) 6. For Matins.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Read 1, D. Hughes 2, Mary White 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton 5, K. Sansom (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

ROXTON, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Marshall 1, Miss M. Edwards 2, E. White 3, M. Marriott 4, J. Edwards (cond.) 5. Rung on the last Thanksgiving Day for old school. New C. of E. school to open at autumn term.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,489 Grandsire Doubles (in lieu of peal): P. M. Stockwell 1, Pauline Fennell 2, F. C. W. Knight 3, J. R. Hough 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on July 28th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, Celia Bland 2, Alison Macfarlane 3, P. Atkinson 4, Christine Rimmer 5, P. Rells (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Judith Marie, daughter of Don and Eileen Fellows, born on July 23rd.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Wheeler 1, H. Wooley 2, G. T. Acott 3, S. King (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, R. Taylor 6. A 50th birthday compliment to the third ringer.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on July 21st, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: W. D. Grainger 1, M. Sprackling 2, Frances Low 3, H. Hunter (comp.) 4, P. Smith 5, C. Low 6, L. W. Bullock 7, W. G. Wilson 8, J. Smith 9, C. Richards 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, D. Struckett (first on 12) 12. First in method 3, 5 and 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie J. Howard 1, A. J. Hicks 2, J. A. Howard 3, H. Sinden 4, M. G. Ingram 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, D. R. Ingram 7, G. Holford 8. For the Stratton combined churches fete. Also on Aug. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Sinden 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, H. Heard 3, J. A. Howard 4, M. G. Ingram 5, H. Stacey 6, R. C. Ingram 7, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 8. A welcome to visitors from Birmingham and East Grinstead. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, R. C. Kersey 2, Beatrice M. Boyle 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, J. W. T. Hibbert 5, Marie R. Cross 6, M. Sinden 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. A welcome to the visitors on 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

SWANSEA.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Watkins 1, Christine Randal 2, H. Boyce 3, D. J. Williams 4, Kathleen Watkins 5, G. Jones 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, P. Balchin 8. First of Triples 2 and 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. B. Whitworth.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On July 15th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss M. Wilson 1, Mrs. G. Shellard (first in method) 2, J. Linnell 3, M. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Aug. 14th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: C. Butcher 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, R. H. Newton 4, G. H. Harding 5 (cond.), F. S. Slatford 6, P. W. J. Harding 7, N. G. Knee 8, F. A. Penn 9, L. E. Hitchins 10, E. J. Hitchins 11, J. Lucas 12. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Butcher.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Aug. 16th, at All Saints Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Cooles 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, P. H. O. Jones 4, A. D. Leach 5, K. Newman 6, M. T. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. H. Gaze 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Canon K. Howell, on his appointment as Bishop of Chile and Bolivia, and to celebrate the 13th birthday of Princess Anne. First touch on the bells for over two years since the closing of the tower.

WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Culpin 1, B. Branston 2, G. Davis 3, A. Walker 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. For the 49th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Waller, of Wansford.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): Miss E. Cherry 1, M. R. Meadows 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Aug. 12th, at 121, Lillington Street, Pimlico, 1,260 Minor (720 Double, 540 Plain): I. Hughes 1—2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3—4, C. Simpson 5—6. First in two methods for St. Stephen's Society.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On July 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. E. Murcott 1, Miss G. Douglas 2, Miss E. Softley 3, E. J. Munday 4, N. I. Wright 5, S. Hewitt 6, A. Best 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8.

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EDWARDS.—After August 31st the address of Dr. T. P. Edwards will be: Heathercliffe, Manley Road, Overton, Frodsham, Cheshire (Frodsham 3208). 3092

KING. — The address of Jacqueline and David King is now: The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 3061

TALBOT. — The address of George and Dorothy Talbot is now: The Bungalow, East Harptree, Bristol. (Late of Pilgrim Farm, Doecombe, Devon.) 3093

PERSONAL

Will Mr. A. J. Hicks, of The Old Mill House, 221, Ninfield Road, Sidley, near Bexhill, send his new address to the Editor to enable his 'Ringing World' to be delivered?

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'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'—St. Matthews, vi, 21.

MISCELLANEOUS

KIMPTON CUP RINGING COMPETITION.—Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2.45 p.m., Kimpton. Test piece 360 Minor or Doubles. Entries by Sept. 28th, please, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. (T.N. Kimpton 350.) 3037

ASH-BY-WROTHAM BELL RESTORATION FUND.—In aid of £2,500 needed to restore Ash bells: Coffee social to include documentary film of Ash Church with the bells and the village. Admission free, bring and buy stall, coffee and biscuits 1/6: silver collection. 8 p.m., Thursday, September 5th, Ash Hall, Ash, Sevenoaks, Kent. 3069

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY—All ringers coming up as freshers to Liverpool University next session are invited to write to R. J. Shea, 39, Dene Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex. 3020

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — The annual tour will be held in Somerset and Devon Sept. 26th–29th. Will anyone interested write to Mr. C. L. R. Bainham, 186, Brynglas Road, Newport, Mon. 3068

YORK UNIVERSITY.—Ringers coming up to York in October are invited to contact C. J. Grooms, Sunny Holme, Huntington, York. 3086

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM SOCIETY.—New members of the University and Training Colleges are invited to contact W. G. Wilson, 112, Windermere Road, Kendal, Westmorland. 3096

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Minehead (10), Saturday, August 31st, 6.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting Chipstable, September 21st, from 3 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 3091

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Evening meeting, Capenhurst, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) 7 p.m.—9 p.m. September meeting at Bidston on 21st.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 3098

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 2978

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3039

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Diss, on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Village Hall. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3041

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 3040

APSLEY END.—A Ringers' Sunday will be held at St. Mary's, Apsley End, on September 1st. Tea will be at 4 p.m., followed by ringing until 6.30 p.m. service (preacher, Canon C. E. Wigg). Ringing will continue after the service until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3058

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, September 2nd, 7 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice at Esher on Wednesday, September 4th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m.—R. Caporn, Hon. Sec. 3084

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th. Cardington bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing during evening.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3090

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congleton (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 3018

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Gatter, Oak Leaf Cottage, Halse Hill, Budleigh Salterton.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 3027

DEVON GUILD and DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at North Bovey, Saturday, September 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bartlett, 17, Ash Hill Road, Torquay. 3070

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th, St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m.; St. James', Benwell, 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. Tea at Benwell. Names for tea to Miss I. Thomson, 56, Colston Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne 4. 3097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th, at Chatteris. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3088

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kingston District.—Meeting, Weobley (6), Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by September 3rd, to Mr. T. Bound, New Street, Ledgemore, Weobley.—C. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec. 3078

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, September 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Lanley (6), Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to: Miss B. Harris, 34, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 3082

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Milton Regis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. N. Crane, 57, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Gillingham. No name—no tea!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3045

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.—W. H. D. 3047

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8, 16 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney.—C. T. H. 3009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on September 7th at Burnley (Holy Trinity), 3.15 to 5 p.m., and Padiham 6.30 (approx.) to 9 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting in Holy Trinity School at 5 p.m.—J. Pilkington. 3063

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th, at Rainford. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, St. Helens, Lancs. All visitors welcome.—C. F. Crawte Pearson, Sec. 3104

ANNUAL LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL
Shropshire Assn., Stafford Archdeaconry Society, North Staffs Assn.
Saturday, September 7th, 1963.

The following towers will be available during the day:

Madeley (6), Betley (6), 10-11.30 a.m.
Keele (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m
Barthomley (8). 12 noon-2 p.m.
Audley (8), Wolstanton (8). 1-3 p.m.
Silverdale (8). 2-4 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10). 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Service at St. Giles', Newcastle, 4.30 p.m.
Tea in St. Giles' Parish Hall, 5 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10), 6-8 p.m.
Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Broughton (8), Swynnerton (6). 7-8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle, Staffs, by Monday, September 2nd, 1963. Accommodation limited. No name no tea. —J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2944

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Caistor, September 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by September 4th, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor. —C. A. H. 3080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Chalgrove, quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, 2nd, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 2979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Weston Underwood on September 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by September 4th, to Mr. V. Adams, 7, The Close, Weston Underwood, Olney, Bucks.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 3072

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, September 7th, Great Cheverell. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2894

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Handsworth, September 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Centre at 5 p.m. It is important that Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, be notified by Friday, 6th. Treeton bells (6) also available 7—9 p.m.—J. Seager. 3094

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crawford Cup Final, September 7th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Contest 3. Tea 5. Service 6.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 3059

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Hollesley, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—9 p.m. Tea available at Shingle Street. Names, please, by Monday, September 2nd.—E. G. Pearce, Dis. Sec., 36, St. Andrew's Street, Melton, Woodbridge. 3083

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Addington, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. P. Milton, 20, Chestnut Grove, South Croydon.—N. Steere, Asst. Sec. 3043

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, West Hoathly, Saturday, September 7th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. I. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge. Tel 438. 3081

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Gorseinon, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by Aug. 31st.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3016

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Clifton-on-Teme. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Oak House Café. Martley (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 3032

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Rockwell Green, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. Sampford-Arundel bells available after tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 3066

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Dudley on September 14th. Details later.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3074

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Moreton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3089

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Syston (8), Saturday, September 14th. Bells available 3 p.m.. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Red Cross Hall, Chapel Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea to: Mrs. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 3060

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Preston Branch of Lancashire Association on Saturday, September 14th, at St. John's Church, Preston. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Mr. C. Crosthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Frenchwood, Preston. 3012

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Leadenham (6), September 14th. Methods: London Surprise, Double Court. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by the Monday previous, please to Mr. W. North, High Street, Leadenham.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 3095

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Baglan (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by September 10th, to W. J. Goodfellow, 50, Neville Street, Cardiff. 3087

NAPTON, near RUGBY. — The new treble bell has now been added to the five at Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire, and will be dedicated on Saturday, September 14th, by the Archdeacon of Warwick at 3 p.m. All welcome. Bells available after service. Light refreshments. 3062

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Gresford on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3031

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, September 14th. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northants. —F. Hancock. 3065

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3—4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Andrew's Rectory 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing to be announced. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Bridlington Priory Church on September 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom. Names, by Thursday, September 12th, please, to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. — H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3075

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Rev. Paschal Dowling, Buckfast Abbey. 3071

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, September 7th, 1963, at Uppingham. Service 4 p.m. Tea (in the Church Rooms) 5 p.m.
Tea tickets (4s. each) obtainable C.W.O., before September 3rd, from Mr. W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:—

Uppingham (8)	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.,	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
ROUTE 1		
Caldecote (5)	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.,	7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Gretton (5)	10.30 a.m. - 12 noon,	7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Harringworth (6)	11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.,	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Seaton (5)	11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Barrowden (5)	12.15 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Glaston (6)	1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Wing (5)	1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Preston (5)	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Belton (6)	2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
ROUTE 2		
Edith Weston (6)	10.30 a.m - 12 noon,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Empingham (6)	10.30 a.m. - 12 noon,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Exton (6)	10.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Greetham (6)	11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.,	6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Cottesmore (6)	11.15 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.	
Market Overton (5)	11.45 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Whissendine (6)	12.15 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Langham (6)	12.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Oakham (8)	1.00 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.,	7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

The following 4-bell towers will also be open all day:—

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E. BILLINGS, *General Secretary*. 3023

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting, St. Thomas', Exeter, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names early. Meeting following. Cathedral practice 6 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 3044

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at the Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets 17s. 6d., available early September, from District secretaries or from Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 3048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Half-yearly ringing and committee meeting in All Souls' Schools, Bolton, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th, 1963. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Brownlow, 2, Ashbee Street, Astley Bridge, Bolton, by Wednesday, September 25th. Bells available: Holy Trinity (8) from 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (Parish Church) (8) from 3 p.m.: All Souls' (8) from 2 p.m.: and all after tea if required. 3076

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The Stow-on-the-Wold Branch embarked on a new venture on August 17th by holding the first of a series of evening branch ringing meetings at Bledington. The Rector (the Rev. D. R. Dendy), in welcoming the company, wished the meeting every success.

Under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, the following touches were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The ringing reached a high standard and the meeting was very successful. The arrangements were carried out by the secretary, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, of Stow-on-the-Wold.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The summer meeting of the North West Branch at Stratton was well attended, with friends and visitors from Truro, Westleigh, Lancashire and Combe-Martin.

After tea, certificates were presented to D. Pearce, E. Worth and Miss S. Hambly, and thanks were proffered to those who prepared the tea.

Some enjoyable ringing took place at Kilhampton and Bridgerule in the evenings, methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent, Yorkshire and Cambridge.

R. P.

CORRECTIONS

The peal of 5,040 Surprise Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, reported on page 569, comprised 48 of Belgrave Surprise and 4,992 of Yorkshire Surprise.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Washingborough (see page 570) was Mrs. Shirley Harris, and not as printed.

LATE NOTICES

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION and Mid-Devon Branch of the DEVONSHIRE GUILD. —The annual joint meeting of change and call change ringers is planned for Saturday, September 7th, at North Bovey (6) and, after tea, at Moretonhampstead (8). 3099

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Sutton, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to me.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3102

5,120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. F. P. BRYANT

23456	O	H	I	V
23645	—	X		
23564	—	X		
52436	3	X		
64235	—			—
43265			—	
36245	3		—	
62534	2	X		
63254	2		—	
26435	3	X		
56234				—
42635	—			—
53246			—	—
34256	3		—	
23456	2			

Composition contains the 144 combination 'roll-ups,' with no 82's or 83's.

Rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on February 4th, 1963, conducted by the composer.

5,248 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD F. B. SPEED

B	M	W	H	23456
			—	42356
X			3	25463
	—		3	45362
X			—	45623
X			3	52436
		—	2	54326

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PEALS AND WHY WE RING THEM

THE current correspondence about a recent 'peal' at Penn, Bucks, is clearly not ended yet, and it would not perhaps be fair for one not in the band to comment until all those intimately concerned have had ample chance to give their views. Though we believe that certain members of the band were taking steps before giving the matter publicity in these columns—it was Mr. Shedden's letter in the issue of August 9th which precipitated the publicity. The one amusing thing about it is that this letter was apparently triggered off by a letter in this paper of July 19th on a completely different subject, from the conductor of the Penn 'peal' himself, who used the expression 'beating even the peal columns for laughs.'

But whatever happens now the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council will in due course have to decide whether or not to include the 'peal' in their annual records, so let us and the band concerned see what that committee will have to consider.

The Peals Analysis Committee are under instructions from the Council to include in the analysis 'all peals which are rung in accordance with the Conditions required for Peals.' And those Conditions are specified in the Council's Handbook and require such things as that a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds, that visible aids are not permitted, etc. They also require that 'any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised in writing to the conductor and the Association at the earliest date.' We believe that this has been done in the case referred to. The Handbook includes an approved code dealing with both ordinary peals and record peals. For ordinary peals it is specified, *inter alia*:—

(a) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(b) That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would probably take effect.

Further on it is specified that peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in (1) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made, etc.

These decisions have, of course, no legal force, but then neither have any of the normal practices or basic premises of change ringing, but in a democratic manner we, through our representatives, have made these rules for the better ordering of the Exercise and we, through our own local associations, have agreed to abide by them. So those responsible must ask themselves when claiming to have rung a peal—any peal—Was there a shift or error in the ringing? And if there was, was it corrected immediately? And it seems to us that this means immediately it happened and not immediately the conductor noticed it or immediately it was convenient to correct it. In a Minor peal attempt we were calling recently two bells changed over in a muddle. This was not certain until two or three leads had elapsed and if another trip had occurred with these same two bells they could well have been put right in all good faith. But, of course, a second trip did not occur, so when the part end came up 143256 instead of 142356, 'Stand' was the only thing to say.

And the next question to be asked is whether the 720's were true and complete. That is, did they each contain 720 true changes, no more and no less, produced strictly in accordance with the rules of the method being rung? We would urge those concerned to consider these questions most carefully and at the same time to bear in mind the second part of the heading to this article.

Why do we ring peals? I don't mean for what special occasions—quarter peals would do that equally well, and might often be more acceptable in the vicinity of the tower. But why **peals.** For enjoyment? I wonder! Some of them are hard work, physically or mentally, or both. Some are just boring. Some are pleasant part of the time, but, if truth be told, how many of our peals have been three hours of undiluted pleasure and how seldom have we been sorry when 'That is all' was called?

It seems to us that we ring peals for much the same reason that other folk climb mountains. Because of the satisfying sense of achievement afterwards. And that sense of achievement is made to seem more real by the publication of the peal in our columns and in the association reports. But if there is any doubt about the validity of the peal, then what have we achieved? Nothing to be proud of, that is certain.

We must not forget that this sense of achievement is not necessarily associated with our own cleverness in ringing or calling a difficult peal. The presence in the band of a first pealer, especially a pupil of one's own, can make a peal well worth while—he will recall his first peal when we have long forgotten it. And it may be that a somewhat lower standard of striking—but not in truth—becomes acceptable when beginners are in the band. One is inclined to be more tolerant in such cases. But that clearly does not mean that we can depart from the conditions that have been laid down by our representatives and accepted by the Association of which we are loyal members.

W. G. W.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION TOUR

THE Universities' Association of Change Ringers held their summer tour this year in Southern Hampshire. We were extremely well looked after at Foster Hall, City of Portsmouth Teachers' Training College.

Most of the ringers arrived on Friday, July 26th, and during the evening crossed by ferry to join the practice at Alverstoke. Early the next morning eight set off to attempt a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Shedfield, while the remainder rang first at Soberton and then at Warnfield, where they were joined by more ringers, including the peal band who had unfortunately broken down after an hour of ringing. Everyone enjoyed this deep musical six, and various Plain and Surprise methods were rung, ending with an amusing impromptu touch of Original.

Lunch, as on the subsequent week-days, was taken at a local hostelry. At Winchester Cathedral the ringing was rather cautiously limited to plain courses, although it was noted that the back bells sounded well in a touch of Grandsire Caters. We returned to Portsmouth via New Alresford and Ropley.

On Sunday morning we were all very pleased to hear of the successful record peal at Loughborough. We split into several groups to join in the service ringing at most of the nearby churches in the morning and evening. During the afternoon some enjoyed swimming and tennis and, as usual, there was a fair amount of handbell ringing. As it was so hot it was decided not to attempt any more peals, although a quarter was proposed and attempted at Ringwood on Monday afternoon. We all rang at Lyndhurst and Christchurch in the morning, but due to a slight misunderstanding those not in the quarter peal visited Bournemouth in two groups and nobody rang at both towers; we all met again at Brockenhurst on the way home.

COBWEBS BRUSHED AWAY

Bp Tuesday it seemed the cobwebs had been brushed away and at Havant, Petersfield, Liss, Privett, East Meon and Catherington we indulged in a considerable variety of Surprise methods and excellent touches of the standard methods. Wednesday began with Corporate Communion at St. James', Milton. During the day we rang at Bishopstoke, Bitterne Park and North Stoneham, and we especially enjoyed Romsey Abbey and the two tens at Southampton.

We toured the Isle of Wight by motor coach the next day, ringing at Ryde and Brading in the morning. At Godshill, Brighstone and Freshwater we rang a fine selection of Minor methods, and the day was rounded off with a visit to Carisbrooke. On Friday we rang first at Wickham, Swanmore and Upham (a very pleasant six) and then on the fine old eight at Bishop's Waltham. At Fareham and Portsmouth Cathedral we were introduced to some interesting methods in which the progress of the treble was extremely limited. The afternoon's ringing was most enjoyable and ended with a visit to St. Mary's, Portsea.

After ringing at Hawkley and Alton (that fine deep eight) the party dispersed. Our thanks go to all those who helped in organising such a successful tour and to all the churches we visited for the use of their bells.

J. R. J. D.

RINGERS' SUNDAY POPULAR AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

Bellringers' Sunday at Kirby Parish Church on July 14th attracted ringers from all parts of the county. Two ringing clergy—the Rev. G. Galley, of King's Lynn, and the Rev. J. Tredennick, of Lambeth—preached at Matins and Evensong respectively, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett represented the Central Council.

The programme began with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and the bells were rung before and after the service. Then the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas joined more than 50 ringers for breakfast in the Church Hall, prepared by relatives of the local ringers.

A wide variety of methods was rung before Matins, and during the service lessons were read by Mr. Barnett and Mr. W. Ayre. Instead of the anthem handbells were rung by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Ayre and Mr. Bernard Fairhead.

The bells were rung for one and a half hours before Evensong, and the handbells again during the service by local ringers, viz.: Mr. Maurice Downs, Mr. E. B. Smith (Vicar's warden), Mr. Urban Wildney (tower captain) and Mr. Frank Lufkin (Ringing Master), who organised the day's proceedings. Lessons were read by Mr. E. Roast and Mr. Lufkin.

At the invitation of the Vicar and his wife, ringers, choir and congregation joined for a social meeting in the Hall, and the Danbury Singers (six vocalists and an accompanist, who are all bellringers) provided an enjoyable half-hour's entertainment.

FAREWELL TO MR. A. HARMAN

Mr. and Mrs Harman, of Beare Green, Surrey, are to move to the Isle of Wight later this year. The Capel ringers arranged a farewell for August 10th and invited many of Mr. Harman's ringing friends to share in the tea and ringing, although he expects to continue ringing at Capel until his new home has been completed. The best wishes of the gathering which included Mr. Appse (Cuckfield), Mr. Bull (Hawley), Mr. Cheesman (Banstead) and the Rector, were sent to Mrs. Harman, who was not well enough to be present. Several of Mr. Harman's friends were unable to be present through holidays and illness.

A splendid tea was prepared in the Memorial Hall by Mrs. Penfold and her helpers and the tables were decorated with magnificent chrysanthemums from Greenway. The Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was requested to present Mr. Harman with a farewell present from the Capel ringers and another for Mrs. Harman. Before doing so, Mr. D. May spoke of the loss which would be suffered not only by Capel but also by Surrey ringers and ringing in general. He referred to the work and achievements of Mr. Harman whilst he had lived in Surrey and more particularly during his 15 years as Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Mr. Johnson, Master of the Sussex County Association, said how much he would be missed in Sussex.

In reply, Mr. Harman thanked those who had spoken about him, and his friends at Capel for the gifts. He said that he had always done his best for ringing wherever he had been and would continue to do so.

After thanking Mrs. Penfold, the company adjourned to the tower, where ringing, interspersed with reminiscences, was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. D. A. R. M.

ESSEX JUNIORS' OUTING

Junior members from five towers—Harwich, Kirby, Mistley, Great Holland and St. Leonard's, Colchester—joined for an outing into Suffolk, on Aug. 19th. They were accompanied by senior members and rang at Rushmere, Wenhaston (where they had lunch), Blythburgh, Leiston (where they stopped for tea), Aldeburgh and Ufford. The outing was arranged by Mr. Urban Wildney, towermaster of Kirby.

'SYLVIA'S STEDMAN CINQUOPATORS'

On Saturday, July 27th, the embers of the last few chords of 'The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Light Orchestra' (conducted by Arthur Anton) had hardly died away when a sleepy band of local bellringers left Brentwood just in time to catch the morning rush in the Mile End Road. Some talented map reading by Phil carried us into the Poplar regions of the East End and swept us through the pipe at Rotherhithe and up into the backyard of Britain.

Erith was our first stop, where we were an hour late caused both by traffic delays and through being sent round the town twice by the police, who did not appear to realise that St. John the Baptist was C. of E. However, we were greeted by the Vicar. As time was short we only rang rounds in two methods.

The oldest church visited was that of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, which has a pre-Conquest tower. The first touch of Stedman was among the best of the day's ringing and was conducted by Mike, our oldest ringer

Hoo was visited next. Our most select ringers caught hold and the tape recorder was set in motion to capture a touch of Orpheus on this heavy six. The recording resulted in 34 rounds being rung, presumably while the method was being discussed and abandoned then the rounds changed to Bob Minor. The first few rounds preceding the next touch sounded very strange until Sonia happened to notice that the ropes fell the other way round!

Rochester Cathedral's beautiful bells responded to our short touch of Stedman Triples but most of us were quite happy to ring some of Peter's pretty call changes. We finished the stay here with some Grandsire Caters. Breaktime, so we stopped at Sole Street for a picnic.

The next ringing was in the ears of the occupants of the Bedford Minibus when it backfired and blew a huge hole in the silencer We then crackled our way into the picturesque village of Cobham. Because of some excellent conducting there were no Grandsire troubles here, but the ringer of the fourth could not stand it! Plain Bob and Kent rang out and then Oxford and Cambridge came last. We took our time in ringing the bells down, the best lower of the day. At Meopham some lovely Stedman Triples were rung.

The unsilenced Bedford echoed northwards through the Blackwall tunnel towards St. Mary's, Bow Road. Knowing that the extent of Bob Major was to be attempted this same day at Loughborough, we limited our ringing here to Stedman Triples. How the cups must rattle in the skyscraper flats across the street.

Sylvia refuses to let her party eat the traditional bell-outing cold salad: this year's feast was a chowmin meal in a Chinese nosh-shop at Stratford Broadway. Most of the party were English and used knives and forks, but Peter, who comes from Prittlewell, created much mirth with his frantic endeavours to control a pair of Oriental noodle needles.

Now that the church bells and ringers' bellies have settled down, we must thank the clergy and local ringers for letting us ring their bells: Phil, Mike and Jim for most of the conducting: and Sylvia Hayward for the faultless manner in which she organised and ran the day's outing. D. O. N.

AN ARCHBISHOP ENTHRONED IN AUSTRALIA

For the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Perth, Western Australia, the ringers took a prominent part on August 12th. The Cathedral band, which is nearing the end of its second year, rang call changes, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles for 30 minutes before the service.

A new feature took place when the Archbishop knocked three times on the Cathedral door by the bells being 'fired' three times. At the end of the service the Archbishop emerged from the Cathedral exactly as the ringers pulled off again. He formally blessed the city of Perth as the bells were rung to Queens. No less than 14 ringers took part and the ringing was noted for careful striking. 'Perhaps we shall be ringing Stedman Triples for our next Archbishop,' hopefully comments our correspondent. B. P.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): G. Porter 1, Elizabeth Miller 2, Marilyn Bird 3, N. Deam (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5, G. Belcher 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 2, and for Evensong.

MY AMERICAN TOUR

By FREDERICK SHARPE

(Continued from page 547)

FROM the time I landed at New York, every moment was fully occupied. Most of my journeys and visits were pre-planned by members of the A.G.E.H.R., who seemed determined to crowd two days into each one. I was met on the pier by Mr. James Lawson, whom I have already mentioned, and Mrs. Watson (Doris Watson), the author of 'The Handbell Choir' and whose published handbell music is well known. They constituted an official reception committee, took me out to dinner and after a long discussion on bells and music I left for Washington. Here I was met by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tufts and driven to their home, some 20 miles from the city. It is beautifully situated in wooded country on the bank of the Potomac River, which is one and a quarter miles wide at this point.

My first day in Washington was almost entirely taken up with appointments. Mr. Tufts had arranged for me to visit the British Embassy, and appointments were made with the Bishop of Washington and the architect of Washington Cathedral, Mr. J. Frohman, who spent the whole day showing me round this most beautiful building, the best modern Gothic work I have seen, and discussing the bell installation. The tower is not yet completed, but the ring of ten, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, London, has been hoisted to the bell chamber. The frame and gear are there also, awaiting erection. Meanwhile the carillon of 53 bells, with a bourdon bell of 10¼ tons, was in process of being hoisted and the erection of the carillon frame had begun. To achieve this, scaffolding had been erected on top of the ridge of the north transept: the bells were raised at the north-west angle of the building and conveyed over the roof to the huge central tower.

During the next few days my hosts took me to see many famous buildings in the city: The White House, Capitol, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and most of the public buildings, libraries and museums. Among them was the Folger Shakespeare Library, where I had assisted some years ago in designing the bells and their gear for the replica of the Globe Theatre. There were also visits to two famous carillons, with special permission to play them—a privilege not often granted. These were at the Netherlands Memorial in Arlington Park, where there is a carillon of 47 bells, cast by three Dutch founders (Messrs. H. T. and A. H. Van Bergen, Mr. E. Eijbouts and Messrs. Petit and Fritsen), and at the Taft Memorial Tower at the Capitol, where there is a carillon of 37 bells by Messrs. Pacard. I preferred the latter and found the French bells more like our English ones. One of my last duties in Washington was an appointment with Dean Sayre, and I was privileged also to attend morning service at his Cathedral and to sit in the choir.

Over 200 miles south of Washington is Williamsburg, the ancient capital of the State of Virginia. The town was purchased some years ago by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, who proceeded to restore every building to its original early 18th century state and to furnish all the houses and public buildings with period furniture. He then made over the town to a non-profit-making corporation, who carry on the work. Here I had the privilege and pleasure of being conducted round the more important buildings by the city architect, and was also asked to inspect and report on the bell in the Parish Church. I was taken to Jamestown, where the first settlers landed in 1607, and shown the replicas of the three original ships, which brought the colonists from England, the reconstructed stockaded settlement and the ruins of the old church.

Space, or lack of it, prevents me from describing visits to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, Alexandria, Richmond and its carillon, Georgetown and Fort Washington, but mention must briefly be made of a visit to Luray. The journey there lay over the Blue Ridge Mountains, with the wonderful Sky-Line Drive extending over 100 miles along the top, with delightful views of the Shenandoah National Park. Luray is famous for its extensive underground caverns and its carillon of 47 bells by Taylor, with a bourdon of 64 cwt. Mr. Tufts introduced me to the carillonneur, Mr. Charles Chapman, who gave a delightful recital, and allowed me also to perform on his clavier.

After the Convention in Detroit I was the guest of Professor Percival Price, the famous carillonneur, campanologist and author, at Ann Arbon University. The time here was spent in research and discussing bells of all nations with Dr. Price. This was interspersed with bathing in the Michigan Lakes, with the temperature at over 100 most of the time.

Here is another Taylor carillon of 47 bells, with a bourdon of 10¼ tons, which I heard played most beautifully by Professor Price and some of his students, and once again was privileged to use the clavier. My journey back to New York was by way of Canada.

The last few days in New York were one long hectic rush. I was the guest of Mr. James Lawson, the celebrated carillonneur of Riverside Drive Church. Here I was shown the great interdenominational Church Centre, founded by Mr. Rockefeller, the great carillon, the largest in the world, containing 74 bells, with a bourdon of 18¼ tons. Fortunately my visit coincided with one of Mr. Lawson's noted recitals. The largest 16 bells here are by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the remainder are by the Dutch founder, Van Bergen. Mr. Lawson arranged for me to visit the New York Cathedral, the United Nations Building, St. John's Church, the Empire State Building and many others. I was taken to lunch on skyscrapers and to visit the famous Radio City Music Hall, the world's largest theatre. I returned to the 'Queen Elizabeth' completely exhausted, but would not have missed the experience for anything. No one could have shown me greater kindness or more generous hospitality than my friends of the A.G.E.H.R.



The largest bell of the carillon at Washington Cathedral. With Mr. Frederick Sharpe is the Cathedral architect, Mr. J. Frohman.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Although numbers were not great, towers were well represented at the Mansfield District meeting held at Selston on July 27th. Members and visiting friends enjoyed a variety of methods on the very pleasant six. The service at 4.30 p.m. was followed by tea and a short business meeting, during which a moment's silence was observed in token of respect to the late Mr. Wilson Dobb, who for many years was a ringer and verger at St. Helen's.

Next meeting, Warsop, September 28th.

D. J. B.

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Letters to the Editor

Long Length of Rutland Attempt

Dear Sir,—An attempt to ring 11,520 Rutland Surprise Major will be made on Saturday, September 14th, at Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The composition to be used is as below:—

11,520 by C. KENNETH LEWIS

2345678	M	B	W	H
23564		x		—
52364		5		—
64235		2		
52643	—	4		
45362	—	3		—
2546387		S	—	
5642378	—	S		
34256		3		

Twice repeated.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Buxton, Derbys.

Place Notation in New Methods

Dear Sir,—I am at a loss to understand why David Taylor considers it trivial to expect a a method to be named correctly! In the report of the peal in question the name is given as Vermouth, and I think any band who wished to ring it (assuming they are able to decipher the place notation) would use this name. However, the point of my letter was not the name but the notation—I contend that notations should be published in a way intelligible to everyone.

I still cannot make anything of the notation given on page 370; row 2 could be either 56 or 58; row 4, 16 or 56; row 8, 36 or 38.

I happen to know that LE B means 2nds 1573 as new methods are set out in the Lincoln Guild report in this manner, but where is this information available to any ringer?

My letter was intended to be constructive and I resent the tone of David's letter, especially the first two paragraphs; I consider it the duty of a conductor or composer to correct any mistakes himself.

I hope interested readers will comment on the merits of both types of notation. — Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Kensington, S.W.

Quality Wanted in Peals

Dear Sir,—Regarding recent correspondence concerning the quality of some peals published in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' may I suggest that the Editor publishes in 'The Ringing World,' in full, the rules and regulations governing peal ringing so that some of the younger (?) conductors will know exactly the standard required before they attempt to call one?

Very few peals are perfect, and I'm sure no one expects perfection from a 'first pealer,' but this doesn't mean to say that you can just bash on for about three hours absolutely regardless and then call it a peal. It's the quality that counts every time! If more peal attempts were stopped because of the poor standard the ringing would improve Until then peals of rubbish will continue to be entered and a higher standard will not be expected or achieved.

Full marks to Howard Oglesby for his admission ('Ringing World,' page 564). Perhaps some others may be prompted to follow suit? —Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

The Penn Peal Attempt

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Giles B. Thompson still appears to have no intention of withdrawing the Penn 'peal' I feel I have no alternative but to ask you to publish the reason why the other members of the band have not included it in their peal records.

It was the sixth extent, which was Plain Bob, and should have been called as follows:—

23456	
42356	5
42563	1
54263	5
25463	5
25634	1
62534	5
56234	5
S 43256	3
24356	5
24563	1
52463	5
45263	5
45632	1
64532	5*
56432	5
S 23456	3

*32456 occurs at a plain lead two leads on from here.

I was not following the calling myself, but these figures have been supplied to me by Mr. William Birmingham, who was doing so.

I was contenting myself with noting the positions of the front bells when the fifth and tenor were dodging together at the back and imagine my surprise when the change 132456 came up for the second time, first at a plain lead, and then at a bob lead.

On comparing notes later, Mr. Birmingham's observations revealed that instead of having a single at the end of the extent we in fact had:

— 32456
S 34256
— 23456

thus confirming my observations.

Incidentally, this 'extent' took 27 minutes, whereas the first extent took only 25 minutes.

The inference in Mr. Thompson's letter that he had difficulty in keeping the coursing order straight with a band of conductors is quite fallacious: in fact we had to put him right on more than one occasion.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD OGLESBY.

Hitcham, Bucks.

Why Not Call Stand?

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must write in reply to Mr. Howard Oglesby's letter ('Ringing World,' page 564) concerning the peal at Penn on May 11th. Not knowing the circumstances under which this peal was rung, it is impossible to pass an opinion as to its validity. However, it seems that there is some argument about its merit, and Mr. Oglesby and two of his friends saw fit to omit it from their peal records.

Surely if the standard of ringing was as bad as this suggests, at least one of these three ringers (the ringing leader, perhaps?) should have thought fit to stand his bell.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY H. SMITH.

Biggleswade.

Peal at Chesterfield

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question raised about the recent peal, I should like to explain that it was the culmination and fulfilment of a promise made some 18 months before the fire, which obviously postponed activities. The arrangements were made by me, with the full knowledge and agreement of the retiring Archdeacon and also of the priest-in-charge, and the peal band was only too pleased to accept my invitation.

As regards the future, our own band will, I hope, carry out the ringing on the occasion of the installation of the new Archdeacon, a privilege we have earned after ringing for service for more than 18 months under frightful conditions of extreme cold, dirt and discomfort.

If a peal is rung, I shall arrange it without asking permission or advice from any local body or organisation. I regard the reference to Mongolia as in very bad taste. — Yours sincerely,

SAM SCATTERGOOD.

797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.

'Have Now, Pay Later'

Dear Sir,—I must record my agreement with N. J. Davies (page 564) in the matter of Bell Funds. I, too, agree that a fund for the repair of bells is a **must** for every tower, whether their bells are in good order or not. The reluctance of many ringers to pay a reasonably adequate sum for their own enjoyment and satisfaction in ringing is an extension of the practice which is fast becoming a nationwide pastime—'Have now, pay later.'

The unfortunate aspect of our particular debit side is that we may not be called upon to pay in our own lifetime, and the earnest and most praiseworthy efforts of many ringers in teaching and extending their knowledge to the younger generation may well be nullified to marked extent by the inability of those same youngsters to ring what could eventually be 'unringable bells.'

I have heard arguments that as the maintenance and repair of bells is the duty of the P.C.C. concerned, this in some way absolves ringers from taking any action in the matter. I am aware that many P.C.C.'s have bell funds and that many ringers contribute —but there are many who do not.

We can always find a reason for justifying our actions or our non-participation in any particular effort, but whatever the excuse may be, it can surely never be a valid one if it results ultimately in what is tantamount to selfishness. It is surely better to announce that we do not wish to subscribe to this particular cause than make hosts of excuses and raise myriad difficulties. If we really want to help by paying we shall find that nobody will actively protest!—Yours, etc.,

M. HEYMANN.

Farmborough, Som.

Sunday Morning Ringing

Dear Sir,—I note the reference to newly silent towers in the leading article of 'The Ringing World' for August 23rd. It occurs to me that a large proportion of these may be due to the respective parsons following the current trend for the main morning service to be held earlier. It is obviously more difficult to obtain a band to ring for a service at 9 or 9.30 a.m. on Sunday than for a service at 10.45 or 11 a.m. Once the 'rot' has set into the morning ringing it very soon spreads to the evening.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK S. CHENEY.

South Wigston, Leicester.

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A GUILDFORD DIAMOND WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelden, of 109, Grange Road, Guildford, who celebrated their diamond wedding last Tuesday. Mr. Hazelden is convener of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council and librarian of the Guildford Guild.

Their peals include first on tower bells by four married couples in 1920 (others being Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington); first peal by ringers all celebrating their silver wedding in 1928, in which Mrs. Hazelden was the only lady; on December 9th, 1933, the same band rang another peal to mark the 30th anniversary and consisted of Mrs. Hazelden, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), John Beams, C. Hazelden, J. Hoyle, Charles Greenwood, William Pasmore and Joseph Hawkins. Arrangements were made to attempt a 35th anniversary peal but the death of Mrs. Goldsmith not long before the date of the peal broke up the happy circle.

They have rung peals together in the four standard methods on eight and ten bells, also Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Mrs. Hazelden, who commenced to ring in 1913, inaugurated the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, of which she was first secretary. Mr. Hazelden started ringing in Kent in 1897 and came to Guildford in 1901. He has had a long association with St. Nicolas' Society of Bellringers and served the Guildford Guild faithfully as District secretary for many years.

50 YEARS AGO

'Ringing World,' August 29th, 1913.

WHAT IS 'SOUTING'?

Sir,—I have been asked to explain a use of church bells called 'Souting,' of which I have never heard. My correspondent understands that it was 'the tolling of bells on All Saints' (or All Souls') Day by or on behalf of poor people asking for cakes.' If any member of the Exercise has heard of or knows any instance of this custom being observed, or when it was discontinued, I should be glad to receive information.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Acrise, Hall Place Gardens, St. Albans.

(Owing to a printer's error the word should be 'Souling.')

5,209 STEDMAN CATERS

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

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4321		S			
2143	—		—	—	A
1243		S			
4312	—		—	—	
3412		S			
413297568					3, 6s, 14
3241		A			
312597468					1s, 3s, 7s, 15, 17, 18
2531		A			
523147968					3, 4s, 11s, 13, 14
3152		A			
132465978					2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15s.20
2413		A			
432165879					2, 6s, 9s, 15
2143		A			

For 5,101 add s at 13 in first course, thus producing next course end.

NOTABLE OCCASION AT STOTFOLD

On Sunday, August 18th, after a lapse of ten years, a full peal was rung on the fine bells of St. Mary's, Stotfold, the result of over a year's hard work by Messrs. P. Mehew and M. D. Staniforth in training a new band of ringers. The peal, the seventh on the bells, was rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the method chosen was Cambridge Surprise Minor. Audrey Alexander and David Saunderson, the 'star' young members of the Stotfold band, together with their friend, Verna Rix (an equally keen member of the Arlesey band), are to be congratulated for ringing so well in the peal. Although the local band have been capable of ringing Cambridge for some time, two members were unable to ring, and Verna Rix and George Thoday are warmly thanked for standing in on this special yet sad occasion.

The sense of achievement was tinged with sadness because the peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to the deputy tower captain and his wife. Both Michael and Margaret Staniforth are well known and liked in the village, where they have taught for over three years at Etonbury and St. Mary's Schools respectively. Philip Mehew, the tower captain, in paying an unreserved tribute to Michael for his unfailing and invaluable assistance in training the band, gives grateful thanks to Michael and Margaret (and Alison and Helen!) for their wonderful friendship. The peal was rung prior to Evensong, and during the service the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. H. Bullock) expressed the warm appreciation of the church and parish for all they had done during their time in Stotfold and wished them Godspeed in their new life in York.

Coincidentally, the first hymn was No. 450, and it was Philip Mehew's 450th peal! He would also like to pay compliments to that grand old gentleman of ringing, T. Reginald Dennis, who celebrated his 80th birthday on that day in Cambridge.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

Because of the many activities in Hickling on August 10th the Bingham District meeting at the Parish Church started with a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. T. P. Harwood). Mrs. Harwood arranged tea at the Vicarage, which was enjoyed by 35 members. Ten towers were represented and £1 collected for the Bell Repair Fund. Joan Challenor, of Bingham, was elected a member.

Future activities include a joint meeting with Melton District, September 14th; Crawford Cup Final, Radcliffe, September 7th; Holme Pierrepont, October 12th. It was provisionally agreed to hold a dinner at Whatton on December 13th.

Ringing continued during the evening at Hickling and Long Clawson until 8.30 p.m., numbers having increased to over 60

R. B.

OBITUARY—PERKINS (Continued)

one will always remember him for his quiet walks to and from the church he loved, his walking stick and pipe his inseparable companions.

The funeral service at St. Leonard's was fully choral and attended by representatives of many village organisations and all the local band of ringers. Representing the Worcestershire Association were Mrs. A. Thomas and Mr. A. J. Brazier (present and past Branch Masters) and Mr. J. D. Johnson (vice-president). Immediately after the service a half-muffled quarter peal was rung by the local band. J. D. J.

OBITUARY

PREB. H. S. URCH

The death occurred suddenly at his home on August 19th of Prebendary H. S. Urch, who was Rector of Backwell, Somerset, from 1930 to 1950. Although officially retired at Weston-super-Mare, Preb. Urch was in great demand in the area and was taking services on the day before he died. He was a man of outstanding ability as a parish priest, being greatly loved by all his people.

He is remembered especially as a ringer, and among his achievements was the augmentation of Backwell bells from six to eight in 1938.

At the funeral service at St. Andrew's, Backwell, a large and representative company paid their last respects, and the committal was conducted by the Bishop of Taunton.

An extended quarter peal of 1,740 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) was rung half-muffled on the back six by: W. P. Blake 1, T. G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Brain 5, W. J. Lott 6.

To his widow and members of the family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

J. B.

MR. L. H. JONES

The funeral of Mr. Lennard H. Jones, Monmouth, took place on Monday, August 19th. He had been tower captain at St. Mary's, Monmouth, for many years and before being prevented by ill-health had been a very keen and active ringer.

He was a member of both the Llandaff and Monmouth and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations. He had a particular interest in the South Forest Branch, of which he had been chairman for many years.

Mr. Jones always showed great kindness to learners, and in the towers around Monmouth he will be greatly missed.

He carried on the family business of undertaker and builders' merchant, which had been started in Monmouth by his father, who had also been tower captain at Monmouth. A widow and son are bereaved.

After the funeral service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on Monmouth bells by the Rev. Ivor Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, and the Rev. Roy Hallett, Vicar of Caldicot, and other ringers representing towers in both the South Forest area and the Diocese of Monmouth. These bells were also rung half-muffled later in the week by Monmouth ringers and other close friends of Mr. Jones from Staunton and nearby towers. J. S. K.

MR. JOHN C. PERKINS

The death of Mr. John C. Perkins on July 28th, at the age of 84, severs the last link of the Perkins family with the belfry of St. Leonard's, Bretforton, Worcestershire, a link which has extended for 150 years, when the original six were first hung in the tower.

It was in 1893 that Jack, then a lad of 15, first took his place with his father and brother in ringing out the Old Year, and until his eyesight began to fail a few years ago he faithfully maintained this connection. For many years he was captain and tower-keeper. He learned his ringing the hard way but immediately following the First World War he readily adapted himself to 8, 10 and 12 bell standard plain methods and for ten years was Southern Branch Ringing Master.

He was a keen sportsman—playing football and cricket—and took a keen interest in all village activities, among them being a member of the Parish Council, School Managers, Memorial Hall Committee and Services Welfare.

A true son of the soil, he was engaged all his life in market gardening. Unassuming and unhurried, yet always there and never late,

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Kneeling (left to right): G. Smith (Kirk Ella); Dinah Blow (Cottingham); G. E. Drew (Walkington); A. Grundy (Selby); K. Kitchen (Walkington); G. W. Randall (Warwick); Janet Porter (Sutton).

ON Saturday, August 3rd, at 7.30 a.m., a removal van containing a number of ringers and bicycles left Willerby Square, near Hull, and another ringing tour had started. After picking up several ringers at Selby we arrived at Peterborough at 12.30 p.m., where we were eventually joined by friends from Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Essex and Northamptonshire.

After lunch we rang at Peterborough (St. Mary's), where the pleasant six were soon tapping out a variety of methods. Then to Woodston, with its minute ringing chamber, where we struggled not very successfully with these tricky bells.

After ringing at Stanground (another good six), we went on to Whittlesey, where we rang at St. Andrew's first, and then at St. Mary's, both rather awkward eights. The party then struggled on to Houghton Mill Youth Hostel in a penetrating drizzle only to find that the drying room was U.S. Never was morale so low as at this point; however, when the younger members found a table-tennis table faces brightened up.

For Sunday morning ringing the party was split up among Huntingdon (All Saints' and St. Mary's), Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey, Godmanchester and Holywell. Two quarter peals were successfully attempted at St. Ives (Bob Minor) in the morning, and at St. Mary's, Huntingdon (Bob Major), in the evening. There was also boating and swimming for more intrepid members.

BANK HOLIDAY

Surprisingly, Monday dawned reasonably bright. After Huntingdon (All Saints') came the glorious octave at Godmanchester, where the bells boomed out to Stedman Triples and our allotted time passed far too quickly.

Lunch was taken at Hemingford Abbots and before leaving for St. Ives we watched the regatta. The long draught at St. Ives was coped with fairly successfully. At Long Stanton, where the tenor is only seven cwt., our first touch of Double Norwich of the tour failed to come round and we did not add to our reputation by dispatching another stav at Histon. Finally to Cambridge Youth Hostel, where, after our duties were finished, we went into the town. Some of the party had a lightning tour of the colleges led by the organiser.

The eight at the R.C. Church at Cambridge started Tuesday's programme. These bells are surprisingly quiet for their weight (32 cwt.) but we managed a complete course of Yorkshire. After ringing on the awkward six at St. Bene't's, we were allowed to ring at Great St. Andrew's, which was not in the schedule. Trumpington followed, and then a short ride brought us to Stapleford, Sawston and Ickleton, where the Vicar joined in the opening touch of Stedman Triples. Tuesday and Wednesday nights were spent in the half-timbered hostel at Saffron Walden.

Wednesday morning found us ringing at Hempstead, where we were intrigued by the electrically-operated clock and chime mechanism. After lunch we cycled across the undulating countryside to Finchingfield, where the tower was under repair.

IMPRESSED BY SAFFRON WALDEN

The next morning we rang again on the impressive 12, which must be one of the finest rings in the country for its weight (24 cwt.). The Vicar allowed us to go on the roof and raised one of the louvres so that we could see the 12 swinging. We attempted a touch of Stedman Caters, which to everyone's amazement came round, after our abortive efforts the previous night.

The next leg of our journey took us to Melbourn, where we arrived tired out after struggling with a head wind and a bad road for 13 miles. However, we soon recovered and, after ringing on the six, went on to Bourn. Meanwhile another quarter with several 'firsts' was rung at Meldreth. After ringing at Bourn the more hardy members went on to ring on the magnificent octave at St. Neots. Although the mileage was high, most people completed all the towers, except two gentlemen who were engaged in repairing a certain young lady's bicycle.

After tea at Houghton Mill Hostel we went over to Hemingford Abbots to join the local ringers for their practice.

The following morning we retraced our steps along the Via Divina to Chesterton, where we admired the numerous peal boards, and after lunch we rang on the pleasant eight at Burwell. Only two miles away we rang at Exning, the only five of the tour. With the Cathedral in sight, we soon reached Ely, where we rang on the easy-going eight. Afterwards we went round the Cathedral and admired the magnificent roof and the octagonal tower.

To our dismay it was raining again in the morning, but we cycled the nine miles to Chatteris in high spirits and soon had the bells up. We noticed with amusement the old 'peal' board recording the ringing of 120 Bob Doubles by the local band.

After lunch the van picked us up and we were soon speeding down the A.1 towards home.

Our sincere thanks are due to Ian Goldthorpe for arranging the tour and selecting the towers and hostels, also to Mr. H. S. Peacock and Mr. P. Came for their advice and assistance, and finally to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

F. C. H.

A MEMORABLE OCCASION

August 17th was a memorable day for Mr. H. G. Cooper, of St. Michael's Church, Yeovil, when he returned to his former home village of Market Lavington to ring his first quarter-peal. He was taught to ring at St. Michael's by the assistant priest, the Rev. R. O. Fry, on the one bell which the church possesses. The bell weighs nine cwt. and was hung by Mears in 1897, in a tower capable of containing a medium-sized ring of eight. It was last rung for service in 1933, when Mr. Tom Setter, of St. John's, Yeovil, then rang it, and remained chimed until two years ago, when Mr. Cooper rang it again after a break of 28 years. Mr. Cooper has learned his change ringing at Chilton Cantelo and Milborne Port, where the bands have been receiving instruction from Mr. Fry. Perhaps the day will dawn when St. Michael's has its own ring of bells.

MISS JULIA BRAGG MARRIED

On August 17th at Solihull Parish Church, Warwickshire, Miss Julia Bragg, of Solihull, was married to Mr. Denis Saunders, formerly of Halifax. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Roland Bragg, who for many years was Ringing Master at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull.

After the service the ringers, under their present Master, Mr. C. Dale, expressed their good wishes by ringing a touch of Grandsire Caters.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Bagg 1, Freda Prime 2, Angela French (first away from treble) 3, K. Prime (cond.) 4, C. Gratten 5, K. Cavill 6. A 13th birthday compliment to Joy and Angela.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on July 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Mrs. S. R. Foot 3, R. E. Foot (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. J. Hampton 5, E. E. Dodds 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, G. Barber 8. For Evensong.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Warkworth Surprise Minor: M. Heymann (first of Treble Bob) 1, Monica Horseman 2, E. Lee 3, G. H. Pullin 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Sturmey 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. J. Abbott 3, F. Symonds 4, A. J. Slade 5, R. J. Vardy 6, E. H. Amey 7, J. W. Rose (cond.) 8. First of Major by all the band.

CLYST-HONITON, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Tapley 1, K. Wannell 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Wills 4, J. Glanvill 5, C. Savage 6, F. D. Mack 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Major 2 and 4.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brown (first quarter) 1, G. H. Humphries 2, N. D. Brown 3, K. Taber 4, H. G. Pratt 5, N. G. Steere 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Botley 1, C. Clark (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, D. Pimm 4, G. Tinson 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Creek 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Squire Croft 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, T. Baker 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. For Morning Service.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): C. Groome 1, D. Pearson 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, C. M. Foster 4, C. Reeves 5, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. T. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, A. W. Davis 3, C. J. Garlick 4, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 5, M. Bishop 6, J. W. Wilson 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Maurice J. Wilson, sidesman at St. Mary's, East Ilsley, who was cremated this day.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Beryl Platt 1, Sheila Moore (first in method) 2, Teresa Langdon (first on working bell) 3, Audrey Beauchamp 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, M. W. Coleman 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, P. Munday (first in the method) 2, H. Good 3, Margaret Howard 4, C. W. Munday 5, S. J. Philbrick 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, R. Spittle 8. A compliment to ringing colleague Peter Anthony Ford and Jean Margaret Courtney for their wedding.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Sadler (first quarter) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. Blackburn 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, R. C. L. Brown 6. Conducted by 4 and 6. A holiday quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Heather McArthur (13, first quarter) 1, Susan Bostock (first quarter) 2, Miss S. Harrison 3, M. E. Downs (cond.) 4, Miss F. Smith 5, E. W. Furbank (6), F. B. Lufkin 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, G. Bonham (first quarter) 2, A. E. Ling 3, B. Horrell 4, P. Woollven (first as cond.) 5.

ROXTON, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Marshall 1, Miss M. Edwards 2, E. White 3, M. J. Marriott 4, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 5. Rung for the 104th anniversary of the Church School, Roxton, and its closure.

ST. STEPHEN'S BY SALTASH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Miss I. Lemarc 2, Miss G. Brown 3, P. W. Brett 4, F. Jackson 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Society of Rambling Ringers.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Swift (first of Major) 1, I. V. J. Smith 2, Valerie Mepham (first of Plain Bob Major) 3, Christine M. Fuller 4, A. R. Baldock 5, T. M. Barlow 6, B. G. North (cond.) 7, A. Jackson (first of Major) 8.

SANDON, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Roden 1, Ann Saunderson 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, L. Hatchett 4, T. R. Hatchett (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods, 48 changes of method): Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Surprise Major) 1, J. F. Bowler (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, W. D. Ward 4, J. R. Pagdin 5, R. V. Clarke (first of Surprise) 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Roger V. Clarke (Kirkburton, Yorks), who joined the local band during his six-month 'sandwich' course in Slough.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Cooles 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, B. S. Bull 4, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): K. W. Smith 1, D. O. Wilks 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, R. G. T. Bennett 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. G. Cudd 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service as a last tribute of affection and respect to Jonathan Honey, who had been associated with this tower all his life and was for many years captain of the ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. W. White is visiting the West Country on a well-earned holiday. Readers of this journal will join me in wishing him and Mrs. White a good holiday. Meanwhile, for this week and next you are asked to bear with the 'locum' and, if things are not perfect, please make allowances and don't blame the Editor.—W. G. W.

After a lay-off for two and a half years, Mr. Mark W. Marshall makes a return to ringing with a quarter peal at Bethersden, Kent.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Fred Ranson, of Ealing, is out of hospital after his operation, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Recently Mr. A. F. Udall, of Chelsea, seriously damaged both wrists in a fall, and his many friends wish him continued progress and a speedy return to ringing.

'"Marriages are made in Heaven," says the proverb, but an awful lot are also made out of ringers' meetings as well.'—Philip Gray in an article on 'Ringers' Meetings' in 'Ringing Towers.'

Readers will have seen, earlier this year, the advertisement for a Ringers' Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in August. Among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mrs. Deal, and we hope to print next week Mrs. Barker's account of the trip.

Mr. E. Barnett writes that the failure of the attempt for a peal of Minor at Mapledurham for the Clerical Guild reminds him that a clerical peal of Stedman is long overdue. Some 50 years ago when ringing parsons were at a premium, one was attempted at High Wycombe. He thinks Canon Cox is the only survivor of the band.

The ringers at St. John's Church, Coppull, near Chorley, Lancs, have opened a fund to augment their six-bell ring (tenor 16 cwt.) with two trebles. A frame for eight bells was fitted when the church was built. Through 'The Ringing World' they appeal for support for their effort. Contributions would be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss B. Yapp, 316, Spendmore Lane, Coppull, near Chorley, Lancs.

Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, of 37, Cliveden Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, writes inviting anyone attending the National Police Guild meeting at Birmingham on Sept. 28th, to get in touch with him, as travel arrangements can be made if justified. Picking-up points could also be arranged on the way northwards.

Has any ringer surpassed this? Mr. Urban W. Wildney has eight times 'circled the tower' to peals at St. Michael's, Kirby-le-Soken.

George Bonham, who has been ringing for 18 months, looks like developing into a steady ringer. In his first quarter at Haslingfield, Cambs, he never made a wrong blow.

'Conservative' writes: 'While the present spate of correspondence on Surprise Major methods continues, might I ask what happened to Superlative?'

We are pleased to note that the Lancashire Association's 'Instruction and Diagram Book' has been reprinted and is available from F. Dunkerley, Standard Mill (Rochdale) Ltd., Rochdale. (Price 3/6.)

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs is home again and that her operation was a success. She is going on very nicely but will have to take things a little easy for some time yet.

Many thanks to Mr. Tom Charlton, captain of Moulton, Lincs, tower, for the way he entertained the peal band and their wives to dinner at the White Swan on the occasion of the wedding of his eldest daughter, and they rejoice in the thought that he still has two other children yet to marry.

The Northern District of the Surrey Association are promoting an elementary course for would-be change ringers, particularly those at towers where change ringing is a rare occurrence. Instructors are Mr. N. Bagworth, St. George-the-Martyr, The Borough (8); Mr. F. E. Collins, Immanuel, Streatham (8); Mr. W. Parrott. Christ Church, Mitcham (6). Next practices are at St. George's, September 10th; Immanuel, September 18th; Mitcham, September 26th.

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MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	7
*PETER HORNE	2	ALAN J. BROWN	8
HAROLD C. LONYON	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
CAROL FERNLEY	4	FRANK OSBALDISTON	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells. R. B. Smith's 500th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

LEONARD E. FOX	*Treble*	AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK	6
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	DENNIS A. HEWITT	7
JANE K. A. COOK	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
JOHN H. CRAMPION	4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	5	PETER D. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* 350th peal.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	†TERENCE M. FITZGERALD	6
†FREDERICK PEARSON	2	‡CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
‡MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
§DENIS R. JONES	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	9
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5	§G. ROBERT MORDAUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Stedman, and of Caters. † First of Caters. ‡ 50th peal together. § First on ten bells.
Rung to mark the engagement of Stephen Jones (son of the ringer of the fourth) and Miss Charmaine Holburn.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

GORDON P. T. PETERS	*Treble*	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	6
J. MARILYN A. GIBBS	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	7
ROYDON DAVIES	3	ROBERT W. HINDE	8
ALAN J. SMITH	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
A compliment to George Marriner for his 80th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
*IAN F. GARVIE	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
*HARRY V. SEAR	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
ROGER HARRIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band, following the wedding at this church of their fellow Sunday service ringer Lesley M. Parker with Christopher L. J. Grove.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

FREDERICK ROSS	*Treble*	*JOHN H. INSLEY	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOHN G. PUSEY	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	PETER J. HERITAGE	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	4	EDWARD R. VENN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELMHAM IMPERIAL BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	J. FRED MILNER	5
MIRIAM HIGDON	2	PETER ADCOCK	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	EDWARD HOWES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method, which is 3, 1, 5, 3, 127, 5, 7. 127 P.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CYNTHIA WEBB	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
ROBIN GUY	2	DEREK JACKSON	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
DAVID W. PARKIN	4	JOHN F. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by D. CARLISLE. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*JOHN A. HOWARD	*Treble*	ERIC H. KNAPP	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
†VALERIE J. HOWARD	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
†DEREK SLATER	4	*FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* 25th peal together. † First of Major.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	*Treble*	*COLIN W. REED	5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	*BERYL N. REED	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	*GEOFFREY PAUL	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Wembley Surprise.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES BYSOUTH	*Treble*	IAN M. SMITH	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOHN W. WARD	6
HILARY MUIRHEAD	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Reginald Dennis on his 80th birthday.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DAVID G. CARR	*Treble*	ANTHONY H. SMITH	5
SHEILA V. PERCIVAL	2	ALAN S. SMITH	6
*AUDREY R. ALEXANDER	3	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	7
SHEILA I. SMITH	4	MARTIN MAJOR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

MAURICE G. INGRAM	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	FREDERICK ROSS	7
DAVID R. INGRAM	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	DON C. EXELL	5
MALCOLM M. POWELL	2	RAYMOND HAINES	6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	BARRY SULLIVAN	6
*PETER A. KIRKBY	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
ROGER J. LUMLEY	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

PAUL J. ATKINS	*Treble*	WALTER SHERRATT	5
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	*DENNIS LATHAM	6
*CYNTHIA WARRILOW	3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	7
*HAROLD DOWLER	4	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.
* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*PETER G. PITT	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
NEIL V. AVIS	2	WALTER FELGATE	6
MAURICE E. DOWNS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.
* First peal on eight bells. Urban W. Wildney has 'circled' this tower eight times.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Robertson and Miss H. Sharp (local ringer).

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5088 MELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ERIC EDMONDSON	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
PETER J. COLES	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. CLAYTON	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	*KENNETH G. WALLER	6
REV. ROGER KEELEY	3	RONALD N. MARLOWE	7
EDWARD C. READ	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal on eight.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*BRIAN J. BULL	*Treble*	*A. DAVID LEACH	5
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	6
CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Joan and Patrick Chapman on the birth of their daughter, Claire.

MELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14.56 x 56.38.14 x 14.58 x 16 x 58
2nd place. L.E. 4263857.

SELLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

ANN JENNER	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
RALPH BIRD	2	*STANLEY JENNER	6
*DORIS E. COLGATE	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. SPICE. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*DIANA M. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	TERENCE J. MILSOM	5
DAVID A. BURT	2	†HENRY TAYSOM	6
DAVID J. BARNETT	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
†ANTONY W. GIBBS	4	*JULIAN NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First peal on eight. † First of Bob Triples.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	CLAIRE DILLAMORE	5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	PETER A. SHARP	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
PETER M. ADCOCK	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	LESLIE F. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LESLIE F. BAILEY.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Kevin Peter, born August 15th, 1963, a son for Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bailey.

LISKEARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

D. ROY BOULD	*Treble*	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL	5
MARGARET A. BOULD	2	HARRY STACEY	6
YVONNE C. PORTER	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	4	RODNEY M. CANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'
A welcome home to Rodney M. Cann after two years abroad; also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. K. Whittell, and Derek Pearce, of Stratton.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*ALLAN ROBERTS	*Treble*	*C. ROGER TANDY	5
*JOHN E. LAWLEY	2	JOHN C. EISEL	6
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
JEREMY A. TANDY	4	*BRIAN WOOTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*ALBERT W. BOND	5
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	RONALD DISERENS	7
HENRY C. WEAVER	4	*RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DISERENS.
* 25th peal together.
Rung to mark the restoration of the spire and the replacing of the cross at the top.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A variation of Barton's Three-Part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*P. WILLIAM BRETT	*Treble*	†BERYL N. REED	5
†JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	PETER A. SHARP	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	HARRY POYNER	7
MARY C. POYNER	4	COLIN W. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY W. BRIDGES	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	2	JOHN H. BAXTER	6
PAULINE FENNELL	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN

* First peal.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALAN D. ELSMORE	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
SUSAN NEWMAN	2	KENNETH NEWMAN	6
PATRICK PAGE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
PETER J. JOYCE	4	TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

A wedding compliment to Miss P. Williamson, of Aldershot, and Dudley P. Elsmore, of Farnham, who were married this day at Aldershot.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 Bristol; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*GEORGE FRANCIS	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	6
E. JANE SIBSON	3	†W. LESLIE WELLER	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of 4-Spliced. † First of Spliced.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	*TIMOTHY D. WICKINS	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ANDREW M. MACVE	7
*RICHARD G. CROSSLAND	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Trevor A. Cross has now 'circled the tower.'

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	*IAN NORTH	5
*PATRICIA LOCKWOOD	2	*ALLAN WEAR	6
*LINDA GOTT	3	*ROBIN BROWN	7
†WILLIAM DIXON	4	*IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being 2,512 changes each of Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court; two changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	J. FRED MILNER	5
THOMAS R. SIMMONS	2	JOHN A. COX	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the marriage this day of David Cubitt and Maureen Stammers.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 STOKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	5
ARTHUR WRIGHT	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
GEOFFREY PRATT	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
COLIN SWEENEY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5184 WITHYHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
PATRICIA DISERENS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
E. JANE SIBSON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* 200th peal together. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLAWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., July 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

VALERIE J. HOWARD	*Treble*	JOHN A. HOWARD	4
MARGARET A. BOULD	2	D. ROY BOULD	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

A 50th birthday compliment to the conductor (July 28th).

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

VERNON B. BEDFORD	*Treble*	ADRIAN KNIGHTS	4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
THOMAS J. BROCK	3	MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

HALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. COLEMAN	*Treble*	MARTIN L. HOWE	4
*BRIAN R. TRILL	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
DAVID S. OSENTON	3	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

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CHELMORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 480 each of St. Osmund's Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A.

Gladys Richardson ..	*Treble*	Alan G. Kirk	3
Henry Kirk	2	Alex Richardson	4
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal on the bells.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 50, 55, 58, 49, 48, 32 and 31) Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

George F. Roome	*Treble*	†Donald E. Towers	4
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	2	*Roger W. Smith	5
*Alan A. Paul	3	*Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival; also as a 15th birthday compliment to Roger W. Smith.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Bernice Stansfield ..	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	4
Judith Winterbottom ..	2	Anthony Helliwell	5
Richard Parker	3	John Collier	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony Helliwell.

* First peal. First as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Robert Bolt	*Treble*	Richard Parker	4
Anthony Helliwell ..	2	Roger Leigh	5
Eric Wall	3	J. Barry Pickup	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

CROPREDY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Robert A. Reeves ..	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke ..	4
*Charlotte Bennett ..	2	†Michael P. Moreton ..	5
Barry J. Davies	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal. † 200th tower for a peal.

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Germaine,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

*G. Angus Dixon	*Treble*	W. Stanley Smith	4
*Paul Coddington	2	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	5
W. Robert Parker	3	†Charles V. Cade	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First 'inside.' Mr. C. V. Cade has now 'circled' his home tower. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WYKEHAM, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 480 each of Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,440 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

*Stephen Wright	*Treble*	Andrew King	3
William Fay	2	†Edwin P. King	4
Michael King	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Michael King.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in eight methods 'inside.' First as conductor. First on the bells.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being the following extents: St. Simon, Shropham, Eynsham, Cassington, Elford, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Paul, Mileham, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, Norwich, St. Thomas, Shareshill, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Walsingham, Winchendon, Ryton, Grandsire, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Morning Star, All Saints, Fortune, St. Columba, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Costessy, Besthorpe, Seighford, Old Bob, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Jean Endall	*Treble*	Richard A. Cobley ..	4
*J. Hedley Wale	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	3	*Leslie Pickering	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

* First peal in 42 methods.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 28 extents (ten callings) and two Morris' 240's, two Pitman's and three Price's 240's. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Norman B. Fovargue ..	*Treble*	J. Edward Brown	4
Philip H. Reynolds ..	2	James H. Musson	5
Harry Barnes	3	*John B. E. Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal in the method.

A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wokes, The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, with best wishes from the band; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Hitcham Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Birmingham ..	*Treble*	William Birmingham ..	4
*Geoffrey Riglar	2	David P. Hilling	5
†Jennifer Sceeny	3	†Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* 25th peal. † First in eight methods.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Little Aston, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, and nine each of Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (18 changes of method). Tenor 6½ cwt.

Dennis Leslie	*Treble*	Noel D. Deam	4
*Gordon L. Belcher ..	2	Alec Gammon	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Norman Leslie	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Princess Anne.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

George W. Massey	*Treble*	Francis M. Massey	4
Richard Humphries	2	Raymond J. Baker	5
David G. Massey	3	David T. H. Robertson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by David T. H. Robertson.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

Verna Rix	*Treble*	David Saunderson	4
Audrey Alexander	2	George E. Thoday	5
Michael D. Staniforth ..	3	*Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* 450th peal. First peal for ten years, and of Cambridge Minor, on the bells.

Rung before Evensong within the octave of the Patronal Festival, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as a farewell peal for the deputy tower captain and his wife, Michael and Margaret Staniforth.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents and 240 changes, Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

A. THOMAS HARRIS	*Treble*	*BRENDA H. BOYCE	4
*SHEILA Y. HALLETT	2	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5
WILLIAM T. THEOBALD	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. THEOBALD.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 Plain Bob (four callings).
Tenor 14 cwt.

K. BARRY OSBORNE	*Treble*	SAMUEL COTTLE	4
*COLIN HILLIER (14)	2	†DERRICK P. BAILEY	5
PAMELA A. OSBORNE	3	JAMES ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DERRICK P. BAILEY.
* First peal, first attempt. † First peal.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the St. Mary's, Devizes, re-formed band of change-ringers.

A PEAL OF MINIMUS
FRITWELL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being five extents of Canterbury Pleasure, 35 each of Double Canterbury, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, and 50 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (31 changes of method). Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*DAVID G. OLIVER	*Treble*	ROY H. JONES	3
GORDON L. BELCHER	2	NOEL D. DEAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.
* First peal attempt. First on the bells, and first in six methods for all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David Oliver.

HANDBELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent each of London Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RODNEY A. YEATES	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
ALAN R. PATTERSON	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First handbell peal in seven methods.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	1—2	NEIL BENNETT	5—6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4	ROBERT B. SMITH	7—8
*GILES B. THOMPSON	9—10		

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal on ten handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*RUPERT A. CLARKE	1—2	†JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
DAVID F. MOORE	3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	9—10		

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † 300th peal together.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT 45, WESTERCROFT LANE.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	1—2	WILLIAM BARTON	5—6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	3—4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

QUARTER PEALS

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 2, Rev. C. Marshall 3, F. Knight 4, G. S. Morris 5, C. W. Powell 6, W. E. Turner 7, H. G. Keeley 8.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): L. Porter 1, Rev. Hugh Benson 2, G. Belcher 3, R. Jones 4, N. Deam (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. W. Marshall 1, L. Sweatman 2, P. Jarvis 3, J. V. Richards 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, P. Martin 6. For Matins.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Lesley Read (first of Minor) 2, B. S. Gambrill 3, D. P. Treble 4, B. R. Walton 5, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, J. P. Blond 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Arranged for Jim Blond, on holiday from Grimsby, and rung before morning service.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Valerie J. Hollingsworth 1, Elizabeth M. Harris 2, C. Jane Smart 3, D. Slater 4, J. A. Howard 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First 720 of St. Clement's by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: A. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, S. Couts 2, D. Welch 3, A. Scholfield 4, P. Dale 5, F. Osbaldiston (cond.) 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Blows 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, D. G. Wright 4, R. Collins 5, J. W. Priest 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Hudson 8. First of Stedman 2 and 6.

CLAINES, WORCESTER.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, A. White 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, Cathleen S. Heaney 4, A. Morgan 5, J. E. Whittall 6, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 7, H. Homans 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the fourth.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Glenda M. Becket (first quarter) 1, Diana J. Butcher 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, C. Jane Smart 4, F. H. Hicks 5, M. P. Howard 6, D. Slater (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Matheson (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Lewis (first of Treble Bob) 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, Sheila Copping (first of Surprise) 3, P. Spice 4, N. Waite 5, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. W. Kirby and Miss Rosemary M. Jenkins.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Southwood 1, Margaret A. Bould 2, A. J. Davidson 3, D. R. Bould 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers 7, C. J. B. Taylor 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Marsh 1, G. A. Dawson 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. A. Heaps (cond.) 5, D. Sermon 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. J. Dawson and Mrs. E. M. Dawson, also congratulations to Miss C. Jenkins (local ringer) on her engagement. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, R. Benfield 2, M. W. Harrison 3, D. Surmon 4, G. A. Dawson 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the Rector's son, Robert J. F. Watson (local ringer).

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Cope (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Edwards 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, E. White 4, L. Duffield 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. For annual Rose Service.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. White 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, L. Duffield 3, R. French 4, J. Edwards (cond.) 6.

HEVER, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Hollyman 1, Elizabeth A. Tester 2, D. R. B. Collins 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, G. F. Roome 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Smith 1, Lesley Read 2, Rosemarie Walton 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, B. C. Kercher 6. For Evensong.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Jull 1, Miss M. J. Phillips 2, Miss R. D. Phillips 3, F. W. Lawrence 4, M. D. Atfield (cond.) 5, H. Sparrow 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Barker 1, H. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, J. A. Heaps 5. For Evensong.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. Bradshawe 1, P. Crane 2, F. J. Robinson 3, B. L. Marks 4, C. A. Critchley 5, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LANREATH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens (first quarter) 1, C. Riddy 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. Turner 2, Rev. R. O. Fry (conductor) 3, S. A. Turner 4, G. W. R. Coward (first 'inside') 5, T. E. J. Gye 6.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Elsdon (first quarter) 1, Judy Collins (first 'inside') 2, J. Collins 3, B. Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Mabbutt 6. For the 50th anniversary of the re-hanging of the bells, and for 50 years as a ringer for J. Collins.

OXFORD.—On July 21st, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Ivings 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. J. Adams 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, J. Venn 5, P. J. Heritage 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the mother of ringer of fourth. Also on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, P. J. Heritage 3, J. Venn 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, A. E. Ivings 6. For Evensong, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Venn.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): R. Russell 1, G. C. Paul (cond.) 2, G. F. Roome 3, R. W. Smith 4, A. A. Paul 5. Also 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): A. A. Paul 1, R. Russell 2, R. W. Smith (first as cond.) 3, G. C. Paul 4, G. F. Roome 5. Both rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. Paul.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill, Sept. 14th. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne. 3159

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tenby (8), on Sat., Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary Street, Tenby, Pembs, as soon as possible. Note new Guild rule—No name no tea. 3162

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BIRTH

BOWEN.—On August 26th at St. Brenda's Maternity Hospital. Clifton. Bristol, to Elisabeth (nee Grime) and Richard, a son, Jonathan Allan David. 3117

ENGAGEMENT

ROSE—GRIFFITHS.—The engagement is announced between Michael Rose, of St. Mary's, Eastry, Kent (previously C.U.G.C.R.), and Hilary Griffiths, of SS. Mary and Michael's, Trumpington (previously All Saints', Landbeach); both now at St. Anne's, Highgate, N.6. 3107

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from September 7th Mr. Frank C. W. Knight's address will be 'The Firs,' Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hants. All ringers and friends welcome. 3109

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MISCELLANEOUS

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers coming up to Bristol in October as freshers pleas contact C. M. Foster, 52, Woodstock Road North, St. Albans, Herts.

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LIGHTEST SIX IN THE WORLD.—Opening meeting on Saturday, September 7th, at 7, Bapton Lane, off Hulham Road, Exmouth, Devon. Bells (6, tenor 1 lb. 10¼ oz.) 1.30 to 3 p.m. and after Littleham meeting.—F. D. Mack. 3127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members please note that the Festival 1964 will be held on Saturday, June 27th, and not in July as is customary.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3145

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CORRECTION

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival, September 7th. Details: Whissendine bells are at the foundry; Lyndon 4-bell tower also available.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th. Cardington bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing during evening.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3090

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 7th, at Chatteris. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3088

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, September 7th, 8 a.m., Corporate Communion at the Cathedral. Also Saturday, September 7th, a ringing meeting at Christ Church (city). Bells available (10) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3121

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, September 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Lanley (6), Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to: Miss B. Harris, 34, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 3082

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Milton Regis on Saturday, September 7th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Crane, 57, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Gillingham. No name no tea!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3045

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. —W. H. D. 3047

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Caistor, September 7th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor.—C. A. H. 3080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sonning on September 7th, and Hurst on September 21st, both at 6 p.m. Special methods for practice: at Sonning, St. Clement's: at Hurst, Yorkshire Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 3109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Chalgrove, quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 2979

ANNUAL LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL
Shropshire Assn., Stafford Archdeaconry Society, North Staffs Assn.
Saturday, September 7th, 1963.
The following towers will be available during the day:
Madeley (6), Betley (6), 10-11.30 a.m.
Keele (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Barthomley (8). 12 noon-2 p.m.
Audley (8), Wolstanton (8). 1-3 p.m.
Silverdale (8). 2-4 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10). 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Service at St. Giles', Newcastle, 4.30 p.m.
Tea in St. Giles' Parish Hall, 5 p.m.
Newcastle-u-Lyme (10), 6-8 p.m.
Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Broughton (8), Swynnerton (6). 7-8.30 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle, Staffs, by Monday, September 2nd, 1963.
Accommodation limited. No name no tea. —J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Weston Underwood on September 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, to Mr. V. Adams, 7, The Close, Weston Underwood, Olney, Bucks.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 3072

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3119

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Handsworth, September 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Centre at 5 p.m. It is important that Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, be notified. Treeton bells (6) also available 7-9 p.m.—J. Seager. 3094

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION and Mid-Devon Branch of the DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual joint meeting of change and call change ringers is planned for Saturday, September 7th, at North Bovey (6) and, after tea, at Moretonhampstead (8). 3099

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crawford Cup Final, September 7th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Contest 3. Tea 5. Service 6.15. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 3059

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, West Hoathly, Saturday, September 7th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. I. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge. Tel 438.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswickham (6), Tuesday, September 10th, 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 3136

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Evening practice at Mells on Wednesday, September 11th, 7.30.—H. Kingcott. 3103

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, Saturday, September 14th. Fee 6s.—send in to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. For tea please notify Mr. Keith Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield. 3155

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Rockwell Green, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. Sampford-Arundel bells available after tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 3066

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden (8) on Saturday, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting and handbell ringing display. Service 6.30 p.m. —M. Major, Dis. Sec. 3118

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 3142

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Outing to Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, September 14th. All welcome. Anyone not having the circulated details please contact Malcolm Phipps (Sec.), 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield, as soon as possible. 3138

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place on September 14th at Dudley. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by Thursday previous. Regret **no name no tea.** Towers available: Brierley Hill (8). 9.45-10.45 a.m.; Stourbridge (Wollaston) (6). 10.15-11.15 a.m.; Stourbridge (St. Thomas') (8). 11 a.m.-12 noon; Stourbridge (Old Swinford) (8). 11.40 a.m.-12.40 p.m.; Cradley (8). 1-2; Halesowen (8). 2-3; Netherton (8). 2.45-3.45; Dudley (10). 3.30-4.10 p.m. and after business meeting. —M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3150

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Sunderland (St. Ignatius'). Saturday, September 14th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by September 11th to Mr. R. Bell. 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 3116

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Nutfield on Saturday, September 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing at Godstone from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Last chance to book for outing. 3148

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Saturday, September 14th, meeting at Haslingfield. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3146

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Moreton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, September 14th, Lydiard Millicent (6) 3-5 p.m. Tea, Red House, Purton, 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Purton (6). No name no tea. Names to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon, by Wednesday. 3140

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—Flamstead, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 3151

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, September 14th, Boxley. Bells approx. 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. S. G. Smith, 75, Cobtree Estate, Chatham Road, Sandling, Maidstone. Special methods: Norfolk S. Minor and Union Doubles.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3132

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Syston (8). Saturday, September 14th. Bells available 3 p.m.. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Red Cross Hall, Chapel Street, 5 p.m. Names for tea to: Mrs. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 3060

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.— Joint meeting with Preston Branch of Lancashire Association on Saturday, September 14th, at St. John's Church, Preston. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Frenchwood, Preston. 3012

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m. All welcome. —J. P. Partington. 3105

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD, North Western District, at Preston Parish Church, Saturday, September 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. Woodhouse ringing machine demonstration after tea.—L. Walmsley. 3134

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Swepstone on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham, by Wednesday, September 11th. 3101

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Sutton, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to me.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3102

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Leadenham (6), September 14th. Methods: London Surprise, Double Court. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by the Monday previous, please to Mr. W. North, High Street, Leadenham.— S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 3095

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Baglan (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by September 10th, to W. J. Goodfellow, 50, Neville Street, Cardiff. 3087

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, September 14th, at All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). Evensong 6 p.m., followed by short business meeting and further ringing.—M. Powell. Sec. 3124

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. & E. District.—Evening meeting, September 14th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald. Ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, September 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3149

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The practice meeting on Saturday, September 14th, will be at **Washington,** and not Findon as arranged. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3128

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 14th, Iwerne Minster. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, September 11th, to Richard Longridge, The Rectory, Okeford Fitzpaine. Tel.: Childe Okeford 311. 3142

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3—4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Andrew's Rectory 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Rampton (6). Saturday, September 14th. Sorry, no tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 3137

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Bingham District) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District). — Meeting on September 14th at Bottesford. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Box, 6, Belvoir Drive, Bottesford, Nottingham, by September 11th, please. 3123

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District Ringing Festival, Saturday, September 14th, 1963. Programme—Tour (private car): Meet Milford-on-Sea (8), ringing 10-11 a.m.: Ringwood (8) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Lunch, own arrangements): Fordingbridge (8) 2-3: Bournemouth St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30-3.30: St. Peter's 3.30-5. Service, Christchurch Priory, 5.30. Meat tea (5s.). Priory Church Hall, 6 p.m. Ringing on Priory bells (12) 7-9 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) from A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. All applications for tea tickets by Thursday, September 12th, please. 2998

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Bridlington Priory Church on September 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom. Names, by Thursday, September 12th, please, to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. — H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3075

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whixley (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Mann, Tanyard House, 1, Stonegate, Whixley, Yorks. All welcome. Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3154

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.— Annual tower Sunday, September 15th. Service 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. Ringing 5 p.m. and after service. All welcome. 3112

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice at Egham on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh. 3073

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.— East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Luppitt on September 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names for tea by 18th to Mr. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Luppitt. Phone 267.—W. Webb, Sec. 3079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Spilsey, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, September 16th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3153

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Chardstock, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. G. Toms, The Hollies, Storridge Lane, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, by Tuesday, September 17th. 3110

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood, by September 18th.—G. A. W. 3100

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District).—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Brighton (not Hurstpierpoint), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings and further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 18th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3131

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by 18th. Accommodation limited. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 3113

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Rotherham on September 21st. Bells (10) available 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. General Committee meet in Parish Hall, Moorgate, 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Hall. Names for tea by 19th inst. to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 3152

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Autumn meeting at Lincoln.
Saturday, September 28th.
Service in Cathedral, 4.30 p.m.
Tea at Eastgate Court Hotel, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting.
Ringing arrangements:
St. Botolph's (6). 10.30 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Cathedral (12). 2.45-4.25 and 6.45-8.45:
St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6). 2-4: St. Giles' (8). 2-4 p.m.
Please note.—
Applications for lunch and tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Windsor on Saturday, October 5th. 2.15 p.m. meeting in the Parish Hall, Grove Road. 3.45 tea. 5 p.m. service in St. George's Chapel. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Notification of intention to attend the service and applications for tea tickets (3s. each), together with remittance, must be sent to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Tuesday, October 1st. This will help those concerned with the arrangements at Windsor.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3144

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke). Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.). Tickets £1 1s. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsworth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 3015

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EDWIN H. LEWIS

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R.I.P.



It is with great regret that we report the death on September 4th of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, M.A., Past President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The secretary of the Council has contributed the following:—

Born on June 13th, 1881, the youngest son of Canon J. D. Lewis, then Vicar of St. Ann's, Nottingham, Mr. Lewis was educated at Charterhouse and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was Mechanical Sciences Exhibitioner in 1903. He learnt to ring at Trowell, Notts, in 1900, and in 1901 joined the Cambridge University Guild, which he represented on the Central Council from 1908 to 1936. It was then decided that, as President since 1930, he should become an honorary member. He was made a life member in 1951 and retired from the Presidency in 1957.

The Ancient Society of College Youths elected him as Master in 1936 and again in 1937 for its tercentenary. Despite a busy professional life, Mr. Lewis not only took part in Sunday ringing, whenever possible, but taught new bands at Widnes and Brasted, and while at Wishaw he served as churchwarden. From 1912 he was a member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee and has given advice on bell restorations on many occasions. In 1914 he presented a survey of his investigations into the nature of the forces which bells exert on a tower, work which has been said to have revolutionised bell hanging. He rang his first peal in 1902, and rang upwards of 300 peals. He was an early composer of extents of Spliced Minor methods and contributed an article on this to 'The Ringing World' as long ago as in 1912.

Mr. Lewis had a long business connection with the Glasgow Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., being appointed general manager in 1927, responsible at that time for working six collieries, an iron works, a cement works, an ammonia works, a limestone mine and an iron ore mine. For four years he was president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute, and from 1929 until 1956 was on the board of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co.

In 1909 he married Miss Agatha J. T. Richardson, daughter of the Rev. J. G. Richardson, and four years ago they celebrated their golden wedding. They had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters served in the Royal Navy, one son and one daughter being lost on active service.

Mr. Lewis' recent gifts to the Council's library of rare books on bells and ringing will be recalled by members of the Council. His quiet manner in the company of strangers sometimes gave the impression of aloofness, but it was due to his innate modesty. When one got to know him he was a delightful man, with far-ranging interests including, let it be said, outstanding knowledge of all branches of our art. My wife and I spent two most enjoyable holidays at his Scottish home, where he and Mrs. Lewis were happy to share with us their life, so different from our town existence. I remember, too, with gratitude, his helpfulness when I took over the Council's secretaryship and the pleasure it was to work with him. His death is a very great loss to the Exercise, and the deepest sympathy of all who knew him is tendered to Mrs. Lewis and the family.

E. A. B.

ALL SAINTS', WANDSWORTH

In our issue of August 30th we published a contributed account of the bells of the above church, including a misstatement about work carried out in 1956. We regret the publication of this statement and draw attention to the position at Wandsworth as outlined by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on page 610.

ALL THIS, AND PEALS TOO!

The Trevor A. Cross Peal Tour

A PARTY of 12 ringers, gathered mainly from Kent and Cheshire, assembled at the Dolphin Hotel, Wincanton, with the intention of spending a week ringing peals in the surrounding area—a start having already been made by the Kent contingent on the way over with a peal of Bristol at Sherfield English.

The bands for the attempts were sorted in the bar on Saturday evening after dinner—'Effell' having already done his famed Oliver Twist act and got more potatoes and ice cream. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all except for our anti-social companion, who preferred other company.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear and we rang for morning service at Wincanton before the 'grabbers' were off ringing a handbell peal standing up in one of the bedrooms in the hotel. After lunch we made our way to Martock, where a peal of Superlative was rung at a rather brisk pace on the well toned eight. Another handbell peal was scored in the evening—this time in a room over the stable!

Monday found us at Castle Cary, where a peal of Aldenham was rung on the pleasant eight; the afternoon band were not successful with Lincolnshire at St. John's, Glastonbury—the 'go' of the bells leaving much to be desired, although the tone is good. We then went down to St. Benedict's, where we met Bill Theobald and Trevor Bailey, who were rehanging the six in a new frame. On the return to H.Q. we called at Ditcheat hoping to get permission to ring—but as no one could be found we decided to return on their practice night. The evening was spent at Yeovil, where we turned up for the practice, but found there was none here. We met Geoff Davies, Hector Bennett and Co., who had also come hoping for a ring.

Tuesday brought continued fine weather and a journey to Crewkerne for a peal of London on the fine eight, followed by six spliced at East Coker in the afternoon. We went to Queen Camel in the evening for their practice and enjoyed the majestic six at a variety of speeds. Returning to the hotel we found our anti-social friend to have discovered a source of rough farmhouse cider at 2s. 6d. per gallon from a local worthy known to all as Cider Jackson.'

CIDER'S HIDEOUT

Wednesday came and we inquired as to the whereabouts of Cider's abode—only to be greeted by the horror-rounded eyes of the waitress and hands raised aloft: 'You're never going up Zider's place, surely. My son spent an evening there and was ill for a week afterwards.' Nevertheless, we established the location of his hideout and, while the others went for a peal of London at Melksham, four of us set off into the foothills with a dozen empty gin bottles, given to us by the hotelier, in which to bring back two gallons of Jackson's feckling lotion. We then journeyed to Urchfont and lost our attempt for Rutland, due to a variety of causes. However, four of the party rang a handbell peal of Bob Major, and followed this in the evening with a peal of Kent Minor.

On Thursday morning a very musical peal of Bristol was rung on the glorious eight at Curry Rivel, this being followed by Derby on the 'not-quite-what-we-expected' eight at Drayton. Some amusement was had here at the expense(?) of a local 'lady,' on whose land we unwittingly trespassed in the parking of our cars—she threatened us with the police, lawyers and all manner of other retributive measures and to spite us she parked her own car across the entrance, the better to prevent our getaway. However, our peacemaker soon arrived and established good relations and a peace treaty was signed. The good lady then allowed us to leave with the information that a band of beatniks had had the audacity to perform the selfsame atrocity on the previous day. The beatniks were in fact Geoff Davies and his party, whom we met later that evening at Ditcheat.

Rain greeted us on Friday morning and we got off to a late start at Beaminster for five spliced, the back bells here requiring a great deal of hard work. The local cafe, at which the majority of the band had elected to take lunch, proved to be a bad choice—the service being so slow as to cause us to spend 1½ hours feeding time; this caused us to be too late to start for a peal at Whitchurch Canonicorum so we just grabbed the tower and made our way back to the hotel.

The final day was Saturday and we changed the proposed method for Wincanton from Pudsey ('a graveyard of a method'—to quote one eminent authority) to London (which different people describe in different ways—depending on how they've rung it) in order to enjoy the magnificent music of one of Stephen Ivin's compositions. After the peal we went our own separate ways, returning to 'all various different parts of the country' (unquote).

Our thanks are due to Trevor Cross for the fine job he made of the arrangements and to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of their bells.

MAN OF KENT (in exile).

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY DAY IN YORKSHIRE

On June 15th, 13 members of the Guild left the Union for a tour of some of the Yorkshire towers. By 10 o'clock we were ringing on the good eight at Tadcaster. After lunch we proceeded to Hedon and Beverley Minster, where we rang some Plain Bob, Grandsire and Surprise. Then to the fine ten at Beverley St. Mary's, where we saw the original carving of the white rabbit from which Lewis Carroll took his character. We were also shown round the museum, where there are several articles of interest such as a scold's bridle and a set of stocks, in which two of the girls were locked (only temporarily).

The last tower was that of the fine old Abbey at Selby, which is famous for its magnificent Norman arches. Here we completed our very successful tour by ringing some Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. Thanks are due to all those who helped to make this tour possible, especially Mr. Ian Goldthorpe, who arranged it for us.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. L. Brown 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, T. Wood 3, P. Handley 4, W. C. Wilson 5, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 6. On the eve of St. Bartholomew's Day.

From Messrs. Mears & Stainbank

ALL SAINTS', WANDSWORTH

We would like Mr. Uphill and others concerned with the above bells to know that their present condition is due to their NOT being rehung in 1956.

The bells were originally hung in 1842 in what was then an irregular-shaped belfry. The largest ring that could be squeezed into the available space was installed, and the only repair carried out since of a major nature was the fitting of ball-bearings in 1922.

In 1955 we appealed to the architect and the church authorities to rehang the bells, as nothing short of a new frame and ringing fittings could be regarded as satisfactory.

The belfry was rebuilt and squared up with the bells in position and, apart from minor patching, nothing else has been done.—MEARS & STAINBANK.

Whitechapel.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The meeting of the Marlborough Branch at West Overton on August 17th attracted ringers from a wide area (Urchfont, Lyneham, Bishops Cannings, Broadstairs and Croydon). The bells, a pleasant, easy-going six, but a trifle noisy in the ringing chamber, were raised at 3.30 p.m. The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Smedley), who gave an appropriate address. Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, was the organist. The tea, a sumptuous affair, was laid on by Mrs. Mansfield-Robinson and her helpers and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary and Ringing Master) called attention to the annual outing on September 28th to Worcester and neighbourhood, and Mr. G. Newman (chairman) proposed a vote of thanks. Ringing followed at Overton and East Kennett.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

South-West District

At the District meeting at Polstead on Saturday, August 24th, we were pleased to welcome visitors from Prittlewell and Kent. A short service was conducted by Brigadier Stirling, after which an excellent tea, prepared by the local ladies, was enjoyed by all. At the business meeting Mr. E. C. Hynard acted as chairman in Mr. Twitchett's absence. In view of the number of people interested in the District competition, it was decided to postpone it for a further year. It was also decided not to enter the Guild competition on August 31st as we were unable to make up a complete band. Members were told of the forthcoming combined N.W. and S.W. Districts' dinner and social at Bury St. Edmunds on October 12th, to which all ringers and friends are welcome.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Cansdale) extended votes of thanks to Brigadier Stirling for taking the service, Miss Cocksedge for playing the organ, the ladies for preparing the tea, and to Mr. Hynard for having the bells ready. Next meeting (A.G.M.), All Saints', Sudbury, on November 23rd, subject to permission.

E. C.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ashover Joint Meeting

Although only four miles due west of the main A61 road from Derby to Sheffield, Ashover is a charming little village set in the heart of rural Derbyshire, and is as yet unspoilt by coffee bars, juke boxes and the like! The 18 cwt. octave at All Saints' Church, although a ground floor ring with a rather long draught, certainly matches the lovely countryside, and is considered by many to be one of the finest eights in the county.

This then was the venue of over 50 ringers, representing more than 20 towers, who attended the joint meeting of the Chesterfield and Peak Districts held there on August 17th. A wide variety of methods was rung before the company adjourned to the nearby Church Hall for tea.

An unusual feature of tea was that it was open to the public, in an effort to raise money for the church funds. Everyone seemed to be quite satisfied with the arrangements, however, as was evident from the time it took for the company to reassemble in the belfry for a short meeting!

Following the election of Miss Thelma Staples, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, as a non-resident life member, the details of the Chesterfield District outing to the foundry on September 14th were circulated and discussed. The meeting then concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. P. G. Norman, the local company and ladies for providing the tea. Further ringing was enjoyed in the evening, under the joint supervision of the two Ringing Masters.

M. P. P.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

By Mrs. A. D. BARKER

A bellringers' tour with a difference. We knew there would be no bells to ring, but there was much to interest us, and it was a wonderful experience to wander in the Bible lands.

We stayed first in Tiberias, by the Lake of Galilee, and as we walked by the shores we said: 'So this is where it all began.' The well-loved stories of childhood flooded in, taking on deeper and fuller meaning. The lake seemed to dominate the land around; it was an intense blue and cradled in the hills. The sun rose behind it every morning and bathed it in light every evening. The significance of water and cold drinks in this hot, dusty land could not be overlooked. The hills were all around: no wonder the Psalmist said: 'I will lift up mine eyes to the hills'. We had a coach to take us up them, but those long-ago travellers must have been footsore and weary. Around the lake we visited the Synagogue at Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and the site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Fish from the lake is eaten quite frequently and formed part of our diet, which was planned so that we should keep well in the intense heat of the Galilean summer.

One day we visited Nazareth, a very busy town spread all down the hillside. We entered St. Mary's Well, still the only one in Nazareth, and the women still come for water but use large cans instead of pitchers. Tucked away behind the busy market streets were carpenters' shops, and we kept bumping into the loaded donkeys. On the way to Cana of Galilee we saw a wedding in progress, a colourful bride's procession wending its noisy way to the bridegroom's house. Many unexpected things like this happened. On Mount Tabor, which we visited on the Feast of the Transfiguration, a christening was taking place, and as the infants were totally immersed the ensuing noise can be imagined. Again we rounded a corner to run into a camel procession. The camels and their driver obligingly stopped to allow the camera enthusiasts to shoot. The Bedouin Arabs invited us into their tents, and we watched as one pounded coffee in a wooden pot, making a pleasant musical sound. In the village of Peqi'in we saw the making of bread and the baking on a curved stone. As we passed by Nain a herd of sheep and goats streamed across the fields, and many were the mixed herds that we saw.

The soil of this wonderful land is remarkably fertile, and given water and work will grow almost anything. The people of Israel are making great efforts to bring the land under cultivation, piling the stones to make walls. Bell-ringing gardeners note that many are the huge rocks that must be removed. Once, every tree planted was taxed, but now many are being planted to conserve the reclaimed land. Great cactus hedges lined the roads, and the fruit of these was sold in the markets and is quite pleasant to taste. Oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, pomegranates and dates were growing in profusion but, unfortunately for us, were not yet ripe. On the way to visit Degania, the Jewish settlement at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, we came to the Jordan: we were to see it again later—the traditional place where Christ was baptised—and to cross it by the Allenby Bridge as it entered the Dead Sea.

A week had gone by, and we now had to leave Israel and say goodbye to our excellent guide, Isaac, and our very good driver, Mr. Lion Heart. They took us to Jerusalem via Cæsarea with its Crusaders Wall, and Joppa Harbour. We stayed one night at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem, Israel, and the next day entered Jordan by the Mandelbaum Gate. Now we had to mind our P's and Q's, and only use cameras when given permission. Our travelling in Jordan was by luxurious private cars. Our home for the next week was on top of the Mount of Olives, 2,700 feet up—quite a change from 600 feet below sea level—and I awoke next morning about 4 to the sound of the call from the Mosque and the braying of donkeys. The rising sun lit up the City of Jerusalem on the opposite hill, and it really was Jerusalem the Golden. There was so much to see as we entered by St. Stephen's Gate and walked along the Via Dolorosa and visited the many churches covering the traditional sites of holy places. We had to take a short cut (which was like our countryman's mile, not so short) through the market streets, full of every sort of oriental produce, to the Damascus Gate to get out of the city. One morning we took the road to Bethlehem, and stood in the grotto which is supposed to be the actual manger where Our Lord was born. We climbed the Tower of the Christmas Bells and looked on the panorama of Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field beyond. Some of the bells showed cracks and I was able to touch them, but we were warned not to pull the ropes as it would cause consternation in the city.

The journey to Jericho through the lonely, bare, brown hills brought forcibly to us the story of the Good Samaritan, and we were glad to get away from the heat of the Dead Sea region, 1,300 feet below sea level. We spent one morning on the Mount of Olives, visiting the Church of All Nations and walking along the original Palm Sunday road. We could not enter the Golden Gates as they are now bricked up, but we spent some time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Some brave souls walked through Hezekiah's Tunnel, but the others went round the hillside and met them at the other end.

The visit to the site of the Garden Tomb was most impressive, and there was the hill outside a city wall. Our journeyings took us across the 300 miles of desert to Petra, where we stopped on the road to drink from the rock Moses struck, where the water still runs clear and cold. As we approached the city, down from the hills came the Arab horsemen. We were to ride these horses as the only road into the city is a very narrow rocky gorge, impossible for other transport. For our peace of mind each horse was led, and we accomplished the journey safely. The wonders of the Rose Red City will long linger with us.

I have perforce left out much, but perhaps have shown how wonderful is this Holy Land and what joy it gives to walk these historic places. I said there were no bells to ring, but this is not quite true as we took with us a set of small handbells, loaned by Mr. Reuben Sanders. These bells, already much travelled by having been rung in the trenches in the first world war, have now been rung in Tiberias at our own evening service, where the other tourists were very much interested. We also rang them in St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, after Matins, and gave much pleasure to the blind girls' choir. Inquiries were made as to the possibilities of getting a set of handbells for the girls, and who is to say what may come from such a small beginning?

The idea of this tour came from the advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' and the ringers who took part wish to express their warm appreciation to Mr. Houseley and the Holy Land Advice Centre, Ipswich, for the excellent arrangements made and carried out.

After this memorable journey, we have one wish—to return in the springtime and see the desert blossom like a rose.

OUTING

DORE, DERBYSHIRE

Dore ringers met in pouring rain on June 29th for their first annual outing. As the bells were being raised at the first tower—Sherburn-in-Elmet—it sounded as if a touch of Bob Major was being attempted, and all hoped it was not the standard for the day. A flying start was made, however, with touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Ian was asked to call a touch of Grandsire. After calling some 500 changes, which he afterwards informed us was the shortest possible with the tenor in the tittums for their extent, he was told that we were not on a peal tour. Some well struck London completed ringing at this tower.

At Snaith, a notice in the belfry said that the sixth was the death bell, although the fifth looked more capable of accomplishing this when the ceiling began to detach itself from around the sally hole. They were rather rough bells and were rung to rounds, call changes, Plain Bob and Kent. Lunch was taken at a local hostelry before an unscheduled stop at Carlton, permission having been given by the Vicar at Snaith.

The bells were raised much better at Thorne and ringing included Yorkshire, Superlative and a near perfect course of London. Epworth (in Lincolnshire) was unknown territory and, in spite of the long draught, even the rounds ringers did well when they employed the principle of 'long smooth pull' to its fullest.

We then set off for Tickhill, via Bawtry, where, in a 'cozy' cafe, tea was enjoyed. Richard's touch of Stedman, Plain Bob, rounds and two courses of Duffield were rung. A good lower was completed by the worthy organiser, who valiantly undertook to lower the tenor, catching for the final rounds, after missing one, floating up in the air with the greatest of ease and missing the enormous box on the way down, in which he narrowly escaped breaking every bone in his body.

As we emerged from the bottom of the stairs at 8 p.m. we were met by the sun for the first time that day. The Dore contingent then said farewell to Jeff and the chap from Todmorden, and left for home at a great many m.p.h. to the accompaniment of the Seagermobile's unsilenced exhaust.

P. F.

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Letters to the Editor

The Penn Peal Attempt

With reference to the peal in eight methods rung at Penn, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday, May 11th, 1963, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, we the undersigned wish to make the following statements:—

1. During the sixth extent of this peal the same course-end came up twice.

2. This extent took several minutes longer to ring than any of the others, although the speed of the ringing did not materially change.

3. Immediately after the peal and in answer to questions, the conductor stated that he could not remember the composition he had used in the sixth extent.

4. In a written reply some weeks later the conductor suggested a number of 720's of which, he said, he could possibly have called one. He also suggested that there was a possibility that two extra courses had been added, but he wasn't sure about this.

5. After a reconstruction of the sixth extent, an unfamiliar one, it was found that during the second half a miscall had been made and several extra leads added to bring the extent round.

6. In view of the conductor's verbal and written refusal to withdraw the peal, we must reluctantly ask the peal recorders of the Central Council and the Oxford Diocesan Guild to delete this performance from their records.

MICHAEL HATCHETT,
JENNIFER SCEENY,
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM,
HOWARD OGLESBY.

NOTE BY THE 'LOCUM'

These four ringers formed the majority of a band which last Saturday rang a peal of Minor in seven methods, non-conducted and silent. An achievement which adds weight to their opinions.

5,120 Bristol Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—On looking through some back numbers of 'The Ringing World' I noticed a peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Eaton Socon on April 14th, 1962 (page 306, May 11th, 1962).

My name is stated as the composer but as I have not produced a 5,120 in this method, may I ask Mr. S. Ivin, the conductor, if it was an extension of the 5,088 or 5,056 which appeared under my name in 'The Ringing Worlds' of August 28th, 1953, and April 22nd, 1955, respectively, or was there an error in recording the length of the peal or name of the composer.—Yours truly,

ERNEST BENNETT.

Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.

Filming Difficulties

Dear Sir,—With the object of attracting more would-be ringers, the 25 teenage ringers at St. Mary's, Stretton-cum-Westmoor, Burton-on-Trent, have contributed towards the cost of making a short film of belfry activities.

The first reel was, however, by no means perfect, the shots in the bell chamber being rather dark. Could any reader with experience of this type of filming help us with advice on such items as strength and positioning of lighting or content of the film?—Yours sincerely,

D. J. SHRUBBS.

94, Church Road, Stretton,
Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

The Peal at Fowey, Cornwall

Dear Sir,—I fear my good friends (five of whom I have attempted two peals with during the past five days) cannot claim the peal rung at Fowey as the 'First peal of Major on the bells,' as the footnote states. I was very cheered to know the peal had been rung, for it happened to be rung in the jubilee year of the first peal of Major at Fowey, and it might well go down in the Truro Guild's peal book as such.

In 1913 the late William Pye organised a tour in Devon and Cornwall, and on September 8th of that year rang a peal of Bristol at Fowey with the correct footnote—'First peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the county.' The report, however, incorrectly gives the weight of the tenor as 21 cwt. Fourteen years later (in 1927) I had the pleasure of ringing in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Fowey, and now 36 years after the third peal has been rung there.

Fowey bells are a fine ring. They became eight in 1870, when Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. added two trebles. In 1909 the same firm recast the two trebles and rehung the ring in a modern frame. They have also put the bells on ball-bearings since the last war. On August Bank Holiday, 1910, the Truro Guild's annual festival was held at Fowey, and the programme shows that ringing continued from 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m., with only three-quarters of an hour's break at 11.45 a.m. for the service.

Fowey tower has been claimed to be the highest in Cornwall. There is doubt between this and Probus, but it can be a matter only of inches. The late Canon C. Fox Harvey, when Vicar of Probus, handed the honour to Fowey when, after these two towers with Altarnun and Kilkhampton had been specially measured, he found that these measurements, respectively, to the pinnacles and battlements were: Fowey 126 ft. and a few inches, and 107 ft., and Probus 123 ft. 6 in., and 105 ft. 6 in. 'So it is clear,' says Canon Fox Harvey in his letter (1890) to the 'Western Morning News,' 'that Fowey has the highest tower.' However, three peals in 93 years are not enough to keep a new generation fully informed!—Yours sincerely,

Carbis Bay. A. S. ROBERTS.

Gloucestershire Surprise

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Cleaver's query, the method Gloucestershire is as follows:—

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 58 x 34 x 78

2nds place method. L.E. 4263857.

Both Gloucestershire and Fairfield have same lead-end and same F.C.E.'s.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Kensington, S.W.

Identity of Tourists Wanted

Dear Sir,—The season of outings and tours seems to be upon us again and, as usual, 'The Ringing World' gives full coverage of them. Some are excellent and well worth reading, for example the Bristol University Society report in your issue of August 2nd, but this (in my opinion) cannot be said of those reports which give little or no indication of the identity of ringers taking part. In this way the report on page 565 (August 23rd) becomes solely a list of West Country towers with little or no interest in the ringing fraternity at large.

May I appeal to 'A. M.' and other correspondents to think of the Exercise as a whole when writing these reports and not just of those who actually took part.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. B. MILES.

Cottingham, Yorks.

EDWIN H. LEWIS

A Tribute by Mr. P. A. Corby

Will you kindly allow me, on behalf of the members of the Kent County Association, to pay a tribute to the memory of a great man, remembered by the Exercise as an outstanding president of the Central Council, but by this Association as a distinguished and greatly-honoured vice-president?

For many years Mr. Lewis lived at Moorcocks, Brasted, and took a very great interest in the affairs of this Association. Many will recall Mr. Lewis' public utterances on the importance of an acceptable standard of striking and performance in all ringing. If example is indeed greater than precept, Mr. Lewis proved it by the impeccable standards he demanded and obtained in the ringing at Brasted. I have often heard him recall an experience he had in a handbell peal attempt for Grandsire Triples with the late Challis F. Winney. The treble was in second's place and Winney put his bells down. When asked why, he said: 'I have missed a bob.' Mr. Lewis always said a lesser man than Winney would have called the bob and shuffled the bells through any trip that might result. He would conclude his telling of the story by saying that Winney's standard was the standard to be aimed at in all ringing

Others will no doubt refer to Mr. Lewis' outstanding period of office as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and there will be some older members of that great Society who will recall the gatherings he organised for them at his lovely home at Brasted. But we in Kent will remember most the many annual general meetings of the Association when Mr. Lewis occupied the chair. Seldom can there have been a more outstanding chairman. He had that great gift of allowing people to have their say without rambling on interminably. However vigorous the debate, it was never possible to detect where his own particular sympathies might lie; but when all had finished he would find just the happy choice of words needed to frame the resolution that was to be finally adopted by the meeting.

A particularly treasured memory is of the annual general meeting at Margate on Easter Monday, 1938, when we had an inspiring service in the parish church with a crowded congregation, led by the organ and full choir. Mr. Lewis read the lesson at that service as surely only a clergyman's son could read it. Any who have been fascinated by that lovely and well-modulated speaking voice will know what I mean.

It was my privilege at our annual meeting at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, 1951, to express the thanks of the members of the Association to Mr. Lewis for all he had done and had been during his years in Kent. It was the occasion of his retirement from regular business, and he expressed his ambition to see Scotland in all four seasons. He certainly loved Scotland, but I like to think that Kent and the ringers of Kent had a warm place in his affections, and Brasted in particular will have a strong claim for consideration in any worthy memorial that must surely be provided by the Exercise to which he gave so much.

The ringers of Kent would wish to be associated with the great sympathy that the Exercise will feel for Mrs. Lewis and her family in the loss that we share with them.

P. A. CORBY, Hon. General Secretary,
Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Wilde 1, D. Hewitt 2, P. Chapman 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, R. Tomlin 5, D. Ellison 6, A. Twyman (R.A.F., Tuffenham, first of Grandsire) 7, A. Gargrave 8, R. Chapman 9, J. MacDonald 10. For Evensong.

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HAMPSHIRE RINGER'S WEDDING

On Saturday, August 17th, was solemnised the marriage of Miss Colleen Sparks Taylor, daughter of Mr. John E. Taylor, of Purbrook, Hants, with Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Buswell, of Havant.

The day opened with showers, but these fortunately held off for the ceremony at Purbrook Methodist Church and for the delightful reception afterwards in a large marquee, accommodating some 120 guests, at the bridegroom's home.

The bride wore a dress of white lace with a satin train and short bouffant headdress, and was attended by three bridesmaids in dresses of blue flock nylon with matching headdresses.

The traditional ceremony of cutting the cake was accompanied by a background of nostalgic sound in the form of a course of Cambridge Surprise Major on a gramophone record.

The bridegroom is a well-known ringer in the district, being a member of the Portsmouth Cathedral Guild of Ringers. The couple's future address will be 32, Lower Drayton Lane, Drayton, Portsmouth.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', September 5th, 1913:—

'In the blood' is an expression one often hears when an hereditary accomplishment shows itself in succeeding generations. Certainly it has evinced itself in the famous Pitstow family of Saffron Walden. We record this week a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Stepney, in which Harold Pitstow, son of Ernest and grandson of Nathan of that ilk, took part. He is only 15 years of age, and this was his first peal of Caters, yet he rang like an old hand.

'R.W.', September 13th, 1913:—

MR. J. SEGAR'S LATEST PERFORMANCE

Mr. J. Segar, junr., of East Retford, Notts, has just completed another wonderful tapping performance. In the presence of competent witnesses, he has successfully tapped seven 720's in Surprise methods, and the achievement, of course, constitutes another record of a remarkable nature. . . .

5,024 FRODSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	F	I	H	O
42356				2
25346		—		3
43526		—		—
43265	—	—		2
36245		—		3
42635		—		—
24536	—			—
32465	—	—		—
26354	—	—		3
52364		2		3
54326	—		X	
23456		—		—

Rung at Willesden, August 1st, 1963.

5,184 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	M	4ths/In	W	H
34256				2
42635	2	X	2	2
34625			1	
52643	1		1	1
43265	1		2	2
23564	1			

Repeat twice, calling the following course in place of the two bracketed courses in the last part:

62534	M	4ths/In	W	H
42563		X	I	1

First rung at Bushey, Herts, on April 3rd, 1963.

MORE OUTINGS

BELLS AND BLUEBELLS

On Saturday, August 24th, a mixed bag of ringers from Ashtead, St. Albans and Wheathampstead took part in an outing with a difference. After picnic lunches, the party assembled at Ardingly, Sussex, for half-an-hour's ringing on the pleasant six, and then moved on for a brief ring at Danehill, where we were met by the local ringers. Owing to a wedding, ringing had to be curtailed on this lovely new six, before going on to Sheffield Park for the main object of the exercise—a trip on the Bluebell Line, organised by Martyn Harbott, who is a member of the Bluebell Railway Preservation Society. On this charming line—due partly to gradients, ancient rolling stock on square bearings, antique locomotives from various foundries, and the enthusiasm of part-time engine drivers—two engines are needed to haul each train of five coaches! From Sheffield Park Station we rode in a splendid veteran observation coach to Horsted Keynes, where time was allowed to 'pat the engines' before returning to Sheffield Park for tea in the station canteen—three ex-B.R. dining cars (first class!). Definitely up to the standard of a ringers' tea. While we were eating, we saw no less a V.I.P. than the secretary of the Central Council, also out train-spotting for an afternoon!

After tea, we inspected the collection of vintage engines, ranging from the 1875 0-6-0 Tank 'Stepney,' resplendent in her old L.B. & S.C.R. livery, to a 4-4-0 Dukedog, awaiting restoration of her original G.W.R. colours. Small children of both sexes and all ages had the time of their lives playing with *real* engines!

Then back to ringing, this time on the recently-rehung but odd-struck six at West Hoathly, before making our various ways home. Thank you, Martyn Harbott, for a most successful day. J. D.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX

Westham (Sussex) ringers had their second annual outing on August 17th. Unfortunately we arrived late at Bethersden, our first tower, and apologise to Mr. W. Ring. Alas! We were unable to settle down and do justice to the bells. Our next stop was at Great Chart's lovely church, which is similar in some respects to Bethersden. Everyone was eager to ring the six good bells.

An hour's break was taken at Tenterden for tea at Goldsmith's Tea Rooms, and then came the delightful six at Smarden: finally the eight at Headcorn, where the bells were kept busy for half an hour. Handbell ringing enlivened the homeward journey and Westham was reached about 10.30 p.m. The success of this well-organised outing was due to Mr. W. Binstead. We thank him, and also incumbents and those who met us. L. F. T.

A DEVON OUTING

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, another successful evening outing was held in the South Hams of Devon on August 21st, when towers visited were Slapton (a ring of five) and Stoke Fleming and Dittisham (two rings of six). All were found to be in good going order and methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, whilst a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor at the last tower came to an untimely end. All the locals who met the visitors were most impressed by the good striking. A. B.

MR. J. KEITH WARD'S FIRST 100

With a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Clun, Shropshire, on August 10th, 17-year-old J. Keith Ward, of Slough, completed his first 100 peals, which have been rung for 19 Associations, in 52 counties and 71 towers.

The list is rich in variety. In the 53 Surprise Major peals, there are 31 different methods, and peals of spliced up to eight methods. There are also 14 of Surprise Royal (four different methods), five of Surprise Maximus (three methods), four of Plain Royal, two of Stedman Caters. While there is a peal of Doubles (eight methods) and eight of Minor up to 14 methods, there are no peals of Triples.

Of the 100 peals, Keith conducted 13. It is a very creditable first hundred.

CYCLE-RINGING OUTING IN KENT

As threatening rain-clouds gathered on the horizon, six enthusiastic 'never say die' ringers from Edenbridge and Tonbridge set out on August 17th for a day's ringing in the Weald.

The first tower was SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn (21 cwt.). Here we were joined by seven more ringers—three who had cycled from the Battle area, two who had made marathon rides from Sunbury-on-Thames and Hayes respectively, and our despatch rider, Margaret, who with Betty as pillion passenger was to blaze the trail for the rest of the day.

This majestic eight at Headcorn overwhelmed us after the morning ride and it was with sweet relief we relaxed for lunch.

Being well refreshed, we were then able to do justice to the heavy six at Smarden. Despite a weak stay on the second and the fact that the sally of the treble disappeared at the moment of take-off into the clock-case, we were able to achieve some good ringing and to tackle a course of Duffield on the light tuneful eight of St. Mary's, Frittenden.

With the thought of tea not far away the ride to Staplehurst was taken at a remarkably quick pace. We then rang on the resonant eight at All Saints'. After a splendid tea the lovely eight at St. Michael and All Angels', Marden, proved to be a wonderful finale to an enjoyable day. Grateful thanks to Brian Jeffrey for the excellent arrangements.

R. A. L.

OBITUARY

MR. A. E. BRISTOW

Mr. Albert Ernest Bristow, of Coventry, passed away on August 19th, aged 70 years. He learned to ring at St. Mary's, Clifton, near Rugby, in 1930. Removing to Coventry in 1937, he joined the St. Thomas', Keresley, Society on its formation in 1938. His favourite methods were St. Simon's and New Doubles, and he obtained a majority support among the members for the regular ringing of these, in spite of the disapproval of the head ringer, who wished to limit the ringing to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. He had an unusual way of handling a bell rope. After drawing his rope at handstroke he always allowed the rope to run through his right hand up to the backstroke. He was one of a band who attempted a peal on the heavy-going five at Ladbroke, Warwickshire, on November 1st, 1947. Just over one six-score had been rung when the rope of the third jumped off the wheel at backstroke, the ringing coming to a sudden stop. The wheel had become warped by the damp weather and the bell would no longer respond to orthodox handling. Albert, who had been ringing the treble, took over, successfully piloted the bell through 42 six-scores and lowered it in peal, without the rope once leaving the wheel! Without his way of handling and his dogged determination a peal would have been impossible. In addition, he also rang in the first peals on the bells at Corlay, Bishop's Itchington, Burton Dassett and Leamington Hastings. He regularly cycled the 4½ miles to ring at Keresley Church on a Sunday morning and was never late. It was a severe blow to this great-hearted little man when, ten years ago, his doctor strongly advised him, in his own interest, to give up all strenuous activities in order to minimise impending heart trouble.

The funeral took place at Canley Crematorium on August 23rd, his old friend, Harold Folwell, being amongst those present. He leaves a widow, 2 daughters and several grandchildren to mourn his loss. His body is no more: may his spirit be at peace. W. A. S.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Martin 1, Miss S. Hubbard 2, P. Tovell 3, J. Gorrod 4, P. Kindred (cond.) 5. Rung half muffled in memory of William Gowing, ex-ringer and chorister, whose funeral took place at the church earlier this day.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, with half-muffled clappers, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Green 1, H. Folwell 2, N. F. Stowe 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 5. First quarter 1 and 3. In memoriam Albert E. Bristow, a former ringer at this church.

FLORRIE WYMAN'S IRISH TOUR, 1963

HAVING sampled the delights of Southern Ireland in 1962, it was inevitable many of us should wish to see the rest of the country. Accordingly, at 12.50 a.m. on July 14th we touched down at Nutts Corner. Next morning we reported at St. Thomas' to ring, which was just around the corner from our hotel. This beautiful ring, with 20 cwt. tenor, went well and one of the local ringers joined us in a touch. After exploring Belfast, with its incredible one-way street system, we duly arrived at St. Mark's, Dundela, and rang for Evensong. The bells went like tops and we managed Caters and Royal. At St. Donard's, which followed, ringing was strictly on the shift basis, there being room for six people only at one time. The standard methods were rung and then Jean Jeffrey kindly invited us to her home for refreshments and a touch on her handbells.

Next day we explored the surrounding countryside in the morning and then went to Bangor. On our way we saw the first of numerous patriotic arches still standing from the celebrations of the 'Twelfth.' After being drenched in torrential rain we ascended the tower and made our first attempt at London. Like all the others which ensued it failed to come round. A sumptuous tea came next, at Groomspoint, after which we watched a violent storm sweep across Belfast Lough. At Holywood we met John Dunwoody and the local band, who rang several touches with us, including Erin. We had an opportunity to admire the brand new organ which the organist was demonstrating, and were then entertained to supper by the local band.

MOUNTAINS 'SWEEP DOWN TO THE SEA'

On Tuesday we went to Ballylesson, first getting lost on the way. Here Morpeth was added to our repertoire. At Hillsborough we were very impressed by the lovely Plantation church, in its fine setting, and this, to some degree, compensated for the ringing being cut short due to a missing key. The Rudhall bells are majestic in quality and we lowered them in peal. Travelling by the shores of Carlingford Lough we came to Rostrevor, and again Morpeth was rung. One of the St. Thomas', Belfast, ringers on holiday also joined us for a ring. Our route back to Belfast lay along the lovely coast, where the Mountains of Mourne really 'sweep down to the sea.' A stop at the delightful little harbour of Annalong was a highlight of this day.

Next day we left in pouring rain for Carrickfergus. Here the bells are in a charming room above the churchyard gate, quaint on the outside and most beautifully kept within. After a huge 'elevenses' at the local hall we moved on to Ballymena. Here we accomplished Little Bob and an enormous lunch. With the scenery growing ever finer we made our way round to the Giant's Causeway. Here photographs were taken standing on the strange basalt formations. At Coleraine, local ringers were again awaiting us, but although we rang Superlative and Double Norwich, London still refused to go. The night was spent at Derry, but we wished we had had longer to explore this historic place. We had time only to ring on the fine ten next morning before having to leave. The Gillett ring sounded out to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich, and then we moved on into Donegal. The rest of the day was spent admiring the scenery as we travelled through Dunfanaghy to Ardara. Villages became more and more remote, and the feeling of 'getting away from it all' increased. This was the West of Ireland we had imagined. Only one thing marred the scene. Some members, deprived of bells, resorted to penny whistles and rent the air for the rest of the week with all manner of perversions of well known melodies.

PEAL IN A MOTOR CAR

At Ardara, Fred Dukes arrived and spent the evening with us in handbell ringing. The hour was late when we got down to the business of attempting the first peal in Donegal. So late that even in Ireland we



ON THE ROCKS.

dared not attempt it within the hotel, nor yet in our mini-bus, since it was parked outside the police station. Accordingly we removed some way outside the town and a peal of Plain Bob Minor commenced at 11.50 p.m. and concluded at 2 a.m. It was rung on the back seat of Fred's car, under conditions of some overcrowding. Despite the stiffness and the attraction for spiders, earwigs, etc., provided by our light, we stayed awake to the end and then effected an entry into our silent hotel with the aid of a flash lamp.

Next day we went to see the weaving of tweeds and to buy our souvenirs. More fine scenery followed as we drove on through the town of Donegal and up the valley to Ballybofey for lunch. On our return we paddled in the icy peat-brown waters of the stream beside the road. Crossing the border near Belleek we saw the lovely lake of Lower Lough Erne. Indeed the road seemed to be built on a bridge along the length of it, and in every direction were tree-covered islands and hills. Tea was taken overlooking this same lake, the waters sparkling in the sun. At Enniskillen we attempted Cambridge Royal, but were not successful. Several young members of the local band were present and joined us for a ring. The ten were lowered in peal to the accompaniment of a massive goal-kick to the ninth box, when its occupant decided he did not require it. After supper we gave Fred Dukes a suitable farewell, firing our handbells outside the hotel, in which he loudly joined with his horn.

PRESENTATIONS

On our last day we visited Armagh and were most graciously and hospitably received by the Dean. He showed us the Cathedral treasures and after climbing the tower to see the superb view from the roof, some of the party chimed the eight bells. At lunch, souvenirs of miniature handbells were presented to all our drivers, and also to Florrie, together with a powder compact. Our thanks for all their hard work were expressed by Messrs. Daniell and Rapley. Despite warnings of 'elastic' ropes at our next tower, Lurgan, we quite enjoyed the bells and again lowered them in peal. A delightful surprise awaited us after ringing. We had got used to being invited to eat enormous teas, but at Lurgan we were also given presents. These were an Irish linen tea-towel depicting the tower at which we had just rung, and a 'History of the Steeple, Bells and Clocks of Shankhill, Lurgan.' Arriving back at St. Mark's, Dundela, we rang for and then attended Evensong. This was followed by a banquet, no other word being adequate to describe the feast. The Vicar welcomed us, and Mr. Goodman replied on behalf of the party. Our last ring consisted of a quarter peal of Bob Royal rung at St. Mark's, and conducted by M. J. Bangham. We then set off for Nutts Corner, our sqeaking mini-bus just managing to climb the hill. As we took off into the gathering dusk, the lights of Belfast receded below.

M. L.

Our thanks certainly must be given to all incumbents, local ringers and others who met and made us so welcome, with such wonderful refreshments: also to Mr. F. Dukes and Mr. J. Dunwoody, for all their help in making such an enjoyable week for us. F. E. W.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES (No. 5)

By D. E. PARSONS

2314567890E		1	6	7	19	
24135678E90	(a)					
423156		—	—		2	A
324156		—			S	A
413256	2A					B
142356		—	—		2	B
431265879E0	(b)					
3421658709E		—	—	—	2	C
341265			S		2	C
432165			—	—	2	C
31246578E90	(c)					
213465	B					
2134658709E	(d)					
214365	C omitting bob at 1.					

a = 1s, 2, 15s, 18s.
b = 1s, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18s.
c = 2, 13s, 15, 16, 18s.
d = 2, 13s, 15s.

First rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 17th, 1963.

5,184 GUNNERSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H
42356			1
35426		1	1
24536		2	2
23645	2	1	1

2 x reptd.

Using 4ths place bobs.

Rung at Willesden, May 30th, 1963. Also to Eastbourne at Harrow-on-the-Hill, on May 25th, 1963.

5,216 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. KNOX

23456	F	B	I	M	W	4	H
64352				—			—
723654						—	—
25463	—	—	—				
56234		—					
35264					—		3
56342		—					3
23645				—			—
756243						—	—
54326	—	—	—				
42563		—					
64523					—		3
42635		—					3
62534				—			
35426				—	—		
23456					—		3

First rung at Warfield, Berks, on June 15th, 1963.

LECHLADE-UPON-THAMES, GLOS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Walsh 1, A. J. King 2, H. R. Hayden 3, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, W. E. Gearing 6. Rung by members of the choir at the christening of John Richard Dynevor Stephens, as a token of appreciation of Dr. Stephens' excellent work as choirmaster.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Penrose 1, E. G. Swift 2, Frances Proctor (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. E. G. Swift 4, R. Snack 5, B. Spragg 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the third ringer.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. J. Fuller (first of T.B. Major) 1, A. R. Baldock 2, Ann Harris (first of Major) 3, S. Humphrey (first of Major) 4, T. M. Barlow 5, D. C. Brookes 6, A. Jackson 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Kent Treble Bob Major for 2, 5, 7 and 8. First of Major on the bells since being rehung.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Saxton 1, A. Keller 2, D. Cooper 3, K. Rutland (first in method) 4, D. G. Davidson 5, M. Young (first in method) 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, M. P. Phipps (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the treble ringer back to active ringing, after his recent illness.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Gooderham (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Goodship 2, L. Pizzey 3, Mrs. W. Lockwood 4, N. Whittle 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jennifer M. Cook 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, P. J. Rothera 3, V. D. Jenner 4, M. C. Hughes 5, K. J. Hesketh 6, I. C. Maycock 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, J. H. Bowden 2, R. G. Pearce 3, D. Pearce (first quarter) 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, T. J. Setter 7, R. M. Cann 8. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Newby (first quarter) 1, Susan Blackburn (first quarter) 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, J. E. Dickinson 4, J. Blackburn 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, at the Church of the Annunciatin of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Long 1, R. Kempton (first quarter) 2, P. J. Long 3, T. Lewis 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DIPTFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. M. A. Bould 3, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 4, W. G. Lavers 5, J. Walker 6.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Hughes (first quarter) 1, I. Marshall 2, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 3, G. Case 4, G. Parting 5, J. Tilston 6.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Winchendon Place Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, Valerie Mepham (100th quarter of Doubles) 2, A. R. Baldock 3, T. M. Barlow (50th quarter) 4, I V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. Also 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, I. V. J. Smith 2, T. M. Barlow 3, Valerie Mepham 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5. First in the method for all.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob: S. R. Huckle 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. H. French 4, R. F. Law 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. G. Ward and Miss B. Pridmore, at the Abbey Church earlier in the day. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Seth 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. F. Law 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. George Seth, and 17th birthday compliment to Miss Susan Law.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, H. Levens 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. J. Blain 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of John Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jefferies. Also as a thanksgiving for recovery from a serious car accident.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,320 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, G. A. Dawson 4. Rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 27th, 1,440 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): J. T. Burnup 1, R. Blackshaw 2, G. A. Dawson 3, D. Surman 4, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 5, J. Dawson 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): J. Hawkins 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, R. D. Hughes (first quarter) 4, F. Chambers (cond.) 5, D. G. Wardle 6. Rung in memoriam Harry Wardle, a past ringer and chorister, died August 27th, 1956. All Sunday service ringers except the ringer of the 5th.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Simon D. Holdaway 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Stephen D. Holdaway 3, T. G. Hull 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in the method 'inside' for 3 and 4.

OXFORD.—On Aug. 25th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Coles 1, E. R. Venn 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon (first in method) 3, F. Soden 4, C. C. Clarke 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RIPON, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. G. Payne 1, C. F. Sutcliffe 2, J. A. Brown 3, A. G. Dalton 4, W. H. Johnson 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. Rung for the local Feast of St. Wilfrid.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Wendy Bird 2, M. Hawkes 3, Anna Sadowski 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, Joan Gainey 6. Rung as a compliment to Janet King, Denise Fitzgerald, Irene Lynes, Monica Lawe, Sheila Lockett and Mollie Dawes on gaining the Certificate of Education.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): C. Banton (cond.) 1—2, W. Hick 3—4, S. Burnett 5—6. A compliment to Colin Banton on his 16th birthday.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, LANCS.—On July 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Scholfield 1, C. Ashworth 2, C. Milthorp 3, G. Noble 4, D. Bateman 5, G. Cheetham 6, D. V. Hodgson 7, J. Kershaw (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction as vicar of the Rev. Albert Brown.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): J. Collier 1, Miss K. Avenall 2, Mrs. K. Newman 3, F. Cherryman 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6, R. Jordan 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal rung at Great Gransden on August 22nd was arranged to take place five weeks earlier, but Mrs. L. B. Jefferies and the four children were involved in a serious car crash on the A45. Mrs. Jefferies sustained fractured ribs, the baby a fractured skull, and one of the little girls a double fracture of the arm; the other two children sustained cuts and bruises. Besides being to welcome John Roberts the quarter peal was a thanksgiving for the recovery of all the injured.

In the peal of Yorkshire at Quorn on Tuesday, August 6th, the ringer of the tenor should be Harry Poyner (not Joyner).

With the peal at Rotherham on August 31st, Mr. John N. D. Chaddock has now 'completed the circle.'

John A. Acres and Brian G. Warwick (peal secretary and general secretary respectively of the Leicester Diocesan Guild) rang their 300th peal together at Barrow-on-Soar on Thursday, August 8th.

The composition of the peal at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, of 5,088 Superlative on Monday, July 1st, should be No. 13 (not No. 3), by Ernest W. Tipler, and the ringer of the tenor should be A. James Poynor (not Poyner).

We are glad to know that Mr. Reuben Sanders, now in his 90th year, was well enough to join in the annual Wednesday ringing trip in the Northampton District. Mr. Harry Sears was unfortunately not well enough to take part this year.

Before the peal at Silk Willoughby on August 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes were presented with a bouquet from their ringing friends to mark their golden wedding. Mr. Barnes, who rang in the peal, has been a member of the Guild for 64 years.

The band who rang the quarter peal at Elstow on August 24th offer their best wishes to Mr. George Seth, who rang the treble for them on his 75th birthday. He only started change-ringing when he was nearly 50, and he has rung ten peals and is looking forward to his next one.

Many older members of the Kent County Association will readily recall the name of Edwin G. Buesden by the announcement of the death of his widow which occurred recently in a Canterbury hospital. Mr. Buesden was well known in his day as a conductor mainly of Stedman. Mrs. Buesden, who survived her husband by some 30 years, was interred in her husband's grave at St. Stephen's, Canterbury. Mr. J. W. Unwin represented the Cathedral ringers at the funeral.

At the Middlesex dinner on October 4th, a tribute will be paid by the secretary of the Central Council to the memory of Charles T. Coles (Tom), who did much for ringing in general and for the Middlesex Association in particular, and was for many years its joint general secretary.

A photograph of the tenor bell (35 cwt., cast in 1937) of Winchester Cathedral shows that the Latin inscription referring to the Coronation has had the words 'EDWARDI OCTAVI' crossed out and 'GEORGI SEXTI' added. Is this unique?

S. Barry Schofield, of Bradford, is not yet 16, but has completed his first 100 peals. It is an impressive list, but we understand that he is likely to appear shortly in one of 'Norving's' articles on 'Up and Coming Youngsters,' and fuller details will no doubt appear then.

Congratulations are due to Diane Turner, of Bolsover, for the capable way in which she rang her first peal (Bob Minor) at Clay Cross recently. Although only ringing a year, she rang very well and is a credit to the Bolsover band which, in spite of the loss of several of their best ringers a few years ago, is now stronger than ever.

The peal at Weobley, the heaviest six in Herefordshire, on August 24th, was of particular interest as it was only the second peal of Minor on the bells. The first was rung on April 21st, 1923, and the only surviving member of that band is Mr. Geoffrey W. Taysom, who is still ringing in Cornwall. This was his first peal of Minor.

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SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	7
ANDREW M. MACVE	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 350th peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE DOLPHIN HOTEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

GILES B. THOMPSON	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
		*ANDREW M. MACVE	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal 'in hand.'

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN ROBINSON	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
JOHN W. COLEMAN	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
GILES B. THOMPSON	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 39).
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE DOLPHIN HOTEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5—6
NEIL BENNETT	3—4	GILES B. THOMPSON	7—8

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ANDREW M. MACVE	*Treble*	GILES B. THOMPSON	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.
First peal of Major as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

STEWART F. KIMBER	*Treble*	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
GILES B. THOMPSON	3	NEIL BENNETT	7
JOHN W. COLEMAN	4	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 400th peal.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	*GILES B. THOMPSON	5
*TREVOR A. CROSS	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
STEWART F. KIMBER	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
JOHN W. COLEMAN	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE DOLPHIN HOTEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	1—2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5—6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE DOLPHIN HOTEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
		ANDREW M. MACVE	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor 'in hand' by all the band.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2½ lb. in E.

MARTIN L. HOWE	*Treble*	GILES B. THOMPSON	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
29 course block reduced. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	STEWART F. KIMBER	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
ANDREW M. MACVE	4	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,088 Yorkshire, 1,024 each of Rutland, Cambridge and Superlative, and 896 Lincolnshire; with 142 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOHN W. COLEMAN	*Treble*	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	5
JOHN ROBINSON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	NEIL BENNETT	7
GILES B. THOMPSON	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
GILES B. THOMPSON	3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	ANDREW M. MACVE	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
STEWART F. KIMBER	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

A PEAL WEEK IN THE NORTH-WEST

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

V. DAVID JENNER	*Treble*	*PETER S. BENNETT	5
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
JENNIFER M. COOK	3	PHILIP J. ROTHERA	7
ANN E. FELLOWS	4	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* 25th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all the band.
Rung to mark the engagement of Alma M. Greaves and Nicholas Grazebrook.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald, King.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Jennifer M. Cook	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
V. David Jenner	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pamela M. Turner.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	V. David Jenner	5
Pamela M. Turner	2	Ian C. Maycock	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*Pamela M. Turner	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
*Ann E. Fellows	3	†Peter S. Bennett	8
*Philip J. Rothera	4	Ian C. Maycock	9
†V. David Jenner	5	‡Maurice C. Hughes	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ 75th peal.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*Pamela M. Turner	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
*Ian C. Maycock	2	V. David Jenner	6
*Ann E. Fellows	3	*Philip J. Rothera	7
*Jennifer M. Cook	4	*Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
*Jennifer M. Cook	2	*V. David Jenner	6
Pamela M. Turner	3	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	V. David Jenner	5
Ian C. Maycock	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Jennifer M. Cook	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Ann E. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all the band. First peal as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	*Philip J. Rothera	5
*Pamela M. Turner	2	*Ann E. Fellows	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	*Ian C. Maycock	7
*Jennifer M. Cook	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bennett.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (1) Double and Plain. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

Jennifer M. Cook	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	4
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Ian C. Maycock	5
Ann E. Fellows	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
First peal in 15 methods by all the band.

A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for the Yorkshire Association.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt in D.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	J. Neville Parkin	7
*Iris Lemare	2	W. Eric Critchley	8
Donald H. Niblett	3	J. Martin Thorley	9
Peter Scholfield	4	James A. D. Woolford	10
*S. Barry Schofield	5	Richard E. Price	11
J. Henry Fielden	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells since their restoration.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5120 BIRSTALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

John F. Bryant	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
James A. D. Woolford	2	Richard E. Price	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
S. Barry Schofield	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey F. Bryant	Treble	S. Barry Schofield	5
Iris Lemare	2	Richard E. Price	6
James A. D. Woolford	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
John F. Bryant	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Iris Lemare	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	5
John F. Bryant	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Peter Scholfield	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CALVERLEY YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Peter Scholfield	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Geoffrey F. Bryant	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Michael P. Moreton	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
S. Barry Schofield	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

James A. D. Woolford	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
Geoffrey F. Bryant	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Peter Scholfield	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
S. Barry Schofield	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	S. Barry Schofield	5
Iris Lemare	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Richard E. Price	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb in E.

Michael P. Moreton	Treble	Geoffrey F. Bryant	5
James A. D. Woolford	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	Richard E. Price	7
Peter Scholfield	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BIRSTALL SURPRISE MAJOR.
x58x14, 58x58, 36, 14x14, 58, 14x12, 7.
L.E.3527486. C.P.S.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
IRIS LEMARE	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD E. PRICE	*Treble*	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	5
IRIS LEMARE	2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	6
JOHN F. BRYANT	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEPTONSTALL LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*RICHARD E. PRICE	5
PETER SCHOLFIELD	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	5
PETER SCHOLFIELD	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
IRIS LEMARE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., July 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID EAMES	*Treble*	JOHN K. SMITH	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
GORDON H. LANE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*SUSANNA POPPLESTON	*Treble*	ROGER I. KENDRICK	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	RAYMOND BENFIELD	6
RUPERT A. CLARKE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR.
x 58 x 14, 58 x 56, 38 x 14 x 56
L.E. 3527486 C.P.S.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

DON C. EXELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	PETER BRIDLE	6
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
MICHAEL HART	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Treble*	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
WILLIAM A. LACY	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Rung for the wedding of Robert B. Smith and May B. Foster, which took place this day at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5120 MOIRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	KEITH H. MILDRED	6
RAYMOND BENFIELD	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. B.56). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

F. CECIL MOGFORD	*Treble*	*ANTHONY W. GIBBS	5
*ALAN TUBB	2	HENRY TAYSOM	6
KENNETH J. RYDER	3	DON C. EXELL	7
MALCOLM M. POWELL	4	PETER BRIDLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.
Rung as a compliment to Richard and Elizabeth Bowden on the occasion of the birth of a son, Jonathan Allen David.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	5
*ANN JENNER	2	*EDWARD J. JENNER	6
F. J. HILDA OAKSHETT	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

SIX BELL PEALS

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

MICHAEL HART	*Treble*	MAURICE C. HUGHES	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

GRAHAM STOCK	*Treble*	JOHN W. PERKINS	4
KENNETH J. HESKETH	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

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ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*HILARY M. RENYARD	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
MARGARET E. CHILTON	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal at first attempt.
A birthday compliment to Miss Hilary Renyard.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Ipswich, (2) London, Wells, (3) Cambridge, (4) Primrose, (5) York, Durham, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	ALAN G. PAYNE	4
KEITH R. DAVEY	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
CECIL WADE	3	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

In honour of the wedding of Edwin Frank Slater and Mildred Anne Charlton.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*THOMAS R. HARRIS	*Treble*	*GEORGE M. PICKWELL	4
PETER J. LAWTON	2	COLIN D. MANN	5
†HUBERT MANN	3	THOMAS P. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS P. HARRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.'
Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Gulpin and Mr. John Beeny. The bride is a local bellringer.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*SANDRA M. FORD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY G. UPSDELL	4
GWENDOLINE B. BIDGOOD	2	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
WILLIAM H. HARFORD	3	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

* First peal in the method.
A farewell peal for Rev. W. D. Llewellyn. B.A., who is leaving the parish.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent. T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

RICHARD J. PARKER	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. PRICE	4
PETER JENKINSON	2	ERIC J. F. WALL	5
ERNEST J. GOWER	3	WALTER E. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER E. WILKINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T. Bob and Kent T. Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
ALBERT W. BOND	2	PHILIP STEVENS	5
ANGELA GRAINGER	3	ALAN M. BARBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, York, Ipswich, Norwich, Beverley, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSSLAND	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
*MARIA E. KIRBY	3	*ROBERT W. HINDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Ian H. Oram has now 'circled the tower.'

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

DENNIS COOPER	*Treble*	ALAN KELLER	4
*DIANE TURNER	2	DEREK DAVIS	5
†DAVID KINGMAN	3	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'
A wedding compliment to Henry Bunting (tower captain) and Rita Smith, who were married prior to the peal at this church, with which the Bunting family have been associated for over 100 years.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents, with no 6-5's at backstroke, comprising one extent of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*HORACE R. TOOGOOD	*Treble*	ERNEST C. MORRAL	4
PETER MORRIS	2	RICHARD E. MORRIS	5
*GEORGE E. MORRAL	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. First of Minor as conductor

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
R. FRANK BAKER	2	RAYMOND H. DAW	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* 200th peal.
Rung following the wedding of Mr. M. K. Presland and Miss S. A. Bentley, the bridegroom being a member of the local band.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES CROWTHER	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
MRS. C. N. LEA	2	CHARLES N. LEA	5
ALAN R. PATTERSON	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*HAROLD J. SHUCK	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. COOPER	4
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor.
Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Major.
Quarterly peal for the Guild

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Single Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	JOHN M. GOW	5
JOHN A. COATES	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the occasion of the birth of a daughter, Christine Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hough, of Sutton-on-Trent.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*ALAN BROWN	*Treble*	TONY K. FORTIN	4
DENBY P. MURDUCK	2	TONY G. PRICE	5
MARY E. MARSHALL	3	ROGER B. PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER B. PIKE.

* First peal. First in four Minor methods by all the band except 4th.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fourth on his engagement to Miss Margery Begg.

SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*J. A. WOOD	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	4
JAMES E. DICKINSON ..	2	WILLIAM G. WILSON	5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	3	THOMAS F. METCALFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

* First peal in three methods. First on the bells for 25 years, and first on the rehung bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Barbara Shepherd and Alex Murphy, married at this church the previous week.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

PETER J. BROWN	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4
YVONNE EDWARDS	2	JOHN C. EISEL	5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ..	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all except the ringer of the fifth.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Joyce Handley, of the local band; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson, of Wollaston.

PETHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

*JUDITH BROAD	*Treble*	DAVID L. CAWLEY	4
THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE ..	2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ..	5
CYRIL W. J. BEECHING ..	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

A compliment to Mr. A. Jarvis (some-time captain of this tower and a ringer here for 50 years) and Mrs. Jarvis on the occasion of their golden wedding.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*CAROL FERNLEY	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
GILES B. THOMPSON	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 of London, 768 each of Cambridge and Ealing, 704 Bristol and 672 each of Rutland and Superlative; with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	JOAN BERESFORD	7—8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Major in six methods by all.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 39 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight; (2) Morning Star Treble Bob, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; (4) Netherseale Surprise; (5) Annable's London Surprise; (6) Westminster and Allendale Surprise; (7) Kent T.B.; with 83 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On July 14th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Eggleston 1, R. Kersey 2, Miss A. Lester 3, A. Beckwith 4, R. Whittle 5, N. Whittle 6, L. Melton 7, H. Eggleston (cond.) 8.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. G. Keen (first in the method) 1, G. L. E. Brown (first in the method) 2, M. L. Stevens (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. M. C. Brown 4, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 5, L. W. Brown (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian S. Dann (first quarter) 1, Patricia M. Samuel (first 'inside') 2, K. Kitchen 3, G. K. Smith (first of Mino: 'inside') 4, D. P. B. Miles 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung while on tour with the East Riding ringers.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick 2, R. Boultbee 3, C. Boultbee 4, J. Brain 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Porter 1, Elizabeth Miller 2, D. Oliver 3, G. L. Belcher 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 'inside' 3 and 4. A wedding compliment to Peter Franklin and Sandra Frost.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — At St. George's Cathedral, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Nankivell 1, C. Carter 2, B. Lawes 3, Jennifer Lees (first 'inside') 4, B. Potts (cond.) 5, M. Page (first quarter) 6. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Carter (first on treble) 1, Jennifer Lees 2, B. Potts 3, L. Reynolds 4, B. Lawes (cond.) 5 H. Nankivell 6. First quarter on the back six. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam Pope John XXIII.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. E. Price (first away from covering bell) 1, Gerda Barcsel 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, J. H. Gaze 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Aug. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Nancy Kempsell 1, R. G. Talbot 2, E. G. Talbot 3, G. Olliver 4, C. C. Cook 5, W. Dunn 6, K. Game (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. First of Caters 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hawkes 1, C. Haylings 2, D. Price 3, F. Lawrence 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the Rev. J. K. H. Thomas, B.A., coming to Ripple.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Shirley J. Wight 1, Dinah M. Blow 2, Patricia A. Wilson 3, Janet I. Porter 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. W. Randall 6, F. C. Hobson 7, D. P. B. Miles 8. For Sung Eucharist, by the East Riding Ringers on tour.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Henbest (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, F. G. Henbest 3, R. G. Henbest (first 'inside') 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, E. Waller (first quarter) 6. Rung for the service for the blessing of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nowakowski (née Lesley Roberts), a Shiplake ringer.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, B. Hough 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Rose 5, H. Hawcroft 6, A. Wilson 7, N. Moxon 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Brian and Jean Hough on the birth of a daughter.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Carol Fernley 1, A. Schofield (first T.B.) 2, Christine Johnson 3, D. Welch (first T.B.) 4, P. Dale 5, F. Osbaldiston (cond.) 6.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.—On Aug. 25th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Stella M. Lewis 1, B. T. Lister 2, D. G. Massey 3, J. Webb 4, G. Massey 5, P. K. Else 6, H. Jenkins 7, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. M. A. Bould 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, A. Carveth 3, Miss M. M. Moore 4, Mrs. M. Carveth (first of Caters) 5, A. J. Davidson 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, W. G. Lavers 8, D. R. Bould 9, J. M. Jelley 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Pat Rowe, of Kenwyn, Truro, and in honour of the recent engagement of John M. Jelley, of Leicester, and Monica M. Moore, of Southgate, Middlesex.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. M. Haynes 1, J. Gray 2, S. J. Wight 3, P. A. Teal 4, C. A. R. Hunt (first in method) 5, H. Gibson (first as cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. Gray 1, R. Forbes (first 'inside') 2, E. M. Haynes 3, P. A. Teal (first as cond.) 4, S. J. Wight 5, N. W. Castle 6. Both for Evensong. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. A. Teal 1, E. M. Haynes (cond.) 2, J. Gray 3, G. Drew 4, N. W. Castle (first 'inside') 5, S. J. Wight 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

LATE NOTICES

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE. — Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, September 19th. Methods: Bristol, Ealing, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative. 3217

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, Saturday, September 21st. Towers open: Goldington (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Bedford St. Peter (8), 3 to 4; Biddenham (6), 4 to 5. Tea at Biddenham. Bromham (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3216

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Great Staughton, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Service to be conducted by the president, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, of Huntingdon, who is leaving the district.) Please make a special effort to attend.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3213

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Empingham (6), on Saturday, September 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 3214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Collingtree and Courteenhall, Saturday, September 28th. *Collingtree*: Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. *Courteenhall*: Bells 6 to 8 p.m. No ringing at Collingtree after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Ave, Northampton. 3215

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

WOOSTER—LAMBIE.—The engagement is announced between Patrick C. F. Wooster, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, and Elizabeth M. Lambie, of Little Chalfont, Bucks. 3163

PERSONAL

MR. AND MRS. HAZELDEN thank the many who sent congratulations on their diamond wedding anniversary, especially for telegrams from the Central Council, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Ladies' Guild, Mr. Tom White and 'Tom Lock's party.' 3189

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BLOOMFIELD.—The address of Gwen and Frank Bloomfield is now 8, Lansdowne Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk. Telephone: Felixstowe 3421. 3188

As from October 1st the address of Mr. H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral Band, will be 5, Nelson Road, Winchester, Hants. 3178

The address of Brian and Barbara Wylde is now 22, Church Street, Bridgwater, Somerset. 3141

BOOKS WANTED

'Stedman' and 'Treble Bob'—Jasper Snowdon Series; Collection of Peals I and II—C.C. Publications; 'History and Art of Change Ringing'—Morris.—Write, stating price, Brian J. Woodruffe, 68, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire. 3170

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 12, 13 or up to 17 handbells, tenor approximately 4 7/8" diameter. Must be in good condition.—Write Mr. S. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry, Northants. 3164

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—New members of the University and affiliated colleges will be welcome at our meetings next session. Please contact secretary, Miss Jean Allen, 65, Rosebery Road, Dursley, Glos. 3122

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members please note that the Festival in 1964 will be held on Saturday, June 27th, and not in July as is customary.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3145

EXETER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All ringers going to Exeter in October as freshers are invited to contact M. F. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 3147

HAYES, KENT.—All ringing is suspended at St. Mary-the-Virgin until further notice, as the bells are being rehung on ball bearings.—M. F. Oakshett, tower secretary. 3172

NAILSEA, ZUMERSET.—Us be very sorry we gotta change our practice night from Tuesday, September 17th, to Wednesday, September 18th, cause us be going to have 'Harvest Supper' on the Tuesday. Cause we be going to have a blow out that night—N.S.T.G., I. Derrick. 3176

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BAND.—The usual Wednesday practice for September 25th will instead be held on Thursday, September 26th. 3177

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming up in October as freshers are invited to write to John H. Croxton, Purslow Clunbury, Craven Arms, Salop, and to attend the opening practice at St. Laurence's (12) on Friday, October 4th, at 7.30 p.m. 3173

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—All ringers coming up as freshers to Sheffield University next session are invited to write to J. Kershaw, 650, Rochdale Road, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs. 3135

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Fresher ringers are invited to apply to Geoffrey Davies, 31, Richmond Hill Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15. Telephone: EDG 5051. 3192

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming up to University this year. Practice night on THURSDAY, 6.30 to 8, at St. Olave's, Hart Street (from Tower Hill tube station, turn right and right again along Seething Lane), commencing October 10th. Sunday ringing: St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 10.15 to 11 a.m. (commencing October 6th), and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 5 to 6 p.m. A general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th; details later.—A. J. F. 3202

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—Holy Trinity. It is regretted that the tower will be closed until further notice owing to restoration. 3195

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price **7s. 6d.** post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden (8) on Saturday, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting and handbell ringing display. Service 6.30 p.m.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 3118

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place on September 14th at Dudley. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me. Regret **no name no tea.** Towers available: Brierley Hill (8), 9.45-10.45 a.m.; Stourbridge (Wollaston) (6), 10.15-11.15 a.m.; Stourbridge (St. Thomas') (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Stourbridge (Old Swinford) (8), 11.40 a.m.-12.40 p.m.; Cradley (8), 1-2; Halesowen (8), 2-3; Netherton (8), 2.45-3.45; Dudley (10), 3.30-4.10 p.m. and after business meeting.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3150

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Saturday, September 14th, meeting at Haslingfield. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3146

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting on September 14th at Brockworth (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after tea at Witcombe (6) 6-9 p.m. 3169

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 3151

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, September 14th, Boxley. Bells approx. 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. S. G. Smith, 75, Cobtree Estate, Chatham Road, Sandling, Maidstone. Special methods: Norfolk S. Minor and Union Doubles.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3132

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Woolton on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 3165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 14th. Heversham 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Milnthorpe 5.30 p.m. Names to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe.—N. M. Newby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Business; new secretary wanted.—J. Porter 3160

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, September 14th, at All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). Evensong 6 p.m., followed by short business meeting and further ringing.—M. Powell, Sec. 3124

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N & E. District.—Evening meeting, September 14th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald. Ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, evening meeting at Mursley (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells 6 p.m. Short business meeting 7 p.m. 3114

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tenby (8), on Sat., Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Jenkins, Nythfa, St. Mary Street, Tenby. Pembs. as soon as possible. Note new Guild rule—No name no tea. 3162

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Chardstock, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. G. Toms, The Hollies, Storridge Lane, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, by Tuesday, September 17th. 3110

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The practice meeting on Saturday, September 14th, will be at **Washington,** and not Findon as arranged. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3128

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3—4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Andrew's Rectory 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—Annual tower Sunday, September 15th. Service 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev C. J. B. Marshall. Ringing 5 p.m. and after service. All welcome. 3112

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice at Egham on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2963

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Eight-bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, September 21st, 7 p.m.—K. Prime. 3198

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, September 21st. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3187

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting, Beckington (8), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Robertson, The Priory, Beckington, near Bath.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Secs. 3183

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Christleton, Saturday September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, September 19th, please, to Mr. W. T. Astle, 2, Ivy Cottages, Christleton, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 3208

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea *by September 18th*, to Mr. R. Wharton, 28, Lawton Avenue, Kidsgrove, S.O.T.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3185

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saltburn, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3211

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 21st, 2.30 p.m. Names to M. Armstrong, The Vicarage, 10, Aynsley Terrace, Consett. 3156

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 19th, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 3207

MEETING POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at Moreton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch. — Autumn festival meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Berkeley (10, 24 cwt.), on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6 p.m. onwards. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Numbers for tea before September 16th to Mr. P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh. 3073

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Luppitt on September 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names for tea by 18th to Mr. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Luppitt. Phone 267.—W. Webb, Sec. 3079

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Armitage Bridge, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea to R. Armitage, 32, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Outside opposition welcome.—T. T. 3210

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Saturday, September 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Please note change of venue. Names for tea to G. Walters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst, Kent.—E. A. Fellows. 3199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, September 21st, Wheathampstead (6). Bells 3 p.m. (and evening). S.M. Stedman Slow Course. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, *please*, to Mrs. R. D. Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 3158

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Brent Pelham (5), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Great Hormead also open from 6.30. Names for tea to W. J. Trigg, Lower Cottages, Brent Pelham, Buntingford.—D. Kingston. 3167

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying G. D. Fearnehough, 27, Goodwood Avenue, Manchester, 23, by previous Wednesday. Buses 41, 42, 161, 162 from Piccadilly to Platt Fields.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 3181

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Messingham, Saturday, September 21st. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by previous Tuesday Rev. P. M. Freeman, The Vicarage, Messingham, Scunthorpe. Tel.: Bottesford 268.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3182

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Spilsey, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, September 16th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3153

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice, Saturday, September 21st. Ringing, All Hallows', Twickenham, from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at Feltham from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 3193

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, September 21st, Uttoxeter. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 18th, to Mr. E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 3205

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Blofield, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 18th, to Miss H. Grass, Highfield Avenue, Brundall, Norwich.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec. 3175

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, New Buckenham, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3206

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Chardstock, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. G. Toms, The Hollies, Storridge Lane, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, by Tuesday, September 17th. 3110

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ruddington, 3 p.m., Saturday, September 21st. *Names for tea, please*, by Wednesday, to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington.—P. Nix, Sec. 3197

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Elston, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by previous Tuesday Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 3200

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Hinderclay, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 3203

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood, by September 18th.—G. A. W. 3100

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District).—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Brighton (not Hurstpierpoint), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings and further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 18th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3131

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 18th to Miss M. Smith, 62, Mousehole Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by 18th. Accommodation limited.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 3113

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Rotherham on September 21st. Bells (10) available 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. General Committee meet in Parish Hall, Moorgate, 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Hall. Other towers available: Thrybergh (6) 12.40 to 1.40 p.m. Eastwood (8) 2 to 3 p.m. Whiston (8) 7 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by 19th inst. to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 3152

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, September 25th, 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 3179

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stockton, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing: Thornaby (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Stockton (10), 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Sedgefield (5), 7.45 to 9 p.m. A.G.M. 4. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 3212

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Buckland-Monachorum, Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 23rd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3139

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Buckland-Monachorum, Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3139

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bures (8), Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Wormingford (6) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Mills, Tyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. All welcome.—A. Lester. 3201

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, West Hendred, Saturday, September 28th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, September 24th, to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 3174

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lois Weedon, Saturday, September 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Badford, Buckingham. 3190

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Autumn meeting at Lincoln,
Saturday, September 28th.
Service in Cathedral, 4.30 p.m.
Tea at Eastgate Court Hotel, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting.
Ringing arrangements:
St. Botolph's (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon.
Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Cathedral (12), 2.45-4.25 and 6.45-8.45; St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), 2-4; St. Giles' (8), 2-4 p.m.
Please note.—
Applications for lunch and tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 28th, Charminster. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 25th, to Mr. E. Amey, 1, West Hill, Charminster, near Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 3184

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 28th, Semley. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 24th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting *changed to Salehurst* (8). Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Robertsbridge) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 3130

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Coach and Horses, Sutton Scotney. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 23rd to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 3125

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Second triennial dinner, Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Forty Avenue, Wembley, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Station, Wembley Park (Met. and Bakerloo). Bus No. 16 passes the door. Tickets, 20/- each, now available from the Association secretaries and dinner committee members.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of the committee, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3168

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Windsor on Saturday, October 5th. 2.15 p.m. meeting in the Parish Hall, Grove Road. 3.45 tea. 5 p.m. service in St. George's Chapel. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Notification of intention to attend the service and applications for tea tickets (3s. each), together with remittance, must be sent to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Tuesday, October 1st. This will help those concerned with the arrangements at Windsor.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3144

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke). Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.). Tickets £1 1s. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsworth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 3015

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 12th, at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Only 180 seats. Tickets, at 15/6, from Mr. R. H. Mills, B.E.M., 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. S.A.E., please.

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PEAL RECORDS

Some Comments by the 'Locum'

UNDER the above heading our front pages of July 26th and August 2nd had a well-thought-out article by Mr. Denis Bayles. We make no apology for returning to the subject—a correspondent who takes the time and trouble that he so evidently did deserves very full consideration for his ideas. It may well be, too, that he was encouraged to make this effort by a talk he had with the writer at Yarmouth last Whitsun.

So far, the Editor has printed just two letters commenting on the article—one for and one against. This suggests that most of our readers are either satisfied with the present arrangements or else, if they want a change, they do not want it sufficiently to write to the Editor about it. Perhaps it is only human that personalities are so much more productive of newspaper correspondence!

It may be thought that one would not expect the peal ringers to support Mr. Bayles' proposals, but that the Exercise and this paper are not run for or by the peal ringer. There is some truth in this: the prime object of the Exercise is and must be to ring church bells as part of the service of the church. But I believe that it is often the ringing of one's first peal (sometimes perhaps just a quarter peal) that decides a ringer to start taking this journal. Certainly if he continues to ring peals he is unlikely to give up the paper, so while not all *readers* of this paper are peal ringers, I believe that a very large proportion of the *subscribers* to it are or have been interested in peals, even if only in their own.

This suggests that the format of peal publication should not lightly be altered, and that any alterations that may be made should be done, as were the two referred to by Mr. Bayles, a little at a time and with the firm intention that if not acceptable to the Exercise they should be abandoned.

It seems to me that Mr. Bayles' suggestions fall into three phases, each requiring action by a different body, but yet needing co-operation between them. If this is to be achieved then the need for adopting his suggestions must be considered carefully, (a) by the 'Ringing World' Committee, responsible for this journal, and helped by the technical advice of its Editor; (b) by the Central Council and its Peals Analysis and Records Committees, charged with the duty of keeping records; and (c) by each of the individual Associations and Guilds.

In the first case one would imagine that at their next meeting the 'Ringing World' Committee would have the articles before them, with the views of the Editor, and would take into account the practicability of the suggestions, whether the space saved would be sufficient to be worth while, whether any number of customers would be upset and end their subscriptions, whether extra staff cost would be involved in sorting out peals for publication, whether the traditional method of setting out peals should be abandoned for slight financial advantage, if any, etc.

In the second case, Mr. Bayles, being a member of the Central Council, is himself in a good position to ask the Council, in its dual capacity as appointee of both the 'Ringing World' Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee, to instruct those committees to report on the suggestions, and after such a report to make such changes as are thought desirable. But the Council would have to bear in mind that it should not lightly make more onerous the task of those volunteers who man its committees. Only if changes in the manner of keeping records and in the presentation of copy in this journal are clearly justified should changes be made.

And thirdly, there is the Association angle to consider. Mr. Bayles makes various suggestions as to what the individual Associations might do—but here he is on a sticky wicket. We saw what happened to a motion at Cardiff in 1962 which attempted to tell Associations how to conduct their business. It is perfectly true that they find the publication of an annual report a big drain on their finances, and a glance at a collection of such reports shows that many of them have made attempts to lessen the expenditure by the publication of peals in various ways—smaller print, less details, in quarter peal or tabular form, etc. Mr. Bayles could well try to introduce changes in the reports of his own Association, but he must leave it to the other Associations to work out their own salvation. At least one of the larger Associations has met the difficulty by having a full report printed in alternate years. In the intervening years a volunteer's duplicated job contains the reports of the officers and branch officers, accounts, etc., and leaves the less ephemeral printed report, the lists of peals and affiliated towers, etc. My own Association, having much less material wealth, has to be content with a verbal annual report by its Master.

Perhaps some time in the future we shall be given a technically-informed view of all Mr. Bayles' suggestions so far as they relate to this journal. Meanwhile I would add that the Exercise should be grateful to any of its members who are prepared to give thought and time to its problems to the extent that Mr. Bayles so evidently has. W. G. W.

Giles Thompson's Thames Valley Peal Tour

(Peals on page 585)

THE sun was shining brightly when eight ringers met for the first attempt of the tour, the venue being Old Windsor. Cambridge Major was halted after four and a half courses. More ringers joined forces, and it was decided to have a short practice, after which about a dozen ringers left for the Clewer Youth Hostel. A good supper was provided, and later more ringers joined the party.

On Sunday morning we rang for service at Slough, with the aid of the local company. Later came handbell ringing, in which we were 'helped out' by the locals. After this we cycled through Reading to the Streatley-on-Thames Youth Hostel. However, it was noticed on arrival that three girls and three boys were missing! Was this a coincidence? During the evening the more energetic ringers went to ring at Goring-on-Thames for evening service. Whilst waiting for the local ringers to 'turn up,' John Robinson arrived, having travelled from the successful 40.320 Bob Major peal rung at Loughborough. The evening was spent more or less in conference about the week's activities.

Monday saw two attempts, both successful. In the morning a peal in three methods was rung on a somewhat uneasy six at Theale. In the afternoon Plain Bob Major was rung at Aldermaston, whilst the remaining five ringers 'grabbed' Mapledurham (a nice six). The 'tower grabbers' were back early for supper at Streatley, but the Aldermaston band cycled back in 'dribs and drabs,' the 'Fenland hairdresser' appearing last in a rather ruffled state, with a black smudge of grease on the left side of his face!

SWIM IN THAMES

On Tuesday morning there was an attempt for St. Clement's College Bob Major at Benson, which quickly halted, and a peal of Bob Major was substituted. The 'other half' had a tower grab at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. After lunch one energetic member had a swim in the Thames, before turning in Dorchester Abbey tenor to Kent Major. Because of a puncture, two of the party reached Oxford Youth Hostel just before the 10 p.m. deadline.

Except for one lad, who was ill, the party departed next morning for Old Marston. The attempt for 15 Doubles methods failed and perhaps is best forgotten. Tower grabs followed at Beckley, where the five ropes fall in a 'Z' shape, and Stanton St. John. Afternoon peal attempts were at Garsington, where seven methods was successful, and St. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, for three methods, which, alas, didn't go. Supper was marred by the early departure of Michael Hatchett, who was always 'full of beans.'

We left Oxford on Thursday morning. Through unforeseen circumstances the peal attempt at East Hagbourne was cancelled. Blewbury was selected for the afternoon attempt of Little Bob, which was halted after half an hour. The remaining two nights were spent at Streatley Youth Hostel.

CHANGE OF PERSONNEL

Next day we were off to South Stoke for 11 Minor methods, but Beverley and Surfleet just wouldn't splice. A quick change of one member was made, although no one could guess why! (And may it be said, this is nothing to do with his ringing ability.) Seven methods were then attempted, but this failed in Oxford Bob after ringing 720's of Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. The afternoon saw two more attempts—a peal at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, and an attempt for Minor at Pangbourne which, unfortunately, was unsuccessful.

The last day was spent in Streatley, where a peal was duly rung. This we had to get as our old friend, the warden, was listening. After the peal a small presentation was made to our organiser, Giles B. Thompson, who really did a 'grand job.' It was a dismal sight as everyone said goodbye, but perhaps this was due to the pouring rain. However, for five ringers the tour was not yet over, they travelled, one the hard way, in driving rain, to Aston Tirrold, where, with the help of the local tower captain, they rang a quarter peal of Doubles. A sumptuous tea, provided by his wife and family, followed.

We would like to say thank you to all incumbents and ringers who met us and allowed us to ring at their churches, and to our organiser, Giles Thompson.

THOR.

THE CHATSWORTH WEDDING

St. Peter's Church, Edensor, is situated in a beautiful setting in Chatsworth Park, close to Chatsworth House, the home of the Cavendish family. It was at this church that Lady Emma Cavendish, 20-year-old daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, was married to the Hon. Tobias Tennant on September 3rd.

Simplicity and homeliness were the obvious keynotes of the wedding ceremony, where the employees and tenants of Chatsworth and Glenconner were all assembled together, with some of the highest in the land.

The bride, attended by one bridesmaid, her 6-year-old sister, Lady Sophia, and one page, the 4-year-old nephew of the bridegroom, wore a beautiful white gown, with a full length train. She looked very lovely, and wore no make-up. (There was no need!) The bridegroom is a strikingly handsome, well built young man, fair, with a healthy, clean complexion. They made a handsome couple as they stood at the altar.

Lady Emma had expressed a desire for the bells to be rung, but, as Edensor does not have a regular band, the Darley Dale company were invited to ring. They were led by their new Rector, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (president of the Lancashire Association), and he conducted most of the ringing. The ceremony over, all guests, including the ringers, were invited to a champagne buffet, which took place in the gold decorated banqueting hall, and every guest was received in the most friendly manner by the bride and bridegroom, their parents, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Glenconner, and the best man, the Marquess of Hartington. The wedding cake, made by Mrs. Dorothy Child at Chatsworth, was cut in the approved fashion and freely distributed to all the guests.

A few days after the wedding a full peal of 5.040 Bob Minor was rung by the Darley Dale band, with their Rector conducting.

JAFUS.

MISS PATRICIA BOURN MARRIED

Miss Patricia Bourn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bourn, of Church Street, Clitheroe, Lancs. and Ringing Master of the Bristol University Society in 1956, was married on August 5th at Clitheroe Parish Church, where she was a ringer. The bride taught chemistry at Blackburn High School.

The bridegroom, Mr. Brian J. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Riley, of 417, Roman Road, London, is a research chemist.

Ringing friends rang the bells for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Clark). The bride, who wore a blue suit, with matching accessories, was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. D. U. Richardson.

The reception was held at the Moorcock Inn, and a touring honeymoon was spent in Scotland. They are making their home in Hertford.

'SHOW NIGHT' AT MONMOUTH

August 29th dawned bright and sunny, a perfect day for the Monmouthshire Agricultural Show, held annually at Monmouth in a field overlooked by the church.

Ringing at Monmouth on 'Show Night' has become a tradition over the last ten years, started by the late Mr. Len Jones. Although Mr. Jones had died only two weeks previously, it was decided to carry on with the usual ringing this year, with the arrangements in the hands of the Rev. Ivor Richards. Mr. J. Clarke, of Monmouth, kindly got the tower and bells in readiness for the ringers. Visitors to the show were treated to many delights, including the music of a brass band and touches on the church bells—sometimes both together! But no complaints from crowds of people thronging the show ground and the narrow streets!

This annual gathering of ringers from the border counties is always a pleasant occasion and an opportunity to meet old friends. Ringers attended from Llanarth, Usk, Newport, Chepstow, Hereford, Ross-on-Wye, Eardisland, Bridstow and Ledbury.

J. S. K.

OPEN DAY AT ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

The annual 'Open Day' at Rotherham Parish Church on September 7th again attracted over 300 members of the public during the afternoon to the tower and members of the local band were kept busy showing and explaining the items of interest—bells, clock, models and diagrams, etc.

In the evening, members of the public were able to watch the local band ring touches of Caters, Royal and Surprise Major.

In view of the fact that new lino had just been laid, stiletto heels were barred. In spite of this, several enthusiastic ladies removed their shoes cheerfully, so they could visit the ringing room. Visitors donated over £11 to church funds.

N. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The August meeting of the St. Albans District was combined with the Western District and the Central District of the Ladies' Guild and held at North Mymms. Ringing on the eight bells at St. Mary's was done from the 'Dress Circle,' the tenor ringer being down in the 'three bobs,' and ranged up to nine Spliced Surprise.

The service was taken by Graham Lock, the tower captain's son, who is a theological student. Mrs. Lock played the organ and organised the tea.

Mr. Bonnett, the Association president, would have been in the chair had a formal business meeting been held. He is setting an example of attendance at District meetings that future presidents may be hard pressed to follow.

J. D. C.

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OSWY STREET MEMORIAL CUP

Four teams entered for the Oswy Street Memorial Cup at Babworth, each ringing 720 changes. Mr. H. Chant was the judge, and the cup was again won by Friezland, with 52 faults, followed by Warsop 56, Derby Cathedral 124 and Shelley 131.

Mr. B. Street presented the cup to Mr. J. Burgess, who suitably replied. Thanks were give to the Rector, the judge, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton who provided a nice tea for over 40, and those who competed.

THE RAVING RINGERS IN IRELAND

FOR the first time in their history, the Society of Raving Ringers crossed the sea for their annual summer tour—to Ireland. This year the Society had lost its honourable Master, Mr. Ron Russ, who is at present living in Adelaide, South Australia.

On Friday, July 26th, 14 Ravers, fully fledged or new-comers, met at Liverpool, from London, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Bucks and Oxfordshire.

A ring was snatched by some of the party at Much Woolton, before boarding M.V. Ulster Prince for Belfast. Some of us recalled hearing these bells on a Christmas broadcast about two years ago.

At 9.30 p.m. prompt the boat sailed and most spent the night either walking the deck or grabbing 'forty winks' on any vacant chair. After a calm crossing the boat docked at Belfast at 7.30 a.m. on July 27th, and it was only a matter of time before Howard Oglesby's car had been unloaded from another boat. Chris Clarke and Dennis Bowen went into Belfast to pick up the minibus, which was to be our main transport for the coming week. Before long, the Ravers' flag was hoisted on the roof of the minibus, and we left for the Botanic Hotel, Belfast, for breakfast. We were surprised to find that Mr. Eric Speake's touring party were staying just opposite us in the Alexandra Hotel. After breakfast the tired travellers were only too glad to get some sleep, before the mass onslaught which was to start on the Saturday afternoon.

JOINED IRISH ASSOCIATION

All of the Society members had become honorary resident life members of the Irish Association before the tour and, complete with badges, we sailed forth from Belfast at 3 p.m. to visit our first Irish tower.

Our journey from Belfast took us along the southern shore of Belfast Lough to Holywood, where we were greeted by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, the Master of the Association. Alas! due to the journey and lack of sleep we were unable to make the best of our striking. The bells are of good tone and go very well, and led us to expect some excellent rings elsewhere. Howard Oglesby got lost on the way to Holywood, but eventually his car arrived and some rather poor Stedman and a course of Yorkshire finished our ringing here.

We next stopped at Bangor, a seaside resort, and were delayed by a mile long traffic jam. Fortunately Mick Ling, our navigator, knew where the church was. Bangor bells are a fine eight of excellent tone, but unfortunately one or two of them are odd struck. Here we tried our first course of Bristol of the tour, but efforts to ring the method were in vain due to many sleepy-eyed Ravers.

Following tea, we motored on in the heat of the afternoon to Ballylesson. As it was not marked on our navigator's map I suspect we saw more of the Irish countryside than originally intended. Finally we arrived at Drumbo, which is a part of Ballylesson, and we were welcomed by two young local ringers. The bells sound and go very well. It was at this tower that Tony Mann called his first touch of 'Spliced' Minor, which we suspect to be false. Ringing ended with a course of Cambridge Minor and some Grandsire Doubles for the local ringers, who had informed us that they had just taken up change ringing.

Our final Saturday tower was Hillsborough, and on the journey to this tower we caught our first glimpse of the Mountains of Mourne, and saw some very pleasant Irish scenery. Still all in one piece, in spite of some speeding, we managed to arrive safely at the Church of St. Malachi, Hillsborough, and outside we were met by several members of Mr. E. Speake's party, together with the local captain. Hillsborough bells are a complete Rudhall eight, which were renovated by Taylor's some twelve years ago—a fine eight on which to spend the end of the first day's ringing. Methods rung included Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, a touch of Double Norwich with some of Eric Speake's party and ringing finished with a course of Yorkshire. Later we were hospitably entertained by Mr. Brogan and fellow ringers to supper in the Church Hall, and we thank them.



Back row (left to right): Michael Coleman, Tony Mann, Howard Oglesby, Stephen Darvill, Noel Waite (obscured), Kent Darvill, Michael Ling, Chris Clarke.

Middle row (left to right): Dennis Bowen, Christine Bowen, Mr. Fred Bogan, Olga Ling, Dorothy Waite.

Front row (left to right): Maureen Lawrence, Susan Burt, Jennifer Sceeny.

THREE TOWERS ON SUNDAY

Our first tower on Sunday was St. Thomas', Belfast, shared with Eric Speake's party. The bells sound very well, though odd struck and exceptional effort is required around the back end. In the afternoon we visited Carrickfergus and some visited the castle here, while others went for a ride. Carrickfergus bells are in a detached campanile, directly above the church lich-gate. The bells were originally cast by Gillett and Johnston and are a fine eight.

Leaving Carrickfergus we headed around the northern shore of Belfast Lough in time to ring the ten bells at St. Mark's, Dundela. The ten are good for their weight. Our final tower of the day was St. Donard's, Bloomfield, where we took it in turns to ring as the belfry is extremely small, just about enough room for six people at a time, and after a while the belfry resembles a 'Turkish Bath.'

Back at the hotel in Belfast, Howard Oglesby was elected Master in Ron Russ' absence, and Mick Coleman became Ringing Master.

On Monday morning we headed for Lurgan, with a ring of eight of good tone, but difficult to handle due to the extremely long draught. We were each presented with a linen cloth, on which was printed a picture of the church. For these gifts we thank the ringers of Lurgan.

Passing through the Mountains of Mourne we came to the village of Rostrevor. These pleasant bells were broadcast on Christmas Day. An added attraction about the belfry is that the 5th and tenor are rung from a high ledge. Although the 2nd slipped wheel occasionally some good courses of London and Cambridge were rung.

Following lunch we crossed the Eire border and arrived in Drogheda in good time. A reporter from 'The Drogheda Independent' rushed up to the belfry to interview us and Chris Clarke immediately placed an order for a copy of the paper.

Between Drogheda and Dublin we visited Skerries, for the Ravers' annual dip, and amongst scores of jelly fish we marched forward to waggle our toes in the Irish Sea. Dennis Bowen seemed unwilling to join us, but after a half mile chase along the beach was soon persuaded to do so.

IN DUBLIN

Tuesday was our busiest day, with a programme of six towers. First was Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, a majestic ring of ten, which have two semitones amongst them for light and medium weight octaves. Unfortunately, due to very low ropes, there was difficulty in managing the back bells. Next to Blessington, which in Dove's are labelled 'unringable.' Half the fifth's wheel is missing and part of the tenor wheel was badly damaged. Due to these defects we were therefore restricted to ringing all the bells except the fifth. The front bells are in reasonable order, but the tenor required four stalwart youths to raise it. We managed to ring Bob Minimus on the front four, with the tenor covering, but found that one course was ample for the brave man ringing the tenor. Tony Mann, our tenor king, had one ring on it and then slunk down the stairs. However, Chris Clarke attempted to turn the tenor into Bob Doubles. This he did, but a rope breaking on the 3rd caused the effort to come to a sudden end. The bells are an average toned six and, with the 5th chimed and three on the tenor, some reasonable rounds were achieved. This tower was Mick Coleman's 500th and was one he certainly will not forget.

Our journey to Bray took us through one of the most beautiful parts of Ireland: Glendalough, and it was here that we had lunch before finally passing around the foot of the Sugarloaf mountain and entering Bray itself. Here we had our biggest disappointment of the tour. On arrival we were informed that the tenor clapper pin had sheared off and therefore we could only ring on the front seven. Our party piece at Bray was to have been a course of Bristol. A varied collection

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Letters to the Editor

Sunday Morning Ringing

Dear Sir,—Clearly the pattern of Sunday morning worship involving a service at 9 or 9.30 has come to stay—at least for the foreseeable future.

Its advantages are so obvious. It normally consists of Holy Communion, so devised, in splendid simplicity, as to emphasise the greatest values of Christian worship—the gathering together of the redeemed family, with one another and with our Redeemer; the offering of our lives and activities to our Lord and to our fellow men; the consecrating of the working week which is to follow, by the receiving of the fruits of men's work hallowed by Christ's blessing. It transforms the atmosphere of Church from being 'a place to which we go' to 'the home to which we belong.' The breakfast which often follows is the final act of transforming a crowd into a family.

Where it is found difficult to ring before such a service, surely the obvious thing is to ring afterwards. Indeed, this might seem even more appropriate than ringing beforehand, for its purpose is then the proclaiming to all around the splendour of the presence of the risen Christ, whose family has greeted him in the church below.

We ring after a wedding, to proclaim the joy of two people coming together as a family in God's name. Similarly the joy of the gathering together of the Christian family round the Lord's table can animate our Sunday mid-morning ringing.—Yours sincerely.

GILBERT THURLOW (Canon).

Great Yarmouth.

Dear Sir,—In case any of your readers should be misled, I hasten to comment on the letter from Mr. Frank S. Cheney, on page 596 of 'The Ringing World' of September 6th. This was written from South Wigston, Leicester, and I should like to make it clear that Mr. Cheney's remarks have nothing whatever to do with the ringers or the ringing at St. Thomas', South Wigston.

It is true that Mr. Cheney lives as close to St. Thomas' as some of our own ringers, but he worships at All Saints', Wigston Magna. (Conversely, two of St. Thomas' ringers live quite close to All Saints'.)

When I first came to St. Thomas' in January, 1953, only one bell was chimed (by the churchwarden) for the morning service at 10 a.m. However, the bells of St. Thomas' have rung every Sunday morning for the last eight years and even during the recent holiday season the minimum number being rung has been six.

Quite naturally, a number of incumbents are holding their Parish Communion, Family Mass, or call it what you will, at an earlier time than 11 a.m. and making it the principal act of worship. Therefore it is also necessary for the ringers to be there in time to ring adequately for it. Why Mr. Cheney should think it to be 'obviously more difficult to obtain a band to ring for a service at 9 or 9.30' I do not know, unless the activities of some members of the band the previous evening have something to do with it!

I have heard two or three fellow Ringing Masters say to me: 'Our Vicar has altered the morning service to 10 (or earlier), therefore we cannot ring for it.' To my mind it should be: 'Our Vicar has altered....therefore we have to get up an hour earlier and it means we have an extra hour before lunch for.... (gardening?).'

Surely our duty as ringers is to ring the bells for service at times laid down by the incumbent and not to say that we will ring only when we think we will.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leics.

Peal Collections and Errors

Dear Sir.—Mr. D. R. Carlisle's letter on page 580 presents a good case for the inclusion of details of the incidence of falseness in a Surprise Major Collection. Possibly some comments from another outsider may be relevant.

(1) C.C. publications take a long time to get into print. The last attempt to produce such a book died on its feet and it was left to Mr. Corrigan to put the Council to shame. I suggest that anything that may cause delay is to be avoided.

(2) It is traditional that all C.C. publications have misprints. Incorrect place notation shows up when the method is written out—errors in falseness do not.

(3) On past showing, the Methods Committee have no idea of how to economise on space—the Minor Collection is a classic example of this—I have no doubt they are debating whether to print whole or half leads of the methods! The addition of information on falseness would give a further excuse to lengthen the publication.

(4) In conclusion I would make one plea to the committee; please put in the methods that people **ring.** The present Doubles and Minor collections are infuriating, not so much because they contain page after page of seldom-rung rubbish, but because they do not contain methods and so called variations which are very frequently rung.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore

Note by the 'Locum.'—Item (2) is a bit sweeping. The presence of misprints is not these days confined to ringing publications. It must also be remembered that the work is all voluntary and usually done by very busy members of the Council.—W. G. W.

50 Years' Ringing at Aldenham

Dear Sir,—As the oldest member, in age, of the Aldenham band of church bell ringers, it has fallen to my happy lot to bring to your notice the outstanding record of our respected Tower Master, Mr. Cecil Evans. He has been ringing continuously at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Aldenham, excepting for illness and holidays, since he was 12 years old in 1913. He has thus completed 50 years service to the church.

I do not think I can do better than quote from a letter to Cecil from the Vicar of Aldenham, who congratulates him on attaining his jubilee as a ringer. It is, he says, a magnificent record, and one of which he may be justly proud, not the least valuable period being the last sixteen years, when he held the Aldenham tower together during his, the Vicar's, incumbency, and has built up such a useful band of ringers.

We, the members of the Aldenham band, would like to join our Vicar in congratulating Cecil on his achievement, and hope he may be spared for many years to come, and enjoy increasing happiness in his fine task for Christ and His Church.

Cecil has been instrumental in teaching many learners, including my own two sons, and for which I personally owe him a debt of gratitude. Ringing is a grand hobby, but more than that, a service to the Church of which anyone may be proud. My only regret is that I did not start learning until I was 56. However, I hope to carry on for a few more years yet, always assuming I don't get the sack!—Yours faithfully,

DONALD A. FRANKS.

Radlett, Herts.

The Clerical Guild

Dear Sir,—Referring to the note in Belfry Gossip (page 600), the members of the Clerical Guild are at one with Mr. E. Barnett in realising that a peal of Stedman should have been recorded for the Guild ere this. The peals of Stedman Triples and Caters in 1884, 1910 and 1914 were rung, of course, before the Guild was formed.

But I want to assure Mr. Barnett that the Guild has made some attempts at Stedman Triples: one at Highweek, Newton Abbot, in 1939, where after half-a-peal of good and fast ringing the whole thing suddenly went to pieces; another at Coln St. Aldwyn in 1947, where belfry conditions were too awkwardly primitive; and, again at Combe Martin in 1955, where the first mistake after two and a half hours proved fatal.

We were, perhaps, unduly bold to attempt Cinques at High Wycombe in 1911, even with the band of stalwarts who could be mustered then. Gathering only for a day or two, reliable ringers as they were, few of them in regular practice and some of them strangers to twelve-bell ropesight and beat, success was hardly to be expected. But we enjoyed trying. That was the fine old generation comprising G. D. Coleridge, C. P. D. Davies, F. J. O. Helmore, H. S. T. Richardson, C. W. O. Jenkyn, A. T. Beeston, W. W. C. Baker, Law James and Bankes James, H. E. Cockey and C. A. Clements. It was such a privilege to know and ring with them all, and we owed much to the organisation of my cousin, E. V. Cox. Alas! those have all passed on now, but the Clerical Guild has some capable successors to them and with the keen present generation one looks forward confidently to the emergence of a peal band which will not be afraid to tackle anything. It has to be remembered, of course, that our members, scattered widely over the country as they are, have little or no opportunity of practising together—obviously a disadvantage and most of us know that Stedman can defy the best of us!

Sad to say, at my age, I must leave it to them now to redeem the failures of the past. Certainly I urge that the Guild's primary objective should be a peal of Stedman—Triples at least, and I hope Mr. Barnett may be granted with me the joy of seeing it accomplished before long.—Yours sincerely,

C. CAREW COX.

Bridport.

Note.—Mr. E. Barnett points out that it was Stedman **Cinques** he thought was overdue.—'Locum.'

Yorkshire Fives

Dear Sir,—I fear that M.K. makes a misstatement when he, or she, states that Wykeham is the only 5-bell tower in the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association (see page 580 of the 'R.W.'). Does not M.K. know of a place called Nidd, situated between Harrogate and Ripon, which is another 5-bell tower in the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association?

Perhaps what M.K. really meant to say is that Wykeham is the only 5-bell tower in the North Riding of Yorkshire; but what he or she is apparently overlooking is the fact that some towers situated in the West Riding of Yorkshire are attached to the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association. I recommend M.K. to peruse some of the annual reports of the Yorkshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

Darlington, Durham. F. HODGSON.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, J. Hobson 2, D. S. Johnson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, P. Woollven 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

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LETTERS—Continued

All Saints', Wandsworth —An Apology

Dear Sir,—May I express my apologies to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the misstatements contained in the opening sentence of my article on All Saints', Wandsworth? The sentence also seems to blame them for the poor condition of the bells. This was completely unintentional. The date should, of course, have been 1922, in which year (says a memorial tablet in the tower) 'several defects arose which caused the need for restoring and modernising.'

However, I would like to make it clear that two factors assured me that the bells were rehung in 1956, both of which are now known to be false: (1) I was told by members of the All Saints', Wandsworth, Society (who after abandoning the tower continued at Holy Trinity, West Hill) that they were rehung in 1956. This tallied with (2), an edition of the 'Bellringers' Guide' of about that time, which says: 'Wandsworth All Saints' bells not yet rehung.' These two points, of course, made me think that the bells had been rehung.

The error is deeply regretted and a letter of apology will also be sent to the founders.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

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Adding 48 Changes

Dear Sir,—Noticing in your issue of August 30th the way in which the peal of 5,040 Surprise Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral on August 5th was obtained reminds me of a similar peal rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on April 12th, 1930. This contained 48 changes of Primrose and 4,992 of New Cambridge Maximus, being the first peal of Surprise Maximus to contain only 5,040 changes. Both these plans bring up the Wrong position at the first lead. Also 5,088 and 5,184 changes of Rochester Surprise Maximus have been rung at Ipswich.—Your truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

The Late Mr. L. H. Jones

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mrs. D. J. King for her appreciation of the late Mr. L. H. Jones, of Monmouth, a man it was a privilege to have known. In the early 1880's, my father went to live at Monmouth, where he taught a band from scratch and in 1886 called the first peal on the bells. In 1956, Mr. Jones arranged another to commemorate the 70th anniversary and invited me to take part.

The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Jones to my wife and myself during our visit is something we have never forgotten.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Phillips 1, Miss A. M. Gratton 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, W. Pickett 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, J. L. Shenton (first as cond.) 8.

OBITUARY

MR. T. McMORRAN

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief and brought grief when, after forty minutes' ringing, Mr. Thomas McMorran, conductor at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, conducting off the 2nd, suffered a cerebral hæmorrhage and died in the ringing chamber on Tuesday, August 27th.

The quarter peal had been in progress 40 minutes, when Mr. McMorran collapsed and died. It was to be a compliment to mark his 50 years' active service in his trade union. The band was H. H. Brown 1, T. McMorran 2, W. E. Lynch 3, H. W. Jones 4, C. J. Reede 5, D. Vokes 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, T. H. Wilson 8.

Mr. McMorran learned to ring in St. George's, Dublin, in 1912, and would speak proudly of conducting call changes there. He was elected a member of the Irish Association in May, 1913, and in May, 1963, was elected a life member in recognition of his services to change ringing in Ireland.

In 1920 he joined the Cathedral Society, and two years later rang his first peal; in all he rang in 12 successful peals, including the first peals on the bells of Derry Cathedral and Limerick Cathedral, and also the first peal by a band composed only of Irishmen. He learned to conduct under Gabriel Lindoff, and, when Mr. Lindoff died in 1941, Mr. McMorran was the obvious choice to succeed him as conductor at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He also held the office of secretary for 20 years.

He enjoyed his conducting, deriving great pleasure in calling quarter peals, especially several of Stedman, his favourite method. He also conducted the only quarter peal rung by a band of Irish Freemasons, being himself a Past Master of the Craft.

Mr. McMorran was by trade a carpenter, and last year completed 50 years' active membership of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers. Visitors to St. Patrick's will have seen a rare example of his craftsmanship in the handsome press which he fashioned to display the set of handbells and contain the Society's records. They will also remember his friendly welcome and spontaneous invitation to 'call a touch,' and his hospitality in his home when the 'crooked bottle' would be produced.

His loss to St. Patrick's Cathedral in particular, and to Ireland in general, will be keenly felt: he was a link with the men who established change ringing in Ireland and his own knowledge of the art was extensive. The bells were rung half-muffled before the burial service in the Cathedral, plain courses only of Grandsire, for our conductor was dead. Representatives of many towers attended the interment at Mount Jerome.

The sympathy of all his many friends is extended to his wife, Mrs. Alice McMorran.

C. J. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Fardon and Mr. and Mrs. Hart, of Middlesex, and Miss Sweeney, of Farnham, Surrey, whilst holidaying in Ireland, gave valuable and greatly appreciated assistance to the ringers at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday, September 1st, when the bells were rung muffled in memory of the late Mr. McMorran.

OUTINGS

BAWTRY

The Derbyshire area was chosen for the annual outing of Bawtry ringers on August 31st. It was an enjoyable day with perfect weather. Towers visited were Clay Cross, South Normanton, South Wingfield, Swanwick, Ripley, Breadsall and St. Andrew's, Derby. Incumbents and all who helped to make the day possible are sincerely thanked. A. J.

ST. MICHAEL'S, WORKINGTON

A tour in three counties was enjoyed by St. Michael's, Workington, ringers & friends, totalling 20, on June 29th. Towers visited were Ambleside, Kendal (Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal), Lancaster R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster Priory (Cambridge Surprise Major) and Morecambe. Mr. Les Boumphrey is thanked for organising the tour.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE

Twenty-six ringers, friends and relations from Dunham Massey, Rostherne, Bowdon, Northenden, Swinton, Leigh and Birch-in-Rusholme left Altrincham at 9 a.m. on August 22nd for an outing to Leicestershire. Rain and low cloud spoilt the journey over the Pennines and it was still raining at Kegworth, where the party had lunch.

The Loughborough Bell Foundry followed, and all the party agreed that 90 minutes was too short a time to see the foundry and ring there. Thurcaston (a delightful eight) and Wanlip (6) concluded the ringing, but before returning home Mrs. Thomas, the mother of an ex-Dunham Massey ringer, gave the party an excellent hot meal at her home in Birstall. All too brief was the look at the new church in Birstall.

Our thanks are due to John Taylor and Co., incumbents, tower captains and ringers, and Mrs. Thomas, for a wonderful day. A. K. M.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.

A number of ringers and friends from St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen, and the surrounding area made an early start on July 27th for their annual outing. At Long Compton, the first tower, we encountered the only hitch of the day—the difficulty in obtaining the belfry key, which was eventually found after exploring most of the village.

Enstone and Middleton Stoney, where the church stands in private grounds, followed, and we were glad of the map sent by the local captain. The last tower before lunch was Bicester (a lovely eight) and a member of the local band joined us for ringing. An alfresco lunch was enjoyed here in the sunshine by some, while others visited the local tavern.

In the afternoon towers visited included Buckingham (hardly suitable for just after lunch), Towcester and Brackley. We concluded our ringing on the fine ten at Banbury but, regrettably, were unable to ring Royal. An excellent dinner was enjoyed at leisure in Banbury afterwards.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

We would like to express our thanks to the incumbents and local ringers who met us. Also to Tom, our driver, Miss Riley and the other organisers who helped to make the day so enjoyable. H. A. A.

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3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, IN KENT

On June 28th, 4.30 p.m., and off for a long week-end in Kent. En route, Guildford. How the Cathedral has improved since last we saw it—only chancel completed then. Three parts round the town and we arrive: my, this is something; and a hassock with embroidered bell greets us immediately inside the west door. Almost behind the altar we find the 'Pulling' bell, just as the 'curfew' is rung—shouldn't bells be in a tower? We leave: what is that thing upon the tower?

At 8.30, Stoke D'Abernon. Here we are, a delightful 3 cwt. six and not tricky to handle. At 9 o'clock, ringers' rest hour already; perhaps we could take the bells with us? No? Ah well! We scatter to find our hotels. Half-timbered for us, fine-looking place; let's to bed. Expensive garret this, at 30/-; perhaps they've heard of ringers!

At 9.30 a.m., Biggin Hill. St. Mark's, with fine-proportioned tower; not a bit as expected. Joy of joys, the bells are fully-muffled; and the Vicar, in an ecstasy with our first course of Kent in Kent, wishes his choirboys would strike in like manner on Sundays. Oh, that we could stay all day!

Foots Cray: a very light five, though the second is trying to make it a six by speaking twice. Any congregation here must scale the pews to dodge the ropes. Ah, welcome to Miss E.—left Sandbach at 2 a.m.! On again: what traffic. Gravesend—aptly named—and frustration: not one native knows the Chapel of Unity. Perhaps this is the Styx Ferry queue, from which we extricate ourselves in the 'nick' of time. At 12 o'clock we must give up—hope the others found it. Stop—start—switch off—crawl on. Ah, a blessed motorway. Leeds, of great repute, we come to pay homage. Sorry we're a bit late, sir. Where is the 40,000 peal board? In a pile and sadly neglected—the worms appreciate it anyway. Ninth and tenor kick, perhaps in protest.

Staplehurst, Cranbrook, Biddenden, Smarden: 8, 8, 8, 6, with ringing fair and not so fair, a rusted clock hammer wire, and plain hunting for food. Through fields of hops, past hosts of oasts, broken and misleading signposts. Little Chart—modern church, tower and bells; not quite a Biggin Hill. Away with tea, let's enjoy these while we may—pity about the slider noise or whatever: we persevere with Oswald—Delight(ed) we get it.

Egerton: band for rising: must be anti-clockwise: ah, that's better. It is, we find, a stronghold of peculiar T.B. methods. A lone ringer, despairing of his local band, greets us for Chartham's noisy six. Now, hey-ho, to Canterbury, where we unearth St. Alphege's and grope for the main switch. Last ring of the day, and we forget to ring Canterbury Pleasure—even in Reverse. But now for the delights of a Chinese restaurant, with a bottle of the best, and talk of tours past, present—and one settled for October. And so, thankfully, to the Land of Nod. Not one spare bed in all Canterbury this night. We are pilgrims indeed.

Sunday, and away to Birchington to ring for Mattins: a light eight, a joy to ring. Now for ye mysteries of Quex Park. Intrigued, we wend and paddle towards a dripping spinney where, suitable incantations muttered, we enter the 'brickdom,' tuck up the newly-fitted ropes and raise the bells, then explore. Eerie it is, and unlovely. Vampires and things. Come! let's ring them. Squire Powell, does he listen, in mausoleum beneath the tower? Caters, Triples, rounds, unaided by new ropes and down.

Lunch in Canterbury, and exercise in ascending the Cathedral tower. Lovely bells. Stedman's Triples—an awareness of our ears. The 12 to rounds, and Caters before we concede to Bell Harry's voice of fleeting time. Sadly, we must go. Photographs and goodbye to three of the band; and for us, from the sublime to Alkam's enjoyable four, and local band, amused to see us ring without resort to cards: Stedman and many forms of Minimus. The tower, scrutinised from 20 paces, we find, bears a marked resemblance to a prominent member of H.M.G.

An hour or so by the sea, and Brookland's 'triple candle-snuffer' awaits us. Amid incredible noise we raise the five and attempt Doubles, watching the conductor's lips for notification of a bob. The massive beams about us visibly twist: we fear the rope guide, thrashing about its one-nail fixing, will embroil the tenor man's head and arms—a frightening thought. Outside, the bells sound subdued and sweet. Almost service time, we lower away to silence. An inspection of this curiosity reveals an immense tenor wheel and pits above the present level, perhaps for an original two.

One more tower before we turn homeward; but when we find it two miles away we don't want to leave. An oasis among low-lying and oft-flooded fields stands Fairfield's tiny church. Fittingly, in its cote are hung 'iij' small bells; the tenor we judge about 2 cwt. Much pleasure they give us when rung to Reverse and Original Singles, and even call-changes. We give a chance visitor his first lesson in handling a bell, and advise him to have more when he gets home.

Well done, John Sawtell, say we all, in organising such a memorable tour; 16 ringing friends, representing six counties, have taken part. Thank you, kind vicars and captains, for permission to ring and welcomes in meeting us.

E. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 30 people were present for the service and tea at the Ashford District meeting at New Romney on September 7th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Stuart Martin), who spoke interestingly. Mr. D. Tullett was at the organ. Tea was enjoyed in the adjacent Church Hall and was kindly paid for by Mr. J. Willis, the esteemed chairman of the District, who was celebrating his 80th birthday.

In his vote of thanks Mr. J. R. Cooper included another octogenarian, Mr. H. S. Humphery, captain of the New Romney ringers, who made all the arrangements and who has long been a stalwart in this outpost of the District.

New Romney was once the chief of the Cinque Ports but now the only reminder of its former greatness is its ancient church, with its glorious Norman nave. The tower is one of the finest in the south of England, 100 feet high and 32 feet square. It has had a ring of eight bells for over 200 years.

C. T. H.

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of Triples methods were rung on the front seven, and we had no doubt in our minds whatsoever that if the tenor had been ringing also we would certainly have declared these bells to be one of the finest rings of eight.

After tea we visited St. George's, Dublin, and we found eight bells very much to our liking. Our visit to Ireland would not have been complete if we had not rung the Erin principle, so it was appropriate that we should terminate our visit to St. George's with a good touch of Erin Triples.

We arrived on time at St. Patrick's Cathedral to appreciate fully our hour's ring on the glorious 12. The bells were already up when we arrived, and ringing commenced with a course of Grandsire Cinques. Here we were all very pleased to meet Mr. Fred Dukes, through whom the tour had been arranged. Here also the mighty Anthony turned the tenor into a course of Cambridge Royal.

We were rather late for our final tower of the day—the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist. The entrance to the belfry was definitely the most peculiar ascent any of us had ever encountered. It is at the top of a 90ft. spiral staircase, which commences somewhere amongst the church organ. The ten bells are anti-clockwise and do not go very well, the ninth and the tenor being extremely odd-struck 'both ways.'

TWO CATHEDRALS ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday our first tower was Arklow, set upon a hill and visible for many miles around. The bells are an extremely good eight: they all go very well indeed, and some very good ringing was heard, finishing with a very fast course of Yorkshire.

Our second tower of the day was Kilkenny Cathedral. The belfry is very spacious and the bells are housed in a wood and metal cage structure on top of the central tower. The rope circle is very large and the bells are noisy from inside the belfry. Here the whole Society signed and sent a postcard to Ron Russ, our past Master, who is at present living in Kilkenny, Adelaide, South Australia. The final tower of the day was Waterford Cathedral. The local captain made us very welcome and we enjoyed the bells very much. Ringing here included the Society's first course of Lincolnshire, some Spliced Plain Major and Gainsborough Little Bob Major. The night was spent at Dungarvon, 30 miles away.

Thursday saw us heading past the Comeragh Mountains towards Cork. At St. Fin Barre's Cathedral we were met by the president of the Irish Association, Mr. Fred Bogan, and here also the official tour photograph was taken. The bells are a marvellous eight, but unfortunately rather noisy inside the belfry. In the afternoon we rang at Bandon (6), and once more dodged with Eric Speake's party.

Arriving at Doneraile, we managed to have some good ringing on these very pleasant little six, including an extremely fast course of Cambridge and a much slower course of Hull. Our final tower on Thursday was St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. After celebrating Mick Coleman's 500th tower in the true raving fashion, we made our weary way to our hotel in the centre of Limerick.

On Friday morning we rang at the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, and most of the Society agreed that the ring is one of the finest tens we had ever rung on. Ringing concluded with a fine course of Cambridge Royal.

The last tower on Friday was Enniskillen, some 150 miles away from Limerick. On our way we met a donkey cart, and soon the minibus was parked by the side of the road while the photometers of our keen photographers pointed from all directions towards a rather bewildered Irishman. After Mick Ling's detour through a farmyard, we finally managed to reach Enniskillen, despite the fact that our smuggling members were detained for a time at the Northern Irish Customs on the way. Ringing at Enniskillen commenced with a course of Cambridge Royal so that Tony Mann and Howard Oglesby could take Howard's car back to Belfast that evening to catch the ferry back to Liverpool. The rest of the Ravers journeyed on towards Londonderry.

Saturday morning saw us ringing at Derry Cathedral, and at this tower Howard and Tony rejoined us. The bells, a fine ring of ten, go well, but several had very deep sets which left some of our female members dangling in the Londonderry air.

This was our last day in Ireland, and our two final towers were Coleraine and Ballymena. The latter had the ideal ring on which to finish our tour of Ireland. Ringing of exceptional standard was attained. A fine touch of St. Clement's Triples concluded a marvellous week in Ireland.

On Saturday evening we sailed from Belfast for Liverpool. Ringing on Sunday was at Everton in the morning, and in the afternoon we visited Childwall. An application to look at Liverpool Cathedral bells proved unsuccessful, but nevertheless we did visit the cathedral. Our final tower of the tour was St. Nicholas', Pierhead. On Monday, the seventh annual tour of the Society of Raving Ringers ended.

On behalf of the whole Society, may I thank Mr. Fred Dukes for making this tour possible. Thanks also are due to Chris Clarke, Howard Oglesby and Ron Russ, our organisers on this side of the Irish Sea, and to all the incumbents and tower captains of the towers we visited. Next year we hope to see some of Somerset.

M. W. C.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Moss (first quarter) 1, Pauline Turner 2, T. Turner 3, K. Stainton 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: K. B. Williamson (first quarter of Major) 1, I. Marshall 2, A. B. Close 3, G. F. Sperring 4, S. Jones 5, J. S. Dean 6, J. W. Griffiths 7, G. Parting (cond.) 8.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. D. Jenner 1, Jennifer M. Cook 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, P. S. Bennett 5, T. W. Hesketh 6, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 7, P. J. Rothera 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 30th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nichols 3, M. J. Dyer 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on July 7th, 720 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise Minor: M. Toze 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nichols 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on July 21st, 720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, 720 St. Clement's Bob: G. Pluckrose 1, C. L. Bell 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. Woollven 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service on Feast Sunday.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Ruth Gay 1, Sondra Hunt 2, J. L. Queen 3, R. J. Gay 4, P. W. Gay (first as cond.) 5. First in two methods 1 and 2. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. Andrews 1, Monica Horseman 2, Rosemary Smith 3, P. W. Gay 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5. Both rung as a wedding compliment to Roger Gay and Sondra Hunt, married at this church on August 24th.

NORTH MOLTON, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Walters 1, D. Jewell 2, K. Walters 3, H. Stacey 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, T. N. J. Bailey 6.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Perry 1, Miss I. M. Chiswell 2, B. Wootton (first 'inside') 3, J. Lawley 4, C. R. Tandy (cond.) 5, M. Clews (first quarter) 6.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Tyler (first quarter on eight) 1, Mrs. J. Tyler 2, W. Jones 3, G. T. Cousins 4, A. T. Poulton 5, L. Edwards 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, F. Blowen 8. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Jackson 1, Ann Harris 2, Christine Fuller 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, I. V. J. Smith 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Randall (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Daysh 2, Miss M. Quiney (first 'inside') 3, Miss S. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Sherwood 5, R. H. Green (first quarter) 6.

SHENINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. Russell 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. C. Paul 5.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Warwick 1, N. W. Grassby (first of Minor) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 4, Carol I. V. Corton 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June E. Wood (first of Minor) 1, N. R. May 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, M. G. Wood 5, J. A. Acres 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred (first of Kent 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 6, M. G. Wood 7, K. H. Mildred 8. For Evensong.

STOCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, R. I. Ford 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, J. J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor 6. A welcome home to R. I. Ford.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6 H. Stacey (cond.) 7, R. M. Cann 8. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Howard 1, Miss M. Bould 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, J. Howard 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, H. Stacey 6, R. J. Bould 7, T. N. J. Bailey 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. M. Barlow 1, Judy Bowen (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Christine Fuller 3, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 4, A. Jackson 5, I. V. J. Smith 6. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,576 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Monica E. Horseman 1, D. C. Exell 2, E. Naylor 3, P. Bridle 4, E. G. Skipsey 5, E. Lee 6, P. C. Wright 7, M. J. Horseman 8, J. Brain 9, G. Salmon 10, E. J. Chivers 11, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 12. First of Maximus for all except 2, 7 and 12.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Pullinger 1, H. S. Hobden 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, T. M. Barlow 5, A. R. Baldock 6, A. Jackson 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. For the 13th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: R. Sellick (first quarter) 1, P. Lancaster 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, G. Marchant 4, F. Sweet 5, G. Burge 6. A welcome to their new home in Bridgwater for Barbara and Brian Wilde after their honeymoon in Cornwall.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Aug. 10th, at 135, Copse Hill (on handbells), 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosamund M. Rawlings (first 'in hand') 1—2, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 3—4, Vanessa Rodrigues (first of Doubles 'in hand') 5—6.

WITHERIDGE, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Salter (first in the method) 4, E. E. Retter 5, W. Webb 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, T. Kingdom 8.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,296 Killamarsh Treble Bob Minor: P. Hawcock 1, J. Shonfeld 2, R. Daft 3, P. Humphrey 4, P. Hawcock 5, M. Poppleston (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Pratt 1, J. Glanvill 2, T. Gooding 3, A. R. Millidge 4, G. Elliott 5, J. Carter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. First of Triples 1 and 5.

YORK MINSTER.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Bob Major: Margaret E. Wilkinson 1, C. Groome 2, J. Hartley 3, C. M. Foster 4, J. D. Chamberlain 5, D. Pearson 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 7, C. Reeves 8. Rung on the back eight for Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Atkinson 1, Margaret E. Wilkinson 2, C. Groome 3, H. Walker 4, M. D. Staniforth 5, M. Maskill 6, C. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. A. D. Woolford 8. Rung on the back eight as a compliment to Frank Atkinson on his 81st birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes: 'I read with interest about the discovery of the 13th century bell at Appleshaw, Hants. I know nothing of this and W. E. Colchester's "Hampshire Church Bells" (page 68) says only: "Appleshaw—one bell modern." I wonder if the old bell has been acquired from some other church.

Martin Foster and Jonathan Chamberlain, who recently spent a cycling holiday in Yorkshire, would like to thank those who made them so welcome, both at York and Whitby, and especially Margaret Wilkinson for her hospitality and for introducing them to parkin.

A quarter peal at Gedling, Notts, on September 4th, was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. William F. Horsepool, a regular member of the local band for over 40 years, who died on September 1st, aged 62 years.

From the M.V. 'Cannanore' (P. and O. Line), Mr. K. Fleming, of Ampthill, Beds, sends his thanks to the ringers of the Hull District and other East Riding towers for their hospitality and friendship during his stay in Hull.

Mr. Ernest Paulson, of Darley Dale, has achieved a notable success by obtaining his B.Sc., London University, at the age of 46. This was after five years' intense study in his spare time. He is now tackling the necessary study for his M.A. degree, and all ringers will wish his every success.

The method of Langston Surprise Major, the first peal of which was rung at Churchill, Oxon, on September 7th, was so named to perpetuate a family name. The church was erected in 1826 at the sole expense of James Haughton Langston, M.P. He died in 1863, and the east window is a memorial to him from his tenants. Churchill tower is a copy of Magdalen Tower, Oxford.

'Jafus' contributes to the August-September issue of the 'Belfry News' (newspaper of Derbyshire ringers) an article on ringing in Derby 40 years ago. He recalls, in particular, James Pagett, appointed captain of All Saints', who could ring two tower bells together and also handbells up to Double Norwich.

An interesting query has been received as to who appoints the tower captain. Is it the Rector's prerogative or is the appointment made by the ringers? Our experience is that the selection is made by the ringers and the Rector is notified of their choice and has the right to object. Often he is present (in the chair) at the meeting. The right of appointing an organist rests with the incumbent, and if the tower captain is a salaried officer of the church then the same principle would apply.

Whilst on a tour of Hertfordshire on August 31st, Mrs. Doreen Bradley, one of the band at Shelford, Notts, rang in her 1,000th tower! Her husband, Frank, has a similar distinction.

The Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, the new Vicar of Etwall, Derbyshire, who comes from Churchill, near Oxford, is a 'ringer' himself, as are two of his five daughters. He was chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch.

Ringers who have visited Durban and met Cyril Chambers will be sorry to learn that he has recently lost his son, John. He was a telecommunications engineer, working in Turkey, where on an expedition into the mountains he was robbed and murdered.

Readers interested in G. A. Hall's article which appeared in our issue of August 30th should obtain a copy of the Central Council book, 'Preservation and Repair of Bells' (price 2s. post free) from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby.

The new ring of eight supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. has arrived at the Borough Church of St. Clement, Hastings. While the hanging will be completed shortly, the tower will not be open to ringers until after the dedication service on November 24th. Details will be announced in 'The Ringing World' later.

Miss M. Phillips, who rings at Great Mongeham, near Deal, has gone to Finland under the British Council to teach English and lecture on English life. She would like to include bellringing as an aspect of English life and would like pictures of bells and ringing sent to her home, Manor Cottage, Cherry Lane, Great Mongeham, Kent.

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ST. DENNIS, CORNWALL.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dennis,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	*Treble*	*I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	5
M. L. J. Jordan (Trin. Hall)	2	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare) ..	3	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	7
W. T. Cook (Jesus)	4	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
* First peal of London.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gulval,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	*Treble*	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	5
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	2	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	6
*V. Nutton (Selwyn) ..	3	W. T. Cook (Jesus) ..	7
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. Cook.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anthony,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

H. E. Bishop (Selwyn) ..	*Treble*	*V. Nutton (Selwyn) ..	5
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	2	*R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
*L. R. H. Smith (Queens')	3	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	7
*C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	4	C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by H. Neill.
* First peal of Superlative.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Petrock,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	*Treble*	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	2	J. Pilkington (Fitz. Ho.)	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare) ..	3	C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	7
R. Leigh (St. Cath.'s) ..	4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by H. Neill.
* First peal of Bristol.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,600 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	5
I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)..	2	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare) ..	3	M. L. J. Jordan (Trin. Hall)	7
I. R. H. Smith (Queens')	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by A. S. Hudson.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Edward W. Colley	8
*Ann Fellows	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Susan Funnell..	4	Frank E. Haynes	10
†Michael J. Fellows ..	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Martin D. Fellows ..	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Beryl N. Reed	*Treble*	A. Robin Heppenstall ..	7
Joyce M. Gurnhill	2	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	8
Delia E. Smith	3	*Harold Stevenson	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	James W. Raithby	10
Claire Dillamore	5	Colin W. Reed..	11
Geoffrey Paul	6	Peter A. Sharp..	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on 12 bells.
A compliment to Peter A. Sharp and Joyce M. Gurnhill on their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Robert A. Bolt	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson.. ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	‡J. Barry Pickup	7
Neil Bennett	3	§Frederick C. Pearson ..	8
*Philip J. Crossthwaite..	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	9
†Geoffrey Fothergill ..	5	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	*Tenor*

Composed by John Burford. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal in the method. § First of Royal on an 'inside' bell.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice C. Hughes.. ..	*Treble*	Martin D. Fellows.. ..	6
Susan Funnell	2	David J. Purnell	7
Michael J. Fellows.. ..	3	George E. Fearn	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Frederick Ross	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Richard E. Price	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	6
Neil Donovan	2	Norman Chaddock	7
Elsie Chaddock	3	George S. Lee	8
Susan Chaddock	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	9
John J. L. Gilbert	5	Stuart Armeson	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Susan Chaddock on the previous Thursday.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34½ cwt.

Robert C. Heazel	*Treble*	John Crawley	6
Joe E. G. Roast..	2	Ian R. Panton	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	3	George E. Thoday	8
Andrew S. Hudson	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	9
Christopher K. Cooper ..	5	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Eves.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the Borough of Chelmsford.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

John J. Stanier	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	6
*Pamela M. Turner	2	Martin D. Fellows.. ..	7
R. George Morris	3	Michael J. Fellows.. ..	8
*David R. Ingram	4	Thomas W. Lewis	9
*Terence M. FitzGerald	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

Richard E. Price	*Treble*	George E. Hancock.. ..	6
Peter Woodward	2	Gordon Benfield	7
*David Banks	3	John E. Kirby	8
W. Eric Critchley.. ..	4	J. Henry Fielden	9
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	5	R. Gordon Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cubitt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Hilda.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 49 lb. in F sharp.

Cyril Crossthwaite	*Treble*	J. Barry Pickup	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Geoffrey Fothergill	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Frederick C. Pearson	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.
First peal on eight bells as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Harold C. Lonyon	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Carol Fernley	2	John Worth	6
*Peter W. Horn	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Alan J. Brown	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the marriage of Robert B. Smith and May Foster, which took place at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, the same day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Stanley Anderton	*Treble*	*Christopher F. Mew	5
*†Maryl Crossthwaite	2	*Margaret E. Fort	6
*Barbara Green	3	*Bernard Moss	7
*†Philip Crossthwaite	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor. A 25th birthday compliment to the sixth ringer.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Geoffrey Brannan	*Treble*	Michael Wilshaw	5
Peter T. Dale	2	Barry Corbishley	6
Geoffrey Davies	3	Roy Worrall	7
Giles B. Thompson	4	Ivor R. Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 PRESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Martin F. Lock	*Treble*	John Hill	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
E. Jane Sibson	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan. No. 251).

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Harold J. Shuck	*Treble*	Peter J. Brown	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	J. Harold White	6
Mrs. J. Harold White	3	John C. Eisel	7
Yvonne Edwards	4	Martin D. Fellows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Beuno.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Michael R. Wycherley	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	5
Reginald H. Newton	2	*Philip J. Evans	6
*Derek B. Williams	3	†Roger W. Powell	7
Michael Wilshaw	4	Ian Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Michael Wilshaw.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major.

PRESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
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CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

Bert Horton	*Treble*	Roy K. Mowforth	5
James E. Eastwood	2	Arthur S. Williams	6
*Peter Barker	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
E. Marton Key	4	George Bradbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung to commemorate the first peal on the eight bells, Stedman Triples, on September 1st, 1923, conducted by Herbert Knight. Mr. Bert Horton, now aged 76, rang the tenor in the original peal, and the above peal was his first attempt for 15 years. The only other survivor of the first peal is Mr. Chris. Wallater, of Willenhall.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
Tenor 14 cwt.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR

John W. Owen	*Treble*	Victor G. Roberts	5
Victor Savage	2	Edgar Skipsey	6
Peter C. Wright	3	Edward J. Chivers	7
Gwilym Salmon	4	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
First peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Fred C. Pugh	*Treble*	*John C. Eisel	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Paul W. Webb	3	*Martin D. Fellows	7
Paul Cattermole	4	Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* 100th peal. First of Surprise on the bells, and of Major since restoration First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*Ann Bateson	*Treble*	Clarence F. Briggs	5
John Freeman	2	Harold Stevenson	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	Colin W. Reed	7
James W. Raithby	4	Frederick G. Hooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal on eight bells, and first in the method.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Philip, Hulme.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

John Worth	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Harold C. Lonyon	2	Basil Jones	6
*Giles B. Thompson	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Alan J. Brown	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 100th peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Harold Dowler	*Treble*	Dennis Latham	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Barry Corbishley	6
Ivor R. Nichols	3	Roy Worrall	7
Walter Sherratt	4	Geoffrey Davis	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey Davis.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

John Walden	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
Cynthia Warrilow	2	Edward W. Colley	6
Nora M. Randles	3	Geoffrey Paul	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

COLIN JOHNSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
DONALD F. MURFET	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
J. KEITH WARD	3	KENNETH J. HESKETH	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
The conductor's 150th peal of Surprise.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

PETER A. KIRKBY	*Treble*	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by R. W. PIPE. Conducted by S. BARRY SCHOFIELD.
* 100th peal.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	CLAIRE DILLAMORE	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	†P. WILLIAM BRETT	7
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4	HARRY POYNER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* 50th peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	5
NEVIL A. JAMES	2	*DAVID S. BISHOP	6
*PENELOPE J. WELCH	3	*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	7
†ROBIN J. H. SIMON	4	ALAN W. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.
* First peal of Grandsire, and of Triples. † First peal. This peal was by members of the Sunday service band and was the first attempt at a peal by a local band, since the bells were rehung.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, (2) Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, (3) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (4) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob, (5) Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; with 29 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	J. BARRY PICKUP	4
FREDERICK C. PEARSON	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* 25th peal.

SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B.

ROBERT E. HARDY	*Treble*	A. TREVOR HAWKINS	4
KEITH J. WALPOLE	2	KENNETH J. DARVILLE	5
*ANN P. ROBINSON	3	ANTHONY R. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. CARTER.
* First peal 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. R. W. Howard on a visit from Hong Kong.

CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Charlwood Delight; (2) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (4) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; with 31 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	J. BARRY PICKUP	4
FREDERICK C. PEARSON	2	NEIL BENNETT	5
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal of 17 Minor methods for all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 All Saints, 1,920 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Rung on the front six.

C. BLACKBURN	*Treble*	W. F. GREEN	4
*E. R. GARNER	2	E. ROUGHLEY	5
T. D. ROUGHLEY	3	*J. HEDGCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. ROUGHLEY.
* First peal. First in four Doubles methods for all the band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	WILLIAM H. DALE	5
HARRY BARNES	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a golden wedding anniversary peal to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	JOHN HOPE	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
ROBERT A. HATCHER	3	GEORGE T. COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

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NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

G. Angus Dixon	*Treble*	W. Robert Parker	4
*Walter S. Smith	2	Charles V. Cade	5
G. Leonard Thompson	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* 25th peal.

Rung to celebrate the christening of John Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Parker

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

William H. Curson	*Treble*	Richard J. Clifton	4
William F. Woodward	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Colin Lord	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (seven callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

Alan G. Kirk	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	4
Gladys Richardson	2	John Robinson	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw	3	Alex. Richardson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alex. Richardson.

GARVESTONE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Kevin S. Hohl	*Treble*	Sidney Marshall	4
Edward Howes	2	George P. Adams	5
*Robert Burton	3	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Conducted by George P. Adams.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David Cubitt and Maureen Stammers, married August 24th.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

*†Peter Louth	*Treble*	*Anthony E. Stamp	4
*R. Fraser Mack	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
*Jeffrey J. Fox	3	*C. Barrie Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in five methods of Minor. † First off cover bell.

DINDER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Percy H. Hull	*Treble*	Victor G. Roberts	4
Peter C. Wright	2	Gwilym Salmon	5
*H. Anthony Usher	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter C. Wright.

* First peal of Doubles.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Kent T.B., and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*Tony Lewis	*Treble*	‡Christopher H. Macve	4
†Margaret C. Godfrey	2	Peter J. Milton	5
Ralph Bird	3	Andrew M. Macve	*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First peal of Minor, and in five methods. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in five methods.

BRADBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: Oxford Treble Bob (2), Kent Treble Bob (3), Plain Bob (2). Tenor 9 cwt.

Alex. Richardson	*Treble*	Gladys Richardson	4
Burley P. Morris	2	Anthony Laughton	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw	3	Alan G. Kirk	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan G. Kirk.

The conductor's 50th peal.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Harold Judd	*Treble*	John F. Underwood	4
Melvyn A. Rose	2	Richard Hall	5
James Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

In memoriam Thomas Duffield, of Owston Ferry.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Jennifer Sceeny	*Treble*	William Birmingham	4
Michael Hatchett	2	David P. Hilling	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Tenor*

Non-conducted and silent.

The fastest peal on the bells.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Barbara E. M. Fox	*Treble*	Peter Fenney	4
Janice M. Smith	2	Jeffrey J. Fox	5
Sheila A. Chinnery	3	C. Barrie Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

EDENSOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood	*Treble*	Herbert E. Taylor	4
George H. Paulson	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
Peter D. Taylor	3	Anthony Laughton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

Rung as a respectful compliment to Lady Emma Cavendish and the Hon. Tobias Tennant, who were married at this church on September 3rd, 1963.

HANDBELL PEALS

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.
In the Vestry of the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of 10 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) and (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (3) Annable's London, (4) Netherseale, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Annable's London, (7) Netherseale, with 63 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At 5, Moat Close,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	Roger Baldwin	5—6
Gerald Penney	3—4	Robin A. Hodgson	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method on handbells by all except the ringer of 3—4 50th handbell peal as conductor.

HALF PEAL

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Bob Doubles): P. A. Teal 1, E. M. Haynes (cond.) 2, J. Gray 3, G. E. Drew 4, S. J. Wight 5, N. W. Castle 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Waterworth; a farewell to Miss S. J. Wight, and congratulations to Miss E. M. Haynes for passing her exams.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Ireland 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, R. K. Russ 6, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For the Patronal Festival.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Holloway (14, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, H. Moody 3, J. Crayden 4, K. Tipper 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. A farewell compliment to Rev. P. Spencer, on his preferment to Winton, Bournemouth.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Aug. 18th, 1,259 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): N. Fright 1, Betty John 2, Rita Gould 3, Josephine Hardy 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5. First in seven methods by all the band except the conductor. For morning service.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Viner 1, Mrs. R. Stubbs 2, H. Taylor 3, R. Stubbs 4, D. Orledge 5, K. Harrison 6, J. Owen 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8. First of Triples 1 and 2.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Gallini 1, R. Banner 2, H. F. Wood 3, B. G. Elliot 4, G. C. Rix 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. For the christening of the son of W. L. Weller.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, K. Leach 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, A. R. Wood 5, P. Corderoy 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, E. J. Grace 8. On the occasion of the induction to the living of the parish of Blewbury of the Rev. H. J. Pickles, by Dr. Harry Carpenter, Bishop of Oxford.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. G. Firman (12, first on eight bells) 1, A. W. Bridges 2, P. M. Stockwell (15, first of Triples 'inside') 3, Mary Taylor 4, Pauline Fennell 5, J. H. Baxter 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, W. C. Bridges 8. A farewell to the conductor, leaving the district to live in Winchester.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine M. Hadfield 1, Patricia A. Drew 2, A. S. Harrison 3, J. H. Taylor 4, E. D. Elderkin 5, M. M. Powell 6, H. N. Evans (cond.) 7, R. L. Taylor 8. Rung by the S.U.G.C.R. as a wedding compliment to R. A. Brown and Miss C. B. Copley.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Martin 1, Jennifer Payne (first 'inside') 2, Julian Outhwaite 3, D. C. Manger (cond.) 4, D. L. Parker 5, R. W. Hinde 6. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pickett 1, Miss G. Wylde 2, D. King 3, E. Newnham 4, R. Chapman 5, W. Foote 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, B. D. Billimore 8. For the wedding of D. Sayer and Miss B. Webb.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Challen 1, Rev. C. R. C. Coussmaker 2, Diane Street 3, B. K. Lunn 4, P. Stevens (first 'inside' in method) 5, Rev. N. J. Smith 6, E. Win. Keys (cond.) 7, Rev. P. J. M. Bright 8.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hardwidge 1, J. J. Yates 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A 63rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,212 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Singleton (first quarter) 1, N. J. Davies (cond.) 2, Rev. M. Melville 3, J. S. Seager 4, R. J. Dyke 5, P. M. J. Gray 6. First in method by all except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 18th, at the church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Thompson (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Doreen A. Fairhead 2, P. G. Pitt (first 'inside') 3, N. V. Avis 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, on the Feast of St. Helena, Patron Saint of Colchester.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Adam (first quarter) 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6. To welcome Deborah Jane Clark (24-7-63) and Michael Deane Jones (21-8-63).

QUARTER PEALS

CULWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Yates 1, J. Spraggett 2, M. L. Baughan 3, J. F. Carter 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. First quarter on five bells 3 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. G. Neville, chairman of the Culworth Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Rector and Rural Dean, who is leaving to take up a lectureship at Christ Church College, Canterbury.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Norwich and London Surprise): W. S. Smith 1, G. L. Thompson 2, C. V. Cade 3, W. R. Parker 4, G. A. Dixon 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. Treble ringer now 'circled' his home tower to quarter peals.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Bloxam 1, G. Wright 2, D. Loake 3, H. Tailby 4, Sona Feakin 5, Jean Marlow 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. A. Loake 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. H. Burditt, M.C.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark 1, Gillian Wiggins 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, D. Pimm 4, G. Tinson 5, J. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Bob Minor: F. Cooper 1, Catherine Bradley 2, J. W. Sykes 3, A. Wilson 4, D. Peers 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,312 Double Norwich Major: K. Taber 1, B. Jeffrey 2, M. Bangham 3, D. Herschell 4, N. Steere 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Stevens 7, R. Davies (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich 5 and 7.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Seth 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Susan Law 3, M. Marriott 4, R. F. Law 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Miss Susan Law and Mr. G. Seth (now 76).

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, at St. Petrock's Church, 1,230 Doubles (two methods): C. Yates, jun., 1, Miss D. Missenden 2, Miss J. Smith 3, F. Wills 4, N. Mallett (cond.) 5, P. Colton 6. Rung for Evensong by the Heavitree band. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 6.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Massey 1, Frances M. Massey 2, N. T. Abbott 3, B. A. Payne 4, Eunice O. Overend 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6, R. J. Baker 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. H. Kiddle (first quarter) 1, Janet Hohl 2, O. D. Knight 3, R. Burton 4, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 5, H. Parmenter (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Burnup 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, Jane Dowse 3, D. Surmon 4, G. A. Dawson 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William F. Horsepool.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia A. E. Brown 1, M. Rooney 2, Patricia Rooney 3, Daphne P. Brown (cond.) 4, A. Brown 5, G. T. Brown 6. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown on the birth of a son (Christopher).

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 31st, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. I. Pailing 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, Jane Dowse (first 'inside') 3, F. A. Salter 4, M. W. Harrison 5, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 6. A last tribute to Margaret Brown, interred this day at this church. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dowse 1, G. A. Dawson 2, R. Blackshaw 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. A welcome to Long Eaton Old Age Pensioners at Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. MacDonald (first in the method) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, A. Grainger 6, A. Gargrave 7, F. V. Gant 8.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Littlejohn (15) 1, J. Goslin (14) 2, P. Murduck 3, B. Murduck (13) 4, J. Pares 5, G. Weston 6, D. Murduck (16, cond.) 7, E. Cox (15) 8. Rung with 1 and 2 leading. First quarter for 2. First 'inside' for 4. First as conductor. Rung for Evensong.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. R. Coward (first of Minor) 1, J. C. Taylor 2, W. A. Osborn 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, W. J. Tiley 5, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 6.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): Sylvia Watson 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, G. Cornick 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. Perry 6. First of Stedman for all except 2 and 5.

QUINTON, WARWICKS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Randall 1, S. Royal 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, C. J. Royal 4, G. J. Lightfoot 5, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 6.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Bloxham 1, Joyce Clipstone 2, A. E. York 3, Jean Marlow (first as cond.) 4, M. A. Coleman 5. Rung on the minor five.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Kent and Oxford Minor: G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, A. A. Paul 3, R. Russell 4, R. W. Smith 5, G. C. Paul (cond.) 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wike 1, Miss G. Mitchell 2, L. Smith 3, Howard Meek 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung for Mr. Thompson's 83rd birthday.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Wooldridge 1, Susan Jones 2, Gwendoline M. Bidgood (first as cond.) 3, A. C. Boorman 4, C. F. Wooldridge 5, R. Jones 6. First quarter 2, 4 and 6.

ST. HELENS, LANCS.—On Aug. 9th, at the Church of St. Helen, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 All Saints', 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): C. Blackburn 1, E. R. Garner 2, T. D. Roughley 3, W. F. Green 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, J. Hedgcock (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods for all.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): F. J. Hughes 1, G. E. Bonham 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, C. J. Blaine 4, A. J. Davey 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6, M. J. Haynes 7, D. J. Prescott 8. First quarter for 1, 7 and 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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BIRTHS

BIRD.—On September 1st, 1963, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Veronica (nee Evans) and Ralph, a daughter, Pauline Tracey Janet. 3194

BORDER.—On September 7th, 1963, to Ruth (nee Jackson) and Peter, a daughter, Janet Ruth, a sister for Helen. 3220

RIGBY.—On September 10th, 1963, at George Elliot Hospital, Nuneaton, to Vivienne (nee Horton) and Paul, a son, Julian (9½ lb. in B flat), a brother for Rachel. 3229

ROGERS.—On September 4th, 1963, at the Fanny Deakin Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs, to Shelagh (nee Whitehouse) and Alan Rogers, a daughter, Aline. 3224

SHEPPARD.—At 108, Saratoga Avenue, Waterford, New York, U.S.A., to Jean (nee Barnes) and Barry (formerly Blunsdon and University of Manchester bellringers), a son, Robert Steven. 3196

ENGAGEMENTS

JELLEY—MOORE.—The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs. F. M. Jelley and the late E. J. Jelley, of Wigston, Leicester, and Monica, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore, of Wood Green, London. 3191

WILKINSON—RAWLINSON.—The engagement is announced between Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Janet, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. and the late Mr. C. Rawlinson, of Burnley, Lancashire. 3222

DEATHS

LIDBETTER.—On September 14th, 1963, at Acle, Norwich, Herbert William Lidbetter, late of Isleworth, aged 90 years. 3252

McMORRAN.—On Tuesday, August 27th, 1963, in the ringing chamber of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Thomas McMorran, conductor of the Cathedral Society, beloved husband of Alice McMorran, 144, Church Street, Dublin. 3218

WIFFEN.—On September 13th, 1963, Lewis W. Wiffen, aged 82 years. Funeral St. Michael's Church, Braintree, Thursday, September 19th, 2 p.m. Memorial service, Saturday, Sept. 21st, St. Michael's Church, Braintree, 10.45 a.m. It is hoped that as many ringers as possible will attend. 3254

MEMORIAL SERVICE

LEWIS.—A memorial service to the late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, former president of the Central Council, will be held in London on November 2nd. Further details later.

PERSONAL

Mr. William A. J. Knight, of Soap House, Sand Street, Milverton, Taunton, is now home after three weeks in Taunton and Somerset Hospital with a fractured thigh. As the accident will put him out of ringing for a considerable time, he would be pleased to see ringing pals at Soap House. 3221

'But now, O Lord, thou art our father, we are the clay, and thou our potter: and we are all the work of thy hands.'—Isaiah lxiv., v. 8.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. D. P. Elsmore, hon. secretary of the Farnham District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, is now 78, St. George's Road, Aldershot, Hants. 3238

Please note that from October 7th the address of the Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Hoare will be St. Andrew's House, 5, The Avenue, Ampthill, Bedfordshire. Telephone: Ampthill 2188.

PARTINGTON.—The address of Mr. John P. Partington (ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association and secretary of the Rochdale Branch) is now 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Regret no telephone for at least a year. 3230

BOOK WANTED

WANTED.—A copy of 'A Great Adventure,' J. S. Goldsmith's book on the 1934 tour to Australia. Please write by airmail to W. B. Pitcher, 13, Ashbourne Avenue, Mitcham, South Australia, who, as editor of the Australian quarterly ringing magazine 'Ringing Towers,' is very anxious to obtain a copy and will pay any price short of daylight robbery.

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members please note that the Festival in 1964 will be held on Saturday, June 27th, and not in July as is customary.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3145

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL. — Practices Saturday, September 21st, and Saturday, October 26th; both 6—7.30 p.m. All welcome.

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming up to University this year. Practice night on THURSDAY, 6.30 to 8, at St. Olave's, Hart Street (from Tower Hill tube station, turn right and right again along Seething Lane), commencing October 10th. Sunday ringing: St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 10.15 to 11 a.m. (commencing October 6th), and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 5 to 6 p.m. A general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th; details later.—A. J. F. 3202

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting, Beckington (8), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Robertson, The Priory, Beckington, near Bath.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Secs. 3183

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, Saturday, September 21st. Towers open: Goldington (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Bedford St. Peter (8), 3 to 4; Biddenham (6), 4 to 5. Tea at Biddenham. Bromham (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3216

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Consett (8), September 21st, 2.30 p.m. Names to M. Armstrong, The Vicarage, 10, Aynsley Terrace, Consett. 3156

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 3207

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Great Staughton, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Service to be conducted by the president, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, of Huntingdon, who is leaving the district.) Please make a special effort to attend.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3213

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. only. Bring own food, cups of tea provided in Rectory. Business to follow. *Your presence is earnestly requested.* Teversal bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Regret no Ault Hucknall.—M. J. Kirk, Hon. Sec. 3231

MEETING POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at Moreton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3089

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh. 3073

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Saturday, September 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Please note change of venue. Names for tea to G. Walters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst, Kent.—E. A. Fellows. 3199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, September 21st, Wheathampstead (6). Bells 3 p.m. (and evening). S.M. Stedman Slow Course. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, *please*, to Mrs. R. D. Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 3158

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice, Saturday, September 21st. Ringing, All Hallows', Twickenham, from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at Feltham from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 3193

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Blofield, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Grass, Highfield Avenue, Brundall, Norwich.—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec. 3175

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, New Buckenham, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3206

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Chardstock, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. G. Toms, The Hollies, Storridge Lane, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ruddington, 3 p.m., Saturday, September 21st. *Names for tea, please*, to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington.—P. Nix, Sec. 3197

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Elston, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 3200

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Hinderclay, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 3203

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — (Southern Division) and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District).—Joint meeting, September 21st Ringing at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, 3 to 4 p.m., in addition to previously published arrangements.—J. R. Norris.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Radnor District.—Quarterly meeting, Nantmel, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing, 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—A. J. Lewis, Sec. 3219

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Smith, 62, Mousehole Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea. Accommodation limited.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 3112

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church restoration and bell funds, at Pitsford, Northampton, Friday, Sept. 27th. Grand barbecue, 8.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Tickets 7s. 6d., C.W.O.—Latchford, Church Lane, Pitsford. 3236

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Rowberrow (6), Saturday, September 28th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 3250

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants District).—Joint evening meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m.—Miss Susan Law, K. G. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 3239

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 25th, to Mr. A. Barnwell, 62, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, near Rugby. No names, no tea. 3228

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, September 28th, at Ashbourne (8), 3—5 p.m., and Osmaston-by-Ashbourne (6), 6—8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 3246

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thorne, Saturday, September 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Moorends.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 3252

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stockton, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing: Thornaby (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Stockton (10), 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Sedgefield (5), 7.45 to 9 p.m. A.G.M. 4. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 3212

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Almondsbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Johnson, Sunny Down, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury. 3226

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moreton-in-Marsh, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting, 5.30 p.m. Bells from 6 until 7.15 p.m. (or later if required). Names for tea to Mr. L. Joynes, New Cottages, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh.—L. Dowdeswell, Sec. 3234

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Farnborough (6), on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. J. M. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. or phone Farnborough 2644.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3237

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—Provisional Announcement.—It is hoped to hold a meeting at Knighton on September 28th. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to E. H. Meredith, Clunbury. Confirmation and details next week.—J. H. C. 3249

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Calverley, Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, please, to Mrs. J. M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey. 3243

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bures (8), Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Wormingford (6) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Mills, Tyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. All welcome.—A. Lester. 3201

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, West Hendred, Saturday, September 28th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, September 24th, to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 3174

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Denham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 24th, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3133

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lois Weedon, Saturday, September 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Badford, Buckingham. 3190

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Empingham (6), on Saturday, September 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 3214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Collingtree and Courteenhall, Saturday, September 28th. *Collingtree*: Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. *Courteenhall*: Bells 6 to 8 p.m. No ringing at Collingtree after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Ave, Northampton. 3215

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Corfe Mullen, September 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, for those notifying I. Davis, 22, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Parkstone, Poole, by Wednesday, September 25th. Sturminster Marshall available in evening. 3241

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 28th, Charminster. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 25th, to Mr. E. Amey, 1, West Hill, Charminster, near Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 3184

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 28th, Semley. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 24th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting at Clive on September 28th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Sec. 3248

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Warsop (6), September 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3240

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Alrewas. Bells (8) available 6.30 until 8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3223

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting *changed to Salehurst* (8), Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Robertsbridge) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 3130

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Coach and Horses, Sutton Scotney. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 23rd to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 3125

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Second triennial dinner, Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Forty Avenue, Wembley, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Station, Wembley Park (Met. and Bakerloo). Bus No. 16 passes the door. Tickets, 20/- each, now available from the Association secretaries and dinner committee members.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of the committee, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3168

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wootten Wawen on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations invited for Branch secretary at this meeting. Names for tea, important, by October 2nd latest, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 3257

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting at Clay Cross (6) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 2.30—4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Names for tea, without fail, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, October 2nd *at the latest*. Definitely no name—no tea. North Wingfield (8) available 7—9. 3255

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

THE 1963 JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th
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Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30.

The President of the Central Council is hoping to be present.

Applications for tickets (with names and remittances) to F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey.
Tickets 16s. 0d.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS
Torner 10.30—12; Hunslet 10.30—12.30; Pudsey 2.30—4.30; Headingley St. Michael's 2.30—4.30; Burley 3.30—5.30; Headingley St. Chad's 3.30—5.30. 3251

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea. Business meeting after. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 3166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District — Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10 bells), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea, by October 3rd, to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. 3247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 3232

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Windsor on Saturday, October 5th. 2.15 p.m. meeting in the Parish Hall, Grove Road. 3.45 tea. 5 p.m. service in St. George's Chapel. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Notification of intention to attend the service and applications for tea tickets (3s. each), together with remittance, must be sent to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Tuesday, October 1st. This will help those concerned with the arrangements at Windsor.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3144

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting, All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroyden, Halifax.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3204

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 12th, at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Only 180 seats. Tickets, at 15/6, from Mr. R. H. Mills, B.E.M., 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. S.A.E., please. 3180

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.15, address given by Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Tea afterwards in the Church Hall at 2/- per person. Other ringing arrangements pending. Those who require tea please notify, together with cash, by October 9th.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 3245

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.45 for 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall, near the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Ringers and friends from both Suffolk and other Guilds invited. Ringing at St. Mary's Church (8), Bury St. Edmunds, 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, from the committee and Miss G. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, on or before October 7th, 1963. 3171

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 326th Anniversary Dinner will be held at
THE BRIDGE HOUSE RESTAURANT,
LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.,
on *Saturday, November 2nd,* 1963,
at 6 for 6.30 p.m.
Tickets (25s.) are now available and, since accommodation is limited, members are advised to make early application therefor.
JOHN CHILCOTT,
42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey.
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LATE NOTICES

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Almondbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Names for teas to Peter Gilleard, 14, Nowell Road, Almondbury. Yorkshire meeting to be discussed: please attend.—D. Smith, Sec. 3259

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise before Tuesday, Sept. 24th. Rev. C. D. Mack, B.A., St. Mark's Vicarage, George Lane, Bredbury. No name, no tea.—C. K. Lewis. 3261

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Great Wakering (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Thorpe Bay 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided after the service. 3262

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, 3rd.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3258

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SECOND BEST?

AT the Salisbury Diocesan Choirs' Festival on June 29th, the preacher addressed himself to a great gathering of 600 choristers and posed to them a vital question: were they, as church workers, too often content with the second best? It was a theme he developed very ably to implicate bishops, priests and deacons, vergers, choristers, bell ringers and all who profess and offer worship Sunday by Sunday. The deadening effect of routine, the dangers of an unimaginative approach to the trivial round and the common task, the mental laziness that tolerates the mediocre and seeks no improvement of talent: these were the points driven right home to us by the skill of the speaker. And to all present who were ringers as well as singers there must have come some ray of revelation and some sudden striking thought of our own weekly routine of service in the belfry.

Repetition, mechanical repetition we should perhaps add, brings almost invariably a lowering of standard, and in our worship it is the set form of the ritual and its ceaseless repetition that makes it difficult for us not to accept it lightly and without fitting thought. Thus, our very acts of regular attendance at the belfry, admirable as they are in their discipline and consciousness of responsibility, are attended by a familiarity that may lull us into a sense of wellbeing, self-satisfaction and a species of indolence.

There are belfries where the standard of attendance for duty is not uniformly high: where there are members who are only too ready to intrude trivial occupations in front of Sunday observance. There are ringers who take no pains to attend practices and rehearsals in order to fit themselves more worthily for their weekly offering of belfry praise. And there are those who, regular in their attendance at service and practice, are yet content to remain in a narrow groove of activity, accepting second or third best, and stirred by no desire to improve their talent. These last are to be commended inasmuch as they are bound by their sense of honour to render their offering without fail, but it is a sad thought that many of them have never known the joy that comes from an uplift to higher things; and it is a matter for regret that so many of them have arrived at the threshold of a wonderful world, but will never go over into it to enjoy its pleasures to the full.

A state of competence in change ringing can be a very elusive thing, and it is well known that even highly educated and intellectual men and women have failed to acquire skill or proceed very far along the road to proficiency. But such instances are not common, and it can be said, in general, that, given the right approach and armed with a certain determination, an ordinary intelligent person can acquire proficiency in the elements of the art of change ringing and, indeed, go beyond the limitations of the simple standard methods.

But whether it is or is not given to the practitioner to seek and find the higher realms of ringing, there can be no evading the responsibility that rests on him to ensure that what he sets out to ring has had some preparatory thought and study. It is a pitiful and discouraging experience to find a ringer of long experience confessing that he does not know how a bob is made in Stedman Caters or requiring to be tutored on the spot when a single is called in Plain Bob. In these days of ready help, both from simple text books and in the form of personal advice, such ignorance is surely inexcusable. The higher and more difficult forms of ringing may be out of our reach, but the simple fundamentals of the easy methods can be firmly acquired by all who take the trouble. The competent ringer is made, not by any magical means or special intellectual endowment, but by intelligent study and determination.

How often do we hear the cry: 'I really haven't had time'? There are periods in our lives, we all know, when change ringing (and indeed other affairs) must be pushed into the background; but it may be well to recall that the late Ernest Morris was a man of many activities and enterprises, archæologist, lecturer, author, historian and ceaseless tutor of change ringing, and with all this a ringer of 2,000 peals. Time, it is manifest, can be found for any worth-while occupation or essential duty, and the expenditure of so very little more could transform and enrich the offering of ringing in many a belfry.

A few weeks ago T. A. B. remarked that the Church had, over the years, all but expunged the bell from her rituals. Whether or not this be true, there is a strong army of Christians, clergy and laity that still sees the offering of Sunday ringing as an act of worship; and in that act of worship, weak and imperfect though we are, there should be no easy tolerance of the second best. E. C. S.

Washington Cathedral Carillon

Mr. Paul L. Taylor is in the United States for the inaugural ceremony at Washington Cathedral of the 53 bell carillon, which was due to take place on September 25th. Superintending the hoisting and erection of the bells has been Mr. Robert Langton, of Braunton, now back home. The bells were brought from Baltimore in ten trucks and a special crane was provided for raising the 12 ton bell.

Mr. Ronald Barnes, president of the U.S. Guild of Carillonneurs, told Mr. Langton he was delighted with the bells and their fine tone. He is now arranging the training of a full complement of boys in change ringing.

THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE

North Bovey, not at all to be confused with not-so-far-away Bovey Tracey, lies around its village green in a fold in the hills of the eastern slopes of Dartmoor.

The 13th and 15th century church, built of moorland granite, was the meeting place for the now annual event held for the purpose of bringing the change and call-change ringers of Devon more closely together and this occasion proved to be no less successful than those held in previous years. Owing perhaps to the fact that North Bovey lies off the beaten track, not quite so many attended but, on the other hand, this ensured that more ringing was to be had by those present. The delightful six were ringing to call-changes early in the afternoon, followed quickly by members of the Devon Guild, and were kept going until service time at 4.30. In the meantime a party had gone to nearby Manaton to ring.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector, and the collection was given to the church heating fund. Tea followed in the Village Hall, after which Mr. Lavers, of Plympton, gave an account of the peal of 1,069 changes, which he called recently at Plympton St. Mary—much to everyone's interest. Mrs. Hood (East Teignmouth) and Mr. Roberts (Babbacombe), the chairman and secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild respectively, regretted being unable to be present—the former abroad on holiday and the latter in charge of a Sunday School outing.

Moving on to Moretonhampstead, the ring of eight was soon going well to 'method' and call-changes, with mixed bands, until nearly 7 o'clock when, with buses to catch and some with long distances to travel—the Rev. John Scott for one—over the breadth of the county, the 'party' gradually broke up, leaving the local tower captain 'bringing on' two youngsters. So ended another 'annual' with even the weather keeping fine and sunny, for a welcome change.

The day would be incomplete without acknowledgment to the Rector of North Bovey and the Rector of Moretonhampstead for their ready welcome. B. E. B.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Five teams entered for the cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 14th, the test being a rise and fall with 360 changes. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge, and Mr. J. W. Moxon marker. Wentworth were the winners, followed by Shelley, Cawthorne and Wath. Mr. Michael Meadows received the cup on behalf of Wentworth from the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Crick), who made the presentation. Mr. Noel Moxon presided, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. King, Westworth. Mr. Richard Webster was elected a member.

Next meeting: Wentworth, October 19th.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 10



S. BARRY SCHOFIELD
The Yorkshire Association.

For the third time in this series the Yorkshire Association proudly presents to the Exercise one of its most outstanding youngsters.

S. Barry Schofield, youngest member of a well known ringing family, all of whom are members of the Bradford Cathedral band, was born in Bradford on November 23rd, 1947. His education started at Bradford Moor Primary School, and he won a scholarship to Carlton Boys' Grammar School, where he is at present.

Barry started to ring at the early age of nine under the careful and exacting tuition of his father, and in a very short time became a member of the Cathedral band, a membership of which he is very proud.

The high standard of ringing which one enjoys at Bradford Cathedral was a tremendous help to Barry, and it was not long before he rang his first peal. This was when he rang the treble to Minor in three methods at Callingham, Yorkshire, conducted by Mr. Ray Bettley-Cooke.

At the age of 13, Barry succeeded in ringing his first peal as conductor, when he called Bob Major at Birstwick on April 22nd, 1961. On August 31st of this year, this brilliant young ringer reached his first century, when he conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Bradford Cathedral. A magnificent and noteworthy achievement for a youngster of 16, and one which surely deserves heartiest congratulations from the whole Exercise. The following is a list of Barry's 100 peals:

Minor.—Three methods 1, seven methods 2, nine methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (conducted 3), Double Norwich 2, Crosstone Imperial Court Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Aldenham 1, Birstall 1, Bristol 2, Cambridge 9, Dorchester 1, Ealing 1, Heptonstall Little 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lincoln 1, London 7, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Yorkshire 10 (1).

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1, five methods 1, six methods 2, seven methods 2, eight methods 4, ten methods 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Plain and Little 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 6, London 4, Pudsey 1, Rochester 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8.

Spliced Surprise Royal.—Four methods 2, five methods 1, seven methods 1, 14 methods 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

Barry desires to express his gratitude to the Bradford Cathedral band and many Yorkshire ringers and others for the opportunities which have been given to him in connection with peal ringing. One of his ringing ambitions is to turn in Bradford Cathedral tenor to a peal of Surprise Royal.

This excellent record must surely be a shining example to all youngsters in the ringing world. Well done, Barry. NORVING

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First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, August 26th, 1963, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Hancock 1, Hilary A. Swallow 2, Angela W. Burgess 3, R. A. Large 4, J. C. Carpenter 5, Sheila M. Dobbie 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. For Evening Prayer; as a farewell to the Rev. T. E. Yates, who is to be tutor at St. John's College, Durham; in memory of S. A. White, secretary of the tower, 1948-1961.

Our Ambassador

From current issue of 'Overtones' (American Guild of English Handbell Ringers):—

What did you like best at Detroit Convention? 'The presence of Frederick Sharpe among us,' replied Helen Runkle. 'A gentleman with tremendous personality, with a treasury of information about the background of bell ringing with a willingness to share modestly and effectively his talents. He graced our Convention with dignity and charm. Thanks to him the links between American and English bell ringers have never been stronger.'

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WILFRED WILLIAMS' DEVON PEAL TOUR

WHY is it that the first question you are always asked after a holiday is 'What sort of weather did you have?' The dozen or so 'scientific ringers' who made their way to Devon for the last week in August, from all parts of the country, were not particularly bothered about the weather, anyway. It was the usual sub-tropical monsoon stuff, more 'sub' than tropical. It did nothing to deter us from ringing 11 (out of 15) peals. It did nothing to discourage us from finding the best that Devon has to offer of bells, beer and scenery.

The first peal was scored on the Saturday morning at Ilminster (Somerset). Our new recruit (Ralph G.) was put on the tenor here and had had enough already by the end of it! The party was then impeded by the notorious West Country holiday traffic and arrived late at Tiverton. The fine bells here already knew the method chosen, Bristol. The band obviously didn't, or they had forgotten it. This was a tragedy. We didn't need to lose that peal.

Our accommodation on the Friday was at the Bath Arms, Warminster. On Saturday night we took up residence at the Royal and Fortescue, Barnstaple. Two rose early on Sunday for early service. The rest had a late rise. Ralph, however, managed to round everyone up to attend Morning Prayer at Chittlehampton. The well known clerical ringer and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), who is Vicar here, was away. In his place was the priest who is custodian of the belfry at Westminster Abbey. He publicly welcomed 'the ten men from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.' Ralph is now shaping well for his new employment, but this surprise announcement nearly caused several fits! In the afternoon, Stedman was scored at Braunton, the first in the method for Derek Jewell. Derek lives at Combe Martin, and kindly arranged all the towers for us in the Barnstaple area, so we were glad to be able to give him this peal as some return for all he had done. It was not only conducted by a Past Master of the College Youths, but also heard by another Past Master outside.



The party at Dartmeet (left to right): John Nelson, Tudor Edwards, Eric Hitchins, David Llewellyn, Wilfred Williams, Philip Mehew (dark glasses), Arthur Reed, Giles Galley, Ralph Edwards, Trevor Bailey, Aubrey Bennett, Alan Thirst, Bill Theobald.

OVERNIGHT TRAVELLING

'That country curate' from King's Lynn must have been getting his backstrokes into some order in his sermon on the Sunday night. In spite of having evening service at 6.30 p.m. he was firmly seated in the 7.42 train from King's Lynn to London with several minutes to spare, and duly arrived on the doorstep of the Fortescue at 6.30 a.m. on Monday in good time to ring two peals that day.

John Eisel had to leave that morning, so we were still 12. Bristol was successfully rung at Bideford in the morning. These bells were recast in 1929. In the afternoon the newly recast bells of Appledore settled down to a fairly brisk peal of Cambridge. Here we were met by the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Guild, who turned up unexpectedly. This capped the morning's experience, when we bumped into the Rev. John Scott in the centre of Bideford. He denied any planning of this. Had he known we were coming he would not have done his shopping in Bideford! Jack Phillips, on holiday in his home country, joined us in the peal at Appledore, and so achieved a lifelong ambition to ring a peal there.

Tuesday saw a return to the scene of two former failures, the beautifully situated church at Tawstock. No clappers broke this time, and we rang a peal of Rutland. In the afternoon we went to Chulmleigh, which is one of those churches with a beautifully carved screen running right across, for which Devon is renowned. The back six here are by Evans, of Chepstow (retuned 1957) and the tenor is 22 cwt. Two of the party took a delightful walk down to the river valley below the bridge, where they heard the bells to best advantage. Echoes gave the effect of two peals being rung at the same time from two churches. London (Washbrook's) was successfully brought round.

At Witheridge on Wednesday morning eight trusty men rang the first peal of Major on the bells (Lincolnshire). This achievement had so far eluded a certain well-known rhythm king, and so we sent a card post-haste to A. P. Cannon, to break the news. In the afternoon we had a treat in store. We rang a peal of Bristol on one of Taylor's finest eights, at Broadclyst (1937 vintage; tenor 21 cwt.). And there was some good ringing. That night we took up residence at the Golden Lion, Ashburton, 'gateway' to Dartmoor.

SCENERY AND CREAM

On Thursday morning we made our way up to the little church at Buckland-in-the-Moor, a delightful spot outside Ashburton. There is a handy little eight here, and we certainly had them moving. 'Did you have your running shorts on?' someone asked. 5,152 Yorkshire was completed in 2 hours 22 minutes; but the tenor is only seven cwt. Aubrey Bennett met us in Ashburton. He is a man who has done a great deal in the service of bell-ringing in this part of Devon, including the tutoring of the reverend fathers who ring the bells of Buckfast Abbey. In the afternoon he took us to Ashburton Parish Church, where we proceeded to ring London. A trip, however, brought us to a halt. But even though we had lost another peal we were glad of the opportunity to go out in force and inspect some of the gorgeous scenery in the neighbourhood. Aubrey came with us as our guide, and even the sun made an effort! At Dartmeet we had tea, and two of us had so much Devonshire cream that we deserved to be ill. We then posed in front of a Whitechapel camera. In the evening we had a ring on the first-class eight at Kingsteignton.

Another failure was in store for us at Buckfastleigh on Friday morning. Only seven courses of Superlative to go and a trip and 'Stand.' Just as well, really, because just as we finished lowering the bells one of the ropes went. Talking of lowering, we do not recommend visitors to Devonshire to come with a band that cannot raise and lower bells in peal with some accuracy. Devonshire ringers very rightly set great store by this part of their ringing, and their high standards of striking are an example to many.

Having refreshed ourselves in Buckfastleigh we made for Plymouth and rang a peal of Pudsey Royal at St. Andrew's, where we rang Yorkshire Royal two years ago. Aubrey came with us again to-day, and we should like to express our gratitude to him for all he did to welcome us and make arrangements for us. At Plymouth we were pleased to meet Tom Myers again and also Roy Bould and his wife. The evening finished with the customary conviviality.

Most of the bells we were privileged to ring were good if not outstanding, but that could hardly be said of the eight at Highweek, where one of the bells is slightly cracked. All of them were a bit odd-struck. Nevertheless, we rang a peal of Yorkshire there, and apparently they did not sound too bad outside. We were grateful to the Vicar of Highweek for accommodating us at such short notice, and also to the clergyman responsible for allowing us to ring at Wolborough in the afternoon, at similarly short notice, in place of East Budleigh.

DROWNING THEIR SORROWS

Off we went to Exeter, to hear how the Cambridge University Guild were faring with Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral. They were unlucky, but it was good to hear the bells anyway. It was good to meet old friends, even if they were drowning their sorrows.

Eight of us left on the Sunday morning and called at Bovey Tracey in time to ring for morning service. The bells are very nice and easy to ring. The local band was short that morning, so they were pleased to let us ring. After a week's practice we were able to demonstrate that 'scientifics,' too, can raise and lower bells! After this the party began to diminish further, but the chronicler was able to grab Bristol Cathedral in the afternoon. Evensong at Bucklebury (near Newbury) turned out to be at six o'clock, so we arrived just too late to ring. We hurried on to St. Mary's, Reading, again only to hear the last few minutes' ringing. So near and yet so far! And we nearly came to grief on the M.4 when we were 'buzzed' by a fanatical Japanese driver. 'What a nit!'

Thank you, Wilfred, for another most enjoyable tour. Thank you, too, all the clergy and ringers and hoteliers who welcomed us to their towers and entertained us.

G. C. G.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The attendance was above average when the Southern District met at Gorseinon on September 7th, and nearly all the towers were represented. A variety of methods was enjoyed and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Trevor Evans) conducted a short service, which was followed by tea.

At the business meeting the best wishes of the company for a speedy recovery were sent to Mr. W. Dobbins. A peal is to be attempted to mark the 40th anniversary of the diocese. Thanks were proposed to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies for the excellent tea.

Next meeting: St. Mary's, Swansea, November 30th. J. A. M.

Letters to the Editor

The Peal at Penn

Dear Sir,—In reply to the continued opposition to the recognition of the peal at Penn, I should like to make a few points clear which at present seem to be seen 'through a glass darkly.'

(1) Mr. Oglesby claims he has 'done everything possible to persuade the conductor to withdraw the "peal."'

(2) Reference to the front page article (or the C.C. Handbook) will reveal that the Conditions for Peals demand that 'any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be made **in writing to the conductor** . . . . at the **earliest** date.' Just what has been done by Mr. Oglesby or anyone else in this respect?

(3) As soon as the peal was over there was some discussion as to the calling of the penultimate extent: I attempted to explain what I had been calling and that I had been calling it by the bells fixed in 5–6 in the blocks of three.

(4) A new line of attack was then opened, this depending for its 'validity' on the fallacious argument that 'the same bell did not make 2nds at both of the singles.' This is quite true—and anyone who knows anything much about composition will know that such is not a necessary (or sufficient) condition for the treatment of a Q-set involving singles. Indeed (as was the case here) two are bobbed, two are plained and two are singled, with the same bell making 2nds at the plains, 3rds at the singles and 4ths at the bobs.

(5) Some further discussion ensued during tea, but the trivia of peal-ringing were soon forgotten as our visceratomic natures got the better of us and we were soon lost in the sumptuosity of the repast. **At no time did any member of the band state that he or she did not wish the peal to be published or that they did not wish their name to go in the peal report.**

(6) A week later I was in the company of some of the members of the band on a day's outing—at no time was anything of consequence said in reference to the peal.

(7) A little time elapsed and I heard that one of the band was making negative remarks about the peal to totally disinterested parties—in reply to this I furnished a long, explanatory letter, to which I received no reply.

(8) On June 8th I was in a peal attempt with almost the entire band who had taken part in the Penn peal—again nothing was said, indeed I seem to recall that there were about five successive bobs at Home before the 'conductor' (H. Oglesby) realised that something might be amiss and called 'Stand.'

(9) The final paragraph in Mr. Oglesby's letter is a misunderstanding on his part as to which peal attempt I was referring to when I mentioned that it is sometimes difficult to keep a band of conductors straight in certain methods. I was, in fact, making reference to two occasions on which I have lost peals of Minor with what could be referred to as a 'solid' band (i.e., mainly experienced ringers and conductors of Minor) due to them becoming crossed over and hopelessly lost in Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

(10) The point that the 6th extent (Plain Bob) took 27 minutes as against the first extent taking 25 minutes (Treble Bob) is surely of minimal value in trying to show an alleged superfluity of two courses—the variation in time of two minutes between the first and penultimate extents in a 2 hour 50 minute peal is neither here nor there.

Bearing in mind the above 10 paragraphs, let us consider 1 and 2 in the light of 3 to 8 inclusive:—

(11) Mr. Oglesby and the opposers of the peal have clearly made no effort to dissuade publication or later to obtain a withdrawal, thus it would appear that they were not really worried whether or not the peal was claimed. To my mind this shows a lack of intellectual honesty on their part, since, if truly concerned with the issue, they would have taken positive action (as I have done myself in the past on more than one occasion) either in seeking a withdrawal immediately or setting their bells when the supposed repetition occurred—as advised by Tony Smith in his letter. Rather it would seem that Giles Shedden's letter stirred up overstocked memories of a pleasant afternoon's ringing and precipitated the furore it is now your readers' sorry burden to witness.

(12) It was not I who sent the peal up for publication in any case—this was done some little time later by another member of the band, who (as I later discovered) did not include the peal in his own records! If this is not evidence of a desire to see the peal published and let other people see it then what is his reason for sending it in?

Finally, let me say once again that I am not aware that I miscalled the extent in question or that there was any repetition in the coursing order or lead-heads, and that I entered the peal in my own records at the time with a clear memory of the peal and a clear conscience as to its truth.

Manchester. GILES B. THOMPSON.

Collection of Right Place Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—We shall shortly have completed a tabulation of all possible right place Surprise Major methods producing Plain Bob lead ends. Although at present we have not derived false course heads for all the methods, we hope to do so in the near future.

In order to estimate the demand for such a collection, we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in obtaining a copy. It would be helpful to know whether they would be interested in a list without false course heads, which would be available in two or three weeks, or whether they would prefer to wait a little longer (possibly until the New Year) until we have completed the list of false course heads (including lead incidence).

The collection was produced partly by a Hollerith 1,202 Computer in Belfast and partly by an English Electric 'Deuce' in Chelmsford. As we are not certain what computer will be available for the production of false course heads, we are unable to give a more definite date for their publication.

Would those interested please write to J. W. McClenahan, Christ's College, Cambridge, or A. S. Hudson, Clare College, Cambridge. —Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON,
J. W. McCLENAHAN.

Thanks, Isle of Thanet

Dear Sir,—I would like to say a few words of thanks to all those ringers in the Isle of Thanet who have for a number of years always afforded me a warm welcome in their belfries at practices and Sunday ringing. Particularly to Mrs. N. Bridges, captain at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, whose devotion to her duties as a ringer and to all her learners is outstanding.

Thank you, Thanet, for many happy hours of ringing and for the social activities that always followed.

A tip for future visiting ringers: Mrs. Bridges cooks an excellent supper! — Yours sincerely, FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Winchester.

Incidence of Falseness

Dear Sir,—I was not at all surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, that the long length of call changes, rung at Plympton St. Mary recently, has created some interest outside the county.

In Devon call change towers any lengths of changes are called peals, 60 being a favourite. It is not unusual on a Sunday, when the ringers turn up on time, to hear a remark, such as, 'Come on, we have time for three peals this evening.' I know, in method ringing that a peal must consist of 5,000 changes or over, so there is really now comparison between the two systems.

Long lengths such as the 1,069 are very rare now, but have created quite a lot of enthusiasm in this part of the county. The system of producing this peal is to use the musical combinations, Tittus, Queens, Whittingtons, Reverse Queens and others. When the bells are called into one of these, the treble is kept plain hunting, as in Grandsire or Plain Bob, throughout, changing a pair every time she arrives behind or comes to lead. The calls are made chiefly at every other handstroke, never over, and with short periods every time.

No aids were used in the calling of this peal. It may be of interest to your readers to learn that a long length, believed to be a record, was rung at St. Peter's Church, North Tawton, Devon, on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, consisting of 2,861 in 4 hours. Conducted by William Fewings (tenor 18 cwt.).

I would very much like to know if any band has rung a greater number. This was certainly a great effort. The conductor of the Plympton peal for the 'Devon Association.' is also a member of the 'Devonshire Guild.' and enjoys a little method ringing occasionally.

It is hoped, some time in the future, to make an attempt on the North Tawton record, providing a conductor can be found whose vocal chords will stand the strain.

Should S. K. A. Huson be in our area on holiday or otherwise, and would like to take part, in say 500, I feel sure it could be arranged.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton St. Maurice.

Place Notations

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I can enlighten Mr. Ketteringham on the subject of place notations. With a little thought it is obvious that all place notations must start with an odd place and end with an even place in even bell methods. Hence when Cambridge, for example, is written:

3x4x25x36x4x5x6x7

the rule for extending this to the full place notation is to add a 1 or an 8 where necessary to make it start and end with the appropriate place. With a little practice this can be done automatically and for those who ring by place notations it is much easier to learn the abbreviated place notation above rather than the full one because it involves no redundant information. As for the classification of leads by letters this is set out very clearly on page 40 of the C.C. Plain Major Methods booklet.

While in print I should like to point out that the 393 Stedman Caters in the Ringers' Diary does not come round as printed.—Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS—Continued

'Circling' a Tower

Dear Sir,—In answer to inquiry in 'Belfry Gossip' regarding the most times 'circling a tower' to peals, the late Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, 'circled the tower' there nine times. Had he scored one more on the third bell he would have 'completed the circle' ten times. Although he got within a few courses (and once within a few leads) of accomplishing this—it just wouldn't go!

During his term of office as Ringing Master at Lavenham tower (1888-1935) he had the honour of standing in every peal attempt on these bells. This last peal was one of Double Norwich at Stowmarket, Suffolk, in 1935, when eight Symonds took part.—Yours sincerely,

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

[See also Belfry Gossip.]

Uniform Use Advocated

Dear Sir,—As one who, until the recent correspondence on the subject, was mystified by 'L. E. B.,' may I advocate the uniform use of '2nds place l.e.?' Almost everyone knows what this means, and of those who do not it is extremely doubtful if 'L. E. B.' would enlighten them.

With reference to Mr. Frank S. Cheney's letter on Sunday morning ringing, why should it be more difficult to raise a band of ringers for an earlier service? The 'rot,' which is usually a combination of selfishness and lack of enthusiasm, must have already set in to make such a difference. Fault very often seems to lie with the incumbents who rarely place their Ringing Master on the same standing as their choirmaster. Are there any ways of prodding neglectful parsons into greater awareness and understanding of their ringers, and not just at periodic intervals?—Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH TIMMINS.

Tettenhall, Staffs.

Huntingdon Thanked

Dear Sir,—I have just spent three months in Huntingdon. On arrival, after the usual introductions, the Huntingdon Branch of the Ely Diocesan Guild made me most welcome and the Huntingdon ringers made me feel that I was one of their own band.

I was most willingly transported to and from Branch meetings, practice meetings and quarter peal attempts. The generosity and kindness received from the ringers of Huntingdon was a true act of Christian friendship towards a fellow bellringer. Thank you, Huntingdon. — Yours sincerely,

Lyneham, Wilts. G. PLUCKROSE.

Speed—a Sign of the Age

Dear Sir,—A peal board in the belfry of the Parish Church, Burghill, Herefordshire, records that, on November 6th, 1922, 5,040 Grandsire Triples were rung in 3 hours 10 minutes. On July 1st, 1963, on the same bells and bearings (tenor 10¼ cwt.) a peal of 5,088 Vancouver Surprise Major was rung in 2 hours 36 minutes.

Did peal ringers generally of half a century or so ago take their ringing, as well as many of their other activities, at a more leisurely pace than ringers of the 1960's? — Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY VISIT 10 COUNTIES

ON Sunday, July 28th, equipped with a 44 tower itinerary and an ambitious array of duplicated methods, we set out for a week's tour around Shropshire. This time we decided to break from the traditional Youth Hostels (and bicycles!), and went to both extremes—most of us staying in an hotel, and a splinter group camping.

At Pershore Abbey on Sunday afternoon, we found the 'cage' quite as frightening as we expected—the female members of the party were too terrified even to keep themselves right ringing Grandsire. Through the kindness of the local ringers we were afterwards able to 'grab' St. Andrew's. Headquarters for the week was at Church Stretton. By coincidence we had chosen the same hotel as the Clerical Guild earlier this year, and, with such apparently respectable predecessors, we were a little surprised to be told by the manageress that we were the second party of ringers she had had, and 'she didn't want any more'!

The first full day started at Condover. At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, the early arrivals were able to try the new light eight. We were unable to do justice to the heavy six at Clive; and found the light eight at Hodnet more to our liking. Stoke-on-Tern produced the first ladies' touch of the tour; and at Atcham the tenor man, exhausted by the heat, had to be carried bodily to the tower—no mean feat.

On Tuesday, Ted and Nancie Colley met us at Chirbury, the first awkward bells of the tour. After this we entered Wales to ring at Montgomery, a six obviously manned by midgets! In the afternoon we found that we were the first touring party to ring on the recently augmented eight at Berriew. At Newtown a course of Cunecastre put our timing so far out that Peter and Felicity skilfully contrived to get left behind and returned to Church Stretton in disgust. While search parties scoured the countryside, the rest of us 'explored a wide field' in Doubles at Clun, under Doreen's guidance. We found the Warner six at Clunbury well worth braving a revealing ladder; and finished the day at Wistanstow, where the loose headstock we remembered on the six had mysteriously transferred itself to the fourth.

STAFFORD'S BLACK JACK

Judi White joined us on Wednesday at Stafford, where Mr. Garbett showed us the ringer's black jack, kept in the church (presumably it solved the problem of ringers who go straight from the tower to the pub). We were allowed to exceed our time on the pleasant eight at Uttoxeter, where the first touch of spliced came round. We were much impressed by the lovely church at Ashbourne, but found the bells difficult owing to springy ropes. At 11 a.m. the Rector told us that the remarkable noise made by the third was caused by 'just a little crack'—investigation revealed a large chunk out of the sound bow—and stays made from fencing posts. At supper the hotel party encountered the Wimberry, which, served in a variety of forms, dogged our footsteps for the rest of the week. Later the local band made us most welcome at Stokesay.

Brian Shingler had left Somerset at 6.30 to meet us at Stanton Lacy on Thursday morning. The first course of Reading Triples by the Society was rung at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth. At Madeley the ringing suffered badly from the heat. We had heard so much of the ten at Coalbrookdale that reality was inevitably disappointing. However, apparently 'a perfect roll-up' was tape recorded here—unfortunately everyone got so excited that it was accidentally erased before most of us had heard it! Miss Edge met us at Much Wenlock, and kindly allowed us to overstay our time on this lovely eight.

A monumental touch of spliced at Oswestry on Friday morning helped to make us all late for Overton-on-Dee. After lunch we rang Lincolnshire—without deliberate variations—on the heavy eight at Gresford. A large contingent of Brownies, who were being shown over the church, watched us at Malpas. What may well have been the first (and last!) half course of Leasowe Delight was rung on the eight at Whitchurch to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of William Shenstone—probably only one-eighth of the band was aware of this, however! The rest of us sat on the nave roof and got our fingers pinched by the lead of the freely moving tower. After supper we went to Bromfield, where the women became ambitious and tried Cambridge.

Saturday's ringing started at Leominster, where the 'local' who met us was John Coates, a Past Master of the Society. Reports of this ten had been mixed, and we were very pleasantly surprised. Some time was spent at Hereford Cathedral looking for the door before we realised that we had walked straight past Mr. Wingate, who was waiting for us in the porch. A peal attempt had been arranged on the lovely eight at Eardisland, but end-of-week non-peal-mindedness defeated us, and a trip at the end of half an hour's cautious Cambridge provided an excuse to call it a day. Meanwhile the rest of the party had been ringing at Pembridge, Lyonshall and Kington.

At the Saturday evening end-of-tour meeting we agreed that the tour had been a worth while and enjoyable venture. Finally, next morning, we completed our programme by ringing at Ludlow for the service, before making our various ways home. Thanks are due to John Croxton, on whom much of the organisation fell; and—even more important—to all the clergy, who allowed us to ring their bells; and the people who met us.

A. R.

St. James', Taunton, Ringers' Outing

Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. A. Drowley) and Mrs. Drowley, St. James' teenage band held their first outing on September 5th. Travelling by coach, driven by their captain (Mr. Reginald Beale), the party of 25 visited and rang at four towers, viz.: Drayton (8), South Petherton (8), Seavington St. Mary (6) and Kingstone (6). At all towers this young band (the youngest being nine and the eldest 15) did remarkably well. Tea was taken at South Petherton and home was reached at 7 p.m. Thanks were accorded to incumbents and to the captain for making the arrangements.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. H. LEWIS

APPRECIATIONS

I should like to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. E. H. Lewis, for the work he did for the Church and ringing in Frodsham. When he took up his appointment in Widnes, he came to live in Frodsham, in rooms near the church, became a regular Sunday service ringer, and also often read the lessons for service. Frodsham then had a ring of six bells and a band who rang call changes for service and were struggling to ring Bob Minor on practice nights. Mr. Lewis' ability as a teacher and conductor must have been a great help at that time.

One of our treasured possessions at Frodsham is a diary and record book kept by him and in it is recorded every touch, with compositions, that was rung while he was here. The first entry in the book is, '720 Bob Minor rung on June 5th, 1907,' and the last is '352 Bob Major rung for Evensong, Easter Day, 1915.' This would be his last Sunday before taking up his appointment in Scotland. Many and varied are the footnotes to the touches recorded—'720 Bob Minor on Sunday, April 21st, after Matins, with the clappers half-muffled out of respect for the 1,635 passengers and crew of the R.M.S. Titanic, which sank off Cape Race on Monday, April 15th'; 'Sunday, Feb. 9th, 1913, after Matins, 490 Oxford Bob Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Captain Scott and his four companions, who died on their return journey from the South Pole.' Royal weddings, funerals and birthdays are often footnoted—'on Thursday, April 29th, 1909, 720 Bob Minor was rung for the wedding of Mr. E. H. Lewis and Miss A. J. T. Richardson in Southwell Cathedral.'

Mr. Lewis bought a piece of land among the bracken and heather on the high ground behind Frodsham, on which he built a house in local red sandstone. He took a great interest in the laying out of the gardens, and the dry stone walls he built himself are still standing. Also standing in the garden were some old wooden headstocks, which, I believe, came from Southwell Cathedral.

In 1911, through his initiative and perseverance, our bells were sent to Loughborough to be retuned and two trebles added—it was at this time that he was made head ringer. In September, 1913, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells was rung by the Cambridge University Guild. The ringers were Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, E. H. Lewis, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, E. M. Atkins, W. D. James, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. H. Law James and Rev. E. Bankes James. This was a peal of which he was particularly proud and a peal board in the belfry records it.

My earliest memory of Mr. Lewis is, as a boy of seven, when he used to call at our house each Monday evening to ring handbells. My brother and I rang 1—2, Mr. Lewis 3—4 and my father 5—6. I can still recall the epic struggle to ring our first 720—that quiet patience we all knew so well in Mr. Lewis must have been sorely tried by two young boys who had been brought away from play. The standards that he set as a churchman and ringer are still maintained and I am happy to say that, since his time in Frodsham, we have always had a full Sunday service band. We, at Frodsham, are very grateful that such a man as Mr. Lewis once passed our way, and we should like to tender our deepest sympathy to his widow and her family in their great loss.

FRANCIS BIBBY.

As convener of the Essex Association Central Council representatives, I would like to pay a short tribute to the late Edwin H. Lewis.

He was of a kindly disposition, extremely clever, and an outstanding president of the Central Council. A very modest man, he did a tremendous amount for ringing, especially in his capacity as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN.



MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN

Last week we briefly announced the death of Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen on September 13th at Braintree. He made a big contribution towards the advancement of ringing in his native county, Essex. He was 82. He had been in poor health for the past 18 months, but attended the Braintree practice on his 82nd birthday (August 26th), when he conducted a touch of Stedman Triples and rang a course of London faultlessly.

Born at Colne Engaine, he was taught to ring as a boy. When 18, he went to Ipswich and joined the famous St. Mary-le-tower Society and rang with them in many outstanding peals. He was the last survivor of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower on August 15th, 1908. He took part in the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, and also in a 10,080 Double Norwich C.B. Major. His first peal of London, in 1903, at Coggeshall was conspicuous. It was with the Pye brothers and the same day the band, with one exception, rang a second of London at Great Tey!

In 1912 he moved to Wyke Regis and was very helpful to Dorset ringing. After a short stay at Guildford he returned in 1922 to Braintree, where he had been attached to the Parish Church ever since, being for a long period Ringing Master. His service to the Essex Association has included the duties of Ringing Master, Northern District, peal secretary, Central Council representative (1936-38). In 1949 he was honoured by being elected a life vice-president. His membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths dates back to 1902.

APPRECIATIONS

Lewis Wiffen will long be remembered for his outstanding ability as a ringer and conductor. He had done much to further the art in Essex, Suffolk and Dorset. His insistance on good striking at all times was admirable. A very modest man, with a list of great achievements, he taught me all I know about change ringing, and his kind encouragement will always be treasured in my memory. Many others will also remember him with gratitude for his unfailing help during their early ringing days. May his soul rest in peace. H. G. S.

He was a modest, unassuming, friendly man, associated with James Motts, of Ipswich, and later with William Keeble. He was, no doubt, happy to accept the leadership of these great ringers and only in later life was he to come into his own as a conductor. But what a conductor he was, particularly when it came to London Surprise Major. He would not tolerate sloppiness or bad striking and did not mince his words when he was ringing if he felt the performance of any member of the band left anything to be desired. He set a standard that is very hard to follow and one ringer at least feels it a great honour to have known and to have rung with such a man. P. A. C.

MR. DEREK OGDEN

It is with great regret that we record the sudden death after an operation on September 17th of Derek Ogden, Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral and the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, at the age of 30.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on September 21st, followed by committal at Manchester Crematorium. Many of Derek's ringing friends were present at the services, the Association being represented by the vice-president, Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite, the ringing secretary, Mr. John P. Partington, and by Mr. Stephen L. Parry on behalf of the general secretary, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, who was abroad on business. The bearers were representatives of the Cathedral band, the Lancashire Association and the Manchester University Guild, with all of which Derek had close connections.

His death is a tragic loss to the whole Exercise, and our deepest sympathy is extended at this time to Mrs. Ogden and the family.

TRIBUTES

It has come as a great shock to members of the Manchester University Guild to learn of the sudden and untimely death of their president, Derek Ogden.

A graduate in chemistry of the University, he took part in many of the early peals of the Guild. Subsequent to leaving the University, he continued to take an active interest in the affairs of the Guild. In the last 12 months, he had conducted the first peals for the Guild of Spliced Surprise Major (the only peal yet to be rung by past and present officers of the Guild), Surprise Royal and Surprise Maximus. Thanks to him, the Guild has established and maintained close links with the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association.

A man of many talents, he was always ready to help others to improve the standard of their own ringing. We will long remember with gratitude the help that he gave to successive officers of the Guild in the management of Guild affairs. An active supporter of the Guild's yearly tours, as recently as August of this year he and his wife accompanied us on our tour of the Norfolk Broads. As we return to Manchester, at the start of a new University term, it is hard for us to appreciate fully that he will no longer be there to guide us. We have all lost a true friend.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their sorrow. E. F. P. B.

The death of Derek Ogden stuns and mystifies; and if his passing is a tragedy to the ringing Exercise, how much more so to his wife and two small sons. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joyce, who knows that if her ringing friends can assist her in any way they will do so.

Derek was an outstanding personality in ringing. There was no branch or facet of the art in which he did not excel. Though an outstanding peal ringer, conductor and composer, this to Derek was but a small part of his ringing. He was deeply concerned with the affairs of the Lancashire Association, and in particular the Manchester Branch, and it is due to Derek's enthusiasm that ringing in the Manchester district has progressed continuously during his all-too-short life.

Derek graduated at Manchester University, and that University's Guild was very dear to him. He it was who forged a strong link between the Guild and the Manchester ringers which led to complete understanding and harmony between the two bodies. Derek supported the University Guild after graduation and gave it the continuity which has been its strength.

Derek knew that the strength of the Exercise is its Sunday service ringing, and in this he never failed, maintaining an excellent band at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, until he married, then moving to Manchester Cathedral. He was always ready to teach when required.

A quiet man by nature, Derek was truly a leader, not forcing others into submission but by his right judgment, ability and humility commanding respect and admiration. B. H.

RAMBLING RINGERS' TOUR

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. D. Sansom 1, Iris Lemare 2, F. Shallcross (cond.) 3, D. Wilford 4, D. J. Marshall 5, M. C. Faulkes 6, B. G. Brown 7, R. K. Mason 8. First quarter of Bristol Surprise Major on the bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 13th. Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, London, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, with 34 changes of method): A. D. Sansom 1, Iris Lemare 2, F. Shallcross (cond.) 3, D. Wilford 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, R. K. Mason 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Christine A. J. Froggatt 1, A. D. Sansom 2, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, D. Wilford 5, B. Mills 6, R. K. Mason 7, F. Shallcross 8. First quarter of London on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Gibbs (first quarter) 1, B. Piper 2, D. Astridge 3, Diana Prynn 4, J. Hayns 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, M. Harbutt 7, R. Mills 8. For Matins on St. Giles' Day. Also the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples for Evensong: R Bradbury (first quarter) 1, G. Williams 2, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 3, R. Mills 4, Geraldine Piper 5, J. T. Symonds 6, D. Astridge (cond.) 7 H. H. Hayns 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Fulwell 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 1, E. J. Lockwood 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, N. F. Whitell 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Sinden (first of Triples) 1, Jane M. Hough (first of Triples) 2, L. Mannering 3, Vivienne M. Dye (first quarter) 4, P. J. Bryan 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. For Patronal Festival (St. Eanswythe's Day).

QUARTER PEALS

FREELAND, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, J Benfield 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, W. Dixon 6, T Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, who had been band chairman the last 12 years.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): R. Dew 1, Miss G. Winnett 2, J. H. Payton 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, Miss N. Phillips (first quarter) 6, Miss R. Moore 7, T. Phillips (first quarter) 8.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Hurden (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Shaw 2, C. W. Daws (first 'inside') 3, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, K. B. Buchan (first quarter) 6.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Rickard 1, Rev. H. H. Dixon (first 'inside') 2, H. Rickard 3, S. Parmenter 4, C. F. Jerram (cond.) 5, O. Lovesey 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4.

OLD RADNOR, RADS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, L. Preece 3, T. Bounds 4, R. Preece (first as cond.) 5, M. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Hedley Evans, for 10 years churchwarden.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. M. Sturmey 1, F. Simmonds 2, J. W. Rose 3, J. Vardy 4, Miss B. J. Dyke 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. For the wedding this day of Miss Jane Davies (a ringer at this church), daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Davies, to Mr. Peter Pike, of London.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Locke 1, F. Welch 2, I. Cornelius (cond., 25th quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 3 A. Rowswell 4, R. C. Beale 5, K. Welch 6. Rung in memoriam of Harry Bungay.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. J. Cheal 1, Miss D. R. Southam 2, Miss J. Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, S. V. Rayfield 6, C. R. Percy 7, T. S. Wraight, R.N., 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Wilce T, Joy Tyler 2, K. Tyler 3, L. Smith 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, D. Bowers 6, H. Meek 7, J. Harpur 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Harpur, late ringer of this tower.

SEVENHAMPTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dancey 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, T. Collins 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. J. Purnell 5, M. J. Stanley 6. For Harvest Festival, also the centenary of the church (July 25th).

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, E. Steele 8. For Evensong, and the blessing of the Lady Keymer Memorial.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Eyre (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Nash 2, J. Chalk 3, Miss B. D. Nash 4, A. R. Crowsan 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. Adams.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Arnold 1, D. Pennel 2, J. S. Walton (cond.) 3, B. Angel 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. Ferris 6. For the engagement of Janet Arnold and Bryan Angel, and as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): Mrs. E. Weatherley 1, I. Weatherley 2, R. A. Stone 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. J. Bura 6, J. H. Payton 7, M. D. Fuller 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. Mayes 1, A. Bishop 2, Miss J. Geiringer 3, Miss R. Rawlings 4, J. M. Uphill 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Shallcross 1, C. Lomax 2, T. Royle 3, P. Malloch 4, J. Robinson 5, I. Bentley 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, N. Bennett 8, D. Mottershead 9, A. M. Lomax 10. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Y. M. Billington and Mr. D. Nuttall.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We endorse to the full the plea by Mr. C. E. Jeffries, of Bromham, Beds, that the famous band which rang the extent of Major should meet again at an early date to be photographed. Posterity demands it!

Ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, at their annual outing on September 14th rang at five other churches dedicated to St. Mary.

D. F. Redding, of Reepham, Norfolk, rang his first quarter before joining the Army. We feel certain that a warm welcome will await him at Chepstow, where he is to be stationed.

Mr. Alan R. Bridges, writing on 'circling towers to peals,' submits the record of the late Mr. James M. Bailey, of Leiston. He 'circled' to peals St. Margaret's, Leiston, on 14 occasions, and only required the tenor twice more to make it 16 times.

The 'Monday' band who rang the first peal of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major have now followed the request of Brian J. Woodruffe in the 'R.W.' of July 27th, 1962, by ringing a peal of Ob Surprise Major.

The band which rang in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Dorchester Abbey on September 4th regret the failure of 5,476 Bob Major at Warborough, Oxon, in which Michael Zobel was making his first peal attempt. Better luck next time, Michael.

The first of the courses in elementary change-ringing promoted by the Surrey Association was held at Christ Church, Mitcham. It attracted seven instructors and four pupils. A profitable evening was spent. This was reported at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District at Addington on September 7th, when local ladies prepared an excellent tea and Canon Greenaway conducted a short service.

The late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis conducted the first peal of Miss Doris E. Colgate, the well-known secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Miss Colgate took part in a memorial peal to Mr. Lewis on September 14th at Westerham. It was appropriate that the peal should be rung at Westerham since Mr. Lewis often rang there, and from the churchyard it is possible to see Brasted Church, with which he was associated for so long.

Cuckfield ringers, led by their tower captain, Mr. Reginald Johnson, staged on September 4th a demonstration of tower- and hand-bell ringing for the benefit of students attending a course on 'Church Activities' at Lodge Hill, Pulborough, under the direction of Mr. H. T. Kirby, an extra-mural tutor of Birmingham University. It was a most successful evening, the ringers' skill and warmth of welcome making, according to our contributor, 'an everlasting memory.'

The peal at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton (see page 634), was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret E. Fort and not as printed. Apologies, Margaret!

The 'Mid-Devon Advertiser,' in a report on Wilfred Williams' 1963 peal tour, states: 'Wolborough is one of the few churches with a complete set of eight bells. Staying at Ashburton, the ringers sounded a peal at Wolborough for more than two hours.' Alas, the attempt was lost after about two hours.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Norton to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Letchworth Garden City was quite creditable as only two of the band ring peals regularly; the others live in Letchworth or work for I.C.T., a company which has still very strong connections with the first garden city.

Because Penryn, Cornwall, Town Hall is on the site of a former chapel its bell is rung every Sunday. The borough council have acceded to the request of the Vicar of St. Gluvias' (the Rev. R. G. Perry-Gore) that as the site is holy and consecrated ground the bell should be rung on Fridays. The Vicar thought 15 pulls of the bell would be adequate.

Owing to a call of duty, Cpl. Eric Holtine, R.A.F., who is now serving overseas, was unable to participate in the outing he arranged for ringers of Ipswich and Stowmarket areas on August Monday. We are asked to let him know it was a great success. Ringing took place at Cowlinge, Poslingford, Kedington, Great Thurlow, West Wratting, Linton, Whittlesford and Duxford.

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ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan F. Thirst	*Treble*	Eric J. Hitchins	5
Wilfred Williams	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
John C. Eisel	3	Philip Mehew	7
F. John Nelson	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Brannock.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	*Derek Jewell	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	John C. Eisel	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
F. John Nelson	4	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Triples on the bells.

ALL THE FOLLOWING PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Eric J. Hitchins	5
F. John Nelson	2	Philip Mehew	6
Alan F. Thirst	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

John Phillips	*Treble*	Rev. Giles C. Galley	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
William A. Theobald	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal of Major on the bells.

TAWSTOCK, DEVON.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Philip Mehew	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Eric J. Hitchins	6
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
David J. Llewellyn	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHULMLEIGH, DEVON.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alan F. Thirst	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of London on the bells. Tenor 22 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

WITHERIDGE, DEVON.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	David J. Llewellyn	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Philip Mehew	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
Eric J. Hitchins	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	F. John Nelson	6
William A. Theobald	3	Philip Mehew	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	Rev. Giles C. Galley	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
F. John Nelson	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David J. Llewellyn	7
Alan F. Thirst	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	9
Eric J. Hitchins	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Pudsey in the county, and by the Guild.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	William A. Theobald	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	F. John Nelson	6
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Alan F. Thirst	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE CAMPANOLOGISTS' TOUR OF SOMERSET

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Geoffrey Davies	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	†P. Gerald McIlhone	6
*Frank Beech, jun.	3	Royston Blackler	7
Cecil T. Clarke	4	Frank D. Mack	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

Barbara Wylde	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	F. Hector Bennett	7
Brian J. Wylde	3	Richard J. Warrilow	8
*P. Gerald McIlhone	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
†Ian Friend	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Beryl E. Cawser	*Treble*	*Ian Friend	5
*Barbara Wylde	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Antony R. Kench	7
*Frank Beech, jun.	4	*Royston Blackler	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Royston Blackler.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Cecil T. Clarke	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
Charles A. S. Webb	2	Frank D. Mack	6
Antony R. Kench	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Brian J. Wylde	4	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by David W. Friend.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28½ cwt.

Robert Dean	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Frank D. Mack	7
Ian Friend	4	Charles A. S. Webb	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

John Robinson	*Treble*	John H. Fielden	7
Neil Bennett	2	Ronald M. Edwards ..	8
Christine C. Macnair ..	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Basil Jones	4	Frederick Shallcross ..	10
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	5	Edward Jenkins	11
Derek A. Ashton	6	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

First peal of York Surprise Maximus for all the band except the tenor ringer, on the bells, and by the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Ogden	*Treble*	Derek A. Ashton	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Derek Butterworth	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	3	Frederick Shallcross ..	8
John Robinson	4	John H. Fielden	9
Neil Bennett	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. David Nattall and Miss Yolande Margaret Billington, daughter of the rector of this church.

LIVERPOOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pierhead,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Thomas W. Hesketh ..	7
David Vincent	3	F. John Nelson	8
V. David Jenner	4	John H. Fielden	9
John N. Brown	5	Peter S. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray on the occasion of his 81st birthday.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANTIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

W. Bro. David Vincent, P.M., De Sala Lodge 5657 .. .. *Treble*
*Bro. Hubert Richardson, M.M.,
Cycling and Athletic Lodge 2335 2
Bro. Norman Tompkins, M.M., Egerton Lodge 2216 3
W. Bro. Norman Heap, P.M., Unity Lodge 613 4
*W. Bro. William Horner, P.P.A.D.C., P.M., Norley Lodge 7139 5
Bro. Joseph Thornley, M.M., Farnworth Lodge 5301 6
Bro. Jack N. Brown, M.M., Adeste Fidelis Lodge 7425 .. 7
W. Bro. Edwin C. Birkett, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M.,
Thermopylæ Lodge 4386 8
Bro. Peter J. Staniforth, M.M., Highcross Lodge 4835 .. 9
Bro. Peter Crook, jun., M.M., S.W., St. John's Lodge 221 .. *Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bro. Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Caters.

Rung as a token of respect and farewell to W. Bro. the Very Rev. Herbert A. Jones, M.A., B.Sc., P.P.G. Chaplain, Dean of Manchester, on his retirement as dean.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Michael J. Thomas	*Treble*	Brian J. Wylde	6
Barbara Wylde	2	Peter Bridle	7
Gillian M. Hussey	3	David E. House	8
Eric T. Lee	4	D. John Hunt	9
Don C. Exell	5	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all except ringer of tenor.

Rung as a compliment to Mick and Jacky Hobbs on the birth of a son (Christopher Paul), born 9 a.m. this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
John Robinson	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Frederick Shallcross ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

Rung to commemorate the wedding of Miss May Foster, of Leicester, and Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*David J. Shrubbs	*Treble*	John A. Dodd	5
Joseph C. Woolley ..	2	J. David Shaw	6
Geoffrey N. Goodall ..	3	†David W. Parkin	7
Eileen J. Osbourne ..	4	Douglas Derbyshire ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Geoffrey N. Goodall.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Victor R. Fox	*Treble*	*Andrew J. Jobson	5
Stephen J. Franklin ..	2	†Roger M. Heyworth ..	6
Frank E. Godden	3	P. Gerald McIlhone ..	7
Barbara M. Butler	4	Frank Absolem	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

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

Rung as a wedding compliment to Helen Butler and Andrew Howes.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook ..	*Treble*	Cyril Valentine	5
*John R. Bibby	2	†Denis Maddock	6
Harold Worrall	3	John E. Bibby	7
Fred Jackson	4	Francis Bibby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Denis Maddock.

* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Margaret E. Fort	*Treble*	Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	5
Bernard Moss	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
*Margaret Crossthwaite	3	W. John Couperthwaite ..	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	4	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Turner, of Adlington. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Peter J. Heritage	*Treble*	Robin S. Trebilcock	5
David P. Hilling	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	6
William Birmingham ..	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.4). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method.

A farewell to the Rector, Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, on his preferment to Etwall-with-Eggington, Derbyshire.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb.

George J. Butcher	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Frederick J. Cullum ..	7
Trevor N. Cross	4	Martin L. Howe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

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QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5152 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Maria E. Kirby	*Treble*	Peter T. Hurcombe	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Michael J. Stanley	6
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Cyril A. Wraiten	4	*Gordon W. Land	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to Robert Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry S. Sheppard, born August 15th, 1963, in Waterford, New York.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Betty J. Daysh	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Pamela R. Gough	2	Tom Page	6
Patrick Page	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Alexander Page	4	Tom Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5280 BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

David S. Osenton	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
John D. Faircloth	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
Richard G. Crosland	3	Andrew M. Macve	7
*Ian H. Oram	4	*Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest J. Ladd	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
*Thomas E. Sone	2	Charles A. Bassett	6
Margaret A. Ladd	3	*Cyril S. Jarrett	7
†Kevin S. Hohl	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* 50th peal together. † First of Cambridge Major.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt.

Charles Coles	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Brian W. Hall	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	*John B. Coggins	7
Frederick W. Soden	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

Jean Sanderson	*Treble*	*Michael D. Trigg	5
William J. Hitch	2	William D. N. Foote	6
*Andrew C. D. Mayes	3	C. Michael Orme	7
David R. Saunderson	4	Martin Major	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Martin Major.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Letchworth, the first garden city.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Mrs. Shirley Harris	*Treble*	*Frank Sismey	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	*Gilbert F. Cowlin	5
Len Brighton	3	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in seven methods
Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of the treble and tenor ringers.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 720 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Robert G. Oakley	*Treble*	Colin Johnson	3
John E. Goodwin	2	Alan M. Barber	4
George E. Thoday	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob, six of St. Martin's and four of St. Simon's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	*Treble*	C. Frank W. Phillippo	3
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	*Robin Churchill	4
†Harry B. Fuller	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in four methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. L. Blake.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Keith H. Mildred	*Treble*	Alan R. Mildred	4
Raymond Benfield	2	*Roger I. Kendrick	5
Richard J. Clifton	3	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 37 methods, being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Shropham, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, Mileham, Austrey, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Norwich, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, Shareshill, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columba, Southrepps Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, Walsingham, Ryton, St. Luke, St. John, Seighford, Besthorpe, Old Bob, Kennington and April Day, two of Plain Bob and five of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Rupert A. Clarke	*Treble*	Stuart H. J. Edwards	3
Michael W. Brown	2	David F. Moore	4
Maurice R. A. Kirk	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.
First peal in 37 methods by the band.

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FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt in A.

*PETER FENNEY .. .. .. *Treble*	*JEFFREY J. FOX.. 4
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*JOHN WEAVER 5
*R. FRASER MACK 3	*C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
* First peal in seven methods of Minor.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

M. JANE FOSTER .. .. *Treble*	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4
MICHAEL COWLING 2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
JEREMY P. BRANDON 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

HINSTOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob and one each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Kent T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

E. MARION KEY.. .. .. *Treble*	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. 4
PETER MORRIS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 3	RICHARD E. MORRIS.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in five methods.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

PHILIP G. ROGERS .. .. *Treble*	VERNA RIX.. 4
DAVID G. CARR 2	*ANTHONY H. SMITH.. .. 5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY H. SMITH.
* 25th peal.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*MICHAEL J. ROBERTS .. *Treble*	ALAN R. MILDRED 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK.. .. 2	DAN S. PONT 5
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 3	KEITH H. MILDRED .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: Six each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*HOWARD FLYNN .. .. *Treble*	ANTHONY R. TRICKETT .. 4
HERBERT SUTTON 2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 5
FRANK R. MORTON 3	JAMES S. BAKER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.
* First peal, first attempt. First in seven methods as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Herbert Sutton.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ANTHONY H. SMITH.. .. *Treble*	BRIAN B. HULLAH 4
*AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 2	ALAN M. BARBER 5
MARTIN PRESS 3	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.
* First peal in seven methods. First of seven Minor methods as conductor.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

VERNA RIX .. .. *Treble*	MARTIN MAJOR 4
MARTIN PRESS 2	ANTHONY H. SMITH 5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	ALAN M. BARBER.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.
Average age of the band 17 years.

ST. STEPHEN-BY-SALTASH, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

D. ROY BOULD .. .. .. *Treble*	H. FREDERICK MYERS.. .. 4
YVONNE C. PORTER 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
MARGARET A. BOULD.. .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Norwich, York, Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley and Ipswich. Tenor 13 cwt.

*KATHARINE M. GUY .. *Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
†HILARY F. MARTIN 2	ROBERT W. HINDE 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First 'inside.'

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being nine extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place and St. Martin's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT G. OAKLEY .. .. *Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET 3
COLIN JOHNSON 2	JOHN E. GOODWIN 4
ALAN M. BARBER .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.
Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. Brian Manning and Miss Janet Nicholson.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B., two of Oxford Bob and two Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

*JILL RICHARDSON .. .. *Treble*	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 4
*ROBERT HARRISON 2	*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD .. 5
†STEPHEN BROMFIELD.. .. 3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.
* First peal in three methods. † 75th peal.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (C.C.C. 31, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44).
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. *Treble*	†E. WILLIAM FORD 4
*DEREK DANCEY 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
†BRUCE WAKEFIELD 3	†GORDON W. LAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal. † First in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung to mark the official opening of the extensions to St. Lawrence's School, Lechlade.

MINIMUS PEAL

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, MORETON.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In 11 methods, being 20 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Reverse Court and ten of Double Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

R. HARRY DAVIES .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 3
*ERNEST T. CARVELL.. .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Minimus.
Rung for the centenary of the church and the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of ten methods, in the following extents, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Norfolk; (3) Nether-seale, (4) Annable's London, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Nether-seale, (7) Annable's London. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal of Surprise in ten methods on handbells by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 1—2 | EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.. 5—6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4 | †FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Major on handbells. † 200th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.. .. 1—2 | JOHN C. EISEL .. .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. 3—4 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 1—2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 3—4
GORDON W. LAND .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First handbell peal.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY .. 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Bristol on handbells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 7—8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wilson 1, Sheila Staley 2, A. D. Sansom 3, M. J. Staley 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, A. Gibbs 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, I. W. Hall 8. First of Stedman 2, 3, 4.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Marchington Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. A wedding compliment to Alan Richard Wood and Elaine Mary Staples, the sister of the ringer of the 2nd. Fiftieth quarter together for M. J. Kirk and J. A. Harrison. Fist in the method by all and on the bells.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Tyler 1, L. Smith 2, Joy Tyler 3, R. Poston 4, J. Turney (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung for evening service, and as a wedding compliment to Joy and Kenneth Tyler.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on July 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Hanning 1, A. Milledge 2, A. Bull 3, K. Game 4, J. Ketteringham 5, E. Talbot 6, R. Talbot 7, A. Shelton 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, W. Rawlings 10. Before Evensong, for the christening, by the Very Rev. E. Southcott, Provost, of Alison, granddaughter of Mr. Aubrey Winn, tower secretary.

LONDON.—On Sept. 8th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. Wyman 1, J. Tomsett 2, Miss C. Powell 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, Miss M. Lewis 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cademy 8, A. Fulwell 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For morning service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, T. A. Cross 2, T. Cullingworth 3, L. Mannering 4, T. E. Sone 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, F. C. Hogan 7, G. B. Collins 8, B. F. Baker 9, A. D. Macfadyen (cond., first of Royal) 10. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, D. Feek 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, F. S. Parsons 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Hartley 1, Miss A. P. Robinson 2, Miss R. Fleming 3, B. B. Hullah 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, R. J. Moore 6, F. W. Ellis 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Edward Mould and Christine Collett, married at Derby this day.

NEWENT, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Stevens 1, R. G. Powell 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, M. Banks 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Joy Smith and Mr. Kenneth Tyler. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Tyler 1, W. Spiers 2, M. Banks 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. Jenkins (wife of local ringer).

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. W. Smith 2, G. F. Roome 3, D. Towers 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, C. Lamberton 7, A. A. Paul 8, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 9, G. C. Paul 10. First on 10 bells for 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10. Rung for Evensong on the Patronal Festival. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, on their golden wedding; a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Saunders, and a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Mowbray.

OUTWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: K. Sansom 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, D. M. Hughes 4.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Pauline Bull 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, M. Rose 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. Underwood 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. Duffield, a local ringer for more than 50 years and an outstanding example of Christian Stewardship.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): A. E. Ivings 1, C. Coles 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, J. Venn 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung prior to Evensong, as a welcome to Philip Ian Coles, grandson of the ringer of the fourth.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Reeves 1, Lesley Read 2, R. A. Stone 3, Cecily C. Roberts 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. H. Bassett 6, B. C. Kercher 7, J. F. M. Maybrey 8. Rung 7, 6, 8 covering. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Chapman and Mr. R. Walker.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Anderton 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, E. F. Bennett 3, K. Martin 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, C. Crossthwaite 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, R. Anderton (first quarter) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day): A. B. Stevens 1, N. W. Grassby (first in three methods 'inside') 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 6. For Evensong.

STANDISH, LANCS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Yapp 1, L. Walmsley 2, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 3, F. Bentham 4, W. Farrimond 5, E. Cook 6, P. J. Crossthwaite 7, H. Grounds 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Thomas Grounds and Joseph Gray, who have both completed 50 years as ringers at this church.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles): B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, D. Powney 3, H. Gummer 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, V. Rose 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Osborne.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Dixon 1, R. Huddleston 2, R. Algate 3, H. Baguley 4, Rev. D. Sansum (first as cond.) 5, D. Huddleston 6. Rung after the wedding of Norman Buckland and Pat Machin, ringers at this church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Aug. 11th, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, Mrs. E. Harbot 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, M. Harbot 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Sanders. Also on Aug. 18th, for Matins, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, J. Rea 2, A. Milledge 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, K. Cherrill 5, P. Atkinson 6, D. Martin 7, R. Sanders 8. A birthday compliment to J. Chapman, 82 this day.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 1, M. R. Crossthwaite 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite (first in the method) 3, B. Moss 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, E. J. F. Wall 6, R. J. Parker 7, C. F. C. Pearson 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods/variations): C. Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Gibbs 2, I. G. Smith 3, R. J. Moore (first quarter) 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6.

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BIRTH

WOOD.—On September 16th, 1963, to Marian (nee Mills) and Peter, God's precious gift of a daughter, Josephine Helen. 3286

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

TESTER.—The address of Colin and Olive Tester is now 13, Glebelands, Crayford, Kent. 3265

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PERSONAL

ALAN F. THIRST, Esq. (similarly Y.O.B.!), please let me have your address.—F. C. W. Knight, The Firs, Stockbridge Road, Winchester. 3281

'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' (Ecclesiastes ix, 10.)

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of at least 12 handbells wanted by school for handicapped children. Must be in good condition. Please send details and price to Hon. Secretary, Wimbledon Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, 25, Cherrywood Lane, Morden, Surrey. 3269

MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members please note that the Festival in 1964 will be held on Saturday, June 27th, and not in July as is customary.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3145

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—Until further notice, the weekly practice at Cranleigh Parish Church will be on Tuesdays. Visitors will be welcome. 3279

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The general committee meeting at Salisbury, Feb. 1st, 1964. The festival and annual general meeting at Marlborough, May 9th, 1964.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 3263

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset. — All ringing is suspended until further notice whilst restoration work on the tower is carried out.—John Cornelius, Tower Sec. 3266

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 3261

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stockton, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing: Thornaby (8), 2–3.30 p.m.; Stockton (10), 2.30–3.45 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Sedgefield (5), 7.45 to 9 p.m. A.G.M. 4. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 3212

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Farnborough (6), on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3237

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District. — Meeting, Knighton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All visitors will be especially welcome.—J. H. C. 3288

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3278

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Denham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3133

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Great Wakering (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Thorpe Bay 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided after the service. 3262

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Second triennial dinner, Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Forty Avenue, Wembley, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Station, Wembley Park (Met. and Bakerloo). Bus No. 16 passes the door. Tickets, 20/- each, now available from the Association secretaries and dinner committee members.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of the committee, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting, Corston (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Newton St. Loe (6) available from 3 to 4 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 2nd to Mr. S. King, Wells Road, Corston.—Alan Lee, Sec. 3277

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Stowey (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, *please*.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater. 3282

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wootten Wawen on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations invited for Branch secretary at this meeting. Names for tea, important, by October 2nd latest, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 3257

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting at Clay Cross (6) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 2.30—4.30 p.m, and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Names for tea, without fail, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, October 2nd *at the latest*. Definitely no name—no tea. North Wingfield (8) available 7—9. 3255

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Rededication of St. Peter's Church bells, Frampton Cotterell, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea available after service. All members welcome. 3268

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea. Business meeting after. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 3166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District — Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10 bells), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea, by October 3rd, to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Barkway, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 3275

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 3232

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, 3rd.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3258

NEW READERS' CHANCE

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LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, Oct. 5th. 2.30 p.m. start. Service at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Murcott, 18, Monkseaton Drive, Whitley Bay. 3289

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Darwen (3 to 5 p.m.) and St. Michael's, Blackburn (6.30, approx., to 8.30 p.m.). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity School, Darwen, 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington. 3267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Windsor on Saturday, October 5th. 2.15 p.m. meeting in the Parish Hall, Grove Road. 3.45 tea. 5 p.m. service in St. George's Chapel. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Notification of intention to attend the service and applications for tea tickets (3s. each), together with remittance, must be sent to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Tuesday, October 1st. This will help those concerned with the arrangements at Windsor.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3144

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, Oct. 5th. 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3285

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Peter M. Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston. 3284

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Bishop's Cannings (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2895

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Huntington, Saturday, Oct. 5th, for the rededication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Leeds (Ven. C. O. Ellison). York Minster bells (12) available 2.30 to 3.55 p.m. Service, Huntington, 4.30. Tea in the Memorial Hall. Ringing after tea, Huntington (6). Stockton-on-Forest bells (4) also available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to C. J. Groome, Sunny Holme, Huntington, York. 3290

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Dronfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3283

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Basford St. Leodegarius, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham, from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 3291

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), *NOT* Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatsworth Road, Cuckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3274

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, not Llanfigan, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Tea 2s. 6d. each. Names, please, by Oct. 2nd, to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon. 3235

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mrs. F. Gosling, Beacon View, Newtown Common, Newbury. Sydmonton and Kingsclere bells after tea. 3272

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.15 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Broderick Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, *PLEASE*, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—L. Duguid. 3270

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting, All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroyden, Halifax.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3204

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 3287

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North East District.—District meeting, Tendring, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in hall opposite church. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. 3264

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.15, address given by Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Tea afterwards in the Church Hall at 2/- per person. Other ringing arrangements pending. Those who require tea please notify, together with cash, by October 9th.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 3245

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), from 2.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 9th for tea to R. Harrison, 20, Bowmandale, Barton-on-Humber. C. A. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Tredunnoc, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 3280

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (at cafe).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Sandford St. Martin, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 3260

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.45 for 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall, near the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Ringers and friends from both Suffolk and other Guilds invited. Ringing at St Mary's Church (8), Bury St. Edmunds, 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, from the committee and Miss G. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, on or before October 7th, 1963. 3171

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
Saturday, October 19th, 1963
in the
ASSEMBLY ROOM, THE TOWN HALL,
NORTHAMPTON
at 7 p.m.

Tickets (14s. each and c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton.
Closing date: October 12th.

Bells: Holy Sepulchre (8), 5 to 6.15.
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 326th Anniversary Dinner will be held at
THE BRIDGE HOUSE RESTAURANT,
LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.,
on *Saturday, November 2nd*, 1963,
at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (25s.) are now available and, since accommodation is limited, members are advised to make early application therefor.
JOHN CHILCOTT,
42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 3233

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

It was wedding bells at Handsworth on September 7th as prior to the meeting of the Sheffield and District Society the marriage had been solemnised of the daughter of Mrs. Kelly. At tea, in the Parish Centre, the bride, who was just leaving for the honeymoon, was toasted.

Ringing included Stedman, Grandsire, Spliced Kent and Oxford and Seager Special (Spliced Plain and Little Bob). Ringing in the evening was at Treeton, but when the company arrived it was not a case of John splicing Plain and Little, but the tenor rope. The bells were raised very gingerly, except by the tenor ringer, who perspired profusely for a good ten minutes after raising the 'rough' bell.

Thanks are due to Mr. Gilbert, the ladies for tea, and the ringers who travelled from as far as Rawmarsh, Shelley, Dore and Dronfield.
J. S. S.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. R. Sharp was Ringing Master for over 30 ringers at the Biggleswade District meeting at Maulden on September 14th, when the special methods were Pudsey Surprise and Oxford Bob Triples. Local ladies provided tea in the Memorial Hall.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, was in the chair for the short business meeting. Immediately after the meeting, boys and girls from Woburn entertained by playing tunes on handbells. The president congratulated them and their conductor, Mr. K. Spavins, on their excellent playing.

The Rector, the Rev. H. R. Cousins, conducted Evensong and Mr. M. Lockey played the organ. Afterwards ringers from Hertfordshire and the Rev. D. Hoare (curate of Ampthill) rang Bob Major on handbells.

Ringing on tower bells was resumed and continued until approximately 9 p.m.

October meeting, Sandy.

LATE NEWS

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, is back in hospital again—in so much plaster that it would be unfair to say that he is comfortable. His many friends wish him a speedy return home, with beneficial results.

Mr. Tony Clayton, past Master of Putney tower, is to be ordained deacon in Southwark Cathedral next Sunday, to serve in the parish of All Saints', Tooting Graveney. He is being remembered by many friends.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rayfield 1, E. Godfrey (first quarter) 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Verna Rix 1, Frances Simpson 2, A. H. Smith 3, K. Barnes 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Davis, wife of the local tower captain.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. T. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, R. W. Rice 3, R. G. Pruen 4, W. S. Rice (cond.) 5, G. Jones 6, B. Hebden 7, W. E. Day 8. First quarter by all except 5th and 8th, and first by local band. Rung for the wedding of the treasurer, Mr. J. E. Gill, and Miss A. Parham.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. H. Kinch 1, Diana French (first of Triples) 2, A. W. Ivings 3, M. W. Sayers 4, C. C. Clarke 5, L. A. Busby 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, E. G. Jones 8. A compliment to Beryl R. Jarvis and Alfred W. C. Gillett, on their marriage at Balscote on August 24th.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosemary Blyth (first in method) 1, R. Fentiman (first in method) 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, D. Oakshott 5, D. Herschell 6, W. Parrott (cond.) 7, J. Munton 8. Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. W. A. Eman. First in the method by a Sunday service band.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. M. Low (first on working bell) 1, N. G. Coatsworth 2, M. R. Platt 3, D. J. Tuck 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, M. Q. King 6, M. R. C. Swindlehurst 7, J. W. I. Trevelyan 8. First quarter 2, 6 and 7. Rung as a compliment to Mike Platt and Sheila Green, for their wedding, and as a compliment to those members of Cuddesdon College to be ordained at Michaelmas.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. W. Griffiths 1, Ann Evans 2, M. Roselyn Corby 3, E. C. Crewe 4, T. Holmes 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. and Mrs. R. A. P. Gell, on the eve of their departure to Christ Church, Paignton, after 19 years of devoted ministry in this parish.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, T. R. Harris 2, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 3, H. Mann 4, P. J. Ashby (first 'inside') 5, A. S. Cole (first quarter) 6. First on the bells by a local Sunday band.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Water 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, Sheila Copping (first of Cambridge Major) 3, Katharine M. Guy (first of Cambridge Major) 4, Hilda Oakshett 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, M. G. Foster (first of Surprise) 7, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss S. Copping and Mr. G. J. Kirby.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Aug. 30th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Oxford T.B., St Clement's and Plain Bob): F. Cooker 1, M. Foster 2, D. Smedley 3, G. Challans 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Mitchell 1, Mrs. B. Mitchell 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, V. J. Dale 4, G. Proctor 5, H. G. Goddard 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell, who are shortly leaving this district.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Littlejohn 1, J. Pares 2, G. D. Weston 3, D. Murduck 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5, E. Cox 6. Rung for the wedding of Arnauld de Cussan and Virginia Clifford.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Lee 1, D. J. Barnett 2, D. A. Burt 3, D. Oleridge 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. R. G. Taylor (first of Stedman Triples) 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, J. W. Isaacs 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, Susan Smith 4, D. J. Forder 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: R. Davies 1, M. Bangham 2, J. Weller 3, D. Herschell 4, K. Taber 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Stevens 7, N. Steere 8. First of Plain Bob 'inside' for 5 and as conductor.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Doubles (in 12 methods): D. E. Archer 1, A. King 2, M. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Mutson, Filey, Yorks, on the birth of a son.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKDEN, HUNTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Bonham 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. Woollven (cond.) 5.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rowan (first quarter) 1, Shirley Washbrook (first 'inside') 2, P. Norman 3, P. Jenkinson 4, F. Price 5, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of the curate's daughter.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Barnes 1, Phillippa E. Duncan 2, Judy M. Bowen 3, Valerie Mepham 4, J. W. T. Smith (first in two methods as cond.) 5.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Chapman (first quarter) 1, M. King 2, E. Buckby (first quarter) 3, D. Pearson 4, R. Cowley 5, E. Chapman (first as cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 15th (Battle of Britain Sunday), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, J. Ketteringham 2, R. Bailey 3, R. Newman 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. Gargrave 7, J. McPhail 8. For Matins. Also at St. Clement Danes', 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Barton (first in method) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, D. Hewitt 3, D. Knox 4, D. Francis 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, D. Cornwall 7, J. Harrison 8, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 9, P. Chapman 10. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Ranford 1, L. Walters 2, C. W. Nutt 3, R. Lewis 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Fitzer, churchwarden, buried this day.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Davis (first quarter) 1, A. W. Robinson 2, P. Holt (first 'inside') 3, A. C. Best 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, S. Wills 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hooper.

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DIGGING INTO THE PAST IN ESSEX VILLAGE

By F. H. ERITH

MANY ringers must have wondered who rang their bells in days gone by, but unless they belong to those few towers which have ancient peal-boards there would probably have been no evidence of any activity a hundred or more years ago.

In my own tower of Ardleigh, in Essex, we have had a ring of six since 1675, which was augmented to eight in 1892, but apart from entries in the churchwardens' accounts of such items as 'Beer for the Ringers' in Napoleonic times, which implied that there **was** a company, we had no clue as to who our bygone ringers were.

Last month, however, there was a great turn-out at the Vicarage, owing to structural alterations, and it was my duty to examine some old ledgers and notebooks. In one of them I came across the following entry:—

> 'Sunday, December the 14th, 1794.
> 'At a public Vestry meeting held this day WE the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners do approve the following persons to be the bell-ringers of the Parish of Ardleigh, viz.: Robert Munson, William Munson, James Sparrow, John Whitaker, John Southgate, William Webb.
> (Signed) John Kelly, Vicar' (and six other names).

It is curious that the Vestry should have found it necessary to enumerate the ringers at all, and I can think of only two reasons why it did so. There may have been a dispute among the ringers over the allocation of beer or money, and they required a ruling. Or it may have been that the church bells were to be sounded as a warning if the French made a landing on our coast, and a reliable set of ringers would be needed.

That the latter is the more likely is borne out by the unusual entry in Ardleigh Parish Register No. 5. This reads as follows:—

> 'In consequence of the avowed intention of the French to make a descent upon this coast . . . I have thought it my duty to number my parishioners; which I have done by a Domiciliary Visitation, that in the event of an actual invasion, such a list may be useful either to assemble us in order to make a resistance, or in case of dispersion, to enable us, upon our return, to discover and ascertain our various claims and settlements.
>
> John Kelly, Vicar.
> Vicarage House, Octr 13th, 1796.'

Here follows, in the Vicar's copperplate handwriting, 'the names, qualities, and ages' of the 1,145 inhabitants, divided up by households. At the end is a list of statistics leading to the final, vital one: 'No. of males from the age of 15 to 60; and capable of bearing arms — 352.'

This document takes up twelve pages of the Parish Register and must surely be of immense interest to anyone studying the Social History of England in the Napoleonic period. But the interest to us lies in the fact that it tells us a little more of the six ringers who were appointed less than two years previously.

The Webb family, for instance, is classified thus: William Webb, Shoemaker, 55; Jane Webb, Wife, 49; William Webb, Son and Sailor, 21; James Webb, Son, 8.

The other ringers were:—

Robert Munson, Constable, 40, with a wife, sailor son aged 14, and five younger children;

John Southgate, Parish Clerk, 43, with a wife, and Abraham Whinney, lodger, 76;

John Whitaker, wheelwright, 26, with a wife, infant son, and lodger;

William Munson, Shoemaker, 30, living all alone;

James Sparrow, servant, 26, living in the house of Lucy Fenn, widow, 21, and her mother, Elizabeth Went, 50.

The ringers at that time were evidently not a band of irresponsible drunkards, as Ellacombe said of a later generation in another county. The Constable was one of two who were appointed annually by the Vestry. The Parish Clerk would have been superior to most of the other villagers.

One likes to imagine that the company held together for many years after the great survey, but the records tell otherwise. Robert Munson was buried on Christmas Day, 1798, and William Munson followed him three months later.

FLOURISHING SALISBURY

A SHORT time ago, in a review of Theological College ringing Salisbury was mentioned as 'flourishing.' It might interest readers to know how true this is. The college is small by most standards as there are only about 45 students. Nevertheless, during the past two years a quarter of the college has been actively engaged in ringing. Many have been taught to handle a bell, but it is generally difficult to get learners beyond plain hunting in the time available. There is a regular practice afternoon for learners and on Tuesdays the more experienced fire the bells, generally at Coombe Bissett!

During the course of the past two years we have, however, visited almost every five and six bell tower in the area. On Saturday afternoons outings have been held to more distant towers. On one occasion a joint meeting was held between college ringers, those of the Teachers' Training College in Salisbury, King Alfred's Teachers' Training College in Winchester and Southampton University. We had a service in the College Chapel, followed by tea in the Library. This was a great success. Some members have joined the local Guild as ringing members.

The college is affiliated as a tower to the Salisbury Guild and is thus the only tower in the Guild with one bell (Gillett and Bland

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First Peal on Carter's Ringing Machine

The first peal on Carter's ringing machine was called on September 7th by Mr. John Chilcott. It was a peal of 5,019 Stedman Cinques, appropriately a composition of John Carter (C.C.C. No. 15), and was umpired by Mr. Frank Haynes.

Expressing pleasure at the performance, Mr. Douglas Hughes writes: 'I am very pleased that this has been done, although sorry in a way that Albert Walker, who had been promised the first peal by John Carter, did not live to call it himself. He always intended to come to London to do this, but somehow never made the journey.'

FLOURISHING SALISBURY

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1870 c. 3 cwt) hung for chiming only! A team was entered for the Striking Competition of the local district, and though the college was last, it was only just behind St. Thomas', Salisbury. On Sundays the college ringers ring at various churches besides keeping the three bells at Netherhampton going. This last often means missing breakfast!

The keen ringers in the college are doing everything in their power to bring ringing into a favourable light with their fellow students. In consequence we believe that you will find that anyone trained at Salisbury recently will be a friend of ringers. The college even formed an unofficial anti-bell society as non-ringers seemed to find all conversations turning to bells. Needless to say, the society was soon ousted when its secretary learnt to ring!

There have been occasional setbacks. On one occasion three-quarters of the college attended a harvest festival only to see all the local ringers walk out before the service and come back again afterwards to lower the bells! In case the Bishop of Dunwich should read this, I would add that the nearest house was half a mile away and the village contains no rectifying house (apologies to Worcester ringers for this name!).

Despite such setbacks we believe that it is essential to acquaint all ordinands with the correct place of bells and ringers in the life of the Church. So many look upon ringers as nuisances, as mere drunken non-churchgoers. That no Salisbury man can ever leave thinking this is our proud boast.—A.C.

Anyone wishing to contact the college ringers should write to:— The Master of the Bell-ringers, The Theological College, 19, The Close, Salisbury, Wilts.

Fairfield Surprise Major

x34x14x12x16. 34x34. 58. 34x34.78.
L.H.=12-4263857. Bob 4th.
F.C.E. 24365. 32546. 46253.
Rung at Fairfield, Derbys, July 10th, 1963.

Gloucestershire Surprise Major

x34x14x12x16x34x58x34x78.
L.H.=12-4263857. Bob 4th.
F.C.E. 24365. 32546. 46253.
Rung at East Hagbourne, Berks, August 15th, 1958.

Composition for both peals:
5,088 by J. W. WASHBROOK.

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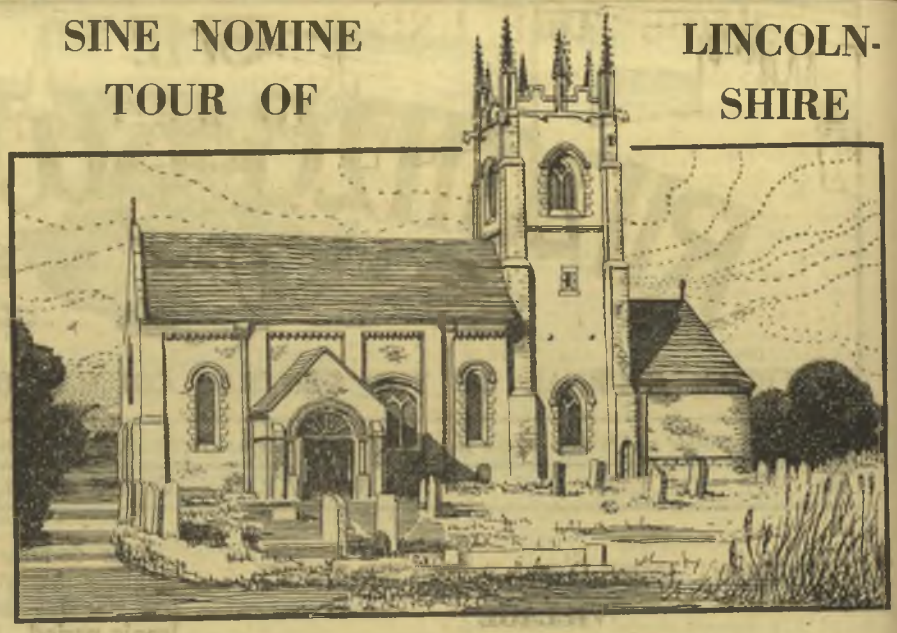
23564		3	—	3

Twice repeated.

SINE NOMINE TOUR OF LINCOLNSHIRE



ST. MARY ABBEY CHURCH, SEMPRINGHAM.

ON August 27th an assorted group of 12 ringers left by minibus for a ringing week centred on Lincoln. On the way we rang at Godmanchester (8), Wansford (a 2 cwt. minor five), Stamford (All Saints', 6) and the magnificent ten at Grantham. This splendid 15th century building set the pattern for many we were to see.

We attended Parish Communion at Saxilby (6) on Sunday morning. Here the local band have rung for over nine hundred services consecutively. Further ringing was at Nocton, Welton, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln (with its very ancient font) and the good bells of Dunholme—all sixes.

Gainsborough (8) was our first stop on Monday. We continued through Bawtry (6), Doncaster (8) and Conisbrough (8), to Rotherham (10). Here we were delighted by the cleanness of the belfry and the tone of the bells. Worksop Priory bells (8) were of good tone. The day ended at East Retford (10), save for an evening practice at St. Giles', Lincoln (8, a fine Rudhall ring).

Tuesday provided some splendid Marshland churches. We visited Sleaford (8), Ewerby (10), Heckington (8), Boston (10), Algarkirk very easy to handle despite the light weight, long draught and alarmingly leaning tower. In the evening we visited Waddington (6).

We started with two good rings on the Wednesday—Newark (10) and Southwell (12). We liked the latter despite the sagging and springy floor. After lunch, in the grounds of Nottingham Castle, we rang at St. Peter's (10) and Lenton (8), in that city. Hucknall Torkard (a good octave), Edwinstowe (6) and Dunham-on-Trent (5) followed. The congregation leaving Dunham Church is greeted by the inscription: 'Are your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation?'! Evening ringing was on the four at St. Mary-le-Wigford, in Lincoln, which are manned by a band of Baptists.

On Thursday we rang at Horncastle (6) and Halton Holgate (6), lost a peal at Mablethorpe (6) and had difficulty in the fine spire at Louth (8). In the evening we joined in the practice on the magnificent bells of Lincoln Cathedral (12).

Friday was the day for North Lincolnshire, and we visited Wragby (6), Walesby Old Church (8) and Caistor (6). We were disappointed by the restored and augmented ring at Grimsby (10), but favourably impressed by the two octaves at Barton-on-Humber, particularly by St. Mary's. In the evening we grabbed two excellent sixes at Norton Disney and Bassingham.

On the final day we returned to London, via Sempringham (6, the isolated church where St. Gilbert founded a monastic order), Croyland (6), March (6) and St. Neots (8), all good bells.

Our grateful thanks go to all who helped to make this second expedition a great success. A. C.

A PETERBOROUGH RETIREMENT

For over 52 years Mr. Sydney E. Wright has rung regularly at St. John's, Peterborough, and it is with much regret that the band have had to accept his resignation. The long climb to the belfry has become somewhat of a strain to Syd during the past few months, and he feels that he can no longer put in a weekly appearance. Fortunately we shall still see him at service, and he hopes to have an occasional visit to the belfry.

Syd remembers the time when the Sunday service band could ring three courses of Superlative like clockwork, and has taken part in several 5,000's in the tower, in a variety of methods.

To mark his retirement a quarter peal of 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation) was rung on Sunday, September 15th, by Wendy Hollowell 1, G. Cowlin 2, J. Bird 3, J. Rone 4, G. S. Bush 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. We wish him many more years of happy retirement.

JOINT MEETING AT BOTTESFORD

A company of over 40 collected at Bottesford for the joint meeting of the Bingham District (Southwell Guild) with the Melton District (Leicester Guild), and the young, enthusiastic crowd from Bingham added to the enjoyment. A clergyman from Cotgrave conducted the service and Mr. Box arranged tea. All present favoured the Melton District visiting a Bingham tower next year. M. S.

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'Going up Camborne Hill, Coming Down.'
(*Trad.*)

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WHEN, at a business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild two years ago, I proposed that we should go to Cornwall for our 1963 tour, I wasn't expecting the reply: 'Good idea. You're organising it.' However, this is what happened, and eventually we got ourselves booked at the Vicarage, Stithians, which is a guest house.

The majority of the party arrived by the evening of Saturday, August 24th, some having rung at Liskeard and Cardynham. Here the organiser's first well-kept secret was sprung—many of the party would have to share beds. After a whispered consultation between organiser and president, rooms were allotted, and members went off grumbling. A good dinner, the precursor of many excellent meals, mollified them slightly, and after dinner many found their way to the Seven Stars, where the Cornish style of hymn singing was much appreciated.

The only 'official' ringing on Sunday was in the afternoon, at St. Erme and Veryan. At Veryan we rang 'The Cornish Sixties' at a tremendous pace. In the morning some rang at Stithians (where a rope was broken and afterwards very kindly mended by Roger Leigh), others at Kenwyn.

CHURCH IN AN AIRFIELD

St. Eval on Monday morning had some of the 'navigators' worried; they were not used to finding a church in the middle of an airfield. At Padstow there was some trouble in finding the key. Meanwhile the first peal of the week was being rung—London Major at St. Dennis', on top of a windy hill. In the afternoon we rang at St. Columb Major and St. Columb Minor before tackling Truro Cathedral. An interesting touch of Little Bob Royal was attempted here, composed by Brian Price, but its undoubted musical merits were obscured by the inability of the band to ring it. After dinner we walked over to Stithians Church, and later in the evening had our first experience of Martyn Jordan at the ivories, or, as the poet put it: 'Dey had biano-blayin'.'

On Tuesday our first call was at Carbis Bay, where we were cordially welcomed by Rev. A. S. Roberts, and after some mainly indifferent ringing were royally entertained with coffee, sandwiches and cakes. This was most welcome, and we are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. The navigators had an interesting time after this, guiding us to the remote church of Towednack. The afternoon was much enjoyed by the 'Dove' fans. First they added a 'Z' (Zennor) to Sunday's 'V' for Veryan, then collected Sennen, the most westerly tower in England. Those who were not content with this rang handbells on the rocks at Land's End. Meanwhile, a good peal of Stedman Triples was being rung at Gulval. Some of us went to the practice at Truro in the evening, while others hunted for 4-bell towers.

PASTIES WITH MR. AND MRS. H. W. ROGERS

We started Wednesday with our Corporate Communion in Stithians Church, which was celebrated by the Vicar, Rev. J. R. Jose. The peal band went to St. Anthony-in-Meneage and rang a peal of Superlative, while the non-pealers went to Mawgan, Mullion and Cury for a 6-bell morning. J. B. Williamson inveigled some of the party into snatching Manaccan as well. For lunch we went to the Old Inn at Mullion, where we were treated to pasties and sandwiches by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, who were staying there and who had joined us in some of the ringing.

Feeling refreshed, we moved on to Helston. The phrase 'quaint old Cornish town' inevitably springs to mind here, but fortunately the bells are neither quaint nor old, having been recently recast and rehung. At Camborne, practically everyone was saying to the organiser: 'Why on earth aren't we going to Tuckingmill? There's a beautiful little eight there, much better than these bells.' Personally, I didn't see much wrong with Camborne, and I'd never heard of Tuckingmill, so I echoed Dr. Johnson: 'Ignorance, sheer ignorance.' Finding Redruth Church was a navigator's nightmare. It was eventually located and the bells duly rung. The timing of this afternoon's programme being distinctly odd, there was plenty of time for those whose appetite for towers was insatiable to go back to Tuckingmill and ring there before dinner. After dinner we had our business meeting. It was agreed that next year if we did not go to Shrewsbury we would go somewhere else! Eventually the meeting adjourned to the Seven Stars, and later in the evening Martyn 'Kramer' Jordan was rivalled by Old King Cole.

Thursday was an 8-bell day. We had some enjoyable ringing during the morning at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, Roche (where the lights were left on and someone had to go back later to switch them off), and Bodmin, with its new eight. At Bodmin we were unfortunately restricted to half-an-hour's ringing. Here we said goodbye to Major Freeborn, and noticed that Brian Price had already 'silently slipped away.' After lunch a peal of Bristol Major was rung at Egloshayle, and the rest of the party went to Lanivet. Mr. Jose met us again at Perran-ar-Worthal, and showed E. M. Atkins some entries in the parish register made by his wife's grandfather. The tower-snatchers snatched Gwennap after dinner, while others went to the practice at Kenwyn.

PARTY'S RINGING ABILITY

Friday's peal was at Probus, where 8-Spliced was scored in the morning. Meanwhile ringing took place at Kea, where J. B. Williamson and Chris. Woolley left us. We then went on to St. Ewe, where one rings in a sort of chimney, and Gorran, where the bells don't sound quite right. In the afternoon we visited Lanlivery. It was an interesting indication of the capabilities of our party that the 8-spliced peal band arrived at Lanlivery to hear the bells being rung in 6-spliced! We then rang on the very pleasant six at Lostwithiel. Our last tower was Fowey (the 'Troy Town' of the excellent novels of 'Q').

Back at Stithians, Rev. J. R. Jose was our guest for dinner, and shortly after dinner the majority of members 'adjourned'—the best part of two miles—to the Golden Lion. In the lounge bar here, reminiscences from the older members were mingled with practical advice to the younger members.

I should like to draw a veil over what happened on Saturday, when we attempted a peal at Exeter Cathedral, but, as many people already know, the peal was lost in quite a short time. A quarter peal attempt was also unsuccessful.

'*Miser Gulielme, desinas ineptire,*
Et quod vides perisse perditum ducas.'

I suppose that everyone got home safely. It was a great week, and it seemed to me that all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. W. T. C.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT FESTIVAL

About a score of ringers assembled at All Saints' (8), Milford-on-Sea, on September 14th to start the Christchurch District's ringing festival; but after tea, when the proceedings concluded with two hours' ringing at Christchurch Priory, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Cheater, it was a case of 'standing room only.' Visitors came from Lancashire, Worcestershire, Essex and Oxfordshire.

Car owners who drove the ringers from tower to tower included Messrs. R. Marlow, W. T. Godfrey, C. Conway and H. A. Mitchell. After Milford, towers visited were Ringwood, Downton, Fordingbridge, St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. Peter's, Bournemouth. At Christchurch Priory the Vicar, the Rev. L. H. Yorke, conducted a short service, and presided at tea in the Priory Church Hall. Acknowledging a vote of thanks, the Vicar said the world of campanology was a mysterious world to him, with a language of its own quite mystifying to the uninitiated. The ringing of the bells was important, and he wished the ringers well in their valuable work for the Church.

The ladies who had prepared the tea were also thanked. They were Mesdames Godfrey, Witt, Alan Price and A. V. Davis. The dropping of the Priory bells at 9 p.m. concluded a very good day. A. V. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, at Iwerne Minster on September 14th, was attended by some 28 ringers and friends, including ringers from Wellington, Som, and Aylesford, Kent.

Standard methods were rung on this deep-sounding six (18 cwt.) until the Guild Office. This was truly a ringers' affair, as the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Wells) is vice-chairman of the Branch and a ringer, and so is the organist (Geoffrey Spencer). During the office a course of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells by C. Longridge, J. Longridge and R. Longridge (hon. secretary).

Tea, provided by Mrs. Wells and helpers, laid a proper foundation for the business meeting which followed. Fourteen new members were elected and one extra-diocesan life ringing member. Proficiency certificates were awarded to Messrs. G. Spencer, C. Dunster, J. Longridge, C. Longridge, A. Wallis and P. Cracknell.

Ringers were reminded of the Dorset ringing festival at Blandford on October 26th, and this brought forth some discussion about the possibilities of some 8-bell practices. Attention was drawn to the regular practices at Sherborne on Tuesdays and Mere on Thursdays.

Ringing was continued at Iwerne Minster and Shroton. R. N. L.

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Chardstock on September 21st. Distinguished visitors were the Master of the Guild (Rev. Richard Longridge) and Mr. Frederick Sharp. Mr. Longridge conducted the Guild service, and Mr. Sharp read the lesson. Twenty-one sat down to tea, served by lady helpers from Chardstock.

Mr. C. Powell presided at the business meeting, and gave a warm welcome to Mr. Sharp, who, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being present, and followed this with an interesting talk on his recent visit to America.

Mr. Jesse Davis acted as honorary secretary in the absence of Mr. J. T. Barrett. The next two practices were fixed for Loders on October 9th and Bridport on November 13th, subject to consent. Mr. Barrett gave formal notice that he would not be seeking re-election at the A.G.M. in November. Miss Angela Quick, of Lyme Regis, was elected a ringing member. Mr. Longridge gave a reminder of the Ringers' Festival at Blandford on October 26th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Oxford and Cambridge. The service touch was Stedman Doubles. J. T. B.

IN INFORMAL DAY IN EASTERN HERTFORDSHIRE

On August 24th, 14 ringers from various parts of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire met at 9 a.m. outside the Church of St. Nicholas, Great Hormead, and the bells were soon ringing to a variety of Doubles and Minor methods. Different ideas as to the best route to take resulted in the last two cars leaving Great Hormead being the first to arrive at Anstey (a springy six, rung from the centre of the church). A short but rather hair-raising drive brought the party to Brent Pelham, where Bob Minimus and various Doubles methods were rung. There is the tomb of a dragon slayer here, O. Piers Shonk. The drive to Little Hadham (the only other five bell tower of the day) was, for some, notable for the watery state of the 'road' taken. The afternoon's programme was Much Hadham (8), Widford and Great Amwell (two sixes) and Hoddesdon (another eight in a brick tower).

After tea we met again at Bengeo (a delightful light eight, which are at their best when rung fast), then moved to Tewin (6), where we were met by the Rector, who rang a touch with us. We ended the day at Welwyn. Most of the more common methods up to Cambridge were rung, as well as rounds, call changes and Minimus for the benefit of the less experienced. Those participating in the ringing are grateful to Jean Sanderson, for her efforts in organising the trip.

W. D. N. F.

Letters to the Editor

Tune Handbell Ringing

Dear Sir.—I am sure that many readers, and especially those who are tune ringers, will join with me in congratulating Mr. Frederick Sharp on his being chosen to be the guest of honour at the Eighth National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. I have no doubt this gesture of esteem was well deserved by Mr. Sharp, for I do not know of anyone more suitable to represent English ringers and ringing at an overseas function of this kind. This, however, would not be an entirely one-sided arrangement, as the A.G.E.H.R. would derive a great deal of benefit from Mr. Sharp's wide knowledge and experience of all things appertaining to bells and bell ringing, and this will doubtless be put to good use before long by our ringing contemporaries on the other side of the Atlantic.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Sharp for the very detailed and concise account of his visit: this is one of the most interesting articles I have read in your columns for some time past, and while space does not permit me to comment at length on it, I should like to remark upon one or two points he mentions.

First of all, the tremendous distances travelled by many of the large number of ringers present, not forgetting the expenses involved in transport for themselves and all their equipment. This expense would not be light, and in almost every case would have been raised during the preceding 12 months by the voluntary efforts of the ringers concerned; it would also be in addition to the normal commitments for church funds that most of them will meet from time to time.

Another thing that struck me forcibly is the fact that these Americans use their handbells to make music in their church services all the year round, not just on special ringing occasions or at Christmastime; they use them with either voice and organ accompaniment or without, and to my mind it is very right and fitting that they should do so. 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals' says Psalm 150, and this is another form of giving praise and thanks to our God. We in England could do well to take a leaf from their book in respect to this practice. One of the most moving and yet enjoyable services that I have ever attended was a carol service held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, a few years ago. The handbell ringers took a prominent part in the music of the service, playing for four or five of the hymns and carols sung, besides rendering a musical interlude, and I thought that the whole effect was most inspiring and a very worthy addition to our usual church organ music; it is something that could well be used to enrich the service music in our churches, not once or twice, but Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

Now, whatever their different techniques and methods of arranging and writing musical scores, one quality of these American ringers stands out above all others. It cannot be purchased, in fact if it is not there no amount of money can provide it: it is ENTHUSIASM, and very few good things in this world have been accomplished without it!

Having seen and experienced for yourself this enthusiasm of our American friends for tune ringing, may I presume to ask Mr. Sharp if he would contribute a series of articles on tune ringing, and how to arrange music for handbells, so that enthusiasm for this art may be fostered and encouraged in this country? I am sure there are many ringers like myself who would appreciate a lead in this direction. There are many sets of handbells lying unused in towers throughout this land; with a little encouragement and assistance they could be put to good use once more; all that is required in many towers is the knowledge of how to use them properly, joined with enthusiasm, so that these bells may ring out in harmony once again.—Yours sincerely.

THOMAS OGDEN.

Shaw, Oldham.

Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—I write to withdraw a peal rung at Leicester All Saints', for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on August 24th, 1963, since this has now proved to be false. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Buxton, Derbyshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Some 50 members and friends met at the Parish Church, Chipping Hill, Witham, on August 31st, for the quarterly meeting of the Northern District. A service was conducted by the District Master, and in his address the Vicar told us the history of the little bell recast and hung in the tower by the late Harry Richards.

Tea was arranged in the Church Rooms by the local ladies, followed by the business meeting. The District Master welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Jim Chalk, of Wanstead, who gave a talk on people he remembered. Mr. Monk, of Witham, was elected a ringing member. The District Master congratulated Peter Laurence and Paul Le Count, of Bocking, who had rung their first peal.

The Vicar replied to a comprehensive vote of thanks, and afterwards the bells were kept going in a number of methods until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting, Felstead, November 16th.

R. S.

OBITUARY

MR. DEREK OGDEN

May I pay a short tribute to the memory of Derek Ogden, whose sudden and unexpected death has removed a talented ringer from the north-west.

He learned to ring at Ashton, under the tutelage of the late Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, but it was in the last few years that his real influence had been felt. A capable ringer, conductor and composer, he had taken part in many of the noteworthy performances in this area during the past few years, culminating in the peal in 18 Spliced Surprise Maximus methods this year, which was composed and conducted by him.

Of a modest and quiet disposition he nevertheless filled the position of chairman of Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association with great dignity and much of the prosperity of the Branch is due to his wisdom and guidance. His association with the Chester Guild, of which he was a resident member, was close and cordial, and all ringers in the Manchester area, both Cheshire and Lancashire, feel that they and the Exercise have lost a valued friend. To his wife and children heartfelt sympathy is extended. C. K. L.

MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN

APPRECIATIONS

It was my privilege to have known Lew Wiffen since I was a small boy, and his passing only magnifies what a tremendously fine man he was, both inside and outside the belfry.

One might easily have misunderstood his somewhat gruff attitude when at the end of a rope, but this was a coupling of intense concentration and rigid insistance from himself and the rest of the band on the highest standard of striking attainable. In this regard Lew was exceptional, and I count myself fortunate to include one peal in particular with him which was he at his most typical.

A peal of London at Great Dunmow with about one trip in it and Lew Wiffen, with his old friend Frank Claydon, ringing and striking perfectly throughout. And then the comment afterwards: 'Not a bad 'un!' He was in his middle seventies then and that peal gave him a lot of pleasure.

Lew Wiffen will be sorely missed, particularly in Essex and Suffolk, and we mourn his passing. We are thankful for the memory of his example. May he rest in peace.

GEORGE W. PIPE.

For some years prior to the 1914 war, Lew Wiffen lived in Ipswich. There he was moulded into the great ringer he became, and there he gained that love of good ringing that was to last all his life. He rang in the 1908 peal of Cambridge Maximus and was the last surviving member of that illustrious band. Not a big man physically, fairly tall but spare, I don't suppose he ever weighed 9 stone, but he rang St. Mary-le-Tower tenor to London S. Major in 1909. He was also in the second Cambridge Maximus in 1910.

After the war, during which he worked at the Whitehead Torpedo Works, he drifted back to his native Essex. Here he became leader and conductor of a band he gathered round him at Braintree. It was a good band ringing peals in the standard Surprise methods of the day, up to spliced. Always he insisted on good ringing and was not slow to tell anyone whose ringing was not up to standard, for he was rather outspoken and did not suffer fools gladly.

From time to time between the wars, he would return to Ipswich for the 12-bell ringing which he loved and always when a new Surprise Maximus method had been rung there, he, with another prominent Essex ringer, would be invited to take part in another, which he would do with the skill and precision so characteristic. He was a staunch College Youth. Recently his ringing had been curtailed as he was troubled with arthritis. And so his race is run, but he leaves an abiding memory of a gallant ringer who loved all that is best in ringing. God rest his soul, may earth lie lightly on him. C. J. S.

THE REV. D. CAMPBELL MILLER

Those who have visited Packwood Church, in Warwickshire, will be sorry to hear of the death of the Vicar, the Rev. D. Campbell Miller, on September 15th, whilst on holiday. Although himself unable to handle a bell he had always given great encouragement to the art by willingly placing the bells at the disposal of any visiting ringers, rarely having to decline a request for a peal attempt.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, who was with him at the time.

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REDEDICATION

DATCHWORTH, HERTS

On September 16th the bells of All Saints', Datchworth, were rededicated by the Bishop of Bedford, after they had been rehung and retuned by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

This joyous occasion was the culmination of over three years' effort since it was found that the bells were unsafe. The Parochial Church Council decided early this year to go ahead with the repairs and appealed for volunteers who would be willing to undertake training in the art of ringing, thus ensuring that the bells would be rung regularly for service. The response was most encouraging, and, on the advice of Mr. A. R. Agg (general secretary, Hertford County Association), an approach was made to the Knebworth ringers who readily agreed to teach the volunteers.

Considerable enthusiasm was displayed by all concerned and as a result of hard work and determination sufficient progress was made to enable six of the learners to ring rounds at the end of the service. The ringing during the service was undertaken by members of the old band and Datchworth is now in the fortunate position of having two bands, with other trainees coming along to swell the numbers.

At a reception, the Rector expressed thanks to all who had contributed so much in time and money to make it possible for the bells to be rung again. They were particularly grateful for the help given by the Knebworth and Benington ringers, and he made presentations on behalf of the parish to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. B. L. Marks and Miss B. Harris in appreciation of their efforts.

Later in the evening the bells were 'open' to visitors, amongst whom we were delighted to see Mr. Stuart Bonnett, the president of the Hertford County Association.

R. F. P.

A VISIT INTO ESSEX

On August Bank Holiday Monday a party of ringers assembled as usual at Willingham Church (Cambs) along with the organiser of the day, Mr. D. E. R. Knights, the venue this year being Essex. Friends were picked up at Cambridge and Harston, then on to Great Easton (6), our first tower of the day. Many touches were brought round on this pleasant ring. At Dunmow (8) we had some good ringing before lunch. The next tower was Rayne (6), followed by Coggeshall (8, a very pleasant ring which we all enjoyed), followed by Earl's Colne (8), where many methods were rung. After tea, on to Castle Hedingham (6), the last ring of the day.

As usual we were joined by our organist friend, who plays the organ whilst we ring the bells. A very pleasant day concluded, we turned for home, and Cambridge was reached just after midnight. Many thanks to Don for another enjoyable day. We would like to thank all who gave permission for us to ring, and those who so kindly met us at the towers.

C.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna Frith 1, Ann Edwards 2, C. K. Cooper 3, A. R. Groves 4, J. Crawley 5, I. R. Panton 6, P. J. Eves (cond.) 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. Rung for the civic service for the 75th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the Borough of Chelmsford.

BRAY RINGER A FARMER'S BRIDE



THE wedding took place on Saturday, September 14th, at St. Michael's Church, Bray, of one of the local ringers, Miss Diana Harris, to Mr. Francis Cartman, who is a young farmer. The bride wore a full-length dress in white satin with a lace train and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds, lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis.

Diana was attended by three bridesmaids wearing full-length japonica pink wild silk dresses and carrying matching rosebuds. All the dresses had been made by the bride's mother.

The chief bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Wenda, who also rings at Bray. The local ringers rang before and after the choral service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Bray, and as the couple left church they were met by an archway of handbells. During the afternoon a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major unfortunately came to grief after 2½ hours' good ringing.

After the wedding reception the couple left at lightning speed for a secret honeymoon, and when they return they will make their home at Overbury, Worcestershire; and so, unfortunately, Bray tower loses one of its regular Sunday service ringers.

D. H.

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DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held its annual meeting at St. Thomas', Dudley, on September 14th. Ringing took place during the day at Brierley Hill, the three Stourbridge towers, Cradley, Halesowen, Metherton and Dudley.

The Guild service was conducted by the president (Canon T. W. Keith Murray) in St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, quite a good number of ringers being present. Tea was taken in St. Thomas' School, and was followed by the business meeting, which was conducted by the president. Canon Keith Murray was re-elected president and expressed his thanks to the Guild for honouring him yet again.

The outgoing Master, Mr. F. G. Handley, stated that he did not wish to be re-elected. He therefore proposed that Mr. Michael J. Fellows, of St. Thomas', Stourbridge, be elected Master for the year 1963-64. It was pointed out by several members that by electing Mr. M. J. Fellows, the meeting had made history by electing the youngest person ever to the office of Master.

The secretary, Mr. Martin D. Fellows, and the treasurer, Mr. Harold J. Shuck, were both re-elected.

It was pleasing to see Mr. Chris Wallater at the meeting. He is in his 81st year and has been a member of the Guild for over 50 years.

The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, subject to permission being granted.

M. D. F.

BARKING GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. E. G. Cottis, of Barking, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary on September 20th, and to mark the occasion a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's.

A native of Barking, George has been a regular member of the local band for 64 years, and now at 80 years of age still maintains his regularity, keenness and efficiency.

George's touches of Grandsire are notorious! Listening to the ringing, he detected the two shift courses in the false starts, but at the successful conclusion congratulated the band—and that coming from George is something, for he was a member of the exceptionally able Barking band of years ago.

Full of reminiscences and whimsical humour, at the short session afterwards George inquired as to whether anybody had rung for their own baptism, because he had 72 years previously at St. Leonard's, Colchester.

Congratulations, George; may both you and your wife be spared many more years of happiness.

L. V. G.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Dr. L. E. Wear 3, F. G. Knight 4, K. E. Pinney 5, H. G. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 8. Rung with best wishes to the ringer of 5th, prior to his entry to St. Luke's College, Exeter.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY IN NORTH DEVON

THE Society's second ringing tour this year, for those too aged and infirm to participate in the cycling tour, was based at Great Torrington, which is conveniently situated in North Devon.

The party, representative of membership of the University from 1946 until the present day, assembled on Sunday, August 25th, for ringing for Evensong at Great Torrington, where the local ringers kindly allowed us to ring 'scientific' for half an hour before introducing us to Devon style call changes under the leadership of the famous call change competition judge, Mr. Tom Darch. We were joined here and on many occasions during the rest of the week, by Pam and Doug Bellamy and family, who were camping at Westward Ho!

Monday began with ringing at Abbotsham (6), where the tenor was out of tune, and then we visited the fine eight at Appledore, before lunch at Westward Ho! and a round of miniature golf, which was to become the 'sport of the week.' In the afternoon we were joined at Northam by some of the members of Wilf Williams' peal tour, and some good ringing ensued on this nice ring of eight. The last tower of the day was Buckland Brewer, which was reached by devious routes through narrow country lanes. It was well worth the offorts for these are a good six. A plaque in the church commemorates John William Taylor, the bell founder, who was born in the parish in 1827.

CHILDREN'S DAY

According to our programmes, Tuesday was to be 'tower grabbers' day.' It also appeared to be children's day, because, in addition to the four Bellamy children, and young Timothy Sprackling, whose parents were with us for the first half of the week, Frank and Mary Mack and their four children came round with us for the day. The first tower was St. Giles-in-the-Wood (6), followed by Winkleigh (8), where we also patronised 'The Ring of Bells,' next to the church. A quick ring at Jacobstowe (5) ended the morning. After lunch we rang at four sixes: Down St. Mary (home of a famous call change band), Zeal Monachorum, Dolton and Merton, where we were delighted to find that the local ringer who met us was a change ringer and he rang some Grandsire with us.

Only two towers had been arranged for Wednesday so that we should be able to spend a leisurely afternoon and evening by the sea at Bude. However, the day started with rain so we were delighted when the Rev. J. G. M. Scott appeared while we were ringing at Holsworthy, and invited us to ring at Clawton, his parish church. He subsequently arranged for us to ring at another nearby six, Pyworthy, as well. The sun emerged as we crossed the border into Cornwall to ring at Stratton (8), before lunch, and it was fine enough to tempt some of the party to bathe at Bude, while others played bowls during the afternoon. We then rang at Pyworthy and Clawton, both very nice rings of bells. As if he had not already done enough for us, Fr. Scott then invited us to a meal at his vicarage, which we much enjoyed, and we should like to record our thanks to him and his wife for their hospitality.

Thursday was a day of narrow, winding lanes and steep hills. We had by now acquired reinforcements—Mary Bliss from Cheltenham, in her new Ford Cortina, and Chris Brown from Wareham, in his even newer Triumph Herald—and so the most capable cars were selected for the day's trip. We began at High Bickington, which is appropriately named, and had an hour's good ringing on the lovely eight, before the Vicar kindly gave us refreshments. At North Molton we were met by reporters from 'The Western Morning News' and 'The Evening Echo.' We were late already and now we were further delayed while we were photographed and interviewed by the press. We then rang on the excellent eight at South Molton. After an hour's ringing at Chittlehampton (on this fine eight) we returned to Torrington for the reunion dinner, which was held at the Gribble Inn, Little Torrington. We can fully recommend this hostelry.

On Friday the local newsagent was surprised to have sold out of copies of 'The Western Morning News' before breakfast, so that we were all able to admire our photograph and the accompanying short article. Ringing started at Pilton (8) and then Combe Martin (8), where we were once again pleased to find a local change ringer. After lunch we went to Ilfracombe and rang on the eight at Holy Trinity Church before having tea, playing another round of miniature golf and buying copies of 'The Evening Echo,' in which we were front page news. The last tower was West Down, where there is another expert call change band.

DEANERY RINGING CONTEST

By Saturday morning a sufficient number of us had memorised the 'blue line' to ring Rutland at Bideford. We learnt from the local captain, who met us, that the deanery ringing contest was to take place at Littleham that afternoon, and we decided to go and listen to it. We admired the lovely little village of Clovelly before having lunch there and then had a look at Hartland Quay before ringing at S.. Nectan's Church, Hartland, and All Saints', Clovelly.

The winning team, Bideford, were ringing their 'peal' when we arrived at Littleham, and we also heard the Buckland Brewer team's contribution. Most of us were of the opinion that this sort of ringing is monotonous, but it was nevertheless an experience to hear well-struck call changes. This provided a fitting end to an excellent ringing week.

Our thanks are due to Pat Bird for picking out such good rings of bells, and to the incumbents and ringers who met us and were so hospitable. Our chief recollections of the tour will be the fine carvings in the beautiful Devon churches, the call change ringing and the lovely scenery. A. G.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

In spite of the organiser overlaying and being very nearly left behind, the District outing to Loughborough on September 14th proved to be an unqualified success. Arriving shortly after 9.30 at the Foundry we joined forces with others from Matlock and Darley Dale who, quite rightly as it turned out, preferred the services of Dr. Beeching to those of our navigator!

After a very interesting tour of the Foundry, the more ambitious tried the famous campanile, whilst others were busy trying to ring the first peal on the new eight for Sprotborough, near Doncaster.

A very substantial dinner at the Co-operative Café, Coalville, temporarily silenced the navigator's critics at missing the route. On the very pleasant eight at Measham a good course of Yorkshire was rung, followed by an even better course of Cambridge Minor on the six at Packington. We arrived at Whitwick just in time to ring a happy couple out of church.

After a pleasant ring here we had tea at the Constitutional Club prior to sampling the fine Taylor eight at Shepshed. At the final tower of the day, Hathern (6), we were pleased to accept the Vicar's invitation to join him at Compline before starting the journey home.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and also to Roland Berniston for his help with the arrangements. M. P. P.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bridlington on September 14th, and was attended by 50 ringers and friends from 15 towers. It was also a joint function with the Beverley District Society. The service in the Priory Church was conducted by the Rector and was followed by an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Parker and helpers.

Mr. H. Walker, vice-president, presided at the business meeting, when Miss Vivienne Kirk and Mr. Howard C. Parker, both of Kirk Ella, were elected members. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company and ladies was passed.

Next meeting, Pocklington, December 28th, if possible.

MORE OUTINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society had a very successful annual outing around the North Yorkshire this year. There were more ringers than usual in the party, including quite a few learners.

The last picking-up point was at Shelley, and we left just after 8 o'clock. The journey to Thirsk was in pleasant weather. We were met at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin by Mr. E. Metcalf. Ringing on the eight bells (14 cwt.) was for an hour. The next tower was Kirby Wiske (6, 7½ cwt.), where Mr. Arthur Bashforth greeted us. He showed many of the party around the interesting church, while the ringing was in progress. After ringing for one hour, we left for Northallerton, where we enjoyed lunch at Barker's Restaurant.

The coach route was up Sutton Bank, which rises to over 1,000 feet, and has a gradient of 1 in 4 in places. The view of the surrounding countryside was breathtaking, and so was the wind! Those who had not been there before were very impressed.

We went the easier way on to Helmsley, passing through Hovingham. Outside Hovingham Hall (the residence of Sir William Worsley) photographs were taken of the party in the best weather of the day. Ringing at All Saints', Helmsley (8, 12 cwt.), lasted over an hour.

The journey to Malton, where we had an excellent high tea, did not take long. Afterwards, we strolled to St. Leonard's (8, 12 cwt.). The Vicar, Rev. R. C. Treasure, greeted us in the unusual ringing chamber. It was after 7.30 when we rang the bells down in peal and set off home. At the refreshment stop, Mr. N. F. Moxon, our president, entertained by playing the piano.

We are indebted to Mr. Moxon for the very good meals and the towers he arranged with Mr. Eric Stainrod, our driver. Thanks are also extended to incumbents and local ringers.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET

On August 31st ringers from Stratton St. Margaret, with friends from Cirencester, Chippenham, Lechlade, Bradford-on-Avon and Swindon left 'The Jacob's Ladder,' Stratton, for their annual outing; this year to Andover and district.

Ringing started at Thruxton, followed by Goodworth Clatford, and, after a somewhat circular tour around the country lanes of Hampshire, we finally arrived at Abbot's Ann, but as the Vicar was away we could not get the belfry key. Disappointed, we decided to carry on to Andover for tea, after which we ascended the rather hair-raising climb to the tower of St. Mary's Church.

Our last two towers were Longstock (5) and Stockbridge (6), after which we had a most enjoyable ride home, with the front half of the coach trying to compete with the singing in the back.

Grateful thanks and due to the incumbents and tower captains. P. A. L.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

On September 14th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, visited and rang at five other churches dedicated to St. Mary, when the annual half-day outing, arranged by Mr. L. Wright, visited Suffolk and Essex. Ringers from Elveden, Euston, Great Barton, Hockwold and Thetford were also in the party.

The first tower was Polstead (6), where a variety of methods were rung and the Norman arch in the belfry was much admired. Stoke-by-Nayland (a heavier eight) was the next, followed by crossing into Essex to Langham.

Returning to native Suffolk, the ringers were met by Mr. Walter Bailey, whose wife and friends provided an excellent tea in the Parish Room. The Rev. G. E. Jarrold (Rector of Rougham) thanked Mr. Wright, the organiser, and Mrs. Bailey and friends, the providers of the tea. Stratford St. Mary's bells were then rung, and were followed by the bells of Higham.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge Single Court, Ipswich, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Stedman. The conductors were Messrs. M. Rose, R. Rose, J. Paul, L. Wright and H. Fuller. G. R.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Siggery 1, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, W. H. Viggers 4, D. Elsmore 5, G. K. Williamson 6, T. Page 7, R. W. Bragg 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop F. F. Johnston.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McDonald 1, A. W. Beard 2, S. Holgate 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. Blows 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the golden wedding anniversary of E. G. Coltis, life member of the Essex Association.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Jennifer Dye 2, F. Claydon 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, Hilda Snowden 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen, prior to his memorial service.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Sismey 1, Margaret Hill 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, A. E. J. Foster 4, R. S. Berridge 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2, 4 and 5. For morning service, and for Richard Paten, of Castor, ordained deacon at Leicester Cathedral this day; and a birthday compliment to Jim Foster.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Couling (first quarter) 1, I. Harris 2, C. Cummings 3, J. Bolton (cond.) 4, Miss M. Hoverd 5, F. Rix 6, R. Hoverd 7, M. Hiles 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, who is leaving for the village of Etwall, in Derbyshire.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Ruck 1, Miss K. Todhunter 2, Miss M. Russell 3, E. Walker 4, C. George 5, M. Godfrey 6, G. Gray (cond.) 7, D. Bishop 8. First quarter 3 and 8. A farewell to Miss M. Russell and Miss L. Coveney, on their entry to college.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosamond Murrell 1, A. J. Rance 2, Joan A. Rance 3, W. R. Churchill 4, G. C. J. Murrell 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Rich.

QUARTER PEALS

GRAVELEY, CAMBS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. E. Bonham 1, F. J. Hughes 2, D. J. Prescott 3, P. Woollven 4. First of Minimus by all the band and on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Horsford 1, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, K. Sansom 4, Pamela R. Gough 5, D. M. Hughes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Francis Johnston, Assistant Bishop of Guildford.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, F. Boyce 2, A. Harvey 3, J. Gardiner 4, F. P. Mead 5, G. E. Larter (cond.) 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (in six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong, at which the Bishop of Barking preached.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, A. W. Dyer 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, S. W. White 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, A. W. Dyer 2, S. W. White 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Rachael Sinden 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, Myrtle Cook 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

OUTWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Minimus (two methods): K. Sansom 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, M. J. Hallett 3, P. M. Hughes 4. First of Minimus 2 and 3.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. M. Noad 1, H. Gummer 2, S. J. Cottle 3, J. W. Abbott 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Hughes 6. For the induction of the Rev. K. Brown as Vicar.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Watkins 1, Christine Randall 2, E. J. Morris 3, D. J. Williams 4, Kathleen Watkins 5, D. Robinson 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, J. T. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Simon, wife of Dr. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, M. L. Jordan 2, A. Day (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. For Harvest Festival evening service.

UPWEY, WEYMOUTH.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Adams 1, J. G. Cull 2, S. Foot 3, Mrs. G. Hampton 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, B. Marshallsay 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. G. Osmond, for many years captain of the Upwey band.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill J. Edwards-Davis (first of Triples) 1, M. J. Young 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, C. A. Bull 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, J. R. H. Palmer 8. A welcome to Jeronine Mary Nicola, daughter of the tenor ringer, born on September 16th, 1963.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth Webb 2, R. W. Metcalfe (first of Bob Doubles 'inside') 3, Myra J. Gibbs 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, R. J. Moore 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Minor (four methods): J. V. Clark 1, R. G. Lay 2, R. A. Yeates 3, D. T. Darby 4, I. Hughes 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter in four Minor methods on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Linnell 1, C. E. Truman 2, F. C. Case 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, G. Foddy 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to G. Foddy.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Cooper 1, C. Wall 2, J. Ranford 3, R. Baylie 4, J. Gwilliam (cond., nephew of deceased) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Gwilliam, aged 88, interred this day, ringer at this church since 1890.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Michael J. Fellows, of Thomas', Stourbridge, was elected on September 14th Master of the Dudley and District Guild. He is only 15¾ years of age and is without doubt the youngest Master of a Guild or Association affiliated to the Central Council.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has rung 250 peals on the Bell Foundry Campanile at Loughborough.

After several failures, Biddenden, Kent, have at last managed their first quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor with an all-local band.

Overheard at a meeting: 'I always think the popularity of Tittums in Stedman Caters and Cinques is due to the bob at 1 after Go!', followed by informing several of the band that they had not caught hold for Grandsire.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Hampton, Evesham, wish to congratulate Mr. John Smith, assistant Ringing Master, and Miss Frances Newman, daughter of the late Ringing Master, on their engagement. Both are faithful members of the Sunday service band.

Dedicating a new ring of bells at St. Peter's Church, Harrogate, the Bishop of Knaresborough suggested that the bells be rung at each baptism to welcome new members of the Church. The Vicar (Canon R. H. Baines) presented the tenor bell to commemorate his ordination 30 years ago.

In the 'Belfry News' Mr. D. R. Carlisle suggests that as the large majority of evening peal attempts in the Derby area come to grief before 8 p.m., the ringers find gossiping sessions, after the ringing, in the local pub far more entertaining than the ringing itself! The remedy he offers to Mr. Halls is a band of total abstainers!!

Mr. A. W. Bond, of Lindley, Huddersfield, sends us a correction to the claim that the peal of Stedman Cinques at Halifax was the first in the method on the recast bells. This was scored by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on October 11th, 1952. The peal was conducted by H. Howell 1, others ringing being B. G. Key 2, J. N. Hadley 3, C. Wallater 4, G. A. Packer 5, A. D. Langford 6, A. Rogers 7, E. Stitch 8, I. R. Nicholls 9, S. Birch 10, M. G. Turner 11, A. W. Bond 12.

Mr. Tom Lock's eleventh peal tour in the North East, while very enjoyable and covering a delightful itinerary arranged by Mr. Kenneth Arthur, was not conspicuous for its success. Only 11 tower bell peals can be recorded out of 20 attempted. There was also one handbell peal.

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal rung during Mr. Wilfred Williams' tour of Devonshire (see page 649) was not the first of Pudsey in the county but the first of Pudsey Royal.

Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts, the well-known American handbell ringer, and her husband have been to the Edinburgh Festival, covering the event for several American journals. Before returning to 'the States' they called on Mr. Albert Hughes at Whitechapel.

Mr. R. Harper informs us that Winchester Cathedral tenor is not unique in having the inscription 'Edwardi Octavi' crossed out and 'Georgi Sexti' added. There is a similar correction, he states, on the tenor of Manchester Town Hall, which was recast about the same time.

St. Giles' Day this year was on a Sunday, and the St. Giles' Society, Ashtead, made the most of the occasion by ringing for early celebration, morning and evening services. Two quarter peals were rung, in which 13 ringers participated.

There was a coincidence about Mr. John Weaver's 21st peal, which was rung at Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire. It was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Chinery. John is leaving Yorkshire for London, and a farewell peal to him was rung at Crofton on September 16th.

To honour the wedding of Miss Merril Purslow, a ringer at St. Michael's, Stone, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at this church on September 21st, arranged by Mr. B. G. Key, of Gnosall. Unfortunately the peal was lost shortly before the end, but the Stone ringers appreciate very much the services of all who participated in the attempt.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*JEAN A. BARNETT	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	7
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	11
GEOFFREY PAUL	6	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cinques.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the eight bells, installed in 1913.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	TREVOR N. BAILEY	10
ANDREW N. STUBBS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
JOHN N. DISERENS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

PETER A. KIRKBY	*Treble*	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	6
*JEAN A. BARNETT	2	†THOMAS M. COX	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*COLIN REEVES	8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	4	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	9
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

BRIAN R. WHITE	*Treble*	†EDWARD R. VENN	6
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	†H. FREDERICK MYERS	7
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	8
*FREDERICK E. DAY	4	†A. WILLIAM MYERS	9
*D. ROY BOULD	5	†WALTER H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
DEREK C. JACKSON	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	DAVID J. FORDER	9
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	5	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt.

*JACK BISHOP	*Treble*	*HARRY J. DAVIES	6
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	*CLIFFORD T. WIGHTMAN	7
ALAN R. PINK	3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	8
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	9
*MRS. M. O. GILLET	5	*HARRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal of Caters.
A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. R. Carpenter, who is going to Benson.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*ROBIN H. ROGERS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*DELIA E. SMITH	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	8
ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	5	*PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.
A farewell peal to the Rev. J. G. Cox, M.A., Rector of Ewerby.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

DAVID S. OSENTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	6
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE B. COLLINS	8
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	9
TREVOR A. CROSS	5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
In memory of Derek Ogden.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	W. ERNEST RAWSON	5
DAVID STAPLES	2	RALPH ELKINGTON	6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
First peal of Major in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Robert B. Smith and Miss May Foster, who were married the following day at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*MAXINE LUSH	*Treble*	ERNEST H. AMEY	5
*RICHARD STURMEY	2	RICHARD H. DUKE	6
MARGARET M. GODLEY	3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	7
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	4	PHILIP R. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal.
Originally arranged for St. Peter's Day.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*DIANE LISSENDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
*JENNIFER SMITH	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
GEORGE D. LUXTON	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	4	*COLIN YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal, and first attempt.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss J. K. Wreford and Mr. M. J. Glennie.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	RAYMOND BENFIELD	5
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY	2	*ROGER I. KENDRICK	6
*RUPERT A. CLARKE	3	*KEITH H. MILDRED	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. The conductor's 250th peal on the bells.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	TERENCE M. FITZGERALD	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
FREDERICK PEARSON	3	V. DAVID JENNER	7
HUBERT RICHARDSON	4	FRANK W. CURRIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by V. DAVID JENNER.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Butler and Mr. Kenneth Gosling.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARGARET BURNS	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
*DAVID NICHOLS	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
NEIL DONOVAN	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
STUART ARMESON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to celebrate the wedding on August 24th of John Michael Cheshire to Kathleen Hirst (both bellringers here), and of John David Griffiths (sidesman and P.C.C.) to Dorothy Ann Bayes (choir) on September 5th.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JOHN W. COLEMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE B. COLLINS	5
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	2	†DAVID S. OSENTON	6
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 25th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 57 lb.

DAVID J. FORDER	*Treble*	DEREK C. JACKSON	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK W. ROGERS. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	ERIC J. HITCHENS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

TERRY R. HATCHETT	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
PETER J. COLES	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MRS. V. HALES	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
KEITH W. WHITTELL	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell.

LANE END, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5184 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER SHERRATT	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	ROY WORRALL	7
DENNIS LATHAM	4	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Society.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
GILES C. GALLEY	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis, Past President of the Central Council and Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (1936–37).

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

JOYCE I. BARTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY HARRISON	5
J. KEITH WARD	2	*GILES R. SHEDDEN	6
PAUL A. BRAND	3	DAVID P. HILLING	7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
* First peal of Surprise.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
RICHARD E. MORRIS	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	7
ROY K. MOWFORTH	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	ERIC J. HITCHENS	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ANN JENNER	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
ANDREW J. CORBY	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
DAVID S. OSENTON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (1930–1957), Vice-President of this Association (1931–1963).

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ANN JENNER	*Treble*	DAVID S. OSENTON	5
*ANDREW J. CORBY	2	JOHN W. COLEMAN	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. 1).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FRANK I. HAIRS	*Treble*	ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
PETER J. COLES	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5152 O.B. SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	RAYMOND BENFIELD	5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	2	KEITH H. MILDRED	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 7).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
KEITH JORDAN	4	DAVID J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding anniversary of George and Elsie Hart.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 WATCHET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	FREDLERICK J. CULLUM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Annable's. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD C. INGRAM	*Treble*	W. JOHN V. CONDUCT	5
*ALAN S. BURBIDGE	2	DAVID R. INGRAM	6
MAURICE G. INGRAM	3	EDRIC J. FRANKLIN	7
DONALD T. FINNEMORE	4	DAVID J. PURNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Major.

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DATCHET SURPRISE MAJOR
38 4 58 36 14 3 16 5
8ths place L.E. 4263857; 4ths place bob.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	*Treble*	BRYAN C. BURROUGH	5
MARGARET E. FORT	2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE	6
ALISON M. MANN	3	†MICHAEL J. BANGHAM	7
*JOAN SPREADBURY	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

PAUL BIRKETT	*Treble*	*JOHN PILKINGTON	5
IRIS LEMARE	2	*DAVID SMITH	6
*ARLENE FLATHER	3	VIVIAN NUTTON	7
*ARTHUR ROGERS	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by VIVIAN NUTTON.
* First peal of Superlative.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
JOHN W. COLEMAN	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
DAVID S. OSENTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
In memory of Derek Ogden.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARY C. POYNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
*ROGER A. SMITH	2	HARRY POYNER	6
P. WILLIAM BRETT	3	RICHARD HOBBS	7
HAROLD DENMAN	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal on eight bells.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOSEPHINE D. HARDY	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
ANN JENNER	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
RALPH BIRD	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS

SANDHURST, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*D. ROY FULLER	*Treble*	*‡SIMON HUMPHREY	4
†ROBERT J. FULLER	2	THOS. M. BARLOW	5
CHRISTINE M. FULLER	3	ALAN R. BALDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. BALDOCK.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First 'inside.' First on the bells since their recent restoration.

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CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being three 240's and 36 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

SUSAN E. SMITH .. .. .. *Treble*	ANTHONY R. HOPE 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
MORGAN MARSHALL 3	CHARLES E. PARSONS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all the band. Shirley and Geoffrey Drew have now completed the 'Grandsire family.'

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. *Treble*	JAMES F. HATCHLEY 4
PETER C. WRIGHT 2	GWYLLM SALMON 5
PERCY H. HULL 3	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being 480 each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Union, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury, 600 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN LOXTON .. .. .. *Treble*	KEITH PRIME 4
MARJORIE LEGG.. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
†HAROLD HOOPER 3	SYDNEY SMITH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal in nine methods. † First in nine methods on a working bell.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, three extents each of New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARGARET K. FENTON .. *Treble*	†WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
†MICHAEL J. COOK 2	BRUCE WAKEFIELD 5
†ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 3	A. PETER LAW .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.
* First peal. † First in 14 methods.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, seven different variations.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. *Treble*	PAUL G. HOLMES 4
R. CHRISTINE HASSELL .. 2	ANTHONY R. CARTER.. .. 5
PHILIP MURDUCK 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
Rung as a compliment to Iris Marlow and David Parkin, who were married this day.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bristol Cathedral School Guild.)
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK (THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL),
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*ROGER S. ALGATE .. .. *Treble*	*STEPHEN D. NICHOL.. .. 4
*MICHAEL J. HARRIS 2	†PATRICK J. BIRD 5
†ALAN TUBB.. 3	†D. JOHN HUNT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Bob Doubles.
Rung by four pupils, a master and an Old Boy of Bristol Cathedral School.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

JANICE M. SMITH .. .. *Treble*	JOHN WEAVER 4
PETER FENNEY 2	ANTHONY E. STAMP 5
JEFFREY J. FOX 3	C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
First peal in four methods for all.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being ten extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire, rung alternately, and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*KENNETH GATEHOUSE .. *Treble*	*GEOFFREY PULLIN 4
†‡GEORGE PRESCOTT 2	‡§SYDNEY SMITH 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	*JOHN BAKER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal in four methods. † 200th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. § First in four methods on a working bell.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JAMES LINNELL .. .. *Treble*	*GRAHAM C. PAUL 4
*ALAN A. PAUL 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
*ROGER W. SMITH 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
A birthday compliment to G. (Jack) Foddy.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford, (3, 4) Kent, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

PETER FENNEY .. .. *Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE 4
*JOHN A. SYKES.. 2	JEFFREY J. FOX 5
C. BARRIE DOVE 3	JOHN WEAVER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's first peal (which was in this tower); also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Chinnery.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. *Treble*	ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS 4
*ROGER D. BAILEY 2	†ROBERT J. COOLES 5
ALAN R. MILLIDGE 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First on a working bell.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. *Treble*	HENRY TOOKE 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	LESLIE BAILEY 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY 3	PETER ADCOCK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

BARBARA E. M. FOX .. .. *Treble*	JEFFREY J. FOX 4
CATHERINE R. SLATER .. 2	JOHN WEAVER 5
PETER FENNEY 3	C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
Rung as a farewell to John Weaver, who is leaving for London.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 11 extents each of Stedman (eight callings) and Grandsire (ten callings), and five each (four callings) of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse and Plain Bob; 11 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE SAYER 4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, interred this day at Acle.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Combined Kent and Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY H. HULL	*Treble*	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	4
*ANTONY USHER	2	GWYLLM SALMON	5
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.
* First peal of Minor.
For St. Matthew's Day.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle Surprise, (2) Munden and Chester Surprise, (3) Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick and Primrose Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) London and Wells Surprise, (6) York and Durham Surprise, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.; with 90 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Treble*	DAVID BURBIDGE	4
JAMES LINNELL	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	5
MARGARET A. WILSON ..	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
First peal in 20 Minor methods for all the band.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY RIGLAR	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON	4
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	DAVID P. HILLING	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

HANDBELL PEALS

SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. .. 1—2	*JULIA A. FELLOWS .. .. 3—4
	†A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 5—6

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First handbell peal.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,216 each of London and Rutland, 640 Ealing, 576 each of Bristol and Cambridge, and 320 each of Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 151 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*†S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7—8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods on handbells.
† 200th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH	7—8
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	9—10
NEIL BENNETT	5—6	JOHN WORTH	11—12

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal on 12 handbells by all the band except the conductor. First on 12 handbells as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Barbara Green 1, Margaret E. Fort 2, D. Vincent 3, J. Freeman 4, P. Crook, sen., 5, G. B. Thompson 6, B. Moss 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8. A compliment to John Halsall, of Hindley, on completing 60 years as a ringer.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Evans 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, Elizabeth A. Tester 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, E. J. Jenner 6, J. E. Warner 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Cook 1, J. E. Cook 2, C. Noakes 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. Baxter 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, H. R. Woods 8. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Janet Woods (daughter of Mr. H. R. Woods) to Mr. T. B. Morley; also for that of Miss Beryl Stannage to Mr. P. A. Hill, both former Grantham ringers.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Sept. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, Mrs. E. M. Dyer (first 'inside') 2, G. E. Bonham 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Hopper 1, A. L. Pearson 2, E. E. Gosling 3, S. Gibson 4, Miss A. Gardner (first 'inside') 5, D. T. Young 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, G. Lister 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Ann Gardner, on her 16th birthday.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Simons 1, M. Quincey 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, W. Care 4, R. Eady 5, D. Reece 6. A compliment to Terry and Christine Deacon on the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Jane).

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. C. S. Wood 1, C. W. Sams (first in method) 2, B. G. Burton 3, W. A. Aley 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): K. C. S. Wood 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton 3, W. H. Aley 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the daughter church by the Lord Bishop of Barking.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Craddock 1—2, A. R. Patterson 3—4, R. A. Yeates (cond.) 5—6.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 8th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Allsworth 1, C. Coles 2, H. W. W. Badger 3, J. H. Gardner 4, A. Gammon 5, S. Edwards 6, M. Clarke (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8. To wish a 'bon voyage' to Rev. Patrick Harris, who is going to South America as a missionary.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Cowlin 1, G. S. Bush 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. R. Barker 4, R. H. Daw 5, J. F. Bird 6, B. Harris 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh Rushforth (first of Triples) 1, Mary White 2, Pamela Gough 3, K. Sansom (first of Triples as cond.) 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hughes 7, H. DeCombe 8. Rung after the rehallowing of the church and organ, damaged by fire, and for the official visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, R. G. Bell 3, J. W. Perkins 4, F. E. Day 5, H. F. Myers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Also on Sept. 22nd, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, A. J. Collings 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. Linnington 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day 7, H. W. Milford 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

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ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Paul 1, A. J. Paul 2, G. C. Paul 3, R. W. Smith 4, A. A. Paul (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Howard Meek 1, F. Blowen 2, A. Paton 3, J. Harper 4, W. Jones 5, Harold Meek 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, K. Tyler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Meek, brother of the treble ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Barbara Goodspeed (first 'inside' in method and on 10 bells) 1, Julia Fellows 2, Nicola Pearse 3, Patricia Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, Christina Foulkes 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 8, G. Penney 9, M. D. Frost 10. A compliment to Mr. John Watkins on completing 60 years as a servant of the Cathedral, first as verger and now as churchwarden; and a birthday compliment to ringers 1 and 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, at 121, Lillington Street, Pimlico, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Double): J. V. Clark (first in two methods 'in hand') 1—2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3—4, C. D. Emery (first in two methods 'in hand') 5—6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Gray 1, Jean Endall 2, B. C. Law 3, R. A. Cobley 4, R. Chapman 5, B. D. Shilton 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Needham, also a birthday compliment to B. D. Shilton.

WINSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, G. Salmon 2, R. D. Short 3, A. H. Reed 4, V. G. Roberts 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, W. H. Coles 7, P. C. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to J. Pugsley, of Minehead.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of St. Paul, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. Bowler 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Cambridge 'inside') 2, N. J. Davies 3, G. R. Shedden 4, J. R. Pagdin 5, E. E. R. Gosling 6, L. Pearson 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: H. Bird 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, H. A. Price 3, P. G. Gardner 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. H. Pullin 6, J. Brain 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method for 1, 4, 6 and 7.

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BRIDGES—ELSDON.—The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bridges, formerly of Bromham, Bedfordshire, now of Broadstairs, Kent, and Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Elsdon, of Broadstairs, Kent. 3324

The engagement is announced between John Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Smith, Holmesvale, Malins Hill Road, Hampton, Evesham, and Frances Sabina, daughter of Mrs. E. Newman and the late Mr. W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3292

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—As from October 5th the address of the secretary (Mr. A. J. Martin) will be 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 3328

FROM October 1st, the address of the Rev. R. O. Fry will be St. Peter's Croft, Woodhill Avenue, Portishead, Bristol. Tel. Portishead 3413. 3297

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'Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.' (Psalm lxxxvi. 17.)

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Visitors to the Abbey on Friday evenings have been disappointed recently owing to unavoidable variations in starting time and occasional cancellations of the practice.

Times are either 7 to 8 p.m. or 7.30 to 9 p.m.

To avoid disappointment you are invited to enquire in advance from Anthony Ager (Hon. Sec.), 203, Dower Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warws.; Tel. Four Oaks 2988; or any member of the St. Thomas Society. 3323

BRISTOL FESTIVAL.—Preliminary notice.—Saturday, May 30th, 1964. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. Buffet lunch at the Hawthorns Hotel, 1 p.m. Full details later. Most of the ringable towers in the city will be open.—D. J. Hunt. 3310

HOLY TRINITY, THEALE, BERKS.—Ringers' service, Oct. 27th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 4 p.m. All welcome. 3326

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—New members welcome at St. Mary Magdalen on Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 10 a.m. General meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 8.15 p.m., at St. Peter's College.—J. Camp, Jesus. 3294

ST. PETER'S, HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—Commencing Thursday, Oct. 3rd, practice night at the above tower will be every THURSDAY at 7.30.—M. Egglestone, Tower Sec. 3298

CANCELLED

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Oct. 12th meeting postponed until Nov. 2nd. See later notice.—J. Tyler. 3341

STOKE POGES.—Ringing at Stoke Poges on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., has been cancelled. 3303

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Further ringing in evening.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wootten Wawen on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations invited for Branch secretary at this meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Michael's-on-the-Mount (6), on Monday, Oct. 7th. Ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3309

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District — Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10 bells), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Barkway, 3 p.m. 3275

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 3232

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3258

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Dronfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3283

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Basford St. Leodegarius, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham, from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 3291

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), *NOT* Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatsworth Road, Cuckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3274

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, not Llanfigan, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3235

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room. Sydmonton and Kingsclere bells after tea. 3272

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.15 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea, Broderick Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, *PLEASE*, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—L. Duguid. 3270

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Oct. 7th, at 7 p.m. 3296

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Ilminster (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7 p.m. 3336

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Wm. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 3304

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Executive meeting (*important*) at Clay Cross, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7 p.m., in the belfry. Please make this a must.—J. W. Price. 3333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge University Guild and Cambridge District on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3315

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 3287

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North East District.—District meeting, Tendring, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in hall opposite church. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. 3264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting Oct. 12th, Wanborough (6). Names for tea by Wednesday.—Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 3338

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets at 15/6 from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, by Monday, Oct. 7th. S.A.E., please. 3313

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting will be held at Worfield (6), Oct. 12th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss V. M. Edge, Dis. Sec. 3331

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, Widford, 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—J. Southam. 3298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—October meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 10th, to Mr. R. Goldesley, Waterenden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 3325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.15, address given by Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Tea afterwards in the Church Hall at 2/- per person. Other ringing arrangements pending. Those who require tea please notify, together with cash, by October 9th.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 3245

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—October 12th, annual meeting, Maidstone (All Saints'). Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. Bells at St. Michael's (6) available 3 to 4. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. Special methods, London S. Royal and Treble Bob Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2 to 3 p.m., at Broughton-in-Furness. Names to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 3332

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) from 4 to 6 p.m.—Harry R. Ruston, Hon. Sec. 3301

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to Mr. H. Hunter, The Bridge, Eccleston, Chorley. Bus services: 162, 327, 122, also 96 and 298 to Lydiate Lane.—L. Walmsley. 3316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. P. Partington. 3306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A joint meeting between Leicester and Market Harborough Districts will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Wilfred's Hall. Names for tea to L. W. Allen, 12, High Street, Great Glenn, by Oct. 9th, or phone Great Glenn 225.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Hoby, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Burnham, Elm Cottage, Hoby, Melton Mowbray. 3319

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), from 2.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 9th for tea to R. Harrison, 20, Bowmandale, Barton-on-Humber. C. A. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 14th, to the Rev. E. R. Gaymer Harris, Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Tredunnoc, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 3280

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell. 3314

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing at Holborn.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (at café).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford St. Martin, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 3260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 3335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Malcolm Towell, 40, Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, Lincs.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Lyneham, Oct. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 3337

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Quens, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.45 for 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall, near the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Ringers and friends from both Suffolk and other Guilds invited. Ringing at St. Mary's Church (8), Bury St. Edmunds, 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, from the committee and Miss G. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, on or before October 7th, 1963. 3171

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Rotherhithe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Rotherhithe bells available in evening. 3327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Pulborough (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton (Hants) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 8th.—J. Chesterman, Lea Croft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 3320

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Bretforton (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham. 3340

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 1963 Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, in the Guildford Hotel, Headrow, Leeds. Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30. The President of the Central Council is hoping to be present. Applications for tickets (with names and remittances) to F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey. Tickets 16s. Ringing arrangements: Torner, 10.30 to 12; Hunslet, 10.30 to 12.30; Pudsey, 2.30 to 4.30; Headingley St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.30; Meanwood (5), 3 to 4; Burley, 3.30 to 5.30; Headingley St. Chad's, 3.30 to 5.30. 3251

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Elmham on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available 6.30. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 3330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at latest to J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwicks. 3312

LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—A joint meeting will be held at Gamston on Oct. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 3300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Association Competition Final at Accrington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. General ringing, 1.30 to 2.50 and 7.15 onwards. Competition 3 p.m. Tea from 4 until 6 p.m., but names for tea MUST be sent not later than previous Wednesday to A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington. During competition the ringing machine and the Roger Leigh miniature ring of bells will be demonstrated. Judging 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 3334

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct 16th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3308

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Oct. 16th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3307

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at ST. MARY'S, KINGSWINFORD, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by October 16th, latest, to C. M. Smith, Roiselle, Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lich. 2124. Wordsley bells (6) also available, 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3318

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos.

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BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Davies (first quarter) 1, A. Tubb 2, M. Leigh (first 'inside') 3, M. Harris 4, P. Bird (cond.) 5, P. Parry 6.

EXBOURNE, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. R. D. Short 1, R. D. Short 2, J. E. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, W. H. Tarr 6. Rung to welcome a daughter, Belinda, to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Maggs.

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AN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN

ON the wall of the ringing chamber of Beddington Parish Church will be found a tablet erected in thankful memory of Arthur Bristow Carpenter, a founder member of the Surrey Association, Honorary Secretary for nine years and the Society's first Ringing Master. Fifty years have passed since the death of this notable medical ringer, and personal recollections of him are now confined to very few; but his work is still with us, and the influence he exerted on the Surrey Association had far-reaching and important results.

Despite his busy life, both in general practice and as Medical Officer to the Croydon General Hospital, Dr. Carpenter found time to become a very accomplished practical ringer and a theoretical investigator of some distinction. He rang 165 peals and conducted 45. Among these it may be noted that he called Double Norwich from a working bell and was at home with Holt's Original, the calling of which is still the ambition of many ringers and a challenge to any conductor. As a composer his work was limited by the trend of his day, and his concentration on Triples shows clearly the dominating influence of C. D. P. Davies. In the Triples methods Carpenter's touch was masterly, and among his work is a notable variation of the Original in which the calls are reduced to 110. Those who have access to Davies' 'Stedman' will not fail to be impressed by the table of opening and turning courses of Stedman Caters worked out by Dr. Carpenter, a schedule of more than 540 of each, all having the treble in 2nds place and produced by bobs only. The industry, patience and care required for this immense task are indicative of Arthur Carpenter's character and outlook.

For more than twenty years he represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council. His speeches were not numerous. He spoke against the Yorkshiremen during their great fight for 360's of Minor in multi-method peals, and in one of the fierce debates he ventured the rather naive suggestion that if 14 methods were desired the band should ring 10,080! He had a fondness for Cater ringing, and at the Council meeting in 1893 he expressed the view that Stedman Caters might well start from 312 so that the treble might be in 2nds place right away. But it is in the substance of his speech to the Council at York in 1904 that his sincerity, commonsense and sense of right most plainly appear. In commenting on disputes then common among ringing societies he bluntly pointed out that ringing societies did not exist for the convenience or pleasure of selfish ringers, and that the welfare of the Church, its bells and its belfries should be the first and dominating consideration.

The greater and most important part of Dr. Carpenter's work, however, was typically behind the scenes. It included the first and not very satisfactory Peal Collections attempted by the Council; and the task of seeing into publication these difficult, controversial and somewhat invidious anthologies was one of unrewarding drudgery.

But we must look beyond skill as a ringer and work for the Council to perceive the importance of Arthur Carpenter in the life of the Exercise and to feel with those who knew him something of the charm and influence of his life and example. He came into ringing at a time of great expansion and almost feverish activity. New discoveries were being made, new feats performed, and in those final years of the 19th century genius was not always matched by education or culture, and often tempers were hot and controversy bitter and inelegant. It was into this exciting world that Carpenter came, and it was here that he was able to join his influence to that of other balanced and educated men to secure some measure of tolerance and to turn this great outburst of renewed life into some ordered path of progress.

It is to such men that we owe it that ringing was raised to a new status, composition and method construction provided with a basis for scientific development, and the Central Council, which might conceivably have faded into insignificance or have been destroyed by ignorance, brought to its present level of dignity and authority.

Like his great contemporary and colleague, Dr. Conan Doyle, Arthur Carpenter was an active man, a great cyclist, a great traveller, and a scholar who never let his scholarship rust. And of him the writer of fifty years ago said: 'His thoughtfulness for others was stamped on his whole life. It came out in the performance of his duties, in his social relationships, and in his very beautiful home life it was instinctive in him to put others before himself: and behind it all he was a keen and strong churchman.'

At Beddington the Surrey Association honours his memory and gives thanks for his life and work. We, too, may spare a thought at this time for this kindly, upright English gentleman to whom we owe more than we can perhaps comprehend.

E. C. S.

MAKING HEADWAY ON THE MEDWAY

THE three cruisers, 'San Celia,' 'San Carol' and 'San Diana,' patiently bumped their sterns against the Tovil Boatyards jetty in Maidstone, waiting for the eleven ringers and three non-ringers who were to take them up the Medway to Tonbridge and back. 'Celia,' the six berth, was to accommodate the girls during the night, 'Carol' and 'Diana' the eight men. For cruising and cooking purposes the party was to be mixed, two girls to each boat.

Having practised: 1 Driving the boats (i.e. idling around in mid-stream, attempting unsuccessful 'three point turns'); 2 Rowing the dinghy (i.e. fouling the week-end fishermen's lines whilst rowing young ladies to Sunday ringing); 3 Making a single in Stedman (at St. Michael's, Maidstone); 4 Going wrong in Cambridge Royal (at All Saints', where, joking apart, our sincere thanks and apologies are due to the Sunday service band who kindly let us join them)—the fleet finally set sail upstream in Sunday afternoon drizzle.

FIRST CASUALTY

We thought the cruisers having been up and down so often would know their way, but very soon disaster, in the shape of Farleigh Bridge, struck 'San Celia.' 'It came down and hit me,' complained Peter, the navigator—understandably as he was now supporting the broken canopy on his head! After a hurried ring at E. Barming, 'Celia' and crew returned to the boatyard for repairs, thus upsetting the carefully organised sleeping arrangements. From then on there was also 'mixed' sleeping! (actually a much more convenient and quite moral arrangement). At the end of the week, Peter received a sincere vote of thanks from all the party for taking such prompt action in hitting the **first** bridge! 'Diana' and 'Carol' proceeded upstream to moor at Wateringbury, whilst 'Celia's' (and Peter's) wounds were patched.



A view of the boats at moorings.

Having rung at Wateringbury, Mereworth and Hadlow, the fleet was re-united for beer at Yalding on Monday night. We were now becoming more experienced at passing through locks, fending off, etc., and 'Diana' proved very good at going aground! Leaping ashore was improving, though rope throwing was still sadly amateurish. The latter was not enjoyed by wet, grumpy lock-keepers, who muttered their observations, not always under their breath. Tea, it was found, was a good way to soften this species. Plenty of this, plus 'throwing the stern rope first,' kept the two lockmen happy who guided us, on Tuesday, through the five locks up to Tonbridge. We moored by the gas works in a thunderstorm, though this cheerless greeting was rectified by Mr. Large at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, who was most hospitable.

Justice was not done to these bells, so we tried again next morning, when joined by the 'Putney boys' (Alan and John, plus boater and rolled umbrella). Highlights during the day's outing round Tonbridge included Edenbridge bells and lunch at the XIII Century Restaurant, the beauty of Hever, Chiddingstone, and Penshurst, picnic tea and worm throwing, the fast course of Yorkshire at Speldhurst, and the aching feet of all members, who had walked over hard road, soft grass and bogs in the interest of ringing. Our apologies and thanks must go to the Tunbridge Wells ringers, who waited 20 minutes for us and were subjected to some very tired ringing.

Having kept our date with the friendly Tonbridge lock-keeper on Thursday, and having been passed back through the five locks, we sunbathed at East Peckham in glorious sunshine, fortified by lager, beer, cider and handbells. Trevor, from 'Carol,' decided to swim in the brown Medway, despite having seen all kinds of things floating by during the week. Two of his crew, David and Pam, went for a row in the dinghy, leaving just 'young Keith,' who, later, trying to moor 'Carol,' inadvertently 'took the plunge.' Luckily he could swim and striking out soon reached the shore. At once his hand went straight to his heart—and encountered his diary. Horror struck, he exclaimed that his 'methods had all got spliced!' The evening was spent in the 'Anchor,' Yalding.

NETTLESTEAD, TRUE TO NAME

The fine six at Yalding were much enjoyed next morning. Having rocked 'Celia' off a sandbank we proceeded downstream to Nettlestead, where we found, rather painfully, why it was so called! A quick ring on the five and back down the muddy path, over the railway, through the nettles to our boats. From Wateringbury we caught a bus to West Peckham, where the East Peckham bells are to be found! Rain fell as we went through Teston lock (tea-pot at the ready) and under Farleigh Bridge, dead centre this time, though the canopy was back as a safety precaution and Mick wearing his bowler to keep off both rain and bridge!

Mooring some distance from the bank we used the dinghy to 'shuttle' ringers back and forth to ring Farleigh bells. Arriving back safely at the boat yard we sighed in relief—at least no one had sunk! Otherwise most of the joys of boating had been experienced—good aground, ramming bridges, falling overboard, etc.—and thoroughly enjoyed! Handbell ringing had taken place on board 'Carol' most evenings, and in all sorts of places during the week. (One lady liked the sound of bells across the water so much that she followed and moored close to us!) The dinghy proved invaluable for courting, and mops and brooms not only for fending off locks, bridges and other boats, but, in 'Diana,' for sword play. In fact great fun was had by all.

David Bennett, Gill Sims, Mike Hallett and Val Mepham, in 'Diana'; Trevor Hawkins, 'young Keith,' Elizabeth (Liz) Stevinson and Pam Gough in 'Carol'; 'But,' Mick, Pete (Bridge Basher) Bound, David (Lover) Hughes and Handsome (metaphorically speaking) Sansom in 'Celia.' My thanks are due to them (particularly to David for so ably taking command at short notice), and to all the incumbents and those who met us at the towers.

D. M.H. & C. W.

ADVENTURES AT PAMBER PRIORY

A short distance from Basingstoke is Pamber Priory. All that remains of the original building is the nave and a large central tower containing a ring of four bells hung in an oak frame supported by massive oak beams. Regular services are held here by the Rev. F. J Tachley, Vicar of Mark Sherborne, and the Priory is maintained by Queen's College, Oxford.

The bells, although hung for ringing, had not been rung for generations. Only the tenor had a stay and slider. Permission was obtained from Queen's College to carry out repairs and at 6 p.m. on September 27th a working party from Highclere, Burghclere and Reading set about repairing the wheels, oiling bearings and clappers and tightening nuts on the headstock of bells Nos. 2 and 4.

Finally by 9 p.m. all was ready to raise the bells singly. This was very difficult because of the exceptionally long draught of rope—between 60 and 70 ft., with only one set of guides about 10 feet from the ceiling. All the bells were raised and lowered, and then came the test—to ring them together when they were up.

Rounds went well for about eight whole pulls when the distraction of seeing No. 3 ringer flying through the air sent two of the other bells right over. Later a second attempt to ring them was made: this lasted about 30 seconds before a missed sally on the second bell made this ringer airborne, the other bells being rapidly let down.

The bells are of good tone, but until guides are fitted it is obvious they cannot be rung satisfactory. In their present state they present a challenge to any band of ringers bold enough to try the old-fashioned thick ropes that make the task harder.

A full report has been sent to the Vicar and Queen's College, advising guides, stays and slides to be fitted. The four ringers who have rung them are of the opinion that they are the longest length of rope without a guide in the country. It is hoped to start service ringing by visiting bands, but this will be restricted

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

MR. JOHN FREEMAN AND VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

THIS year's dinner of the Kent County Association was held on September 28th at the Maritime Museum, Greenwich, and received encouraging support from the Metropolitan district of the Association. Although recently celebrating his 80th birthday, Mr. John Willis, the Association's president, made the long journey from Folkestone to preside in his genial fashion. He was supported by the Association's general secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, and Mrs. Corby, and by Miss Mary Andrews, the Lewisham District secretary, who efficiently made the arrangements, with co-operation of other members.

Among those on the top table were the Rev. John Higgins, Vicar of St. Alfege's, Greenwich, whose bells were to be heard during the afternoon, and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council, Mr. and Mrs. John Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford and Miss Freda Cannon.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. E. Barnett proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and said he often wondered if those of them who were interested in church history or were either born in Kent or made it their county by adoption, were proud of the fact that when St. Augustine laid the foundation of the Church of England in the County of Kent, it was from Canterbury that he sent St. Paulinus on his journey to found the sees of Lincoln and York. Since then it has spread to the whole world and the centre of the Anglican Community was where St. Augustine first planted it in the city of Canterbury.

WHEN ENGLISH WAS AT ITS BEST

Today they were living in a material age, when little or no thought was being given to religion. They were also living in an age of extremes and changes in church services. For some years they had had a revised prayer book and more recently a new English Bible, to which many people in all walks of life found some difficulty in adopting themselves. When they considered that the Old Prayer Book and the Old Bible were both written when the English language was at its very best, he wondered if these changes were a step in the right direction. That was something that time alone could provide an answer.

There was one thing, in particular, that each and every one of them owed a deep debt of gratitude to their leaders for, and especially to Dr. Fisher, the late Archbishop, for the great work they were doing in the cause of Christian unity. He thought they would be foolish to expect any spectacular results in their life time—it certainly would not be in his, but he had no hesitation in saying that he had great hopes for the future.

In reply the Rev. John Higgins said he was one of those Vicars who were fortunate enough to be associated with bellringers for the whole of the time since his ordination, but he had been wise or foolish—he supposed they would say foolish—to keep ringing away from him. He recalled at one time he rang a bell for Evensong. The problem was how long to ring it and he decided on three times seven, as seven was supposed to be a red numeral. One day somebody came up to him at Taunton and asked him why he had only rung 20 times that day!

What was important was that he should thank them on behalf of the Church for their expression of goodwill and that their ancient art, which was probably unique, should flourish and that this marriage between the church and campanology should go on for all time.

The toast of 'The Kent County Association' was proposed by Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council and honorary secretary and treasurer of the Kent County Association. He said he had enjoyed hospitality at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and Mr. Barnett had arranged many peals for him. It said much for those peals as for 10 years they did not lose one, and when they did it was in Lincolnshire, when the conductor missed a bob.

IN RETURN FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Recently he was discussing with a visiting ringer the matter of Guild and Association subscriptions, and the question arose what should they tell young ringers when they asked what they got for the 3/- or 5/- subscription? Of things tangible he supposed the only one was the annual report. But an annual report, in his opinion, did not reflect the true value of an Association to its members. It reflected the vitality and vigour of an Association to its members and its accounts no doubt the prudence of members and officers. If one perused the latest report of the Kent County Association one was led to the conclusion that the Association was and had been for many years one of energy and wise decisions.

While these qualities were considerable, the real values of this and any other Association lay elsewhere. It was inevitable when a number of people had a common interest they would form themselves into a body to look after and organise their affairs. What the Kent County Association did in 1880 followed such a logical course of events.

Now the first benefit of being organised was that it provided a means of communication and bringing them together from time to time for meetings and the inter-change of ideas, without which change ringing would not flourish. The grestest contribution, however, in his opinion, was that the Association gave ringers some standing in the diocese, which an individual band would never achieve on its own.

When some of the Associations were founded one of their aims and objects was said to be belfry reform and if they believed what they were told the standing of ringers in the last century was low. Now everyone would agree that the standard was fairly high. The change did not come about by the founders setting about to reform their wayward brethren. He thought the formation of an Association brought together a fairly broad cross-section of society, and to the head of affairs ringers of merit and ability, whose efforts led the Associations to be accepted as responsible bodies.

PRIVILEGES

Because of this acceptance they enjoyed the privilege of being able to ring in the vast majority of towers, when the bells were in good order. Also because of this they were consulted on matters relating to bells and many Associations had representatives on Diocesan Advisory Committees. He had the privilege to represent the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and when he gave his opinion he felt that he had the whole Guild behind him.

Their main purpose was to see that church bells were rung Sunday by Sunday in the good old English style, and he had no doubt that the Kent County Association tried to achieve that same objective.

Mr. Philip A. Corby prefaced his remarks with a reference to the late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. They remembered him, he said, with the very greatest respect as chairman of the Association. The gentleman who succeeded Mr. Lewis, when he left the county, was with them that night. Mr. Willis had served them in many ways which most of them were not aware of. A few days ago it was his pleasure to send to Mr. Willis, in the name of the Association, a greetings telegram, wishing him all the best for his 80th birthday.

Mr. Corby also mentioned that the Association was raising a fund to provide a memorial to Mr. Frederick A. Mitchell, who was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Association. They remembered his tremendous work in following Canon F. J. M. Helmore, who was general secretary for 38 years.

He would also like to refer to a member who was second in years of membership of the Association—Mr. Edwin Barnett, who joined the K.C.A. in January, 1897. Their sole foundation member, Mr. Ted Ruck, was in Hopfield Hospital. He was still reasonably coherent. They had lost by death Bertie Aldridge, of Woolwich, and Joe Bachelor, a member of the committee, who was churchwarden at Little Chart. Shortly the Rev. Peter Robbins, who married into the well known Kent ringing family of Spice, was going to become Vicar of Charing and Little Chart. Another clerical member, he would like to mention, was the Rev. Peter Bond, who was ordained a priest early that year. Many of them had the privilege of being present on the first occasion he celebrated Holy Communion.

Another clerical change had been the retirement of the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, who had been Dean of Canterbury for 32 years. He was a vice-president of the Association and always received the K.C.A. very kindly. He had written to the new Dean expressing their good wishes. His installation that day prevented many of the Canterbury members from being present. The annual meeting next year would be somewhere in the Ashford District, and the dinner was due to be held at Maidstone.

Mr. Corby expressed his pleasure at meeting members of the Lewisham District; he praised them for their loyalty to the K.C.A. in resisting the demands that had been made upon them to join another Association. In peal ringing while the Lewisham District did not do as much as it did 20 years ago it was a lively and active District, and the Association would be much poorer if it left them.

The concluding toast, 'the Guests and Visitors,' was proposed by Miss Freda Cannon, a former captain of St. Alfege's Church. She welcomed by name the Vicar, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. John Chilcott (secretary of the College Youths and leader at St. Paul's Cathedral), and Mr. T. W. White. Mr. John Chilcott replied.

The chairman thanked Miss Mary Andrews for the efficient way she had organised the dinner and asked her acceptance of a box of chocolates. He also thanked Miss Hazel Simkins (soprano), for her songs, which were warmly applauded.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, ESSEX

A 6.30 a.m. start was made by Sawbridgeworth ringers on their recent outing. A sporting gesture was made by the Vicar at Chipping Norton. His bells were out of commission as new ropes had not arrived for two, and he arranged for ringing on the six at Bledington.

Lunch at Moreton-in-Marsh preceded ringing on the musical eight, where Stedman went well, and the same method had the honours on the heavy octave at Stow-on-the-Wold. At Bourton-on-the-Water ringing was fair for Double Norwich and Kent and good for Stedman. Striking was of a high order at Witney, where some of the best ringing took place. Special thanks to Ted Rochester who organised, as for a number of years.

W. H. A.

ADVENTURES AT PAMBER PRIORY

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to quarter turning and chiming until something further is done. Any band wishing to try them must undertake to make good any damage done should they manage to raise the bells, which is as difficult a task as actual ringing.

The inscriptions on the bells, as supplied by Queen's College are:

Treble.—John Taylor & Son. Loughborough, recast me. A.D.1551.

Second.—That hast sent us thy holy worde. 1579 I.C.

Third.—Oh Lorde even for thy holy name. 1582. Joseph Carter.

Tenor.—J. Taylor & Son. fecerunt +inflame our hearts to love the same. 1579. Recast 1850.

An old gentleman who had maintained the bells said that they had been rehung in 1851, but only the tenor could have been recast.

G. D.

Letters to the Editor

The Penn Performance

Dear Sir,—Having on previous occasions become embroiled in controversial issues with a resultant creation of undesirable alienation of friends, I hoped to remain aloof from the present one, contenting myself with omitting the 'peal' from my personal records, and taking steps to persuade my Guild (for the preservation of its good name) to disclaim it too. However, having supported my colleagues in their rejection of the peal by consenting to append my signature to a joint statement, I now feel it my duty to reply to the latest outburst by Mr. Thompson.

Most of the facts regarding the peal have already been published, and one would have thought there was no need to argue any further about such a performance, but since Mr. Thompson insists on defending it, as well as attempting to besmirch other people and forcing them to write unpleasant things in answer to his charges, I will make a few comments.

1 The peal started at a very steady pace which quickened towards the end of the first extent to the right pace for the bells, and the 720 took 25 minutes. All the other extents took 23½ minutes, except the sixth which occupied 27+ minutes and the speed of the ringing was consistent throughout once a 'beat' had been set. Both Mr. Oglesby and I realised that the sixth extent was questionable and acknowledged this during the ringing by looking hard at each other. As the ringing was very satisfactory, and as one does not stand his bell without the conductor's orders, there was no question of stopping. Up to that point standard callings had been employed, but when the sixth extent began with a bob at the end of the first course I memorised the calling so as to record it later. When 43256 came up at a single the calling was repeated, so I presumed that 43256 was half-way, but a bob was called at the corresponding place in the second half, and two more courses were added. The extra time involved also made me think something was amiss. Consequently at the conclusion of the peal I asked Mr. Thompson what was the calling of the sixth extent. Instead of telling me he replied: 'Oh, I can't tell you now. It's in here' (pointing to his head). 'It's one that Ken Lewis gave me, made up of Q-sets. I haven't the details here. They are at home.'

Mr. Oglesby then observed, 'The course-end 32456 came up twice, once at a plain lead and once at a bob.' Mr. Thompson would give no further information and stated, 'As there is only some doubt about the extent, I shall take the benefit of the doubt and send up the peal.' Most people would have taken the opposing view and withheld publication.

2 Mr. Thompson accuses us of not discussing the peal at tea-time. As Mr. Hatchett's wife and her parents had invited the band to tea, surely he would not have expected us to start an argument in our hosts' home!

3 Mr. Thompson knows steps were taken to prevent publication of the peal. A student from his college was on school practice where I work. Being himself a ringer (from Derby) I requested him to speak to Mr. Thompson about the matter as the figures arising from his calling proved the peal false. I did not have a chance to work them out till I arrived home. Mr. Thompson kindly replied, and gave the composition, adding also the figures of which he declared he might have called. He had not seen my figures, but they were identical, so he obviously knew what he had called, and there was no real doubt in his mind. I replied to Mr. Thompson stating that that was in fact what he had called. Unfortunately the student was absent ill and the letter was not delivered, and I regret to say that I failed to post it later, for which I apologise to Mr. Thompson. I still have the letter.

I also requested the Oxford Guild peal recorder not to accept the peal, and told him I wanted no unpleasantness in the 'R.W.' He undertook to write to Mr. Thompson requesting the calling of the peal, so that any further steps could be taken, if necessary. Whether such procedure actually took place I do not know, and I hope the gentleman concerned will forgive my reference to this in my desire to refute Mr. Thompson's accusations.

4 If he is referring to me as 'the member of the band making negative remarks about the peal to totally disinterested parties,' I can assure him that my Slough colleagues are extremely interested in each other's ringing activities, and every Sunday morning questions are asked about successes or failures in our Saturday attempts, or about our outings. What is wrong in admitting that a peal is miscalled?—which was all that happened when Mr. Oglesby missed a 'Wrong' in a subsequent peal, and went on to the course end before calling 'Stand,' a normal procedure—which Mr. Thompson exaggerates into 'five successive homes.'!

5 Mr. Thompson is most uncharitable to Mr. Hatchett in emphasising that he did not forward the peal for publication. As Mr. Thompson badly wanted to conducted his first peal, Mr. Hatchett obtained Penn bells and assembled a band to enable him to do so. At the end of the peal Mr. Hatchett stated that he believed something was wrong with the sixth extent, and as soon as he saw the figures he took immediate steps to have the peal withdrawn and disclaimed it himself. A few days after the peal he rang a handbells peal with Mr. Thompson, and as the Penn peal had not been forwarded Mr. Thompson requested him to forward the two peals together, while Mr. Hatchett was still unaware that it had been proved false.

6 We do regret our failure to take the **formal** steps for withdrawing the peal, but such a procedure is so rarely necessary that we were unaware of them, and apologise to Mr. Thompson.

7 It is to be hoped that this matter will soon be brought to a close by either the Oxford Guild or the C.C. formally rejecting the peal.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

P.S.—Having refrained from posting my reply to Mr. Thompson in the expectation of my Guild taking action, I now learn (5–10–63) that no such action was taken; hence Mr. Thompson's charge is valid. Had I not believed that official action would be taken, I would most certainly have forwarded by letter. —W. B.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed. —Ed.

A Learner's Complaint

Dear Sir.—I was particularly interested in 'A Learner's' complaint (page 501), and rather surprised to find that no one had suggested that he/she should consult his/her Ringing Master or tower captain on the point.

It is true to say that in some towers there exist ringers who cannot refrain from commenting upon a probationer's ringing, whether deserved or otherwise, without any regard

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for the conductor or Ringing Master. Such attitudes are to be deprecated.

My advice to 'A Learner' is to consult the Ringing Master or tower captain, trusting that he has the ability and tact to deal with the complaint. Whatever the outcome do not despair but use every criticism as a means to greater endeavours.—Yours sincerely,

EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

An outing to the Axbridge area of Somerset on September 7th provided a good day's ringing for many members of the scattered North Dorset Branch. Inevitably a good deal of time is spent picking up along the highways and byways of North Dorset, but a prompt start from Okeford Fitzpaine at 8.15 a.m., and a skilful driver, ensured that we arrived at the first tower with a minute in hand. This was Ditcheat, with its fine eight, and Mr. Lintern, its captain, to welcome us.

Ringing here and at the next two towers—Axbridge and Compton Bishop—was conducted by Mr. W. Shute. Axbridge, with its dignified heavy six, gave us some steady Grandsire Doubles and Stedman, while Compton Bishop gave a chance for our younger ringers.

At the next three towers operations were organised by Ringing Master Mr. Ben Ridout. First Shipham, a light six, which sound better outside than in: Stedman here mostly, and rounds. A diversion to Winscombe for tea, which certainly was up to standard at Bird's Cafe. Rowberrow, once found—and with our third Ringing Master, Mrs. Godley, waiting, having driven goodness knows how many miles to be in at the death—gave us 45 minutes of mixed ringing.

Saving the best until last, back over the Mendips to the best six in Somerset—Bruton—for the last and longest ring of the day, with the tenor turned in to Kent, as well as beating the drum for Stedman and Grandsire. With Mr. White, captain, to meet us, the day came to a happy end. R. N. L.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 7th teams representing the five Districts of the Southwell Guild met at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, for the Crawford Cup final. After tea, Mr. Midwinter introduced the judges—Messrs. A. Mould and D. Marshall. Before giving their verdict, Mr. Marshall remarked on the good ringing and growing interest in the Guild to get good striking. Result: Warsop 17 faults, Shelford 30, Wollaton 77, Retford 108, Newark 135. Once again Mr. T. Rooke received the cup, presented by Rev. T. Richardson.

Mr. W. L. Exton announced that £18 1s. had been received from ringers towards the Canon Wilkinson Memorial and £300 from other friends. Evensong, conducted by Rev. T. Richardson, was followed by ringing to suit all until 8.30. R. B.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A typographical error occurred in Reading University Society's tour report. In the fifth paragraph, for 'At Iam the Rector . . .' was set as 'At 11 a.m.. . .' The remark about the cracked third did not refer to the ring at Ashbourne that sounded extremely pleasant.

The party consisted of J. H. Croxton, J. W. Manley, P. M. Wilkinson and the Misses Jane Black, Pat and Janet Buss, Doreen Gibbon, Sandra Farley, Jane Foster, Margaret Montgomery and Judi White, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lewis. Other correspondents are thanked for pointing out the error.

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ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd 1, D. Kerley 2, J. Clatworthy 3, P. Jones 4, F. Rowsell (cond.) 5, George Kerley 6, P. Brook 7, Geoffrey Kerley 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of David Kerley, Aberdare ringing captain, and Miss Maureen French, ringer at St. Peter's, Pentre.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Minimus (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Dean (13, first quarter) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Janice Haggett (first away from treble) 4, Angela French (13, cover) 5, K. Cavill 6. For Harvest Festival. The conductor's 100th quarter peal. First quarter by a Sunday service band for nine years. A birthday compliment to Janice.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Harvest Festival Matins.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen (first quarter) 1, J. H. Payton 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, B. G. D. Vince 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, R. B. Blond 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. On St. Michael's Day, for Patronal Festival Evensong.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. C. Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, W. W. Ring 4, J. V. Richards 5, G. Stewart 6, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. First in method 3, 5 and 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. D. Thompson 1, Jean M. Hall 2, D. S. Anderson 3, D. L. Hall 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. Rung following the wedding of Susan J. Beresford (a local ringer) to Pilot Officer Keith A. Jones.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Proctor (first of Minor) 1, S. Lilly 2, E. G. Swift 3, M. Damerell 4, J. Camp 5, M. G. Swift (cond.) 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Jennifer Payne (first of Treble Bob) 1, Hilary Martin 2, N. J. Martin 3, J. S. Barnes 4, R. W. Hinde 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate Bellringers' Sunday.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Long 1, Miss V. Hunt (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Long 3, T. Lewis 4, T. H. Oram (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, A. Beckwith 3, P. Davey 4, J. Nichols (first as cond., aged 16) 5, G. Everett 6, C. W. Burton 7, B. Shepherd 8.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Sept. 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Margaret Pratt 1, R. D. Hayne 2, Pamela Wright 3, D. Allen 4, R. D. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a 12th birthday compliment to Andrew Scott, a learner at this tower.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on heavy minor eight): J. Froome (Hurst) 1, J. A. Atkinson 2, Rev. K. C. Davis (Basingstoke) 3, J. N. Brown (Liverpool, cond.) 4, R. I. George 5, C. J. Reede 6, F. E. Dukes 7, W. T. Farrell 8. In memoriam Thomas McMorran, sometime conductor of the Cathedral Society.

QUARTER PEALS

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Silvester 1, D. W. Friend 2, G. E. Morrall 3, P. Morris 4, F. Beech, jun. (cond.) 5, B. K. Wickstead 6. Rung for the marriage of Kathleen Margaret Heather Breeze and Reginald Eales.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, W. J. Munton (first in method) 2, Sally M. Hooper (first quarter) 3, Janet M. Besant 4, J. C. Davidge 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. E. Chapman (first as cond.) 7, G. W. Stevens (first quarter) 8. A farewell compliment to the Rev. W. G. Howard. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara H. Goodden 1, D. A. Hogg 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, Susan E. Smith 5, Christine M. Harbott 6, J. C. Davidge (first as cond.) 7, J. T. Symonds 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Balchin 1, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 2, Ann M. Sweeney 3, D. P. Elsmore 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. North 7, A. C. Beadle 8. A compliment to the Rector, Canon H. R. Wilds, who was installed honorary canon at Guildford Cathedral earlier in the day.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: P. Wilkinson 1, Dr. P. Spencer-Phillips 2, Jane Foster 3, C. K. Cooper 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, J. P. Brandon 6, H. Carter 7, L. J. Ainger 8. For Matins.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, H. Colcombe 5, W. Simmonds 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Mallett 1, J. Fowler 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, A. Grainger 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the front six): R. F. Turner 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, A. H. Idle 4, J. Mitchell 5, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 6.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, T. J. Milsom 3, D. Barnett 4, W. R. Curtis (first of Minor) 5, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who was on holiday from Paul, Cornwall.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Dixon (first quarter) 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. D. Sell (first of Minor) 3, A. T. Poulton 4, A. A. Paton 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Wells and London): Miss C. M. Follis (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss D. K. Moore 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, E. W. Colley 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 22nd, 1,350 Plain Bob Caters: M. Austin 1, P. D. Chapman 2, Miss G. Wild 3, A. Gargrave 4, D. Blows 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, D. Ellisdon 8, D. Hewitt 9, J. McDonald 10. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hopper 1, Mrs. K. Horne 2, D. T. Young 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, S. Gibson 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, E. E. Gosling 7, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): B. D. Holt 1, W. H. Nield 2, J. B. Thorpe 3, M. Rigby 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. In memoriam Derek Ogden, Ringing Master of Manchester Branch of L.A.C.R.

LEEDS, YORKS.—1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): P. Louth 1, R. H. Dove 2, J. J. Fox 3, A. E. Stamp 4, J. Weaver 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Porter 1, R. Jones (cond.) 2, L. Porter 3, G. Belcher 4, A. Gammon 5. A wedding compliment to Kathleen Mason and Michael Moffat.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, Miss J. King 2, R. Saw (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Bruce. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, R. Saw (first 'inside' in more than one method) 2, Miss J. Woodman 3, Miss C. Withell 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, R. Bruce 6. A farewell to Robin Trebilcock, former captain, on leaving for Letchworth. Also a compliment to Rev. Duncan Dormor on ordination to priesthood.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Miss E. Mason 3, T. G. Hull (first in two methods) 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. John Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. M. Roffe 1, P. M. Fleckney 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. R. Banker 4, F. T. Boyall 5, A. Twyman 6, B. Harris 7, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 8. For morning service.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian M. Weston 1, Jocelyn M. Cook 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Angela Wakefield 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung as a thank offering for the life and work of Edwin H. Lewis.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth Carr 1, P. Sadler 2, Monica Moore 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, I. Darby 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Rung for the 40th anniversary of dedication.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Cowan 1, Miss D. J. Wilson 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (first in five methods as cond.) 3, Miss M. C. Petts 4, C. G. Alban (first in five methods 'inside') 5. First in five methods by an all local band.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Susan Henty (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Osbon 2, R. Osbon (first 'inside') 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, O. Wood (cond.) 5, W. T. Henty (first quarter) 6, J. Cole 7, B. Henty (first quarter) 8.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob): G. R. Robbins 1, Pamela Wright 2, Margaret Pratt 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Bell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, Mrs. I. Stimson 3, Miss V. Dupre 4, M. T. Stimson (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Stimson 6. An 11th birthday compliment to Ian Bell, ringer of 1.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fry (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards 3, R. G. Crosland (first as cond.) 4, W. A. Hughes 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

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TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR IN THE NORTH-EAST

SATURDAY, August 31st, saw the start of Tom Lock's eleventh peal ringing tour. The area was Northumberland and Durham, and the headquarters were at the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay. This was a very comfortable hotel overlooking the sea, although we were not to see much of the sea during the next eight days. About 20 of the party were accommodated at H.Q. and were joined daily by two locals, Kenneth Arthur and Fred 'laughing boy' Ross, and on some days by two others, Michael Maughan and Alan Patterson. Transport this year was by private cars, and the daily convoys consisted of anything up to eight vehicles.

Two peals were attempted on Saturday afternoon—Cambridge Maximus at Newcastle Cathedral and Cambridge Major at Whitley Bay, still the home of the Gofton family. The former came unstuck after two-and-a-half hours' ringing, but the latter was successful.

On Sunday we were requested to supply ringers to make up bands at churches where local bands do not exist, as well as joining other local bands for service ringing in the Newcastle area. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was successful at St. Peter's, Jarrow, for morning service. Everybody met at Newcastle Cathedral at midday and were issued with instructions by Kenneth Arthur for the afternoon, evening and rest of the week. It was then realised what care and trouble he and his helpers had taken to make the tour as successful and enjoyable as was humanly possible.

After lunch at the Asia Café, the convoy was piloted by Kenneth to Durham Cathedral to ring for Evensong. The majority ascended the 241—or is it 242?—steps to the ringing chamber to be locked in for one hour. Back in Newcastle, each made his appointed way to the various towers for evening ringing. Those fortunate to be directed to St. Stephen's were rewarded with a majestic ring, one of the finest eights of the tour. Another band went to Cramlington where, unfortunately, a quarter peal of London Minor was lost. However, a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was successful at the home of Alan Patterson after Evensong. Being St. Aidan's Day, one of the hymns sung at Evensong at Cramlington was a new one, entitled 'The Hymn of the Church of Northumbria.'

NORTHERLY RINGS

After fine weather on Saturday and Sunday, Monday started with a heavy mist which lasted well into the afternoon. Kenneth took us to Embleton, a very pleasant ring and the most northerly ringable six in the British Isles. While ringing was enjoyed here, a peal band went to Bamburgh—the most northerly eight in England—to attempt a new method which would have been named Lindisfarne. During the ringing at Embleton, a non-ringer seated in one of the cars overheard the following from three young boy cyclists who had dismounted to listen. 'I wonder why the bells are ringing on a Monday?' 'It can't be a wedding as the cars haven't got ribbons on them.' 'It can't be a funeral because there isn't a coffin.' Eventually, curiosity got the better of them and they approached the non-ringer to satisfy themselves.

After coffee at Embleton, lunch was taken at Bamburgh. The peal came to grief after 40 minutes' excellent ringing, but there was no scenic reward as the mist still obscured the Farne Islands and mainland costline. The staircase leading to the ringing chamber here is interesting in having the steps grouped in threes around a square centrepiece. During the morning Len Stilwell sent a congratulatory telegram to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, who were to celebrate their diamond wedding the next day. After leaving Bamburgh, the mist suddenly lifted, but rain began to fall and continued for the rest of the day. Two bands went their various ways to Rothbury and Morpeth: Rutland Major was successful at the former and Yorkshire Major was scored at the latter.

Tuesday started with a trip over the Tyne Ferry to South Shields to meet Kenneth, and on to Roker where we greeted Margaret Ranken, a member of previous tours. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung here. The rest of the party rang at St. Ignatius', Sunderland (Joseph W. Parker's tower), and at Holy Trinity. After lunch all rang at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and then said goodbye to Margaret. The lectern here is in memory of Major Robert Challis Hudson, churchwarden, Sunday School teacher and bellringer, killed in the belfry on November 26th, 1925. He called the first peal on the bells by a local band. The base of the lectern has bells carved around it.

On to Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street. A peal of Bristol Major was lost at the former after one hour and 20 minutes, but 4-Spliced Major was successful at the latter. In the meantime the four members of the party not ringing were graciously entertained to tea by Denis Bayles and his wife. Also at the tea party was Frederick Sheraton, until recently a ringer at Chester-le-Street. It was his 84th birthday, and his name is on a peal board for 1897 in the tower. This was conducted by his brother, one of the original band at Chester-le-Street from the installation of the six in 1883. Unfortunately Mr. Sheraton now finds difficulty in climbing stairs, but enjoyed listening to part of the peal from ouside.

Wednesday started bright and sunny, and remained so for most of the day. Winifred Keys joined us at breakfast time, having travelled up overnight by train. This morning most cars got temporarily lost in Gateshead, but all eventually made a rendezvous with Kenneth, although delaying our arrival by half-an-hour at St. Aidan's, Blackhill. Here Superlative Major was attempted while another band attempted London Major at Consett. Unfortunately both came to grief, the former after two hours five minutes of good ringing and the latter after only 17 minutes. A quarter of Bristol at Consett also came unstuck. Thanks to Norman Errington, of Consett, lunch was taken as guests of the Consett Iron Company.

CONSETT IRON WORKS

During the afternoon a peal of Lincolnshire Major was successful at Blackhill Roman Catholic Church. Those not ringing had an extensive tour of the iron works, where artificial sun-tans were obtained by all. Some parts of the tour were definitely hair-raising. This was followed by a very good tea provided by the company. A ring at Benfieldside was then secured, where the peal band (minus tea) met up with the 'iron tourers.' This church has been beautifully restored and is in a delightful setting, although the ringing chamber is rather cramped. After a quick visit to the home of Norman Errington for a wash and brush up, the whole party were then the guests of the Fenham ringers at a social in their Church Hall. Mrs. Arthur and her lady helpers had a splendid array to satisfy the 'inner man.' Community singing was enjoyed, and even the locals were surprised at our rendering of the Blaydon races, although probably disgusted at our pronunciation.

Thursday saw us heading south once more. This time to Darlington, where Darlington Major at St. Cuthbert's was brought to a halt after only 47 minutes by the untimely entry of the verger, who decided to inspect the clock and its chimes. This poor gentleman was nearly left in tears after admitting that he had only been in the job for one week. The same method was attempted at St. John's and completed without interruption. In the meantime the remaining ringers went to Holy Trinity, but ringing was delayed for an hour by a damaged clock hammer, which was eventually 'tied.' In the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire Royal was attempted at Stockton, and the remainder of the party went to ring on the pleasant eight at Ormesby. After tea in Middlesbrough, a return to Stockton found that the peal had been successful. We then said goodbye to Arthur Mason.

On the journey back to Whitley Bay a call was made at Sedgefield. This tower, which looks from the outside as if it could hold a ring of ten, actually has five bells, the front five of a ring of six, and provided the 'highlight' of the tour. After the front four had been raised, an unsuspecting ringer started on the fifth. Before he had the bell half way up, everyone was in hysterics with tears streaming everywhere. Surely this is the bell for the 'Tenor King.' When ringing commenced, a nameless gentleman from a southern spa town tried his hardest to prevent the ringer of the tenor from striking at all. When the hilarity died down, a visit to the belfry, in which the bells only occupy half the space, showed that the bells had only recently been rehung on ball-bearings and fitted with new clappers. However, the obvious crack in the tenor was not visible at all.

A GREMLINS' FEAST

Friday (not the 13th) was to be a black day and a feast day for the Gremlins. After meeting Kenneth once more, at Fenham, we journeyed to Hexham Abbey. An attempt for Cambridge Major was made on the Abbey bells whilst another band journeyed on to Allendale for London Major. The former came to grief after one hour's good ringing. After lunch came the sad news from the latter that their peal had also been lost after ringing for 1 hour 40 minutes, a bob called early being the undoing. Altogether once more, we were taken right out into the country and given a tour of Hadrian's Wall—on foot, of course—by Centurion Ross. The weather was calm if a little overcast, and the quietness and scenic beauty were certainly a grand tonic after the disappointing morning. Handbells were rung on the Wall, but there was no sound of Hadrian turning in his grave. A peal band was then despatched to attempt Northumberland Minor at Newton Hall, while the remainder had high tea at the George Hotel, beside the river at Chollerford. It was decided to call at Newton Hall to listen to the peal. On arrival, the cars coming from all direcions of the compass, we were greeted only with silence. On entering the ringing chamber, the culprit, in the form of the fourth rope lying on a seat, was found. They assured everyone that they had rung for 45 minutes! On the journey to H.Q., calls were made to local practice nights at Benwell and Fenham.

Travelling was cut to a minimum on Saturday. In the morning a peal of Fordcombe Major was attempted at Jesmond. No sooner had changes begun than a local ringer, who is also well-known in Westminster, appeared on the scene completely breathless. He was soon assured that it was a peal attempt and that he could return to bed as he hadn't forgotten to turn up for a wedding. The start for a peal of Yorkshire Major at Gateshead was delayed for an hour by a wedding. Both these peals were successful. The final peal attempt of the tour was in the afternoon at North Shields—the most northerly ring of ten in England—where Cambridge Royal was scored.

The concluding get-together was held on Saturday evening in Mr. and Mrs. Lock's hotel bedroom. Fortunately it was a large room. Although only 11 tower-bell peals out of a total of 20, plus one handbell peal, were rung during the tour, it was unanimously agreed that it had been a most enjoyable tour socially. 'Marg.' read her usual poem, which caused a good deal of laughter, and Bill Rogers thanked drivers for supplying transport. Kenneth Arthur was thanked for his excellent work and presented with a table model dinner gong. Tom was then presented with a coffee percolator for arranging yet another pleasurable tour. Next year's venue was suggested as Somerset and North Devon.

Those who stayed over Saturday night all departed by 9.30 on Sunday morning. Some rang for morning service at Newcastle and four rang at Roker. Nearly 600 miles were covered on the tour, with only one bad day as far as the weather was concerned. To all members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association we say a big 'Thank you' for your wonderful welcome and hospitality, and not least to our fellow tourer Kennth Arthur.

D. T. C. S.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Matthew's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Gwen Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. G. Gray 4, J. W. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival, and as a welcome home to Jennifer Hales, Naomi Hales and Dr. John Hales, on their return from the U.S.A.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fullbrook 1, J. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, I. Stoter 4, K. Leach 5, D. Stoter 6, H. White (cond.) 7, A. R. Wood 8. For Evensong, on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.

OUTINGS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE

For their annual tour, Chelford, Cheshire, ringers, their wives and friends, went to Lancashire. Though the weather forecast promised a dismal start, there was nothing dismal about the spirits of the party who left the Roundabout at 8 o'clock, first call being at Rainford (8). From there northwards to Tarleton (8), and after ringing we had some excellent coffee, thanks to Edward Ashcroft.

At St. James', Leyland, in spite of the long draught, some very good ringing was obtained on the noisy (in the belfry) six. After an ample lunch we made our way to Lytham, where we found a musical eight at St. Cuthbert's, and with the sun still shining we made our way to St. Anne's Parish Church and another eight in first-class order.

Having disposed of a very good tea, we spent an hour walking it off on the prom. before embarking for our last visit, to Eccleston (an easy-going six in a very old and well-kept church).

Thanks are due to incumbents and the tower captains. F. G. F.

ST. DAVID'S, EXETER

Ringers from St. David's, Exeter, together with Mr. R. Berry (Topsham), Mrs. G. Retter and daughter (Honiton Clyst) and Mr. A. Newton (St. Cyres), had a half-day's outing on September 14th.

Towers visited were Hiltisleigh (a 3-bell novelty), Spreyton (6), Jacobstowe (5), Exbourne (6), North Tawton (8, the treat of the afternoon), Washford Pyne (6) and Poughull (6). Ringing included call-changes. Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Thanks are due to Mr. Peter Pavey, who not only organised the trip but drove the Dormobile. A. J. W.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL

Starting out on a wet and dreary Saturday morning, Constantine ringers made for Lostwithiel, which was the nearest point to our first ring at Braddoc. We rang the five bells to the local changes, which were conveniently placed for all to see.

A picnic lunch was taken at Talland Bay, but we were soon on our way to Lanreath, where we were joined by two friends from Truro Cathedral and Kea. After a few call-changes and rounds, a quarter peal of Gransdire Doubles was rung in 40 minutes. This was a first for one of our members.

On to Lansallos (a delightful eight), and whilst there we had a photograph taken by a roving reporter for a local newspaper. Tea at Polperro and then on to St. Veep through narrow lanes and beautiful scenery; but as no previous arrangements had been made we were unable to ring, but were invited to ring at St. Winnow. We then returned home, tired but pleased with the day's ringing. G. W. R.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

We were very lucky, with good weather, good bells and a good driver, reads the report of Twerton-on-Avon outing on September 14th. Cambridge went well on the pleasant six at Kilmington, rung from the gallery, and at Uplyme, another slow-turning six, Beverley was the highlight. (The youngsters here must be congratulated on their call-changes.)

Two hours were allocated to enjoy lunch on the beach at Lyme Regis. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Powell welcomed us at the church; but whether it was the lunch or the sea air, it took us till the fall before we warmed up on this grand ring. Mr. Bert Walborne was waiting for us at Whitchurch Canonicorum, and at Symondsbury there was something beyond the very loud bells in the ringing chamber, where London Minor went well. The Rector, the Rev. D. Strangeways, and his daughter, who is organist, met us and tried out our ringers' voices with hymns. Our two organists each rang in a new tower and played on a new organ!

A. F. L.

WEDDING OF MR. R. B. SMITH

On Saturday, August 24th, the marriage took place between Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire, and Miss May B. Foster, of Leicester, at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

Ringers began assembling early as an attempt for a peal in honour of the wedding was made at All Saints', Leicester. The bridegroom himself wanted to join in but was not 'permitted' by his trainers. As ringing was out he looked to his next pleasure, namely cricket and it was most difficult to drag him away from the television in order to get him to church! Nevertheless, the bridegroom, his best man, Peter Staniforth, the two ushers, Basil Jones and Bill Lee, had sufficient time to go up into the belfry and join their fellow ringers before the ceremony.

Some excellent ringing on the beautiful 12 welcomed the bride and her attendants, Miss Ann Smith (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Adrienne Lapworth and Rosemary Staniforth, friends of the bride.

The bride, who wore a full-length gown of ivory brocade with pearl and diamante headdress, was given away by her brother, Mr. W. Foster, due to the indisposition of her father (fortunately, however, he was able to attend the ceremony). The bridesmaids were in midnight blue slipper satin with cream accessories, and carried cream and pink roses. Rosemary was dressed in pale blue Swiss broderie-anglais and carried a pomander of yellow freesias, carnations and roses.

The reception was held at the Victory Hotel, Leicester. After receiving a good send off the couple spent the first night of their honeymoon at the Falcon Hotel, High Wycombe, and then travelled on the next day to St. Helier, Jersey. They are now making their home at Macclesfield, where all their many ringing friends will send their best wishes. P. J. S.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: W. Clarke 1, T. Hester 2, P. Beedie 3, L. Oliffe 4, P. Pearce 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, D. Smith 7, J. Coggins 8. Rung for the feast service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

When the bells of St. Francis' (R.C.) Church, Holbeck, were dedicated 10 years ago by Dr. Heenan, then Bishop of Leeds, the ringers in the opening touch were from Leeds Parish Church. It was mostly from the same tower that a band rang a peal at St. Francis' Church to honour the Archbishop's enthronement at Westminster. The peal, however, nearly ended in disaster as the tenor rope broke on the first pull of the 'lower.'

Mr. T. J. Lock, of North Mymms, Herts, has 'circled' Willesden tower to peals on 11 occasions, and needs to ring the treble only to 15 more peals to make it 26 times round.

The title of the Somerset peal tour on page 649 should have read 'Campingologists' tour, to denote that the week was spent under canvas. The error is regretted.

In the peal of Redcliffe Surprise Royal, reported on page 437, Mr. C. J. Sedgeley's composition was used, reports Mr. David Mottershead.

Mr. Harry P. Thompson, of 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, Co. Durham, is the new honorary secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Through 'The Ringing World' the Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild desire to thank the Great Glen handbell ringers who, under the expert direction of Mr. Len Allen, gave 'a most enjoyable and colourful performance' at their recent Branch dinner.

Two members of Kirkby-in-Ashfield tower have gone to further education establishments. John Harrison is entering Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and Martin Kirk, Chichester Teachers' Training College. There are several up and coming youngsters to take their places, youngest of whom is Colin Pitman, aged 10.

So appreciative is one Association secretary of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's front page article 'Second Best,' that appeared in our issue of September 27th, that he is sending a stenciled copy to all towers in his area. We have about 30 copies of this issue available. If there was a similar demand we could consider a reprint of the article.

Mr. Robert B. Smith informs us that it will not be possible to get the band who rang the extent of Major together until sometime next year as all the members have a packed programme until the end of the year. The ringers at present are scattered over five counties, but at the earliest opportunity a photograph will be taken.

Who were the ringers who rang the middle six at St. Paul's Cathedral on their recent outing?

We regret that the handbell peal of Surprise Minor at Lechlade on page 636 is a duplicate.

An unlocked door resulted in an intruder wrecking a peal after 2½ hours' ringing at Folkestone. The peal was to have been for the installation of the Ven. Ian White-Thompson, a former Vicar of Folkestone, as the new Dean of Canterbury.

Will the secretary of the band who visited Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, September 28th, at approximately 9.15, please contact Mr. E. Richester, 7, Riverfield Lane, so that he can write and explain what happened, and apologise.

The best wishes of ringers in the North Staffordshire area are extended to Mr. Eric Young, of Stone, who is now in the North Stafford General Infirmary to undergo an operation. They wish him a speedy recovery and trust his return to ringing will not be too long delayed.

Ringers who have difficulty in finding St. Peter-de-Witton Church, Droitwich are reminded there is only one farmyard in Droitwich containing a church! On the nearest civilised road has been erected a large sign 'St. Peter's Church Lane.' Practice night: Thursday, 7-8.30 p.m. Inquiries to Miss J. Stone-Wigg, 10, Newland Road, Droitwich Spa.

On his journey to Cornwall, Mr. W. Hibbert called upon Mr. Joe Dyke at Chilcompton, and spent a pleasant half hour with him. When told that there were four more ringers in the car outside, Joe insisted that they came in and joined in a bottle of beer. It was a thrill to the young ringers to meet such a grand veteran of the art.

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WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Alick Cutler	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Charles N. Lea	4	William Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At 83, Cambo Drive.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Alan R. Patterson	1—2	Edgar R. Rapley	5—6
Robin G. Turner	3—4	Thomas J. Lock	7—8

Composed by A. York Green. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
*Arthur V. Pearson	2	Frederick Ross	6
William Rogers	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Michael Maughan	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* 800th peal.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Watch Tower,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Martin F. Lock	2	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Ruth M. Foreman	4	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Frederick Ross	*Treble*	Denis A. Bayles	6
Ronald H. Bullen	2	D. John Hunt	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	William Rogers	8
Dennis Knox	4	Arthur V. Pearson	9
Arthur G. Mason	5	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rogers.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 960 Cambridge, 640 Bristol and 640 Superlative; with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Eric N. Harrison	5
*Gillian M. Hussey	2	Frederick Ross	6
D. John Hunt	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Spliced.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady Immaculate,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Martin F. Lock	*Treble*	Eric N. Harrison	5
Christine M. Rimmer	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Frederick Ross	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Dennis Knox	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	*Frederick Ross	6
Michael Maughan	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* 150th peal. First in the method by all except the treble ringer.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES. CO. DURHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

William Rogers	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	6
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick Ross	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Michael D. Staniforth	8
Arthur V. Pearson	4	D. John Hunt	9
Dennis Knox	5	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Ruth M. Foreman	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	5
*Arthur V. Pearson	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
Alick Cutler	3	D. John Hunt	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 500th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the ringers of 4 and 7.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Frederick Ross	6
Martin F. Lock	3	William Rogers	7
Ronald H. Bullen	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by William Rogers.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, North Shields.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Martin F. Lock	*Treble*	D. John Hunt	6
*Ruth M. Foreman	2	Dennis Knox	7
William Rogers	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Philip Mehew	4	Denis A. Bayles	9
Frederick Ross	5	Alan R. Patterson	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal on ten bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Susan Funnell	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	7
Muriel Reay	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Martin D. Fellows	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
George E. Fearn	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	10
Geoffrey Davies	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Edward W. Colley	8
William A. Lacey	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Susan Funnell	4	R. Kingsley Mason	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
George E. Fearn	6	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*David Wilford	*Treble*	*John G. Gipson	7
John M. Jelley	2	Brian S. Chapman	8
Peter J. Staniforth	3	Alan E. Hartley	9
†John W. Ward	4	Herrick B. Bowley	10
William A. Lacey	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First of Cambridge Maximus for 24 years. First of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Chester Hughes, M.A., Vicar of St. Martin's, Provost of the Cathedral Church, Leicester; also as a wedding compliment to Robert B. Smith and May Foster, and congratulations to John M. Jelley and Monica Moore on their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minuets,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows	*Treble*	Edward W. Colley	6
Susan Funnell	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	David J. Purnell	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	9
Clifford A. Barron	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

*Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Sidney Hough, jun.	2	Basil Jones	7
*Harold C. Lonyon	3	*Raymond Suart	8
*William Wall	4	*Hedley Wood	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	†Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Shaw. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method on tower bells.
In memoriam Derek Ogden.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*†Martin Smith	*Treble*	‡Ernest Bennett	6
†Betty Faunch	2	Edward Cowperthwaite	7
†Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	James H. Pailing	8
‡Margaret Crossthwaite	4	†W. John Couperthwaite	9
Cyril Crossthwaite	5	Alan Gardner	*Tenor*

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Rev. J. M. W. Adam, M.A., as Vicar of Preston.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Ronald Chafer	*Treble*	Jack Bray	6
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	*W. Arthur Crowder	7
*John Hall	3	*Frank Kennington	8
J. Benjamin Budd	4	*Arthur Pashley	9
*Michael W. Crowder	5	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Royal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(St. Andrew's Society.)
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

R. Joyce Marks	*Treble*	Sidney F. O'Shaughnessy	6
*Yvonne C. Porter	2	Frederick E. Day	7
A. William Myers	3	Robert A. Southwood	8
Mrs. Margaret A. Bould	4	Thomas G. Myers	9
Denis F. Wheeler	5	Walter H. Marks	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Day.
* 25th peal.
Rung to commemorate the conferment of the Freedom of the City on the Plymouth Command of the Royal Navy this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 6 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 11520 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Giles B. Thompson	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Frank Osbaldiston	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	John C. Eisel	7
Basil Jones	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
The longest peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Norman W. Cotton	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William F. Woodward	2	John K. Smith	6
Colin Lord	3	Roland Beniston	7
Wilfred Lord	4	William H. Curson	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 BLACKBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Jeffrey Sawyer	*Treble*	Geoffrey Fothergill	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
Bernard Moss	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
David Vincent	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method, Corrigan's No. 34.
In memoriam Derek Ogden.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

William Clover	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	5
*Raymond Lafty	2	George Sayer	6
Henry Tooke	3	Peter Adcock	7
†Leslie Bailey	4	Charles H. Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutse,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Anne Bateson	*Treble*	†Harry Poyner	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	†R. Harry Hawcroft	6
Grace Burchnall	3	James W. Raithby	7
Mary C. Poyner	4	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.
Rung with the compliments and best wishes of the ringers to Canon and Mrs. Keal on their silver wedding anniversary.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	†E. Winifred Keys	5
*Edward F. Fosberry	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
E. Jane Sibson	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

John Gartside	*Treble*	Bernard Moss	5
Lawrence Walmsley	2	Michael Arrowsmith	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	Frank Stead	7
Arthur Rigby	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
A welcome to Canon Eric Rothwell, newly-inducted Rector of this parish.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Brown	*Treble*	Geoffrey Westwood	5
Paul W. Webb	2	John C. Eisel	6
†Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	Martin D. Fellows	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (C.C.C. 27).
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Major. † 100th tower for a peal. First of Major as conductor. First of New Cambridge Major by all the band.

BLACKBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
—36—14—58—16—12—58—16—78
L.-e. 3527486. 8ths place. F.c.h. 24365, 32465, 43265.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

F. BLOWEN	*Treble*	J. WEBB	5
*J. TURNEY	2	L. PARRY	6
G. COUSINS	3	ERNEST PENN	7
ARTHUR HALLING	4	HAROLD MEEK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PENN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung for evening service; also as a tribute to the devoted ministry in this parish of the Rev. E. Hoskins, who has been appointed Vicar of Leckhampton, Glos.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HOLBECK,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

*PETER LOUTH	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. STAMP	5
*R. FRASER MACK	2	*PETER FENNEY	6
JEFFREY J. FOX	3	RONALD H. DOVE	7
ARNOLD COLE	4	C. BARRIE DOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Cardinal Heenon as Archbishop of Westminster. As Bishop of Leeds, Dr. Heenan dedicated these bells in 1953.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	ALAN J. CLARKE	5
*MICHAEL DANIELS	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	6
BRENDA E. DOWNING	3	ROBERT F. DOWNING	7
DIANA M. PIPE	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Dorothy L. Gray.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP LATIMER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID R. INGRAM	5
GEOFFREY DAVIES	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rev. Cecil H. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SMITH	5
*CHRISTOPHER LOMAX	2	SYDNEY OSBORNE	6
JAMES CUNLIFFE	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	†DAVID R. FORSYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal.

Rung in memoriam Canon H. J. Elsee, some time Vicar of this parish and president of the Association.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

HARRY STACEY	*Treble*	D. ROY BOULD	5
MARGARET A. BOULD	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
FREDERICK MYERS	3	CHARLES SANGWIN	7
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Charles Sangwin has now 'circled' the tower, and is the first ringer to do so.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

PAMELA M. TURNER	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
GEOFFREY DAVIES	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SOULS.
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
BERYL N. REED	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	COLIN W. REED	7
WILLIAM L. EXTON	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

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

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

WALTER H. RAXTER	*Treble*	JOHN C. EISEL	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	6
PAUL CATTERMOLE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

Rung in honour of the ordination in Southwark Cathedral the following day of Anthony Clayton to serve as Deacon at All Saints', Tooting.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol: with 139 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HILARY F. MARTIN	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	2	†NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	ANDREW M. MACVE	7
*RICHARD G. CROSLAND	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD G. CROSLAND. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Spliced Major. † First of 6-Spliced.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being five of St. Clement's, one of Childwall and one of St. Clement's and Childwall Spliced. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

BRUCE D. SHILTON	*Treble*	MAURICE R. A. KIRK	4
RUPERT A. CLARKE	2	BRIAN C. LAW	5
DAVID F. MOORE	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Fastest of Minor on the bells.

A compliment to Mr. H. Needham, a local ringer, on his 60th birthday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ELLISON	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
LYNNE V. SHERWOOD	2	ALAN G. KIRK	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. S. Williams, wife of the Rev. H. Saunders Williams, Vicar of this parish from 1929 to 1956.

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CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In five methods: (1 and 2) Annable's London Surprise, (3) London Surprise, (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Giles B. Thompson	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	4
Carol Fernley	2	John C. Eisel	5
Alec Osbaldiston	3	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

John Hall	*Treble*	Michael Whiting	4
William Bains	2	Richard Hall	5
Harold Judd	3	C. Aubrey Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Hall.
First peal as conductor.

KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being 13 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Chester, Carlisle and Munden, (2) London and Wells. (3 and 7) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4 and 6) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, York and Durham; with 77 changes of method.
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

Shirley M. Drew	*Treble*	Anthony R. Peake	4
*Bruce Wakefield	2	*Gordon W. Land	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	*Peter Wakefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise, and of Surprise in 13 methods. First of Surprise on the bells
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. W. Lane, Vicar of Kempsford since 1955.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Morning Star and Oxford Treble Bob. St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Stuart Coutts	*Treble*	Edmund Shuttleworth	4
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Peter Dale	5
Brian Schofield	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung in memoriam Derek Ogden.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

Mrs. E. C. Chandler	*Treble*	Reginald Preece	4
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
Leslie Preece	3	Thomas Pugh	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.
Rung in memory of Mr. Hedley Evans, for many years warden of this church.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

K. Barry Osborne	*Treble*	Samuel Cottle	4
Pamela A. Osborne	2	Derrick P. Bailey	5
Colin Hillier (14)	3	James W. Abbott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev. C. Y. Pooley, who is shortly leaving the district.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Susan E. Kay	*Treble*	Anthony J. Helliwell	4
John P. Partington	2	John B. Pickup	5
Richard S. Starkie	3	Richard J. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal attempt.
Rung in memoriam Derek Ogden, of Manchester.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 120's (ten callings) and six different 240's Morris'.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

F. William Midwinter	*Treble*	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	John R. Pratchett	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	Charles J. Copp	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chilton on the anniversary of their wedding.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in G

Martin L. Howe	*Treble*	*George B. Collins	4
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
Monty W. Gilbert	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal on six bells. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margo Giles and Michael Sharp, who were married prior to the peal; also a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. H. W. Wilmington.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

Trevor J. Froley	*Treble*	D. Walford Davies	4
Trevor M. Roderick	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
William T. Petty	3	Harold Preece	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Jane Dowse	*Treble*	†George A. Dawson	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Sydney Adams	5
*John Eborall	3	Maurice W. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sydney Adams.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal.
A wedding compliment to Dorothy Christine Sheppard and Roy Victor Albans, married this day

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Colin Lord	*Treble*	John K. Smith	4
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Raymond Benfield	5
Richard J. Clifton	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

SOPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

William T. Godfrey	*Treble*	*Maurice Peters	4
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	†Alan A. Price	5
John Hartless	3	Arthur V. Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. First on the bells since augmentation to six by addition of a treble bell by John Taylor and Co.

UFFINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

George S. Bush	*Treble*	John M. Roffe	4
Wendy Hollowell	2	Raymond H. Daw	5
James W. Haw	3	Charles E. Black	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Black.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the rehanging of the bells, and on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.
Malcolm D. Barsby .. .. 1—2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wilmslow, Balmoral, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Oxford, Sandal and Kent. Tenor size 15 in C.
*Gordon W. Land .. .. 1—2 | Brian Bladon .. .. .. 3—4
Anthony R. Peake .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 50th peal for the Association.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Johnethe-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in F.
*John D. Faircloth .. .. 1—2 | Richard G. Crosland .. 3—4
Andrew M. Macve .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.
* First peal 'in hand.' First 'in hand' as conductor.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At 3, Salters Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
John Anderson .. .. .. 1—2 | Richard A. Gofton .. .. 5—6
Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4 | William J. Davidson .. 7—8
John E. Anderson .. .. 9—10
Composed by Wm. H. Barber. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
A compliment to John Anderson for the 50th anniversary of his first peal, rung on September 20th, 1913.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At 5, Moat Close.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 of London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 of Bristol; with 100 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each metohd.
Tenor size 15 in C.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3—4 | Christopher W. Woolley 7—8
Composed by Albert P. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At 170, Headstone Lane.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire: with 129 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3—4 | *Joan Beresford .. .. 7—8
Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne Payne 1, F. Goodearl 2, D. Longley 3, Carole Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Payne (first of Minor as cond.) 6, R. Benstead (cover) 7, P. Dence 8. First of Minor 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, H. Pratt 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, B. Rodgewell 5, C. Barker 6, P. Le Count 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen, life vice-president of the Essex Association.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Stewart 1, J. Saxton 2, H Wagstaffe 3, R. Chambers (first quarter) 4, D. Cooper 5, M. Cooper 6, D. G. Davison 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8. Rung for the 16th birthday of ringer of the 4th.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela A. Osbourn 1, C. C. Hillier 2, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. A. Bradfield (first 'inside') 4, D. A. Powney 5, G. Pluckrose 6. A compliment to Miss Susan G. Powney, on her fourth birthday. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. C. Hillier 1, H. A. Gummer 2, S. J. Cottle 3, G. Pluckrose 4, D. A. Powney 5, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Lorna Adams and Mr. Gilbert Cowdry, who were married at this church prior to the quarter peal.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. D. Clampin 1, E. R. M. Cansdale 2, S. J. Twitchett 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, D. W. Brooks 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung for the admittance of Dr. J. Young as lay reader.

CAERLEON, MON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Corson 1, J. Weaver 2, A. E. Stamp 3, D. Pike 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, M. A. Edwards 6.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Platt 1, Sheila Moore 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, T. Hawkins 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 7, M. W. Coleman 8. First of Grandsire 2 and 3. For Evensong.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, C. J. Blain 3, G. E. Bonham 4, A. J. Davey 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Peter Woollven, who is going to Nottingham University.

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: W. Birmingham 1, Susan E. Smith 2, Juliet Wooders 3, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 4, Jennifer Sceeny 5, J. F. Bowler 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. B. Fynes 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Kenneth Bartlett (son of the Rector) and Miss Elizabeth Moffop, of Holbeach, Lincs, married on September 14th at Holbeach.

KIDLINGTON, OXON—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Brown (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge 4, D. Leslie 5, B. R. White (cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, J. R. Chaundy 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ms. D. W. Barker 1, D. Bedford (first in method) 2, P. Harper 3, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. Longhurst 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Bristol): Miss J. M. Gumhill 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, Clare Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, P. A. Sharp 6, H. Poyner 7, G. Paul 8.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Adcock 1, J. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, W. Iball 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for Harvest Evensong, and to welcome the Dean of Ripon, former Vicar.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: C. H. Webber 1, Mrs. D. T. North 2, I. G. Hughes 3, W. A. Riddle 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor 1 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Smart 1, H. Green 2, Catherine Malings 3, L. J. Malings 4, M. Williams 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Sheila Simon, wife of the Bishop of Llandaff, who died this day.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Redding (first quarter) 1, H. F. Laskey 2, Mrs. J. R. Smith 3, J. R. Smith (cond.) 4, E. Durrant 5, H Ford 6.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Kathleen Yardley 1, Shirley Guymer 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. A. Cox (first of Minor 'inside') 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, at the completion of the parish mission.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, A. R. Mildred 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, N. W. Grassby 4, K. H. Mildred 5. For Evensong.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Saunders 1, W. G. Bilner 2, G. Everett 3, J. Nichols 4, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 5, B. Shepherd 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rev. G. and Mrs. Day on the birth of a son.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Penn 1, A. Broxton 2, N. Price 3, A. Halling 4, C. Longmore 5, A Brazier 6, E. W. Penn (cond.) 7, L. Woolley 8. For Evensong, and as a token of respect and gratitude for his many services to Canon Brian Poretoy, on his retirement as Vicar.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. C. Marshall 1, W. W. Ring 2, P. Richardson (first in the method) 3, J. V. Richards 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (11 extents in 11 methods): M. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. A. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Wavertree and Lytham, 720 College and London Bob): C. Black 1, R. H. Daw 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, A. Twyman 4, J. H. Bluff 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A. Stainsby.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Carter 1, Jean Whait (first quarter) 2, K. A. Roe 3, A. Chamberlain 4, F. R. Roe 5, Joy Watkin (first as cond.) 6, T. E. Harrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, F. Garland 2, T. Witts 3, R. Bowley 4, P. Riddiford 5, R. Nicholas 6. Rung for the centenary celebrations of the Parish Church, and also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Deane, married previous day, the bridegroom being a member of the Woodchester band.

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SOUTHAM—AYRES.—The engagement is announced between Thomas J. Southam, of Welwyn Garden City, Herts, and Margaret A. Ayres (recently of Hertford), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ayres, 15, Woodbrook Road, Hastings, Sussex. 3349

DEATHS

GARDINER.—On September 27th, 1963, at Poole General Hospital, Ralph Stanley, of 1, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, beloved husband of Dorothy and father of Graham, Hilary and Jill.

HILL.—Suddenly on October 5th, 1963, at 24, Elms Road, Worksop, Arnold, beloved husband of Violet, aged 60 years. 'Thy will be done.' 3385

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

AINSWORTH.—The address of Alan and Marion Ainsworth is now 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Birmingham, 32. 3364

TREBILCOCK.—The address of Robin and Pam Trebilcock is now 7, Haymoor, Letchworth, Herts. 3355

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practices are arranged for Minehead, October 12th, November 23rd: Selworthy, November 2nd, all at 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 3376

DARTFORD PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers' service, Sunday, October 20th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 5.15 p.m.—R. G. Rayfield, Sec. 3366

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Shalford on Thursday, October 17th. Methods: Bristol, Ealing, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative. 3377

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—October 12th Sandy. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. S.M. Bedford Delight, Single Court. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Sec. 3359

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge University Guild and Cambridge District on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. F. Murfett, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhill Road, Rayleigh. 3287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th Widford, 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—J. Southam. 3298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—October meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Goldsney, 4, Waterend, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 3325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—October 12th, annual meeting, Maidstone (All Saints'). Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. Bells at St. Michael's (6) available 3 to 4. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. Special methods, London S. Royal and Treble Bob Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint with Hinckley District at Ibstock on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock. 3343

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby.—R. R. Brown, Asst. Sec. 3358

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell. 3314

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing at Holborn.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 3335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Towell, 40, Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, Lincs.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—October 12th meeting at Ellesmere. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Presentation to H. M. Poyner from the Association, in the ringing chamber at 4.15. Business meeting 6 o'clock, with ringing after until 8 o'clock.—E. Morris. 3379

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Rotherhithe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Rotherhithe bells available in evening. 3327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Pulborough (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton (Hants) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to J. Chesterman, Lea Croft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 3320

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Bretforton (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham. 3340

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, to include nomination of officers, will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 15th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices all commencing 6.30 p.m.: October 15th, St Paul's Cathedral: October 22nd, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: October 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn: November 5th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 3351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Elkstone (5), Wednesday, October 16th, 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 3368

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Elmham on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available 6.30. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 3330

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, near Rotherham, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Andrew King, Vicarage, Wentworth, Rotherham, not later than October 16th.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 3381

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Meeting, West Pennard (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder. 3361

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Gait, 'Glenview,' High Littleton.—E. Chivers, Sec. 3365

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 16th. **No name no tea.**—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3372

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at latest to J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwicks. 3312

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Blaydon, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon 3350

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3356

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, October 19th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. only. Tea and business, followed by Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Talk 7 p.m. (Mr. R. Clouston), S.M.: Pudsey. Names to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. 3378

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at **St. George's**, Gravesend on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Constant, 8, Glebe Road, Gravesend, by the 16th, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3374

LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—A joint meeting will be held at Gamston on Oct. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 3300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Association Competition Final at Accrington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. General ringing, 1.30 to 2.50 and 7.15 onwards. Competition 3 p.m. Tea from 4 until 6 p.m., but names for tea MUST be sent not later than previous Wednesday to A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington. During competition the ringing machine and the Roger Leigh miniature ring of bells will be demonstrated. Judging 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 3334

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly general meeting in Leicester District, October 19th. Kimcote (4), 2-2.45 p.m.: Peatling Parva (5), 2-2.45; Lutterworth (6), 2.30-4 (subject to permission); Gilmorton (8), 4-4.25 and evening. Service: Gilmorton, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Gilmorton Village Hall, 5. Names for tea by October 16th to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby. No name no tea—accommodation limited. Dinner tickets (17s. 6d.) will be available. General Committee meeting, October 14th, 7.45 p.m., St. Margaret's belfry.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3352

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 14th, to the Rev. E. R. Gaymer Harris, Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Ringing: St. George's, Borough, 1-2 p.m.; St. James', Clerkenwell, 2-3; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4-4.30. Service at St. Olave's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the vestry. Names for tea by October 17th, **essential**, to the Secretary, Miss Diana M. Lawless, 16, Weech Road, London, N.W.6.—A. J. F. 3344

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Meeting on October 19th at Harefield. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea essential to F. Corke, Taylor Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex, by October 14th. Joint meeting at Hillingdon is on November 9th.—F. T. B. 3369

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 3357

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, October 19th, Leek. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wilkinson, 27, Alsop Street, Leek, Staffs, by Wednesday, October 16th.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 3345

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct 16th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ascott-under-Wychwood (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on October 19th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Norwich Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 3371

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Oct. 16th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3307

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at ST. MARY'S, KINGSWINFORD, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by October 16th, latest, to C. M. Smith, Roiselle, Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lich. 2124. Wordsley bells (6) also available, 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3318

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Annual general meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. G. Miller, Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk, by Wednesday, October 16th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3354

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Joint meeting on Oct. 19th at Ockley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Capel Capel bells after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Bourne, King's Head, Capel, before Oct. 17th.—F. I. H. and G. A. W. 3293

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3373

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking competition, St. Michael's, Southampton, Saturday, October 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 3360

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to Miss Y. Porter, 17, Hillside Road, Saltash, Cornwall. 3362

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 3380

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby, Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. C. W. Partridge, The Bakery, Wilby, near Wellingborough. 3363

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos.

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JOHN CHILCOTT,
42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 3233

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Maldon, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3370

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, November 2nd, 6 for 6.30 p.m., Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Tickets (17s. 6d.) available from undersigned before October 26th. Cash, P.O. or cheque with order. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 3353

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OR STAFFORD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, November 9th, 1963 at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d. each) from B. G. Key, 'Sunnyside,' Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
Preliminary Notice—
1963 REUNION and DINNER,
Saturday, December 7th, at the
'Pitt and Nelson,' Ashton-u-Lyne.
If accommodation is required, please contact Mr. F. Shallcross, 1, Russell Street, Ashton.
—W. A. Lacey, Secretary. 3347

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Preliminary arrangements—up to date—for the A.G.M. at MACCLESFIELD,
April 25th, 1964.
Meet at 'Headquarters,' Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe, 10.15-10.30 a.m. for meeting, leave by bus 11.30, via Railway Station for Macclesfield, 12.15 p.m. for lunch. Three towers—1 hour each—one possibly before lunch. Leave for home 4.30 p.m., for tea 5.30: after which last hour or so at Christ Church.
—An' no Messin'——an' read your 'Ringin' World.'
Names for Kettell's Hotel for Friday night as soon as possible to Frank Stenson, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. There is a 'North Western' bus every hour to Macclesfield, via Railway Station. Will fix up for a tower—handy—for Friday evening.
—Arthur Hoare. 3367

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the September meeting, the St. Albans District visited Wheathampstead, which must have one of the longest free draughts in the country, ringing being from the floor of the crossing. However, despite their misgivings, even the inexperienced found the bells easier than they had feared.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. Roe, who preached a sermon for St. Matthew's Day. A tea which defied the critics and the determined eaters alike was prepared by the local girls, led by Mrs. Brown.

At the meeting John Cull was elected to the chair. Miss Lesley Lilley, of St. Michael's, St. Albans, Miss Janice Parker, of St. Peter's, and Paul Brearley, of Wheathampstead, were elected members. The District Car Rally was discussed and will take place on October 26th. Details from the District secretary.

Special method for October (Harpenden): Pudsey.
J. D. C.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The five Corderoys, who took part in the quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on September 29th, consisted of father and two sons, a brother and an uncle, the latter being foreman of the nearby tower of Harwell. Peter Corderoy has now left the calm of the Berkshire countryside to take up a post with Scotland Yard, and a decrease of crime is confidently expected.

Mr. George P. Garner, a Barwell, Leics, ringer for over 50 years, who has unfortunately had to suffer a further leg amputation, is back at his home at 6, Chapel Street, Barwell, and would welcome letters and visits from old friends to help the days along. He thanks Charles Brown for his letter, but unfortunately has lost his address.

Kettering Parish Church, where a young band is being nursed, lost on September 21st a quarter of Stedman Doubles after the second single in the 10th 120. The occasion was a visit of the Bishop of Peterborough to dedicate new entrance gates to the church erected as a memorial to the Roughton family, which had been connected with the church since before it was built in the 15th century.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. G. E. Fearn's Surprise peal tour of Gloucester and Somerset which concluded on Saturday, resulted in 12 peals being rung. The list included Soliced Surprise Major in eight methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal at Evercreech.

Ten teams competed for the Kimpton Cup on Saturday, which was won by North Mymms who rang London Surprise Minor. They were the winners in 1962.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 26th, Broadchalke. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 22nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3387

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam (6) on October 26th. Bells 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by **Tuesday, October 22nd**, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3384

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. Cann 1, R. G. Pearce 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, D. L. Pearce 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Bowden 7, C. J. Cholwill 8. Birthday compliment to H. Heard, and a farewell to R. M. Cann, who is to be stationed at Berlin.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Lynn Taylor 1, A. J. Butcher (25th quarter) 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Peggy Butcher 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cook (13, first quarter) 1, W. Cook 2, W. Alexander 3, Mrs. P. Heath 4, G. Heath (cond.) 5, T. Spencer (first quarter) 6. For the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Attrill (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, Christine Abbott (first 'inside') 3, Rachel Betton-Foster 4, J. W. Hagley 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. F. Warnes, curate and bellringer.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. Cann 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, H. Stacey 7, G. Halford 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan Newman 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Elizabeth Wilkins (first of Royal) 3, Alison Mann 4, M. J. Bangham (cond.) 5, D. Wilkins 6, W. Jackson 7 D. Leach 8, K. Newman 9, R. Harris 10. Rung for the ordination at Southwark Cathedral this day of Sidney Wood, friend of the ringers.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. B. Hullah 1, Ann P. Robinson 2, Gillian M. Brearley (first 'inside') 3, C. M. Foster 4, M. J. Sherrick (first as cond.) 5, A. T. Hawkins 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss J. M. Bunyan, of Watford.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Boyd 1, Mrs. R. Sturgess 2, Miss J. M. Tyack 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, Miss B. J. Daysh 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, P. Page 8.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Ward (first attempt) 1, Jean Harrison 2, J. Harrison 3, W. Savill 4, Pamela Warren (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. F. Hurd, after nearly 16 years as Rector.

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RINGING AND WORSHIP

Sermon preached by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow, Gloucestershire, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on the occasion of the rededication of Frampton Cotterell bells on Saturday, October 5th, 1963.

LAST week's 'Ringing World' provided me with a text for this occasion; it was taken from Ecclesiastes ix, 10: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' I like 'The Ringing World' for a variety of reasons, for it brings before me the names of old friends. It told me last week of the marriage of a daughter of two friends of my younger days. And, sadly, it also told me of the death of a brilliant ringer who had died at the age of 30, a young man known to me, who had rung a peal and a quarter peal for this same wedding only a few days before.

Sometimes 'The Ringing World' enters the field of theology, which it has every right to do, and in doing so occasionally prints a little heresy, religious ideas which are contrary to the orthodox Christian Faith. It need not be abashed about this, for even learned theological journals and newspapers do the same. Last week, for example, there was a front page article entitled 'Second Best?'. It was a good, sensible article, but the writer spoiled it by quoting someone else's theological ideas at the end. Here is this end piece, the heresy or wrong thinking of the article: '. . . there is a strong army of Christians, clergy and laity that still sees the offering of Sunday ringing as an act of worship . . . .'

If I am to prove my point that this is wrong thinking, I must first explain what worship is. The word worship is derived from 'worthship,' the acknowledgment of the great worth of God. The greatest Christian act of worship is the remembering of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, an offering made by the Son of God Himself. Anything we can offer to God compared with this is very much a lesser sacrifice, and we must not make the mistake of calling it worship. Even the best that we can offer of ourselves demonstrates our worth, but not the worth of God. So though we may offer to God the best of our talents and skills we are making an offering only, a very worthy one maybe, but it is not worship. That is why we say in the Holy Communion service: 'And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice.' There are some theologians who think that the saying of these words is going a bit too far, and that Cranmer made a mistake in allowing that sentence to be part of the service. I am not, however, one who thinks like that. But I still distinguish what I offer to God from the worship of God.

We must learn to distinguish between the worship of God and the results that follow from true worship. Apply this to our ringing. Because we learn to love God in worship, we shall want to give Him of our best. But even the giving of our best in ringing will not be worship, the recognition of the great worth of God; it will be an offering demonstrating our own worth, but not the worth of God.

Let me illustrate this is another way. An aged aunt of mine used to tell of a verger by the name of Binns, who not only cared for his church but also grew wonderful roses in the churchyard. Whatever he did he used to say he did for the Lord. One day she saw him in the road with a bucket, gathering up what the horse had left behind. 'What are you doing, Mr. Binns?' she asked. He replied: 'I'm gathering muck for the garden of the Lord.' He didn't call what he was doing an act of worship. But because he loved God, something he had learned from his worship of God, he wanted to produce lovely roses for the garden of God.

In the same way, though we may ring because we feel we are helping the work of God, we must not call our ringing worship. Now I like ringing; I have liked it since I was a boy. If anyone says to me: 'Why do you ring?', I should say, if I am really honest, and I expect you would say this too: 'Because I like it.' In the same way, if anyone asks me: 'Why do you play a musical instrument?', I should reply: 'Because I like it and because I find it satisfying.' I should not say: 'Because it is an act of worship.'

But, because I love God and because He gave me certain talents, I do the best I can with my hobbies and interests in life, with my ringing, with my music, and so on. What I am able to achieve is a result of worship, but not worship itself. So we must be careful not to describe our ringing as an act of worship; it is a result, but not the act itself. Because I like ringing, I believe that God wants me to do it as intelligently as I can. So I am reminded of the words of my text: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

There are some practical conclusions from this discourse about worship. You cannot use your hands intelligently unless you use your brains too. For real skill in ringing, as in so many things, there must be co-ordination of hand and brain. So, speaking as a ringer to ringers, I have two suggestions to offer. First, no method of ringing sounds good unless it is well struck. Faulty striking is as bad as playing a piece of music without the proper rhythm. Some of our standards would not be tolerated for one moment

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THE MIDDLESEX HONOUR THE MEMORY OF TOM COLES

THE second triennial dinner of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at the Century Hotel, Wembley, on October 4th, was held in honour of the late C. T. Coles, a former secretary, a ringer of more than 1,000 peals and a member of the Central Council from 1921 until his death in 1947.

The president, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, who was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, was in the chair, and he was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Willesden and Mrs. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (secretary and assistant secretary of the Central Council), Mr. Dennis Beresford (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Deasy, Mr. A. W. Coles (brother of the late Mr. C. T. Coles and former Ringing Master and vice-president) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. T. Lock (honorary secretary), Mrs. W. Turner (widow of former secretary), Mr. J. R. Mayne (Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (honorary treasurer) and Mrs. Goodfellow and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

THE COMPANY

The company included the Rev. G. C. Oakley, R.D. (Vicar of Willesden), the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar of Hendon) and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G Wilson, Mr and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mrs. and Miss Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Birkenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thirst, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. E. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Blagrove, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul.

Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. Fardon.

The Misses Wooders, Walters, Clayton, White, Gearing, Foreman; Messrs. A. Tyers, C. Fynes, D. Knights, Sanders, D. Pickett, E. H. Kilby, R. Davies, Stevens, D. Fowles.

An apology was received from Mrs. C. T. Coles, who lives at Wantage and was unable to undertake the journey.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church' Miss Ruth M. Foreman, assistant honorary secretary, said 'to the majority of ringers the church is not just a building which sometimes houses a ring of bells on which we can enjoy ourselves, although this impression is sometimes given. To a great many of us, our first duty as ringers is to ring for Sunday service and to celebrate the festivals of the Church. The fact that we can also thoroughly enjoy ourselves in peals and quarter peals and at Association meetings is, of course, fully appreciated. But we feel that, as ringers, we are a very important part of the Church and I believe that this is being realised by more and more incumbents. At my own church we are lucky in this respect.'

The Bishop of Willesden, who replied, said he was brought up with bells, as being a parson's son he lived within 200 yards of the church. They had a ring of eight bells and a very fine and faithful body of bellringers. In the Army, in the First World War, that was his vintage, his name being Ingle, his nickname was 'Jingle.'

The bells were part of the Church and in ringing the bells they were performing one of the many services that are looked for from all church people. 'This particular service that bellringers perform is a very important one: it would be a very sad day if the bells of the church were silenced. It would be a sad thing if people who did not go to church did not hear them rung, saying: "It is the Lord's Day; people should come and worship."'

Concluding, the Bishop said: 'I would like to pay my tribute to all those who do this service and ring bells. I beg of you to keep it up and train young people to ring. It is also pleasing that you have recognised the emancipation of women and that so many of them ring in your towers today.'

OVER 1,000 PEALS

The toast of the evening, 'The life and work of Charles T. Coles,' was proposed by Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, honorary secretary of the Central Council. Giving details of Mr. Coles' career, Mr. Barnett said he was born at Islington, in 1882, and died in 1946. He learned to ring at St. George's-in-the-East, joined their Association in 1903 and rang his first peal in 1905 at St. George's-in-the-East—by ringing the 30 cwt. tenor. He rang 1,014 peals and conducted 278: his 1,000th peal was rung at Crayford in 1943, and this was also Jim Bennett's 1,000th. His list of peals included many outstanding performances such as the first peals of Spliced Surprise from five to 12 methods, 15,312 Cambridge Maximus, 10,440 Cambridge Royal.

Without anything else he would have been a great name in ringing: but he did far more than that. In 1910 he became nominally the secretary of the Association, with Arthur T. King, and a few years later, what he had been in all but name, general secretary. King was a man of some wealth and of great influence in the City of London. He set himself the task of introducing north of the Thames an Association similar to those on the other side of the river, and conducted what was virtually an attack on Central London from the suburbs. In doing so he engendered much ill-feeling among the older Societies. One of Tom Coles' main tasks and main achievements was to restore harmony, and one of his last acts before he handed over the secretaryship to Ernest Turner was to arrange a joint meeting between the Middlesex and the Ancient Society of College Youths, an almost unheard of thing then as incidentally he was a Cumberland. He was a member of the Central Council from 1912 until he died and also a member of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Barnett confessed that as a boy he was scared stiff of Tom Coles, so much so that when 13, he dodged ringing in a peal of London with him by riding off on his bicycle. In January, 1933, he rang his first touch of four spliced with him and in October, 1933, he rang a peal of Bristol with him. The last time he stood in a peal attempt with Mr. Coles the latter showed his integrity. It was a peal of Cambridge and he took the figures from the Yorkshire report—a 5,184 of Cambridge. This came round in the quick time of 2 hours 41 minutes. Tom Coles was not satisfied. He asked to see the figures and, when checked, it appeared that they had rung 4,728 changes.

A letter of personal reminiscences of Mr. Coles by Mr. Henry Rumens was read by Mr. Barnett. In this it mentioned that Tom went to Walthamstow and brought up his family of three boys and two girls. One of his activities was chess, and he was also interested in politics and once stood for the local council. His second son, Freddy, won the M.C. in North Africa, and the following Sunday news was received that he had been killed in Tunisia.

LIFE OF SERVICE

In conclusion, Mr. Barnett quoted from Mr. J. A. Trollope's leading article in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th, 1947. 'The life and work of men like Charles T. Coles are an example, an inspiration and a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise. It is not mainly by their own merits that they can now ring methods and peals once thought beyond a ringer's capacity. What the men who went before them have done for them, they must do for the men who come after them and the life and work of Tom Coles are an assurance that if they devote themselves to the service of others they will get their full reward in the respect, honour and friendship of their fellow men.'

The toast was drunk in silence.

Proposing the toast of 'The Association and Guild,' Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, spoke about the close association between his Society and the Middlesex. Their joint meetings were always extremely popular, he said, and on Sunday mornings before ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields they had the privilege of ringing at the church of their president (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), together with George Parsons, their honorary librarian.

Referring to the proposed alterations of boundaries in Greater London, Mr. Beresford said that Kent was prepared to meet the new situation by defining their area as Kent and that part of London in the county of Kent. He understood that they had similar thoughts so that if the temporal boundaries were to disappear they would protect themselves by the spiritual boundaries of the Diocese of London. He was sure the excellent relations between the Middlesex and the other London Associations would easily resolve the situations.

The Middlesex Association during its 66 years existence had developed ringers who had outstanding qualities in their art. There were William Pye (Master for 20 years), J. A. Trollope (the brilliant ringing historian), Ernest Turner, Charles Roberts and many others. The Association had always been favoured with extremely faithful officers who had built up the Association. He thought of F. A. Milne (treasurer for many years), William Pye, C. T. Coles and Ernest Turner, former secretaries, and now Tom Lock, their present secretary, who was formerly a District secretary.

For sheer brilliance of performances their Association had always been in the forefront. It commenced with that brilliant band at the beginning of the century, the Pye band, then there was the Bushey handbell band and the Willesden band, and now there was the wonderful performances in Spliced Surprise, wherein each bell has rung all the work in all the methods in five Spliced Surprise. This was surely a marvellous performance.

As to what the future held for them it was a 64,000 dollar question, but the Association had the blend of youth and experience and friendliness among its members and with these ingredients it could not fail to prosper.

The Master, Mr. John R. Mayne, in his reply, said the first joint meeting with the Cumberlands took place at Shoreditch in 1938, and since then they had regularly held meetings with the Royal Cumberland Society. They had always enjoyed most excellent relations with them.

'The Visitors' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. H. Coles, who coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. Roy D. Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's Holborn, and Mr. T. W. White, the editor of 'The Ringing World.' He had also a special welcome for the Rev. G. C. Oakley, R.D., (Vicar of Willesden), the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar of Hendon), Mr. F. J. Matthews (of the Cumberlands), Mr. Chris Woolley (Hertford County Association), Mr. Royston Davies (Surrey Association) and Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson (Master of the London County Association).

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DEREK OGDEN: ONE OF THE GREATEST ALL-ROUNDERS

1933-1963

DEREK OGDEN was born on March 24th, 1933, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ogden, of Audenshaw. He was educated at Audenshaw Grammar School, and whilst still at school, in April, 1946, he began what was to become an outstanding but all too short ringing career. He showed very early promise and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who taught him to ring, considered from the start that he was one destined to greatness in the Exercise. Mr. Wolstencroft was himself a member of the Cheshire band which rang many of the early spliced peals on six and eight bells, and it was he who sparked off Derek's enthusiasm for method splicing, an enthusiasm which eventually led him to establish new records in this field.

His first peal was Grandsire Doubles on November 22nd, 1947, and his first as conductor was Plain Bob Minor at Birch-in-Rusholme on September 2nd, 1950. Such was Derek's ability and personality he was elected Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Ashton, whilst still only 15 years of age, and during his ten years in that position he built up a Surprise Major band there.

The end of his school days brought disappointment; having obtained his Higher School Certificate in three subjects when barely 16 years old, he was offered a place at Christ College, Cambridge, only to be turned down shortly afterwards, when the University authorities realised that he was too young to be admitted! Rather than remain at school he took a job in the Research Laboratories of I.C.I. for twelve months, during which time he worked on synthetic fibres, being present at the discovery of Terylene.

AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

In 1950 he accepted a place in Manchester University, from whence he graduated in 1953 with an honours degree in chemistry. He seized the opportunity for ringing which Manchester life presented, and played a prominent part in the early development of the University Guild of Change Ringers; his connection with the Guild continued after leaving the University, and in 1960 he was made its president.

Called up for national service in December, 1953, he reached the rank of corporal in the Royal Signals; he was stationed for 15 months at the S.H.A.P.E. Headquarters in Fontainebleau, and his fluency in French gained for him the post of interpreter. On his return to civilian life he rejoined I.C.I. at Blackley, rising to section leader, and he worked for the company up to the time of his death.

Despite his two year absence from ringing, Derek was immediately re-elected chairman of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, and one of his first tasks was to encourage the Wednesday practice nights at Manchester Town Hall. It was at one of these practices that he first met Joyce Halliday, who was then ringing at Swinton. They married at St. Peter's, Swinton, on June 21st, 1958, and had two sons, Mark in 1959 and David Graham in 1960.

WORK FOR LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

He was always concerned with the part which the Lancashire Association could play in promoting ringing, and he began in 1960 to formulate plans by which the Association could encourage, and come closer to, young ringers. He considered that each Branch should have its own five-member committee so that all towers could be constantly reminded of the existence of the Association and of the work which it is doing to help them become better ringers. This experiment was tried in his own Branch with complete success.

He believed fervently in the value of ringing competitions, as a means of encouraging good striking, and he undertook the organisation of a trial competition in the Manchester Branch in order to convince the critics, and there were many of them, that their fears were unfounded. That competition was an outstanding success, and his perseverance was amply rewarded when at its 1963 annual meeting the



Association accepted ringing competitions as one of its activities.

One of his earliest proposals was the establishment of an Association library in Manchester Cathedral belfry. A librarian was appointed, and one of the ironies of fate is that the bookcase which he had watched in preparation and for which he had worked so hard should be finished just one week after his death and that he never saw its completion. A more fitting memorial is hard to imagine.

SPLICED PEALS

Since 1959, Derek had devoted a great deal of his time to composing peals of spliced on eight, 10 and 12 bells, and it was in no small way due to his drive that there was in the Manchester area a band capable of ringing them. He composed and conducted peals of Plain Major in up to 55 methods, Surprise Royal in 12 methods and Surprise Maximus in 18 methods. He also completed a composition of Spliced Surprise Major to surpass the present record, and was working on compositions to beat both the Spliced Surprise Royal record and his own of Surprise Maximus.

Equally at home on a treble or a heavy tenor he was yet the complete conductor, knowing always what was going on, always requiring the best out of us, and never hesitating to call a halt if we didn't match up to his expectations.

He was a keen participant in long peals, ringing the seventh superbly at Loughborough in the 32,704 in 1961. He was to have taken part in the successful attempt on the extent of Major in July this year, but had to withdraw at the last minute because of pains in his chest and feeling unwell. Little did we suspect as he shared in the general rejoicing after the peal that those pains were to take him from us less than two months later.

UNSUSPECTED CANCER

He had complained a little of headaches and dizziness since Christmas, but X-rays failed to find anything amiss. He volunteered to go into hospital for observation, but still nothing could be found wrong. Finally, he agreed to undergo an exploratory operation on September 17th, and it was this operation which disclosed a hitherto unsuspected cancer of the lungs, which had reached an advanced state of growth. Derek Ogden never regained consciousness.

So ends the full but incomplete life of one of the greatest all-rounders of our time; his quiet manner and infinite patience with even the slowest of learners and his unquestioned ability in the highest forms of ringing earned him universal respect and admiration. In the words of one of his close friends, 'No one had such comprehensive greatness nor that quiet ability to lead while appearing to follow.'

HIS PEALS

Tower Bells

Doubles: Grandsire 1, nine methods 1 (conducted 1). Total 2 (1).

Minor: Plain Bob 3 (2), three methods 6 (3), four methods 3 (1), five methods 2 (1), six methods 1, seven methods 4 (3), eight methods 1, 15 methods 1. Total 21 (10).

Triples: Grandsire 12 (8), Stedman 4 (4), Erin 1 (1). Total 17 (13).

Major: Plain Bob 25 (3, also 1 non-cond.), Double Norwich 14 (6), Little Bob 4 (1), Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Kent and Oxford T.B. 2 (1), and one each of Ashbourne, Owen's College and Cross Stone Imperial, also one each cond. of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, 5, 9, 15, 29 and 55 methods.

Surprise Major: Yorkshire 13 (4), Cambridge 9 (2), Bristol 8, Rutland 5 (1), London 4 (1), Cornwall 3 (2), Superlative 3, and one each of Ashtead, Ashton (cond.), Gainsborough (cond.), Manchester, New Cambridge, Pudsey, Southgate, Watford (cond.) and Wychwood.

Spliced Surprise Major: Three methods 1, four methods 2 (1), six methods 3 (3), eight methods 3 (3), nine methods 1 (1), 10 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1). Total Major 128 (45).

Caters: Grandsire 7 (4), Stedman 3 (3). Total 10 (7).

Royal: Plain Bob 9 (2), Cambridge 5 (2), Yorkshire 4 (1), Redcliffe 3 (1, also one false), Rutland 1 (1), Lindsey 1, London (No. 3) 2, Pontefract 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal: Two methods 1 (1), four methods 3 (3), six methods 2 (2), eight methods 1 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 1 (1). Total Royal 35 (16).

Cinques: Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 2 (1). Total 4 (2).

Maximus: Plain Bob 3 (1), Kent T.B. 2, Yorkshire 9 (3), Cambridge 6, Londinium 2, Lambeth 2, Langley 1, Belgrave 1, Brigstow 1. Spliced Surprise in three methods 1, 18 methods 1 (1). Total 29 (5).

Total tower bell peals 246 (99).

Handbell Peals

Doubles, in four methods 1, six methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1. Plain Bob Minor 4 (1), Plain Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Belgrave S. Major 1, Yorkshire S. Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Plain Bob Royal 3, Kent T.B. Royal 1. Total handbell peals 19 (2).

Grand total: 265 peals, conducted 101.

Long Lengths

July 15th, 1961, 32,704 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough.

December 23rd, 1961, 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Worsley.

August 4th 1962, 18,928 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough.

December 22nd, 1962, 15,904 Plain Bob Major (handbells), Marple.

Twenty-one of his peals were his own arrangements or compositions. His peals were rung in 80 towers, in 13 counties, for 11 Associations.

N.B.

RINGING AND WORSHIP

(Continued from front page)

by a good musician. In any form of music, rhythm is something you hear and feel. Good striking of bells is also something you hear and feel, and by many this is not easily acquired. The good ringer in his own way is as dependent upon other good ringers as one player in an orchestra is dependent on the others.

My second point: you cannot learn to strike your bell properly in change-ringing unless you know the method you are ringing inside out, as we say. Now methods are not learned in the belfry; they are learned in the home from books and with the aid of pencil and paper. The good ringer will probably have spent far more time in the home learning about his ringing than in the tower. That is, he will use his brains at home so that in the tower he will be able to use his hands aright and take to heart the good advice of the writer of Ecclesiastes: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

Good hunting, then, with your new bells. Dodge neatly and make your places accurately. Through the years, may the bells give pleasure to the ringers and joy to those who listen to them.

Letters to the Editor

Coincidence

Dear Sir,—Having just read the report of the Cambridge University Guild tour of Cornwall I felt I had to write and tell of a most interesting coincidence.

My daughter, Caroline, aged 4, is not content with the usual type of bed-time stories, but instead enjoys a serialised story which tells of the exploits of 'Teddy' (Mr. Edward Bear), who is captain of the 'Throwlington (8)' bell-ringers, and his friend 'Golly' (Mr. Wogg), who is captain of the neighbouring village tower of 'Slapington (6).' As you can imagine after some hundred or more instalments, including outings, competitions, practice nights, visiting expert ringers, augmentations, hand-bell practices, peal attempts, new recruits, etc., the storyteller begins to find new material more and more difficult.

It was, therefore, a rare coincidence that about the last week in August Teddy and his wife went to Cornwall for a week's holiday and stayed at Fowey. On the Sunday night they went to Lansallos, where 'Teddy' enjoyed a nice ring with the local ringers. Then on the Tuesday he went on a coach trip to Land's End and on reaching Sennen he heard the bells ringing. The coach stopped at this spot long enough for Teddy to visit the church to find that it was the Cambridge University Guild on their summer tour, and he was allowed to join with them in a course of London Surprise Minor! The stopping place for a Cornish cream tea was Zennor, where curiously enough the Cambridge Guild were also ringing, and Teddy had another unexpected ring with them!

Are you sure, Cambridge Guild, you didn't see Mr. Bear on these two occasions?—Yours sincerely,

DONALD ROBERTS.

Torquay.

393 Stedman Caters

Dear Sir,—A letter on page 644 of the issue dated September 27th contains an allegation that the 393 of Stedman Caters in the Ringers' Diary does not come round as printed.

Mr. Viggers and I are grateful when errors in the diary are brought to our attention. When this is done publicly, however, an explanation of the nature of the defect would be more helpful than a mere assertion of inaccuracy. Perhaps your correspondent will be good enough to furnish details to enable anyone interested to make any correction that may be necessary in their copy of the diary.—Yours, etc.,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Chesham.

Remember Their Tutor!

Dear Sir,—With belated reference to the pen pictures of the members of the band which rang the extent of Major at Loughborough, may I say that instead of the academic qualifications, which I feel are irrelevant to the subject, it would have been more interesting and certainly more courteous to have told us who first taught these men, and to whom a share of the glory must go.

I do hope that these men, who have probably travelled far from their home tower, have thought to write a word of thanks to their tutors, whose names are perhaps insignificant to most of us, but who grow grey with years, putting many a rope into a youngster's hand for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leicester.

Bristol Surprise Adaptation

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter in your issue of September 13th from Mr. Ernest Bennett, I append the composition of Bristol as rung at Eaton Socon on April 14th, 1962.

If memory serves me correctly, this peal was published as a two-part 5,056 in April, 1955. By a few simple alterations it is transformed into a 13-course peal and the 2nd does not turn up in 6th place at the W and H positions. I hope that Mr. Bennett will not take exception to this—personally I think a 13-course peal of Bristol, with no artificial calls, like 4ths and In, is the most enjoyable to ring, though I may say that in the case of Mr. Bennett's peal this could be regarded as gilding the lily since the original is an excellent example of its type.

Had I by my alterations produced any unique feature I should have probably put my own name to it, as in the case of one you published in 1961, which had double bobs at every W and H position, the first time this had been done without parting the tenors and using a length of 5,280 (Mr. E. A. Barnett's 3-part). Although, I seem to recall, this instance prompted a stern rebuke from Ian Holland.

I hope this will clear up the mystery, and not cause Mr. Bennett to regret that this composition appeared under his name.—Yours truly,

STEPHEN IVIN.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Adapted from a composition by ERNEST BENNETT.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356				1
56234	1		2	2
32465	2	—	2	
35264	2			1
46253	2	—	2	1
63254	2	—	1	2
54326	1		2	2
53246	1	—	2	2
46325	1		2	2
23564	2	—	2	
24365	2			1
26543	2		1	1
62345	2			2
45236	1		2	2
23456	1	—	2	1

Surprise Methods

Dear Sir,—Two Surprise methods recently rung and claimed as new methods, namely Moira (-36-14-1258-1236-14-58-36-78 LH. B.) and Ob (-36-14-1258-1236-14-58-36-78 LH. B.) have previously been rung in a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and were at that time name Purbeck and Oxney respectively. Both these methods are slight variations of Superlative. Can someone please clarify the procedure for naming new methods, and state which is to be taken as the correct name for these methods. Earlier this year, when the controversy arose over Durham Surprise a method previously published as Durham Surprise Major was rung by a Birmingham band and re-named Dunelm Surprise (-38-14-12-38. 14-14. 38. 14-34. 18). Does this name still stand or should this method now be called New Durham?—Yours, etc.,

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

Bristol.

Speedy Ringing

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Morris is probably right in assuming that the ringers of fifty years ago rang their peals in a much more leisurely manner than nowadays. After all, a peal in those days was an event—looked forward to for many weeks before and talked about for many weeks after—so why rush through it? Whereas to the present generation it's just 'another one for our book' so let's get it over as quickly as possible!

Our ten bells at Beccles (25 cwt.) were rehung in 1910 and the first peal, by a band of famous East Anglian ringers, took 3 hours 53 minutes, and for many years the usual time taken was round about 3.50: now, however, 3.30 is regarded as quite reasonable time, and it has been cut to 3.15 on one peal of Plain Royal, in recent years. This seems to refute the suggestion that the speeding up is due to the more general use of ball bearings, as our bells are still turning on the plain bearings fitted in 1910.

Slower ringing is, I consider, much more melodious and pleasing to the listener, and non-ringing friends tell me it sounds much more impressive.—Yours truly,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

Beccles, Suffolk.

Tune Ringing

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. T. Ogden, in his request for a series of articles on how to arrange music for tune ringing on handbells. I am sure that this would meet with general approval, as there are many ringers with access to sets of handbells, who would like to use them for tune ringing if only they knew how.

At the present time I am engaged in training a band of tune ringers, and any information about how to arrange music would be most acceptable. Perhaps we can look forward to this in the near future.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

Barwell, Leicestershire, Has A New Captain

At a dinner, attended by the ringers and friends of Barwell tower, a pleasing ceremony was performed by the Rector, the Rev. W. D. Quinlan, when he presented the retiring captain, Mr. C. R. Belton, with a gift and cheque on behalf of the ringers. Mr. Belton, who had been captain for 17 years, succeeded his father, who had also held the same office for 25 years.

Mr. A. A. Lucas, son-in-law of Mr. Belton, was appointed captain, with Mr. Alan Hough as vice-captain. Practice night has been changed to Tuesdays, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Owing to the close proximity of the old Rectory Flats, applications for peals must be refused.

Visitors to the quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild were full of praise for the delightful way the Barwell ringers have themselves modernised and improved the belfry. A new entrance has provided more space, draughts have been eliminated and hardboard panelling has provided a pleasing change from the plastered walls.

The work, which has been done by the ringers themselves, includes new electric light, heating system and floor covering. It has taken almost a year to complete. The money has been accumulated over a period of several years by the ringers' own efforts and fees from weddings.

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

FOUR years ago the first Lichfield Diocesan Festival took place in North Staffordshire. On September 7th, having 'done the rounds' in the Stafford Archdeaconry and Shropshire Association territories, we were back to Stoke Archdeaconry; this time based on Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The first towers visited were Betley (with its recently restored half-timbered church, and light Rudhall six) and Madeley (a rather more substantial church of mellow Staffordshire stone, whose six bells are now seldom rung). Keele followed, more famed perhaps for the University College of North Staffs than its bells, a pleasant six, set under a graceful spire.

For the day's first octave the border was crossed into Cheshire to the ancient Church of St. Bertoline, Barthomley. After a search for the key the 13 cwt. eight were put to good use for two hours. The 11th century church at Audley boasts a melodious Gillett and Johnston eight hung in a squat, solid, sandstone tower, surrounded by trees. Here one may inspect the clappers of the old bells, displayed on the south wall of the church.

Wolstanton (whose spire may be seen from many parts of the Potteries) was next on the list. The bells, rehung by Taylors in 1948, have a front six bought from Trentham Priory in 1767 at 9d. per lb. One can only say that the parishioners of Wolstanton had a bargain. Silverdale, a mining village, belies its name as the church, racked with mining subsidence, is held together with iron tie rods. It contains a pleasant Warner octave (the only complete Warner eight jn North Staffs, I believe).

Approaching Newcastle from Silverdale the first object which becomes apparent is the massive buttressed tower of St. Giles' Parish Church, a tower we are told was built round an existing tower. The Croydon foundry rehung this ten shortly before it closed. At the service here, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Craig, the address was given by a ringing member of the North Staffs Association, the Rev. B. Peel, the Vicar of Chesterton.

After a sumptuous tea provided by Newcastle ringers and served in St. Giles' Church Hall, the gathering were welcomed to North Staffordshire by the Rev. B. Peel and Mr. G. W. Biddulph (chairman). By 6 p.m. ringing had resumed at St. Giles' and visitors were on their way to the other four towers open during the evening. These were Broughton, the church with no village but a grand ring of eight (the peal ringers' delight), and Eccleshall, once the seat of the Bishops of Lichfield, with its church and tower of stately proportions. Two trebles were added here in 1957 to complete the octave. Stone has an anti-clockwise eight. The inscription from the third bell here, 'When ye me ring I'll sweetly sing,' was used on the souvenir ash trays given to the Central Council visitors in May, 1962. The last tower of the day was Swynnerton (6), whose belfry stands sentinel over the picturesque village.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of their bells and to Newcastle ringers for arranging tea.

FUNERAL OF MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN

The funeral service for Mr. Lewis Wiffen took place at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, on September 19th, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Trundley). Many ringing friends were present, including Mr. H. Turner, deputy Master of the Essex Association, Mr. C. Willmington and Mr. and Mrs. J. Crampion, from the S.W. District. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the graveside by F. Claydon 1-2, T. Bird 3-4, H. Turner 5-6, Miss H. G. Snowden 7-8.

The memorial service, which was held on September 21st, was attended by many more ringers, including the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel), Mr. R. Suckling (Northern District) and Mr. E. W. Roast (S.E. District). Representatives from four of the five Districts of the Essex Association attended either the funeral or the memorial service. The Rev. F. C. Trundley again conducted the service, which was fully choral. He spoke of the work Lewis Wiffen had done for his church so faithfully during his life.

After the service a 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung half-muffled by the following: B. Warne 1, Miss J. Dye 2, F. Claydon 3, R. C. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, Miss H. G. Snowden 7, R. Lindsell (conductor) 8.

HIS PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Cambridge 17, Superlative 7, Yorkshire 1, Rochester 1, Pudsey 1, York 1, Double Norwich 1, Treble Bob 13. Total 42.

Cinques.—Stedman 23, Grandsire 2. Total 25.

Royal.—Cambridge 9, Pudsey 1, Lindsey 1, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob 4, Plain Bob 1. Total 18.

Caters.—Stedman 16, Grandsire 3. Total 19.

Major.—London 86 (conducted 15), Bristol 17 (5), Yorkshire 13 (6), Belgrave 2 (1), Painswick 2, Falmouth 1, Colchester 1, Feering 1, Berkshire 1, Rutland 1, Coggeshall 1, Spliced Surprise 3 (2), Double Norwich 85 (20), Cambridge 78 (19), Superlative 79 (15), Treble Bob 39 (4), Hedingham Bob 1, Longney Bob 1, Duffield 1, Little St. Lawrence 1, Plain Bob 12 (4). Total 426.

Triples.—Stedman 29, Erin 1, Grandsire 15, Plain Bob 1. Total 46.

Minor.—9.

HANDBELLS

Grandsire Triples 8, Caters 4, Stedman Triples 1, Plain Bob Major 46 (2), Treble Bob Major 16, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Bob Royal 7. Total 83 (2).

Grand total 668—tower 585 (91), handbells 83 (2).

AN APPRECIATION

I would like to add a word of appreciation for the work done by Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen in the belfry at Braintree.

Lewis' fierce bark across the belfry (invariably from the 7th) was certainly worse than his bite, as he would often walk over to the victim after the touch and explain where they had gone wrong in the nicest way possible. This was his method which resulted in a good many excellent ringers being produced in this part of Essex.

I feel it was a privilege to have been one of his pupils.

ANDREW T. BECKWITH.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT LINCOLN

THE autumn meeting of the Guild was held at Lincoln on September 28th and, in spite of the long journey for many of the members, there was a good attendance, with all regions represented.

Mr. Jack Bray, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who was the chief guest, said it was a pleasure to welcome the Railwaymen's Guild to Lincoln, and hoped that everyone had enjoyed their short visit.

Ringing arrangements, which were organised by Mr. Jack Walden, were excellent. The following towers were made available: St. Botolph's (6), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Giles' (8) and the Cathedral (12). Harmston's 8 were also made available for Friday night, but only two turned up. The two members however, went to a lecture on church bells! The highlight of the day was the Cathedral bells, and the wonderful view from the parapet outside the belfry chamber.

Evensong in the Cathedral preceded the tea and meeting, which was held in the Eastgate Court Hotel.

The business opened with correspondence, the Master (Mr. Charles Bassett) being in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. John Freeman, secretary, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, apologising for absence, and Mrs. Dewey wrote that her husband, Mr. Frank Dewey, of Boston, had passed away last March. Members then stood in silence to his memory.

Apologies were received from 21 members, who sent their best wishes for a successful meeting. The minutes of the 1962 autumn meeting at Taunton were adopted, and Mr. Foske proposed Messrs. John Curtis, V. Briggs and Michael Stanley as members. This was seconded by Mr. J. Thomas and carried.

A discussion followed on the programme for the 1964 A.G.M. This opened up the question of members leaving before the business commenced. Mr. Foskett proposed that the secretary should write to Mr. Frank Stenson, asking him to arrange the business meeting, to be held either before lunch or immediately afterwards, the ringing programme to follow in the usual way. This proposal was seconded by Mr. J. Thomas and carried.

An annual dinner was discussed at length, and Mr. J. Thomas proposed that this matter be included in the 1964 agenda. It was also proposed to include in the agenda a ringing competition.

Before the meeting closed the secretary thanked the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Messrs. J. Waldon and H. Walker, whose arrangements were so satisfactory.

St. Crantock, Cornwall, Ringers' Outing

Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. F. N. Brown) and friends, St. Crantock ringers held their outing on September 28th, which proved to be one of the best days of this somewhat bad summer.

Ringing was enjoyed at Constantine, Mawgan, Manaccan, St. Anthony, St. Keverne, Mullion, Helston and Wendron. Tea was taken at Helston. Our thanks to incumbents and ringers who met us, and also to Harry, our coach driver, who brought us safely back with a slightly battered coach after squeezing through some of our notorious Cornish lanes.

J. R.

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OUTINGS

ROTHERHAM, YORKS

Rotherham Parish Church ringers' outing into Northants, Leicestershire, Rutland and Notts on September 28th was made enjoyable by pleasant country, some excellent bells, good ringing and a courteous driver, who kept well on schedule throughout the day.

Outstanding features were the magnificent display of nature's produce at Grantham Parish Church for Harvest Festival, the wedding for which we rang at Rothwell, the excellent touch of five Spliced Surprise Major at Thrapston and the unique tone of Oakham Parish Church bells. We also enjoyed ringing at Market Harborough. In addition to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, courses in the four standard Surprise Major methods and Yorkshire were rung. Suitable thanks were extended to Mrs. Burns and Mr. Chaddock who organised the outing. N. C.

BROMHAM, BEDS

On August 31st the Bromham ringers staged their usual supplementary outing, visiting Beaconsfield, Cookham, Hitchin, Slough, Hampton-on-Thames and Twickenham. Many excellent friends, old and new, were met, and some good ringing, ranging from Bristol to Grandsire, was enjoyed.

The more active part of the programme completed and the homeward journey started, one of the party, an expert in such matters, expressed the opinion that the refreshment offered in the Harrow area was superior to that obtainable in most places. This theory had to be proved, and a suitable place was found to carry out the necessary research—a task which was entered upon with great enthusiasm! Unfortunately, the time allow was inadequate for such an important matter, but a good time was had by all!

Sincere thanks to incumbents, to the local ringers for their splendid co-operation, to the organisers for their excellent arrangements and to all members of the party for keeping to the schedule. A. E. R.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

Starting at mid-day on September 21st Kirkby-in-Ashfield ringers had their second outing this year, the objective being towers in West Lincolnshire.

After the five at Coddington came the majestic 23 cwt. six at Brant Broughton. William North and Louis Willders joined in Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob at Leadenham. Tea break followed. At Ancaster (5) an extent of St. Martin's was rung in keeping with the dedication.

Messrs. James Musson, Henry Collin and Richard Hunt met the visitors at Silk Willoughby (6), where touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Blankney bells were regarded as a good six, and it was dark when we arrived at Nocton, to be met by two ringers. The last tower, Durston, was a disappointment as the second of the five bells lacked both stay and rope. The remaining bells were rung to a variety of Minimus methods.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Some very beautiful country in North Derbyshire and Yorkshire was visited by the Association on September 21st during its annual outing. After a glimpse of a herd of deer in Chatsworth Park, a stop was made at Eyam, for ringing and coffee. A very pleasant ring was had at Cawthorne, although some of the party were put off by the Yorkshire backstrokes and found two sallies a bit of a handful.

The final ring was at Shelley, and then came the arduous climb of 1,725 feet on to Saddleworth Moor and past the B.B.C. television transmitter.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, D. C. Brookes 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, J. E. Price 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination as deacon of Tony Clayton, Past Ringing Master of this tower, at Southwark Cathedral this day.



Mr. JACK L. MILLHOUSE
Congratulations to Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, who rang his 1,000th peal on October 2nd at Evercreech while a member of Mr. G. E. Fearn's peal touring party in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

MEMORIES OF REV. C. W. O. JENKYN

Memories of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were renewed by Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, of Reading, when he was invited to accompany the Caversham band on September 28th, during their autumn outing in the beautiful Lambourne Valley.

After a ring on the heavy six at East Garston he paid a visit to the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. 'It was a rather sad memory,' writes Mr. Whittle, 'as I rang the third bell of the then augmented ten at Newbury on Easter Monday, 1933, which Mr. Jenkyn conducted. This proved to be his last touch, as on going outside to hear the new trebles he passed away suddenly on the doorstep of the Two Brewers.'

Continuing he writes: 'I was rather shocked at the state of neglect of his tombstone, which was very green and neglected: but as I stood over his grave I thought what a wonderful place to be laid to rest.'

Ringing followed on the heavy eight at Lambourne, which, according to the captain, are to be tuned and rehung. Tea at the Red Lion was a very enjoyable meal, and the journey was continued to Wantage for more ringing and a final refresher. 'Thank you, St. Peter's, Caversham: how very pleasant to be with such very old friends,' concludes Mr. Whittle.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

On September 7th the Western Branch met at Clifton-on-Teme and in spite of wet weather about 40 ringers were present. During the afternoon the bells of St. Kenelm's Church were rung to methods up to Cambridge. At the service the Vicar, in his address, emphasised that all talents were acceptable in the service of the Church and that we, as ringers, were using our peculiar gift in exactly similar manner to the native drummers, who had summoned the congregation to worship, when he had been at work in Africa! Tea was followed by a meeting in church.

During the evening ringing took place at St. Peter's, Martley, where the six bells are reputed to have been cast in a field near the church and all date from 1673. They are of very fine tone and some good ringing was heard.

Next meeting: Malvern Link and Madresfield in December. Special methods: Double Norwich, Worcester S.M. P. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The annual general District meeting of the Ashford District took place at the mother Church of St. Mary, Ashford, on October 5th. Some 40 visitors were present for the service, conducted by the Rev. A. Atkinson, and the tea, kindly given by the Ashford ringers.

The honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet made gloomy reading. Subscriptions were well down on last year, no meetings were held for five months and successful peal attempts were few and far between. Many of these ills were due to the lack of leadership, caused by the death, early in the year, of the late Mr. J. J. Batchelor, District representative, and the illness and long convalescence of the District secretary. However, although some famous towers appear to be, temporarily, in the doldrums, others, such as Lympne, Wittersham and Biddenden, have set a fine example of progress, and most members have maintained steady support despite these ups and downs.

Mr. Alan Berry (Folkestone) was re-elected as District representative; and Miss Violet Relf (Tenterden) was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Batchelor. Mr. C. T. Hillis was re-elected as honorary District secretary, and Mr. Berry was also elected as Ringing Master. Three new members were elected to the Association.

Afterwards, ringing on this fine eight (tenor 23 cwt.), continued until 9 o'clock, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major and ended with a good 'lower.' C. T. H.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

About 50 ringers and friends attended the service and tea of the East Devon Branch, held at Luppitt on September 21st. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Prouse), who is a ringer, conducted the service, with Mrs. E. Thorne as organist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung prior to the meeting, at which Mr. J. Sage (chairman) presided. Certificates were presented by the Vicar to the Misses Irene Thorne, Iris Broome and Susan Davey.

The chairman reported on the proposed memorial to Preb. E. V. Cox, and stated that it was now resolved to erect a tablet in Exeter Cathedral belfry.

In future quarterly meetings are to be held on the second Saturday in October and February (Cotleigh). Monthly practices are Dunkeswell, October 15th: Feniton in November: Hemyock, December.

The Vicar said they were delighted at the number of young ringers present and suggested a special meeting being arranged for them. The chairman gave a short talk on the history of Luppitt bells, which was much enjoyed.

THE HARVEST QUARTER

Invited by the Vicar to ring for the Harvest Festival Evensong at Evenley, Northants (5, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb), the writer called at the Vicarage at 5.15 p.m., on September 29th, thinking he was in good time for a steady quarter for 6.30 service. A casual remark to the Vicar, 'It is 6.30 service?' brought the reply, 'No, we always begin at 6.'

The writer jumped in his car and did a 'racing start' to the church. The bells were up and the method changed from four Doubles to just 'plain and simple.' The bells were in motion and, by much sweat and effort, 'That's all,' was called 36 minutes later, the conductor, not being content with calling a 60 after 10 extents, called a full 120 to make it 1,320 changes.

The average for each 120 was 3 mins. 16 secs., and a peal would have been in the region of 2 hours 17 minutes if we could have lasted out till then! With three minutes to spare and a straight run down, the Vicar was able to enjoy a full two minutes of ringing the service bell. Let it be noted, the ringers needed fully 10 minutes to restore themselves to normal before leaving the tower. C. C. C.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. C. W. Sherwood 1, D. M. Morton 2, P. D. S. Caligari 3, P. D. Sell 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, K. S. W. Morton 6. First in two methods for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled by the Hereford Cathedral School Society in memoriam Mr. C. H. Shelton.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sturgess (first away from tenor) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Whiting (first quarter) 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. L. V. Porter.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Rooney 1, M. Rooney 2, Sylvia A. E. Brown (first 'inside') 3, June Bird 4, Daphne P. Brown (cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Wilkes (first on ten) 1, D. Buckley (first quarter attempt, aged 13) 2, R. Starbuck (first of Royal) 3, P. Atkins 4, I. Fraser 5, S. Harrison 6, R. E. Hardy 7, G. W. Mason 8, K. B. Townsend 9, R. K. Mason (cond.) 10. Witness M. Wade. By the Sunday service band for Evensong, and also as a wedding compliment to David Simpson and Valerie Islip.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Young 1, Mrs. K. Horner 2, A. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, E. E. Gosling 5, G. Lister 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to J. W. Blackwood, leaving shortly for Dorset.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, D. J. Reeve 2, F. Poulson 3, S. Twitchett 4, O. Ballard 5, D. W. Reeve 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, C. W. Powell 3, A. Knight (first quarter) 4, A. R. Pink 5, F. G. Knight 6, H. G. Keeley 7, H. Davies 8. For Harvest Festival.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Cooper (first quarter) 1, R. Boultbee 2, H. E. Turner 3, P. Gay 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, C. J. Boultbee 6.

QUARTER PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Cowling 1, Gwen Roper (first 'inside') 2, Mary Cowling (first 'inside') 3, Helen Henderson (first tower quarter as cond.) 4, Harold McDonald 5, Kevin Marstin 6. A birthday compliment to Mary Cowling.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (front six): Patricia Mills 1, G. A. Moore 2, Barbara G. Dale 3, G. Beech 4, D. S. Midgley 5, T. L. Walley (cond.) 6. Arriving short for Major on the occasion of Miss Barbara G. Dale leaving for London University.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Heather (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Maybrey 5, A. Luxford (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, B. White (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Kaue Wheare (first quarter) 1, J. H. Gardner 2, Marilyn Bird 3, D. O. Wilks 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, P. Walker (first as cond.) 6 S. D. Edwards 7. For Harvest Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, D. Linnington 3, H. W. Milford 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, J. W. Perkins 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Harvest Festival Evensong, at which the Lord Bishop of Exeter preached.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane (cond.) 1, R. Gale 2, G. H. Pullin 3, V. H. James 4, Mrs. G. Simmonds 5, R. G. Way 6, A. J. Gould 7, D. Gale 8. To welcome the Rev. Roger O. Fry, on arrival to take up duties at Portishead, also a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. White (first quarter) 1, Jocelyn Hillier 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, D. Bounds 4, E. W. Ford 5, F. Broughton 6. For Harvest Festival.

RUSKINGTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Short 1, J. T. Cawdron (first quarter) 2, R. A. Hunt (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Muxlow 4, G. F. Hugh 5, J. F. Hoodles (first of Plain Bob) 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Goodspeed 1, Miss C. Folkes 2, Miss J. Fellows 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, J. McClenahan 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, J. R. Pemble (first on ten) 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 2 and 3. Birthday compliments to Miss N. Pearse, Miss P. Doorn and W. Little.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Moore (first quarter of Major) 1, Monica M. Moore (first of Major as cond.) 2, S. G. Peck 3, B. Greenwood 4, W. Wainwright 5, J. Weaver 6, L. G. Gates 7, J. Jelley 8. For Evensong, and to mark the wedding of Pamela Miller and David Newsome, and also the engagement of Monica M. Moore and John M. Jelley.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: E. G. Talbot 1, J. Rea 2, R. Sanders 3, J. W. Chapman 4, R. J. Talbot 5, D. P. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Harvest Festival. Also a wedding compliment to Miss C. M. Sanders, daughter of Mr. R. Sanders, and Mr. J. Matthews, married the previous day.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cooper 1, F. Buttler 2, B. Hancox 3, G. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. R. Hancock 5, G. Clarke 6. To mark the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): C. D. Emery 1, J. V. Clark (first as cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, M. P. Moreton 4, R. A. Yeates 5, L. W. H. Smith 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's College Chapel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Youdale (first quarter) 1, D. Humphrey (first 'inside') 2, N. R. Tumber 3, C. M. Tuckett (first of Minor) 4, C. W. Daws (first of Minor) 5, J. E. Spice (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of the death of William of Wykeham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Society of Windsor Youths were invited by Doreen Hague and John Norsworthy to visit Bray and ring the annual Patronal Festival peal. The successful peal of Windsor Treble Bob Major was the first peal in the method, and the first peal of Major by the Windsor Youths; previous peals by the Society being peals of Triples rung 1798, 1799 and 1934 at Windsor Parish, in 1799 at Denham and in 1748 at St. George's Chapel. The invitation and refreshments after the peal were very much appreciated.

With reference to the peal at Hanley, the band wish to thank David Jones for standing in at extremely short notice.

The young band who rang a quarter of Bob Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on September 29th, are proud of 13-year-old David Buckley, who had his first quarter attempt on the second.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on October 3rd, was the first peal of Surprise ever to be rung in Ashton by a local band.

Barbara L. M. Baker, who learned to ring at Upwey, Dorset, contributed a well written article to 'The Christian Science Monitor' of August 24th on 'Change Ringing as an Art.' She has a facile pen.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. A. C. Hazelden has been confined to his home for the past month, with shingles. He and Mrs. Hazelden were to have been guests of honour at the Guildford Guild dinner last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Morgan, tower-keeper at Stoke-on-Tern, and Mrs. T. Morgan are well known for their hospitality to ringers. After the peal on September 26th, for their silver wedding, they provided a sumptuous repast for the band, which included a wedding cake.

Being a learner at Babworth, Notts, is not without its hazards. Since August there have been casualties due to a broken ankle, a sprained wrist, a broken wrist, appendicitis and scarlet fever. Three others may still be described as 'fit' and are making good progress.

Sunday, October 6th, was the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's admission to the choir of Launton Church. His record of service to Launton Church is server since 1918, ringer since 1920, P.C.C. since 1925, churchwarden since 1932, lay reader since 1957. For the past year Launton has been without a Rector, so Fred has to organise parochial duties and take the services. Seven adjoining churches are all without incumbents and he helps them when possible.

Congratulations to Michael J. Roberts, of Shepshed, Leics, on ringing his first peal at Woodhouse Eaves on September 6th. Shepshed now has two peal ringers of 11 years of age, Stephen Hall having already rung a peal earlier in the year.

Two tours are featured in the current issue of 'The Irish Bell News'—Florrie Wyman's and Eric Speake's—and apart from these there is plenty to interest the reader. We are pleased to note that the circulation is increasing. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. to Fred E. Dukes (Editor), Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

Portishead bells rang merrily for a quarter on October 1st, as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. Roger Fry), and for the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams. Joining Portishead band as a youth Mr. Williams has completed more than 50 years' loyal service, including a long spell as captain. Illness has prevented him from ringing for nearly a year, but his critical interest in ringing has not diminished.

The late Ernest Morris, of Leicester, had one ambition, shared with his brother, G. Stedman, of Lyme Regis, which unfortunately he never fulfilled. This was to ring a peal at Cattistock in Dorset, where their paternal grandfather and great grandfather used to ring many years ago. On Saturday, October 5th, through the kindness and interest of the Rector, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Mr. A. J. Scott and the local ringers, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, being the first on the bells. The band feel that Ernest would have approved of the way in which it was accomplished.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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MR. GEORGE E. FEARN'S PEAL TOUR OF GLOUCESTER AND SOMERSET

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
NORAH M. RANDLES	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. KETTERINGHAM. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in D.

NORAH RANDLES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	GEORGE RANDLES	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	PETER BORDER	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
PETER BRIDLE	2	D. JOHN HUNT	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWELL. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	D. JOHN HUNT	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
PETER BRIDLE	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 1,000th peal.
Rung in memory of Mrs. S. White, lately of Horsehill Farm, Evercreech, donor of one of the bells of Evercreech tower.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. HINDE	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
NORAH M. RANDLES	2	PETER BORDER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

PETER BRIDLE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Roger O. Fry, who became curate of this church the previous day.

TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in eight methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	PETER BORDER	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT W. HINDE	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method. All the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	FRANK E. DARBY	6
PETER BORDER	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

J. ASHMORE DODD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE	2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	5
LEONARD GOODALL	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. First in the Minor method by all.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720, with 5-6 right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

ANTHONY LAUGHTON	*Treble*	EILEEN J. OSBORNE	4
LEONARD GOODALL	2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	5
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method by all.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

Anthony Laughton	*Treble*	*Geoffrey N. Goodall	5
Eileen J. Osborne	2	John J. L. Gilbert	6
Ian M. Holland	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	7
Herbert E. Taylor	4	Leonard Goodall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal in the method.

HATHERSAGE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Eileen J. Osborne	*Treble*	Malcolm Phipps	3
George H. Paulson	2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	4
Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Geoffrey N. Goodall.
First peal on the bells.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720, with 5-6 right way throughout.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

J. Ashmore Dodd	*Treble*	Malcolm P. Phipps	4
Eileen J. Osborne	2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	5
Ian M. Holland	3	Leonard Goodall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
First peal in the method by all.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	*Treble*	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
Eileen J. Osborne	2	Ronald H. Bullen	6
Burley P. Morris	3	Leonard Goodall	7
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Ashmore Dodd	*Treble*	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
Ian M. Holland	2	Alan G. Kirk	6
Eileen J. Osborne	3	Leonard Goodall	7
Geoffrey N. Goodall	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by John Mayne. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	John H. Fielden	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Derek Butterworth	8
Basil Jones	3	Neil Bennett	9
John Worth	4	Denis Mottershead	10
F. John Nelson	5	Frederick Shallcross	11
Derek A. Ashton	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and work of Derek Ogden, chairman of the Manchester Branch since 1950.

TEN BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

John E. Allen	*Treble*	Ronald C. Noon	6
*Roger D. Bailey	2	*Raymond H. Daw	7
George W. Massey	3	Edwin T. Chapman	8
*Allen Twyman	4	Brian Harris	9
*Keith R. Davey	5	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal on ten.
To mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells (September 13th, 1913).

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Michael T. Sprackling	*Treble*	Patrick J. Bird	6
John C. Baldwin	2	Antony R. Kench	7
Royston Blackler	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
David J. Marshall	4	Brian J. Wylde	9
Derek M. Sawyer	5	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
The Society's first peal of Cambridge Royal
Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	*Douglas Burnett	6
*Margaret A. Bould	2	*Anthony J. Davidson	7
†Robert A. Southwood	3	Thomas G. Myers	8
Herbert C. Spencer	4	†Alan Carveth	9
Arthur H. Reed	5	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung to mark the opening of the Truro Cathedral Appeal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Arthur G. Bason	*Treble*	Kevan S. Hohl	5
William B. Duncan	2	Bert Gogle	6
J. Frederick Milner	3	George P. Adams	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson	5
Alan G. Kirk	2	John Robinson	6
John H. Fielden	3	Derek A. Ashton	7
Michael Hatchett	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*C. John Clegg	*Treble*	*Derek J. Marshall	5
F. John Nelson	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Peter J. Malloch	3	Basil Jones	7
*Derek A. Ashton	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek A. Ashton.
* First peal in the method.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Russell S. Morris	*Treble*	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Ralph Elkington	2	John M. Jelley	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	Martin C. Faulkes	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
A compliment to John Jelley and Monica Moore on their engagement.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Verna Rix	*Treble*	Geoffrey W. Mayes	5
*Anthony H. Smith	2	*Martin Major	6
*Philip G. Rogers	3	Lewis H. Bywaters	7
*Audrey R. Alexander	4	†Thomas Dilley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	DON C. EXELL	5
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	JOHN B. LONG	6
AVRIL IVIN	3	FRANK W. RIVETT	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to James Russell Taylor and Jennifer Mary Davies, married earlier in the day at St. Paul's, Bedford.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

FREDERICK COOPER	*Treble*	*RAYMOND D. HART	5
ARTHUR BALHAM	2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ..	6
JOHN UNDERWOOD	3	DAVID J. ALLEN	7
KEITH R. GARDNER	4	GEOFFREY PRATT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.
* First peal of Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

F. JOHN NELSON	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
DEREK A. ASHTON	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Derek Ogden, Ringing Master at this church from 1948 to 1958, who died September 17th, 1963, aged 30.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND J. BALLARD ..	*Treble*	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	5
*PAUL J. ATKINS	2	‡WALTER SHERRATT	6
‡NORMAN SHERRATT	3	BARRY CORBISHLEY	7
GEOFFREY DAVIES	4	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's (No. 1). Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	SANDRA CHESTERTON	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
HAROLD LONYON	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.
Rung in memoriam Norman Hotchin, former local ringer.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	5
VICTOR NEAL	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
MICHAEL THOMSON	3	CHRISTOPHER JONES	7
ROY FORSTER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Cynthia G. Moore (a ringer at Witton) and Mr. J. Kirkham, who were married at Witton Parish Church earlier in the day.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. BIRD	5
*EDWIN R. GOATE	2	*†STEPHEN HIGH	6
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY ..	3	*‡RICHARD C. L. BROWN ..	7
*CHARLES BAILEY	4	RALPH W. BICKERS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal for N.D.A.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	ROBERT A. REEVES	5
ALEC W. IVINGS	2	BARRY J. DAVIES	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	3	EDWARD R. VENN	7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	4	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey; 124 changes of method, and all the work for each bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ANN JENNER	*Treble*	STEWART F. W. KIMBER ..	5
OLIVE D. TESTER	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
STANLEY JENNER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

DAVID WILSON	*Treble*	JOHN H. NAPPER	5
*PATRICIA E. HIBBERT ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	3	ARTHUR SAYERS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 PICKERING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN LUNHAM	*Treble*	DENNIS JONES	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	ERIC COOK	6
TERENCE FITZGERALD	3	FREDERICK PEARSON	7
VICTOR DRAPER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and by the Association.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Horridge, mother of T. S. Horridge, of Liverpool, and Derek Ogden, of Manchester.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	5
VICTOR SAVAGE	2	GEORGE MASSEY	6
GWYLM SALMON	3	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	7
PETER C. WRIGHT	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

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BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Society of Windsor Youths.)
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5088 WINDSOR TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 62 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

James Brooks	*Treble*	A. James Glass	5
Monica Blagrove	2	*Albert C. Wenban	6
Leonard Stilwell	3	Norman V. Harding	7
Edward S. T. Farr	4	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method. First of Major by the Society.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55¼ *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

E. James Miles	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
David Jones	2	M. Keith Swingewood	6
Alan D. Steel	3	Charles A. S. Webb	7
K. Peter Jones	4	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
Rung in memory of Norman Sargeant, a lifelong ringer at this church.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

E. Marion Key	*Treble*	Raymond W. Balls	5
Eric Young	2	William G. Talbot	6
Albert H. Lawton	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Jack King	4	William Watkin	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Thurstans. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A compliment to the third ringer who was 79 years of age this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Richard C. L. Brown	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	6
Raymond Benfield	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
First peal in the method.
A 50th birthday compliment to the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire; with 69 changes of methods. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

Ronald C. Noon	*Treble*	*Raymond H. Daw	5
George W. Massey	2	*Keith R. Davey	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Brian Harris	7
*Roger D. Bailey	4	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Derek A. Ashton	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	5
*Christine C. Macnair	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Basil Jones	3	Edward Jenkins	7
John P. Partington	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal of Superlative.
Rung on the eve of Miss Christine Macnair's 21st birthday.

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SIX BELL PEALS

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*Tony Lewis	*Treble*	John D. Faircloth	4
*Margaret C. Godfrey	2	Robert W. Hinde	5
Hilary F. Martin	3	Andrew M. Macve	*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Phillip Haynes, priest-in-charge, by the Bishop of Woolwich; also as a birthday compliment to Hilary F. Martin and Katharine M. Guy.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Oxford T.B., and one each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

E. Marion Key	*Treble*	William G. Talbot	4
Barnabas G. Key	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Peter Morris	3	Richard E. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan on their silver wedding anniversary.

MORETON CORBETT, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being 2,040 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob, 960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 April Day, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

George B. Hemming	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	4
Peter Morris	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
E. Marion Key	3	Frederick Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Valerie J. Wilson	*Treble*	Margaret E. Chilton	4
*Anne E. Bateson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Frederick G. Hooper	3	Charles J. Copp	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal of Doubles 'inside.'
A tribute to the conductor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, who died August 27th, 1963.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Robert A. Reeves	*Treble*	*Christopher C. Clarke	4
†Diana M. French	2	§Michael W. Coleman	5
‡Alec W. Ivings	3	Barry J. Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry J. Davies.
* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.'
§ 50th peal for the Guild. First as conductor.
Rung for the recent engagement of Anthony K. Fortin to Marjorie Begg.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Anthony R. Cope	*Treble*	Charles E. Bassett	4
Susan E. Smith	2	*Martin Major	5
David R. Saunderson	3	Giles B. Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Martin Major.
* 50th peal.
Rung for the forthcoming wedding of Audrey J. Knight, of Romsey; also for Harvest Festival.

LONG LENGTH

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—On July 13th, at St. Peter-de-Witton, 3,600 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): P. Cattermole (cond.) 1, W. H. Raxter 2, Sylvia Cater 3, M. Powell 4, J. Whittall 5, S. Bridge 6. A peal attempt called round owing to illness near the church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Bentham 1, G. Harrop 2, N. Bennett (cond.) 3, Christine B. Clayton 4, D. A. Ashton 5, D. J. Marshall 6, R. M. Edwards 7, F. Shallcross 8. Rung half-muffled before Parish Communion in memory of Derek Ogden, Ringing Master, 1948-1958, at this church.

BARMING, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clisby 1, Miss S. Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, J. A. Cook 5, T. Crocker 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Bray 1, D. T. H. Robertson 2, Frances M. Massey 3, D. J. Brown 4, D. G. Massey (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Baker 6, G. W. Massey 7, L. A. Fear 8. For Matins.

BELTON (Isle of Axholme), LINCS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): J. H. Selby 1, J. Thorley 2, M. A. Rose 3, R. Stephenson 4, J. M. Thorley 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival service held same evening.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Elsdon 1, A. Bridges 2, P. Fennell 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, M. Taylor 5, R. Dadds 6, T. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. A compliment to Anthony W. Bridges and Mary E. Elsdon, on their engagement.

BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Ralph 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, A. S. Harrison 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, E. H. Amey 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, Rev. R. N. Longridge 8. Rung prior to the collation of Canon H. G. Goodall as Rural Dean of Blandford.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. H. Jarvis 2, F. W. Soden 3, J. J. Benfield 4, P. Beedie 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, T. W. Timms 7, W. J. Dixon 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Miss J. Dye 2, F. Claydon 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, H. Snowden 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service of Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Wood 1, Sonia Taylor 2, J. H. Sitch 3, R. C. Heazel 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Philip and Jean Banks on the birth of a daughter, Gillian. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Sharplin 1, Judith Wood (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Taylor 3, E. W. Furbank 4, J. H. Sitch 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: B. G. North 1, A. W. Bond (cond.) 2, Peggy Taylor (first 'inside') 3, Angela Grainger 4, B. J. Stone 5, Angela Wright 6, D. P. Treble 7, I. R. Vaughan 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, C. W. T. Riddlestone 10. For Harvest Festival.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, F. Gosling 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5, Marion Gosling 6. Rung by the local band for Harvest Festival Evensong, also the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel V. Porich 1, L. Penfold 2, D. C. Harding 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Matins.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Ballam 2, H. Clarke 3, P. Everett 4, W. Goodship 5, F. Buckle 6, J. Kerry 7, R. Stannard 8. Birthday compliments to Mr. A. Moore (81) and F. Buckle (72).

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Baker 1, A. E. Barker 2, Lynda J. Roberts 3, Shelagh C. Guthrie 4, Margaret A. Guthrie 5, Susan J. Devey 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, J. Smith (first quarter) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. French 1, P. J. Small 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, B. J. Luck 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, I. A. Dixon 8. Rung on the front eight in honour of the installation this day of the Very Rev. Ian White-Thompson as Dean of Canterbury.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, W. Dixon 6, T. Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch for the last 12 years. (Substitute for quarter, Freeland, page 647.)

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, S. Upton (first 'inside') 4, E. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For Harvest Festival.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. J. Biles 1, A. Higden 2, T. Marks 3, T. Look 4, W. Higden 5, H. Gaylard 6, J. Nicholls 7, G. Gaylard 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Higden.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, Pamela E. Key 2, Barbara Wiggin (first quarter) 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, Ms. E. M. Key 5, J. W. Dyke 6.

CORBY GLEN, LINCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Wiles (first quarter) 1, R. D. Baxter 2, W. A. Holmes 3, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 4. Rung after Evensong, for Mission Week in Corby Glen.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret Green 1, Rosemary Rich 2, Dorothy Humphris 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. A. Castle (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Tester 2, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 3, E. J. Jenner 4, D. J. M. Cox 5, J. H. French (first quarter) 6, G. S. E. Winter 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. An offering of thanks for the success of our Michaelmas Fair held this day. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. H. French 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, Elizabeth A. Tester 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. M. Hollyman 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, L. J. Fox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): G. Seth 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. M. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Huckle.

EVENLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, A. W. Ivings 2, W. Ivings 3, C. C. Clarke 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Robotham (first quarter) 1, L. Tubb 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, F. Barker 4, A. Warren 5, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Pearson 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, J. H. Payton 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, J. P. MacDermott 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, G. Burford 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. L. Battin (first of Stedman) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, M. B. Rose (first 'inside') 5, C. M. Meyer 6, R. C. Stevens (first as cond.) 7, D. G. Hollis 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. the Hon. Oliver T. W. W. Fiennes as 62nd Rector.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260' Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcomson 6. Wedding bells. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Harman 6. An 80th birthday compliment to R. Harman. Harvest Festival Matins. Also same day for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A Neilson 1, Rachael Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcomson 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Goddard 1, P. Avey 2, P. Perkins 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, R. Goodship 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung before the wedding of Gerald Sandwell and Elizabeth Hatch, ringers at this church. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss A. Goddard 1, M. Sinden 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. G. Powell 1, C. Smith 2, L. Walters 3, C. W. Nutt 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6. With best wishes to Diana Davies, ringer, and Philip Morgan, Ringing Master, who were married this day.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Celia Chandler (first quarter, age 12) 1, R. Beresford 2, Katharine Burchnall 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, B. Hough 6, H. Hawcroft 7, D. Williamson 8.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Littlejohn (13) 1, J. Pares 2, C. Butler (15, cond.) 3, E. Cox (15, first attempt 'inside') 4, G. D. Weston (17) 5, C. Wellman (15) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Andrews 1, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 2, L. Walters 3, J. Ward 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6. For morning service.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Dear (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Wild 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, Mrs. D. Cobb 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Chaney (first of Triples) 1, Rosamond Murrell 2, Rosemary Rich 3, G. C. J. Murrell 4, F. G. Henbest 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. Rung in honour of the christening of David Julian Sargeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sargeant.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, F. Mills (first on working bell) 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, F. Farr 4, E. Hunt 5, M. Church 6, W. Bridewell 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and in recognition of the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Franklin).



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MISCELLANEOUS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—Practices are being held each Wednesday, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. H. Paulson. 3417

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Advance notice of the annual dinner, to be held this session at the Philharmonic Hotel, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 29th. Details later.—R. J. Shea, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Extraordinary general meeting on November 5th at 9.15 p.m. in belfry of the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford. It is hoped all members will be present. 3390

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Second Branch dinner and dance at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, Saturday, November 30th. Tickets, £1 1s., now available from Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. All welcome. 3392

RARE RINGING BOOK. 'Change Ringing' by Can. Troyte (3rd Edition, 1875). This book needs binding, and consists of all the leaves, recently renovated, but loose and unsewn. Best offer secures.—D. C. Brookes, 4, Redgrave Road, S.W.15. 3393

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, has varied the practices from Tuesdays to Mondays, 7.30 p.m., owing to proximity of a theatre. Perhaps Dove will observe.—G. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 3402

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, now meet at The Cardinal, Francis Street, S.W.1. Intending visitors, please note—long draught. (Ringing still at Rochester Row.) 3398

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Glastonbury Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder. 3361

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Gait, 'Glenview,' High Littleton.—E. Chivers, Sec. 3365

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on October 19th at 3 p.m., Skelton-in-Cleveland bells (8). Names for tea to Mr. T. M. Cox, 8 Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 3400

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwicks. 3312

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3356

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, October 19th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. only. Tea and business, followed by Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Talk 7 p.m. (Mr. R. Clouston), S.M.: Pudsey. Names to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. 3378

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at **St. George's,** Gravesend on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Constant, 8, Glebe Road, Gravesend, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3374

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Meeting on October 19th at Harefield. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea essential to F. Corke, Taylor Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex. Joint meeting at Hillingdon is on November 9th.—F. T. B. 3369

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 3357

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Autumn meeting, Ascott-under-Wychwood (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 3302

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025 3307

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Annual general meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. G. Miller, Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3354

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8), October 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, October 24th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 2964

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington (6), October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3396

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Toddington, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Woburn bells after tea. Names by 24th to Mr. I. Pett, The Square, Toddington, Beds. 3395

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, October 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Laughton, 95, Tenter Baulk Lane, Adwick-le-Street.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 3397

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 26th.
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Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome. 3406

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Hurworth, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington, Darlington, Aycliffe 2240. 3404

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 3411

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Oct. 26th, Olveston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea before Oct. 24th to Mrs. Robbins, Haw Lane, Olveston, near Bristol. 3413

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 23rd to Mr. A. E. Leach, St. Mary's Cottage, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 3405

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch. — Autumn festival meeting will be held at St Mary's, Berkeley (10, 24 cwt.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6 p.m. onwards. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Numbers for tea before October 16th to Mr. P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3418

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to G. Oliver, Belindor, Viggory Lane, Horsell, Woking. 3409

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual District meeting at Chelsfield, October 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 23rd, to Miss H. F. Martin, 'High Woods,' Oxenden Wood Road, Chelsfield, Orpington. 3412

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to Miss Y. Porter, 17, Hillside Road, Saltash, Cornwall. 3362

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. **Agenda urgent.** Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 3415

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, October 26th, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please. St. Albans Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3391

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle, not Deene, Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd inst. to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 3403

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 3330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 26th, Ogbourne St. Andrew and Ogbourne St. George, afternoon and evening respectively. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3408

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 26th, Broadchalke. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 22nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3387

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam (6) on October 26th. Bells 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by **Tuesday, October 22nd,** please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3384

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Meeting at Glasbury on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Clifford (8) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Lewis, The Vicarage, Glasbury. 3389

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Binsted on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 3410

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beachan, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Maldon, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3370

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, November 2nd, 6 for 6.30 p.m., Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Tickets (17s. 6d.) available from undersigned before October 26th. Cash, P.O. or cheque with order. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 3353

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, November 2nd, at Holbeach. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3375

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Barton Seagrave, November 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. Hulme, 46, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3416

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LONG LENGTH YORKSHIRE ROYAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Mr. Paul Taylor has again kindly agreed to a long peal attempt on the bells at Loughborough Bell Foundry. The attempt will be for 21,240 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, commencing at approximately 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 26th, the band being: L. Boumphrey, G. S. Deas, J. C. Eisel, B. Harris, E. N. Harrison, M. L. J. Jordan, R. G. Leale, A. R. Patterson, R. G. Turner and J. A. Ainsworth.

The composition is appended.—Yours truly,
J. A. AINSWORTH.

Birmingham.

21,240 by JOHN SEGAR (No. 9)

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54632		3	—
43652		2	
56234	—	—	
35264		—	

5 parts. Omit last 2 W's produces:

52436	M	W
34625	—	—
26543	—	—
45362	—	—
63254	—	—
23456	—	

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
West Lindsey Branch

The attendance at the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch at Messingham, on September 21st, was disappointing, but the enthusiasm and general standard of ringing of those who attended did much to offset the poor numbers and ensured a successful meeting.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Freeman, a ringer himself and brother of the vice-president of the Central Council, conducted the service and did much to enliven the business meeting that followed a tea prepared by wives of local ringers and their friends.

Two special methods selected for this meeting, Wragby and Double Oxford, were rung with varying degrees of skill and it was agreed that for the next meeting, at Saxilby, Hereward and St. Albans Delight would be the special methods. H. C. R.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Mansfield District

The neighbouring Districts of Bingham and North Notts. and also the Derby Diocesan Association were represented when the Mansfield District held its by-monthly meeting at Warsop on September 28th. Methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were enjoyed by all on this fine ring of six. A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood, after which a nicely prepared tea awaited the company in the Church Hall.

Next meeting: Sutton-in-Ashfield (subject to confirmation). D. J. B.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 21st, when the attendance was not so large as in former years, although it attracted visitors from as far afield as Somerset. Ringing consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major and Royal, with rounds on the 12 for the less experienced.

A short service was held in the Mission Room, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh, with Mrs. F. P. Walters at the organ. Tea followed in the Car Park Cafe.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, the Branch chairman, a number of apologies for absence were received, including that of the Branch secretary, Mr. D. J. Roberts.

The recent meeting with the South Devon Association at North Bovey was reported on, and a report by the Branch secretary on ringing at various towers in the Branch showed that 50 per cent. of the towers were satisfactory, 25 per cent. unsatisfactory and 25 per cent. no ringing at all.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who contributed to the arrangements, and ringing took place at Dean Prior Parish Church in the evening.

Next meeting (annual), Paignton, January 4th, subject to permission. A. L. N.

HANDBELLS IN STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE

The village of Bradley, near Stafford, held a barbecue to raise funds to put the five bells of the Parish Church in ringing order again. Proceedings started with handbell ringing by children of St. Lawrence's Primary School, Gnosall, which included call changes and a course of Original on eight bells.

Later they entertained a large audience in the marquee with tune ringing in harmony, their programme including such well known airs as Camptown Races, Brahms' Lullaby, Crimond, Bach's 'Sheep may safely graze' and Handel's Water Music. They were accompanied by two Glockenspiels and a Victorian bell toy, also played by children.

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Hawley (8) on October 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore. 3421

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Surprise and Treble Bob practice at Aldershot on October 22nd. 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore. 3422

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Evening meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at Greasley (8) commencing at 5.30 p.m.—P. Nix, Sec. 3425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30, tea at the Rectory 5 p.m. Requests for tea by Wednesday, October 23rd to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 3427

LADIES' GUILD—South Wales District.—Meeting, November 2nd, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Trowbridge, 40, Preston Avenue, Newport. Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 3419

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 10th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th November, 1963 at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. each, from General Secretary. Limit date November 5th. Early application and s.a.e. please.—F. V. G. 3426

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OR STAFFORD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, November 9th, 1963 at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d. each) from B. G. Key, 'Sunnyside,' Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford.

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65324			—	YNSYR
32654		—	—	SYSNR
63254			—	RNR
26354			—	RSR
35264		—	—	RYNSN
23564			—	RNSYS

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TIDEBROOK CHIMES

IN the years before and during the first world war, the little hamlet of Tidebrook lay peacefully in the valley between Wadhurst and Mayfield in Sussex. At the Manor John E. (Johnny) Budd reigned supreme as squire. Each day he drove to Wadhurst Station in his horse and trap to go to business in the City, and when at home he ran his model farm, bred his herd of prize Sussex cattle, had one side of the house painted each year, supported the church and gave the school children a treat on his lawns every summer.

At the end of the war his supremacy was challenged, for then Duncan Elliott Alves bought Tidebrook Place on the opposite slope, enlarged and modernised the house, built cottages, distributed largesse round the hamlet, and gave the school children bigger and better treats. The old squire suffered in silence until in 1920 Mr. Alves had a chiming and striking clock installed, and after some time Mr. Budd sent a strong note, Would Mr. Alves please stop his clock from making its infernal din, as it was frightening his cattle and they had not won any prizes since it had been installed.

In reality the clock, by Gillett and Johnston, produced a most pleasant sound. It had four chiming bells, viz., 1 cwt. 23 lb., 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb., 2 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb., and 4 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb., while the hour was struck on a fine Simpson tuned bell weighing 13 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

I have most pleasant memories of these chimes during my last four years at school, and later in my courting days, when walking home in the still of the night, I used to stop and listen to eleven, sometimes twelve strokes of this fine bell come floating up out of the valley.

After several years Mr. Alves went to live in a castle in Wales, while Mr. Budd died and went we know not whither, but successive owners of Tidebrook Place kept the clock going.

At the outbreak of the second world war the house was taken over by the Columbia Picture Corporation and on Saturdays I often had to deliver express letters. The place would be deserted, so I used to go up into the clock turret and strike the hour bell to attract the attention of the caretaker to get his signature. This pleased me a lot, as I was now a ringer of some two years standing and appreciated the bells more than ever before.

At the end of the war the house became a girls' school, and either by accident or design, the fans on the chime and strike became crossed, so much so that the chimes would ring out so wearily as if the clock was just about run down, while the hour was struck at express speed. I wrote to the principal, asking her if she would have the chimes and strike restored to their former perfect timing and offered to go and do this free of charge, but all I got for my trouble was a short note from the gardener telling me in so many words 'to mind my own business: they liked the clock as it was.' Later on I did get the handyman to 'have a go,' but not with much success.

In the early hours of August 22nd, 1963, a fire broke out, and with the house empty, except for the caretaker, got a good hold before the alarm was raised. Five fire engines attended, but the building was gutted, the clock faces fell one by one, the works melted and the bells crashed to the ground to lay in a pile of debris.

They are badly chipped and possibly cracked and it is very doubtful if the clock will be restored, so no more shall I strain my ears at each hour to hear its pleasant sound, and no doubt along the road in the churchyard Johnny Budd turns in his grave, wishing that he could be back at the manor to breed his prize cattle in peace.

C. A. B.

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EDWIN H. LEWIS

(President, Central Council, 1930-1957)

A Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, November 2nd, at the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, London, E.C.3 (near Bank Underground Station and the Mansion House). The address will be given by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council.

All ringers and friends are invited to attend.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' CHANGE RINGING SOCIETY

The Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society held its final meeting at Harrietsham on September 28th. It was regretfully decided that as there is so little interest among the younger ringers it would be best to disband the Society.

The Society held its first meeting at Mereworth in October, 1954. In the early years there was much enthusiasm among members and meetings were held quarterly in towers around Maidstone. Unfortunately, in the last two or three years membership has fallen off and attendance at meetings has gradually become worse.

Part of the reason is the fact that the school services are now held separately because the number of pupils makes a combined service impossible. The schools' staffs were not willing to allow ringers time off to ring for the services, and so the original aim of the Society (to have a trained band of ringers for the services) was destroyed. Apart from this, neither of the school heads was keen about the Society and gave no encouragement.

Maybe at some future date a new Society will be formed. I sincerely hope so.

PAMELA J. USBORNE (Mrs.),
Secretary, M.G.S.C.R.S.

ST. NICHOLAS', LEEDS, KENT

Mr. Alec W. Fry, tower captain of Leeds, Kent, protests strongly at the anonymity of the party of ringers referred to in the article '3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 in Kent,' and has the following comments to make in regard to their report on the condition of St. Nicholas', Leeds:

1 The tower was in process of redecoration. Anyone who did not notice the smell of paint and the half painted walls must have been not only insensitive to 'atmosphere' but just plain unobservant. The tower was in the state that all towers are in when in the process of being redecorated. I cannot accept that this is equivalent to the 'neglect' so readily ascribed to it in this article.

2 I do not consider the protest (clearly implied in the article) at what was assumed to be the state of the tower to be consistent with the deeds of the party. My record of donations to the tower fund does not show any receipts for Saturday, June 29th. This is a pity as the restoration of peal boards is an expensive business.

3 The ninth and tenor do indeed kick when in the hands of ringers who are not scrupulous about their style, or who are not familiar with the bells. I understand from old ringers that it has always been so. Extensive investigation of the bells' behaviour, together with resiting the holes in the ceiling, has not prevented this. The only reliable cure is to pull straight and keep the rope tight.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 11



ALAN G. KIRK,
The Derby Diocesan Association.

Many ringers enjoy a great deal of ringing activity and a very high standard of ringing in the Derby Association and among its junior members is a most promising youngster, Alan G. Kirk.

Alan was born at Buxton on April 15th, 1946. His early education took place at Fairfield Endowed Primary School. In 1957 he passed his 11-plus and entered Buxton College, where he has gained his General Certificate of Education (N.U.J.M.B.), passing in seven 'Ordinary' level subjects, and is at present studying 'Advanced' level in physics, mathematics and chemistry.

At the age of 13, Alan decided to take up ringing, and Christ Church, Burbage, Buxton, benefited by his decision, for in less than a year he became a member of the Sunday service band. His early success as a ringer is due to the excellent teaching he received from his father, Henry Kirk, and Alex Richardson, of Fairfield.

Alan's first peal at the age of 14, which took place on October 15th, 1960, at his home tower, was a very noteworthy performance. Ringing the second to a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in nine methods is no light task for one ringing his first peal. It is interesting to note that this peal was conducted by his father. Five months later Alan rang his first as conductor, this being a peal of Minor in four methods, and again rung at his home tower. His total of peals is now 46, all having been rung on tower bells, five of which he has conducted.

Alan is one of a large ringing family, and in addition to his father the following members of his family are ringers, Sidney Kirk (grandfather), Henry Kirk (great uncle), Sidney Kirk (uncle), and his mother, Mrs. Henry Kirk.

It is hoped that an ambition he has will be achieved. It is to have the present band of learners at Burbage (all boys under 13 years of age) competently ringing Surprise Minor before he leaves in two or three years' time.

Apart from the actual ringing, Alan is keenly interested in the affairs of the Derby Diocesan Association and has been a member of the committee since 1961. Congratulations to you, Alan, and good luck to you for the future. NORVING.

5,120 BIRSTALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

23456	W	B	M	H
42356				—
34625	—		—	
56423			—	—
42563	—			—
54326	—		—	
24365	—	1	—	3
26354		1	—	3
25346		1	—	3
34256	—			—
35264		1	—	3
36245		1	—	3
23456		1	—	—

First peal in the method. Rung at Birstall, Yorks, on August 19th, 1963.

Suitable for Plain Bob Major if doubled by singles.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The clash with the Sheffield Society's meeting at Dronfield and the bitterly cold weather probably reduced the attendance at the quarterly meeting, held at Clay Cross on October 5th. However, a wide variety of methods were rung on the delightful eight before the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wynford-Phillips.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the business meeting began by observing a silence for Messrs. E. H. Lewis and D. Ogden.

Apologies for absence were then received from Mr. J. C. Woolley (general treasurer) and Mr. G. N. Goodall (Ringing Master, Chesterfield District). In his written report on the financial position, Mr. Woolley welcomed the election of 30 new members so far, and was also pleased to state that over £6 had now been received in voluntary donations.

A record balance of £175 was reported by the Bell Repair Fund secretary/treasurer, Mr. G. A. Halls, who also informed the company that the site for the rebuilt Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, is adjacent to a local hospital. As bells are thus of the question, the services of the Bell Repair Fund consultants are to be used to help in deciding the fate of the pleasant 16 cwt. octave. In view of some confusion over the new title it was decided to defer any action, with regard to new badges, until after the A.G.M.

New members elected were: J. Watkins, A. Gregory (Scarcliffe); P. Smith (Staveley); M. Wills, G. Davidson (Bolsover); and F. S. Ogden, of Stanley, as an honorary member. Although there was a suggestion of abolishing non-resident life membership subscriptions, no action could be taken until after the A.G.M., and so the belfry elections and subscriptions of H. Longden, S. Chesterton and D. Butterworth were ratified and accepted!

A comprehensive vote of thanks concluded the meeting, after which further ringing was enjoyed at North Wingfield (8), in addition to Clay Cross.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT DINNER

Bishop wants Lift at Cathedral

A LIMITATION of numbers resulted in only 135 people attending the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on October 12th. The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. G. E. Reindorp), who is president of the Guild, was in the chair, and was accompanied by his wife, Dr. Alix Reindorp. With them were the Master of the Guild (Mr. D. A. R. May) and Mrs. May. In view of their recent diamond wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden were to have been guests of honour. Mr. Hazelden unfortunately is ill with shingles. Good wishes for a speedy recovery and flowers were sent to them.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, who had gone to live in the Isle of Wight, and from Mr. Leslie Hunter, who was ill.

30 YEARS AGO

After the Bishop had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. C. W. Denyer (vice-president) submitted that of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He said he wanted to talk about the Diocese of Guildford and its ringers, and 30 years ago at a similar function Bishop Grieg said. 'Ringing was an extraordinary useful, uplifting and altogether helpful piece of church work. The clergy had to rely on words, whereas bellringers had the power of music of rhythm and something that was almost supernatural, which had the means of lifting people's hearts, minds and very souls to heavenly things by the beauty and sweetness of the church bells.'

Later on the then Provost (the Very Rev. C. E. Kirwan) said, 'I sometimes think the clergy do not give all the encouragement they might do to this very important and very English work of God's Church. The reason is that being out of sight could well mean out of mind as well.'

'How is it today?' went on Mr. Denyer. 'Are things any better than they were 30 years ago? Fortunately in the Guildford Diocese there has always been a strong feeling of Brotherhood and friendship between the clergy and people. There are certainly more bellringers taking other offices within the church and they find them serving as sidesmen, altar servers, P.C.C.s and even churchwardens, and it is only right that we should take our part in the work of the church.

CLERGY AND SERVICE TALKS

But so often the incumbent seems to be rather tolerating the ringers, not encouraging them. Oh! yes, he would spend a deal of time before a bellringers' meeting looking up references to bells in the Bible and telling the ringers all about the bells and pomegranates around the high priest's robes, and that he should practise what he preached and come to church after calling others. They could tell the clergy more about bells than they could tell them and his advice was please do not talk about bells at a ringers' service; they wanted to be treated like ordinary beings.

Last year they were challenged as a Guild by the Bishop to raise £6.000 or £7.000 for the Cathedral bells. Before accepting the challenge they appointed a small sub-committee to go into the matter, and this sub-committee found that the diocese authorities, in their appeal to finish the Cathedral, did not allow anything for the bells. Many people urged the building of a tower and they now had four walls enclosing nothing.

Mr. Denyer contended that people rushing along the by-pass to the coast on a Sunday did not see the Cathedral—magnificent building as it is—but they would see it if the bells rang out Sunday by Sunday and it would remind them that they ought to be worshipping in church.

Mr. Denyer reminded the Bishop, in regard to the challenge, to raise the money for the bells that one-third of their ringers were either school children or students. If their president would only consent to make the appeal he would accomplish in 12 months what would take them 12 years.

BISHOP WANTS LIFT

The Bishop, in his reply, said if he had been with them in 1933, when a tower was under discussion, he would have insisted on a lift being provided. They could have had a library and reading room in that tower, apart from bells, but it was no good placing a library there with all those steps to climb. When he was in London one of his parishioners was Cardinal Griffin. He had a tower, which commanded a wonderful view of London, and a lift, and as the cost of living had increased the cost of going up the tower in the lift had also increased from sixpence to 1s. 6d.

Referring to the appeal for the Cathedral, the Bishop said people talked about the Chapter House is being a luxury, but it was not wanted merely for meetings of the Dean and Chapter, but for other meetings and discussion groups. The previous Wednesday they had over 1,300 people at the Cathedral for the lecture of Dr. Wand. As he walked up the nave with him, Dr. Wand said, 'We could do it like this at St. Paul's.' The Bishop said he replied, 'No, this is Guildford.'

Dr. Reindorp said he was glad to hear of their progress in raising money for the four bells the Guild was providing. By May 17th they wanted to see the Lady Chapel completed. The Bishop's chair would be a memorial to Dr. Somerset Ward, and the four priests' stalls to Archdeacon Windsor Roberts, and there would also be a memorial to that saint—Bishop Frank Johnson. Concluding, he said: 'The important thing about a ringer was not his ringing, but his witness.'

A friend of the Master's, Mr. D. J. Martin, vice-president of the University of London Society, proposed the toast of 'The continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He recalled a tour of his Society in the North when they were television and it was announced on the screen. 'Ringing down the bells to Grandsire Triples.' The most common thing his Society had with the Guildford Guild was that when their Master retired from the leadership of the University of London Society he was elected Master of their Guild.

In reply the Master said the Guild had been fortunate in that it had prospered in everything but money since its foundation, 35 years ago. There were, however, things they should look to—greater recruitment, consolidation of bands, training for leadership, systematic instruction, the maintenance of bells and the ringing of peals.

REGULAR RECRUITMENT

While membership had increased, the number of bells which ring out regularly each Sunday had not increased anything like proportionately; such was the wastage due to marriage, moving and other interests that even a church which could boast of twice as many ringers as ropes must teach at least one recruit each year and in churches where there were only just enough ringers a real drive must be made to increase strength.

On the question of consolidation, Mr. May said he usually noticed that where the band worshipped together, say on a Sunday evening, there was an unmistakable air of comradeship in the tower. Another point was the belfry office before ringing. This might take guts to initiate if the custom was not there, but it did make them realise why they were ringers.

Urging members to train for leadership, the Master said, 'We have some marvellous people among us, several years older than I, for instance, who are well equipped to serve in some capacity or other. When you go to your nomination meeting give great thought to next year's officers and do not necessarily look to youth, as is becoming the tendency today. Experience of life and ringing is a good qualification.

WEEK-END COURSE

Convinced that the time had come to sponsor a course for beginners and instructors, he had reserved Moor Park College, just outside Farnham, for a course from Friday, July 17th, to Sunday, July 19th, and the Surrey County Council had agreed to subsidise them. There were to be parallel courses—one for those who had just learned to handle, plain hunt or ring changes, and the other for average ringers who would like to improve their teaching techniques. Talented lecturers were being obtained from all over the country and details would be circulated to tower secretaries.

'Finally, peals. We as a Guild should definitely ring more, because they are perhaps the best instrument for improving striking, an excellent form of discipline, a developer of stamina and a marvellous mental exercise. There are many occasions which go unmarked at present which deserve a peal, and I hope you will all take active steps to amend this even if a few complaints are heard.'

The toast was followed by the company drinking in silence to the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild, and before doing so the Master asked members to remember especially Mr. Frank Oakshott, a District Ringing Master, who died this year.

'CLAPPER TROUBLE'

In a toast to 'The Ladies and Visitors,' Canon J. M. Evans expressed regret that Dr. Alix Reindorp had been suffering from laryngitis or 'clapper trouble.'

Mrs. Shirley Beck, wife of the Vicar of Church Crookham, replied.

Mr. F. E. Collins, who acted as toastmaster, thanked the dinner committee, which was headed by the Master and Mr. Viggers, for making the arrangements. The Master, in reply, said they were sending their best wishes and flowers to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, with wishes for a speedy recovery. He also thanked the entertainer and his wife, who arranged the flowers at the dinner tables.

The speeches were followed by a delightful entertainment by Audrey Dodd (contralto), Betty Ranshaw (soprano), Harold Cole (tenor) and Marjorie Wakefield (piano). The Glee Singers—W. Viggers, E. M. Bragg and C. W. Denyer—as usual, gave topical verse and there was handbell ringing by E. W. Bragg, C. W. Denyer, T. Page and W. Viggers.

DOVE'S SUMMER TOUR No. 1

Some 64 towers were visited by the party organised by Mr. Barrie Dove and his helpers, during the summer holidays. The party had as its nucleus four ringers from Leeds and one from Pontefract, and they were augmented by friends from Derby and Claines.

Having established themselves at Minehead, Sunday service ringing the following day was at Taunton (St. James' and St. Mary's), Wells Cathedral, where they were given a cordial welcome in the afternoon, and on the fine ten at Minehead.

They were generously received as at Mudford, where the Vicar invited them to tea on the vicarage lawn, and then drove them to the next two towers, Ilchester and Yeovil Parish Church, where they joined in the practice.

There was a good deal of walking. One day's programme was to Stogursey, Stockland (where they were given tea by the Ringing Master) and then Cannington and Chilton Trinity. The next day's walk was Seavington, Kingstone, Dowlish Wake, Chaffcombe and Ilminster, followed on the third day by Ash Priors, Halse, Heathfield, Oake, Hill Farrance and then to the practice at Wiveliscombe. Tired of walking, the next day we hired a taxi to Selworthy.

The week over, a day was spent in the Bristol area before going on to Hereford, where the number of beams in the ringing chamber amazed the party. The following morning we rang at Gloucester Cathedral and St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, followed by two days in South Wales. We hope this holiday will become a regular feature in years to come.

J.W. & D.L.

(Abridged report.—Ed.)

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. H. Aley 3, A. A. Livings 4, B. G. Burton (cond.) 5, G. E. Blake 6. For Harvest Festival.

Letters to the Editor

Dr. A. B. Carpenter

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. Shepherd's article headed 'An English Gentleman' reminded me of the days when Dr. A. B. Carpenter was a prominent personality in Croydon, beloved by all classes of people with whom he came in contact. He enjoyed ringing and I well remember his visit to Chertsey on June 20th, 1907, when we rang a peal of Stedman Triples, a farewell peal to his younger brother, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was leaving the neighbouring village of Thorpe, to become Vicar of Bobbing, Kent. The doctor and the reverend enjoyed the peal and it was mentioned that seldom is a peal scored in which a doctor and a reverend, two brothers, were ringers.

In 1913 at Croydon I attended the funeral of Dr. Carpenter and, although many tributes were paid at the graveside, the ringers did not forget to honour his memory by ringing a course of Grandsire Caters on a heavy set of handbells, a fitting tribute to a great ringer who passed to higher service at the age of 59. I have no record of those who took a pair with me that afternoon, but I can fully remember our lovely tribute to a wonderful personality and a thorough gentleman.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

An English Gentleman

Dear Sir,—Supplementing E. C. S.'s excellent leader of October 11th, Dr. Carpenter also held the office of churchwarden at St. James', Croydon, for many years.

I was reminded of this only recently when I happened to be in this tower in connection with the clock, and I was asked to give an opinion on the bell which the Vicar designate thought to be cracked, and I noticed the doctor's name on the 1907 recast Gillett bell, which was not cracked but was being carelessly 'clocked.'

I have heard it said that there was once a suggestion to have a ring of six there, but the scheme never materialised and in all probability never will, although there are many rings of bells in far worse towers than this.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

'The Fierce Debate'

Dear Sir,—The front page article on Dr. Carpenter by E. C. S. calls for a small comment on the fierce debate on 360's of Minor in multi-methods, when Dr. Carpenter ventured the 'rather naive suggestion that if 14 methods were desired the Yorkshire men should ring 10,080!' may I suggest that the word 'naive' should be replaced by 'fatuous,' which is a more apt description of the suggestion.

Obviously Dr. Carpenter, who was no doubt a fine exponent on Triples, Major and Caters, was not interested in Minor ringing, and his 'suggestion' gives the impression that he was not as tolerant as E. C. S. would have us believe.

When I heard Mr. William Barton, at the Yorkshire dinner at Leeds, describing the past officers of the Society I quickly realised that these personalities would not easily be subdued by Dr. Carpenter.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

Coalbrookdale Bells

Dear Sir,—I was not a little startled to read ('R.W.' September 27th, 1963) that Reading University Society found Coalbrookdale bells 'disappointing' in reality, and feel it would be interesting to show in what way they were disappointing.

Although there may be one or two that Tom Miller used to call 'noodles' (and other terms) in the ring when sounded individually, when I first heard them in 1943 I thought them magnificent, and still do, when rung together. I also recall Bill Saunders' recitals on the chiming apparatus—he always ended with 'Father of Heaven, whose love profound' and even though it was not unknown for him to wake the 'Dale' at 6 a.m. on Ascension Day, for instance, it was still well worth hearing, particularly his 'touch' on the back bells.

It has always be a source of wonderment to me that such light bells could sound so well, e.g. the tenor is 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D, the 9th 12-1-4 in E, the 8th 9-2-15 in F sharpe, the 7th 8-1-6 in G, and on top of this, with the exception of 7th, the bells date from 1852 (not the best founding period), being only retuned in 1925. Incidentally, Bill Saunders and myself worked it out, with the information then available, that the tenor was the lightest 'D' bell in the country. I wonder if this is still true.

Another memory is of a wartime broadcast to U.S. from the 'Dale' on the back eight and what a tale they told as they rolled over. As Harry Fearn would and does say, quite rightly, 'Eh, they're all right when they're all going—they're good.' For myself, the 'Dale' bells are associated with some of the happiest days of my young life—gone, alas, too soon.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

The Achievement

Dear Sir,—Will you please publish the enclosed quarter peal at Cosgrove in 'The Ringing World.' Though it is only a quarter of Bob Minor, to those who took part it is quite an achievement. Thirteen years ago our tower captain died and so it seemed did the majority interest of nearly all of the band. For two years everything seemed against the remaining regulars. We paid regular visits, as always, to help learners in other towers, but our own tower seemed unfortunate.

Then suddenly an influx of four youngsters. These attained Bob Minor, but the quarter was elusive. More youngsters arrived and as is natural for rural areas the teenagers moved away to work. Once again the process was repeated with the same results, but with two remaining loyal. Then three more youngsters (one aged eight). These three have stuck and now their loyalty has been rewarded by achieving this quarter.

We have now started six more young people and they have got to a fairly good rounds stage. Our bells have always been rung at every service, with rounds and now up to Plain Bob. We feel that our feeble offering to the Glory of God is more than on a level with higher skilled methods. To me, as instructor and tower captain, this quarter peal is ample repayment for all the long years of struggle and hours of 'trying times.'

We are eagerly looking to our next item being published (D.V.) a peal of Minor. Many thanks.—Yours sincerely,

E. LAMBERT.

Cosgrove, Northants.

Bellringers in our Schools

Der Sir,—As a student at St. John's College, York, I am in the process of compiling material for a thesis on 'Bellringing in the Schools of Today.' This work intends to illustrate the value and the enjoyment of bell ringing as a school activity as well as one associated with the church. To illustrate this, I have written to various schools and received many helpful replies, about the ringers at them. They include junior, secondary grammar, high and modern, and public schools, yet I feel sure that there must be quite a few (or quite a lot) more schools that have organised societies. I would like to appeal through this journal for further information on School Societies (handbell or church bells), each letter being personally acknowledged. The details I am interested in are as follows:

1 When and why was the Society formed?

2 How many pupils are there in comparison with the whole school?

3 Where and when are the church bell practices held?

4 How many handbells has the school? To what purpose are they used? If for tunes, how is the music written out?

5 When are handbell practices held? Are they ever rung for school functions, etc.?

6 Has any teacher used the handbells or the subject of 'bellringing' in a lesson or a general talk to pupils of the school?

7 What, in the teacher's opinion, are the chief difficulties in organising a School Society?

8 What, in the teacher's opinion, are the opportunities in having an organised School Society for the young ringers to belong to as well as their own church's?

My study, if sufficient material is forthcoming, would include another section. This would be on young ringers, still at school, yet who form a major part of their tower's team. If any ringer could let me know to what extent the younger ringers in his/her tower keep the bells going, I would be most grateful. Although as this could, **in theory,** mean say 3,000 letters, I shall after seeing how many responses I get to this publish a general acknowledgment through these columns.

I feel that the information will be of some value to the Exercise as a whole, and to the Education Committee of the Central Council.

Please send letters and, if possible, any spare photographs of school ringers, to me at Heworth Croft (St. John's College), 19, Heworth Green, York.—Yours sincerely,

York. MICHAEL KING.

Speed of Ringing

Dear Sir,—In 5,040 changes on six bells there are 30,240 'taps,' if rung in 150 minutes give over 201 taps per minute.

In 5,040 changes on 12 bells there are 60,480 taps if rung in 210 minutes, gives 288 taps per minute. The extra 30,240 taps have to be squeezed into the additional hour on the 12 bells, causing a jumble of sounds and two bells frequently striking together.

'The Ringing World' for September 27th contained a peal of Minor on the little six at Loughborough in 2 hours 5 minutes; recently a similar peal was rung on the front six at Grundisburgh, in about the same time no doubt at rapid striking, with regard to this the time for 12 bells should be 4 hours 10 minutes. Peal ringing appears to be like travel, with an obsession for speed.

In St. Mary-le-Tower belfry is a tablet recording a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Maximus in 4 hours 6 minutes; this time allows the back bells to roll up more musically at the recurring home positions.—Yours, etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

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LETTERS—Continued

Great Adventure II

Dear Sir,—Circumstances arising from the departure from Australia of George W. Pipe and the bells of Melbourne Cathedral being in this country for refitting has caused careful consideration to be given to the date of the proposed tour of Australia. Correspondence has taken place between both sides on this matter and the decision arrived at is Great Adventure II will be postponed until 1965.

It is sincerely hoped that those intending to take part in this trip will not be put to much inconvenience and that the postponement will not prevent them taking part at the later date.

Arrangements for the tour will still be proceeded with and information will be circulated from time to time, but because of this extended period should there be any more ringers who would now find themselves able to join the party their inquiries would be welcomed. Moreover, may I appeal to any emigrant ringer not only to attach himself to a tower in Australia, but also to keep in mind the arrangements now being made for Great Adventure II with a possible participation in the tour.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

Identity Wanted

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if anybody can supply the names of the following:

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Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours sincerely,

A. BISHOP.

12, Worple Avenue,
London, S.W.19.

Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Parish Church

Dear Sir,—Earlier this year I had the privilege of ringing in an excellent peal of Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Parish Church. Unfortunately it was later found to be false, and reluctantly the peal had to be withdrawn.

Recently, I have learned from several members of the band taking part that Mr. H. B. Bowley, of Leicester Cathedral, had criticised the quality of the ringing of this peal. I should like publicly to challenge Mr. Bowley to:

(a) that he attempts to collect a band and rings a better peal of Royal, or

(b) that he replaces one of the original band in the attempt which is shortly to be tried again; so that he can see just how well we **can** ring **men's** bells. As he seems to doubt the capabilities of the tenor ringer, in satisfactorily completing the performance in the time taken, it is further suggested that he rings the tenor himself—properly, and with an **open lead.**

Well, Herrick, what about it?—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS' TOUR OF SOMERSET

(For peals see page 649)

The high winds and rain of Friday, August 16th, battered the advance party of the Campingnologists driving down from the Midlands to Bridgwater, which was to be the headquarters for our tour of Somerset. A lucky short break in the weather enabled us to pitch the tents, camp being at Wembdon, just outside Bridgwater, and we were able to join the local practice later on a pleasant six. A gale during the night well and truly tested the tents, but despite some anxious moments everything held firm.

A leisurely Saturday morning prepared us for the afternoon peal attempt at Wrington, a somewhat over-tenored ten, at 37 cwt, the heaviest bells for a peal attempt on the programme. Grandsire Caters went well for two hours, then some confusion arose and the peal was lost. Thus we were left with plenty of time to return to Bridgwater for the local Bath and Wells evening meeting and have a first taste of the fine eight which we were to visit later in the week for a peal. A pleasant social evening in Bridgwater followed.

A DAY OF 'HEAVIES'

A day of 'heavies' was arranged for Sunday, and early morning found us crossing the county to Sherborne. A breakdown en route was speedily repaired, and the party arrived in good time to ring for Matins at the Abbey. Stedman, Bristol and Double Norwich were rung on this, the heaviest (46 cwt.) eight in the country, which impressed us by their tone and 'go.'

After dining well in Shepton Mallet, we drove on to Wells to join in ringing for the afternoon service on the heavy ten of the Cathedral. Ringing for evening service followed at Queen Camel, on the famous heavy (35 cwt.) six, and a variety of methods were enjoyed on these fine bells, including Grandsire Doubles and London Minor. We had thus rung on the heaviest six, eight and ten in the day; but more was to follow—an hour or so on Ditcheat's fine, mellow eight, after the evening service. Well-earned refreshment followed at Glastonbury, after our four-vehicle convoy had gone the wrong way along a one-way street. Here we were pleased to meet Messrs. Theobald and Bailey, and Mr. and Mrs. Bould, and successfully rang some Stedman Triples 'in hand' with them.

Yorkshire was arranged for the eight at Chewton Mendip on Monday morning, but a broken rope cut the peal short, just as the bells were being recorded. These were a magnificent eight in a very fine tower. Cambridge Major at Blagdon in the afternoon was a welcome first success and also included some 'firsts' in the method. In the evening we visited Mr. Meads, of Athelney, landlord of a club of cider drinkers, and some of us had our first taste of 'real' as opposed to 'factory' cider. Later we went down the road to be introduced to the game of skittles, English fashion, in an alley beside the local hostelry, and had a strenuous and enjoyable game.

THE LOCALS STARED

Careless ringing at Timberscombe on Tuesday morning lost us Pudsey there after about 1¼ hours. The bells are a pleasant, light eight, but rather uneven inside the tower. A formidable line of locals staring at the tower met the first to descend, bringing the warning that the bells were very loud outside sharply back to mind, but fortunately they did not prove to be particularly hostile, just curious.

For the afternoon attempt we went to Minehead—a good 20 cwt. ten but very uneven inside the tower—and rang a fast peal of Yorkshire Royal. A skittles match rounded off the day.

A flat tyre on the way to Mells delayed us a little on Wednesday morning. Here we had another rope failure, after 1½ hours of Rutland on the mellow 26 cwt. eight, the sixth rope disintegrating below the sally. In the church were several memorials to the Horner family, reputedly descendants of Jack Horner of the famous rhyme. One of the more honest statesmen of his time, the rhyme was applied to Horner by the Whig opposition, a plum being £100,000 in the slang of the time, or so the story goes. Bowls and swimming filled the afternoon, and an enjoyable evening followed at Bridgwater, where we were entertained by the organisers, Barbara and Brian Wylde, in their new home.

The peal-ringing situation looked up on Thursday, both attempts proving successful. In the morning Lincolnshire was rung on the good 8 at Curry Rivel, and included several 'firsts' in the method. The afternoon attempt, on the beautiful 26¼ cwt. eight at Bridgwater, resulted in a good peal, despie the unusually difficult long draught of rope. We were told this was the first peal on the bells for many years, so were particularly glad to have been successful. Here we were able to see the tenor of the lightest six in the world, Frank Mack having brought it with him to show us before installing the ring in his garage.

After the peal we travelled to Taunton for the annual dinner, and had a very good meal in the Tudor Steak Bar. The evening was happily completed, much to the particular satisfaction of some of the Staffordshire members, with excellent Burton ale.

SKITTLES AND RINGING

We seemed fated with odd-bell peals, Erin Triples at Martock being lost on Friday morning. The bells tapped round well till about half way through, when a shift occurred and the peal was lost. The run of afternoon successes continued on the pleasant, heavy eight of Milborne Port, where a peal of Cambridge Major was rung. An enjoyable last game of skittles in the evening, ending with some requested handbell ringing. Here the landlady enjoyed the ringing so much she insisted on joining us for some rounds, and we were pleased to oblige.

From the ringing point of view it was 'Black Saturday.' Stedman Triples was lost after two hours' good, fast ringing at Wiveliscombe, and Plain Bob was lost after some good, slow ringing at Wellington, another good eight.

After returning to camp for the general meeting, we all went up to the farmhouse to thank Farmer Day for the use of his field. Welcoming us into the spacious 16th century house, Mr. Day plied us with generous quantities of his excellent and most potent cider, and we spent the evening drinking this and ringing handbells at the request of Mr. Day and his family. Needless to say, all slept well that night.

Early rising on Sunday morning enabled us to break camp in time to ring for Matins at nearby Cannington, a good, heavy six; then the band assembled for the last time this year for coffee in Bridgwater.

Our thanks are due to Brian, Barbara and Cecil for the excellent arrangements, and to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of their bells, all contributing to a most enjoyable tour.

A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Bishop's Cannings, with its beautiful church and fine ring of eight, proved a popular venue for the Branch quarterly meeting on October 5th, nearly 50 members and visitors enjoyed ringing during the day. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Smith, and the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. Longridge, read the lesson. The Branch vice-chairman, Mr. A. Weeks, was the organist.

After an excellent tea, served by the ladies, the chairman, Mr. N. Knee, presided over the business meeting. In reply to his welcome, the Master stressed the importance of regular attendance at meetings as a means of making advance in the art of ringing.

The meeting stood in memory of Mr. R. Harding, a ringer at North Bradley for over 30 years. Two new members were elected from Corsley. The Branch secretary (Mr. A. Knight) reminded all towers that subscriptions for 1963 were now due and unless everyone co-operated in completing their returns it would be impossible to present the accounts and report at the annual meeting.

Next meeting: Hilperton, November 2nd.

A. K.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Dutton 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss C. Froggatt 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE HOLD ANNUAL IN VESTRY

WHAT sort of picture did this headline conjure up? Did it suggest an attendance of just a handful of members of an Association very much in decline, or did you wonder whether this was yet another stunt in the realm of ringing to set up another 'first' or to use the vestry instead of the more usual telephone kiosk for experiments with human sardines?

None of these pictures is correct. This was a normal meeting, but Stockton Parish Church has an abnormally spacious vestry, and an attendance of about sixty was accommodated without overcrowding. Sixty is not a large attendance by some standards, but for us this represents something like one in four of our membership and Stockton is near the edge of our territory—so near that for our ringing programme we borrowed the tower at Thornaby from our neighbours.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Is our Association in decline? Eighty-six years of history lie behind us and some noteworthy contributions to ringing history feature in our record. We have some faithful servants still with us who have seen a large period of that history. The name of Frederick Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, has been on our books for 70 years! On September 28th, he was one of a first batch of nine men who were made life members in recognition of their meritorious service. The award of life membership was one of the new features of the revision of the rules in 1962. The full list of those honoured in this way was: J. Anderson, J. F. Bird, F. W Burnett, R. Alder Gofton, R. W. Leighton, J. Pickering, W. Robson, F. Sheraton and S. Thompson. Most of them are still ringing—indeed R. Alder Gofton rang a peal of London Surprise Major for his 85th birthday during the past year—and some were present at the meeting.

But in this gathering at Stockton, youth was very much in evidence. Seventeen new ringing members were elected and the peal report mentioned eight first peals and one first peal as conductor. Cambridge Surprise Maximus had been rung for the first time by a resident band, and so had London Surprise Royal (No. 3). The Ringing Master reported on the second one-day course at Lumley Castle, where over 80 had attended. After one year in office the new treasurer—under 30 and with a mere 14 years of membership!—was able to report that he had collected all arrears of subscriptions other than those going back several years.

MEMBERSHIP TO EQUAL BELLS

This hardly adds up to a picture of an Association in decline, content to rest on its laurels. But our president is not satisfied. He set before us a challenge that we should all strive towards the target of a membership equal to the number of ringable bells in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle.

We try to introduce new ideas and variations. Our programme for the meeting was based on a variation that had been successful at Newcastle in 1962 and, indeed, Stockton as the venue for our 'annual' was an innovation. This choice was a tribute to our president, Peter Rock, and his fellow ringers, and it so happened that the date was not far away from the tenth anniversary of the reopening of Stockton bells after their recasting and rehanging by Taylor's in 1953. Stockton provided our first general secretary, the late G. J. Clarkson, and visitors inspected the pew end carving incorporating a bell in his memory.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Wardle-Harpur, and the preacher was Canon Hancock, now Rector of Sedgefield and one of our good clerical friends in his previous incumbency at Stranton, West Hartlepool. Since going to Sedgefield he has had the five bells there given some attention and in the evening many were able to have their first ring in this tower. It would be very nice if in the future the job could be made a really good one by recasting the fifth and providing an occupant for the vacant sixth pit in the frame. The organist was Leslie Evans, of Herefordshire, who must have derived great pleasure at seeing his former pupil as president of our Association. We were very pleased to have Leslie with us along with a number of other visitors, some of whom are so regular that we really forget that they are visitors.

Associations depend upon the co-operation of their clergy and they also depend very much upon the ladies who attend to their material needs. Stockton's ladies did not fail us and our thanks for their excellent tea were voiced by Bill Tyson—and Bill is not an easy man to satisfy in these matters! Fred Ross thanked the incumbents on this occasion, but it may not be long now before he is on the receiving end for this item on the agenda.

NOW RINGABLE

Sedgefield bells have been made ringable and the past year has seen the return to service of All Saints', Gosforth, after rehanging, and St. John's and St. Stephen's, in Newcastle, after repairs to their towers. St. Aidan's, Blackhill, now go very much better, thanks to voluntary local efforts in freeing pulleys, etc. There are high hopes for a restoration at Tanfield in the near future and it was a great pleasure to hear the new Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, elected a clerical member.

A year ago an indication was given of what was considered to be a more practicable system for the Association peal book. The old style of ornate record had fallen several years in arrears and no one could be found to continue the ornate style. This year a bound volume of just under two hundred peal records was on view. Our thanks are due chiefly to Elaine Murcott, who did the typing so expertly. Norman Park handled the printing and binding and the recording was supervised by Alan Ainsworth as editorial secretary. This is only one aspect of Alan's service to our Association, and his departure for Birmingham is a loss that we regret and shall feel in many ways, but we do extend to him and to Marion our very best wishes for the future.

GOING PLACES

Once again Alan headed our list of conductors with 18, including the London Surprise Royal and the longest length of Yorkshire Surprise Major (15,520) yet produced. Alan has been the principal organiser of most of our peal attempts of recent years, and our loss is certainly Birmingham's gain. Second in the list of conductors was Robin Turner with 10, and before the next annual meeting he will have departed to Australia. Third was Bryan Pattison with 7, and he has already gone to India. Budding conductors should have plenty of scope in the coming year or, perhaps, we shall have more of our experiments in dispensing with the conductor. We have done it once or twice already. The peal report showed also that 83 ringers had taken part in the 48 tower-bell peals and 10 handbell peals. Among the 24 towers used Gateshead was the most frequent with 8 peals.

The Handbook was re-issued during the year after it had been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. Unfortunately the material in it has proved to change more rapidly than it was originally thought that it would, and this idea is not to be continued in the future. Instead the 1962-63 report will be printed in a form to contain the more important items, but we shall have to economise by omitting the peal compositions and adding them as a duplicated sheet or two.

The report is the major item of expenditure in our balance sheet and its cost has to be kept under close review.

LOOKING AHEAD

What of the future? Our officers were re-elected, with the exception of the editorial secretary, and there the members showed their appreciation of Elaine Murcott's work by asking her to do the whole job after Alan's departure. The programme of meetings that we have arranged maintains the same pattern, but we shall endeavour to see that none of these deteriorates into a stereotyped affair. The list is: Social function, Chester-le-Street, January 4th: one-day course on ringing, Lumley Castle, March 21st; half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 9th; annual meeting, Newcastle, October 3rd.

When Canterbury needed a new Archbishop a few years ago it turned to Dr. Ramsey, one of our former patrons. During the past year Canterbury has needed a new Dean, and it has turned to another of our patrons, the Ven. Ian White-Thomson, who was Archdeacon of Northumberland. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes, and we compliment Canterbury on its choice.

D. A. B.

KIMPTON CUP WON WITH LONDON SURPRISE

There was a record entry of 10 teams for the Kimpton Cup competition, open to bands from towers in Hertfordshire, which was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kimpton, on October 5th. The test piece was 360 Minor or Doubles and once again all the ringing was tape recorded.

After an excellent tea, provided by local ladies, Mr. J. G. Cull, secretary of the Kimpton Guild, introduced the judges—Mrs. Fardon, who rang the tenor of St. Clement Danes' to the first 'all ladies'' peal on 10 bells in 1926, and Mr. Tony Mann, known to many younger ringers partly because of his association with the Raving Ringers.

In their comments, the judges said that the general standard of ringing was quite good, particularly as they felt that the bells are not an easy ring. Principal faults were that the little bells did not hold up sufficiently over the larger bells and in those bands that rang Doubles the tenor was often erratic. Some teams did not manage to settle down to a good rhythm and for this reason were placed lower than those with a larger number of actual faults.

Results were as follows: North Mymms (London) 36 faults, Cheshunt (Grandsire) 44, King's Langley (Plain Bob Minor) 54, Hatfield (P.B. Minor) 45, St. Peter's, St. Albans (P.B. Minor) 51, Apsley (P.B. Doubles) and Kimpton (Plain Bob Doubles) 76, Wheathampstead (P.B. Minor) 66, broke down after eight minutes, Hertingfordbury, Sarrat. The last two teams were not given a place by the judges.

The cup was presented to Mr. T. J. Lock, captain of North Mymms, by the Rev. K. G. Martin, Vicar, who said he was very pleased that the traditional art of bellringing, which had gone on for so long and was so very much a part of our English worship, continued to flourish.

The length of the test piece was discussed, but the majority felt that 360 gave a better chance for the band to settle down. The committee who were elected to consider length of test piece and date were Messrs. J. G. Cull, W. C. Hughes, T. J. Lock, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam.

Mr T. J. Lock thanked the Vicar, judges and Mrs. J. G. Cull and helpers for the tea.

A box of chocolates was presented to each of the judges by Miss Mary Arnold, one of the Kimpton ringers, as a token of appreciation for their services.

J. G. C.

5,088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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Rung at Arksey, Yorks, on September 5th, 1963.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR, 1963

FOR this year's summer tour the Society descended on North Derbyshire and the area around Sheffield and also into Lincolnshire. This was the first summer tour for many years that no member of the illustrious Layton family was with us—what can be happening to our Society? !

The arrangements were made by Brian Woodruffe (who was never actually able to join us) and John Seager, to whom, with all the incumbents and Ringing Masters we extend our thanks. We stayed for six very pleasant days at Whirlow Grange, on the outskirts of Sheffield, and it was noted that conditions, though non-alcoholic, were so good that the usual exodus to a 'local' only occurred on the first evening.

The tour proper did not start until Sunday, when we joined various bands in Sheffield for morning service. In the evening, and in the rain, the whole company stated they wanted to ring at St. Marie's, so, forsaking the rest of Sheffield, we all rang to call our 'separated brethren' to church. Later that evening (and also on Thursday) we were entertained by Philip Gray's excellent colour slides of his (and Joan's) recent holiday in Greece.

Monday saw us all ringing in earnest and, with Philip in charge, the method of the day was Cambridge, which everyone either said they knew or said they were learning. The first tower was at Bakewell, famous for its tarts (we had coffee in the original pudding (?) house), where the one show touch had to be Stedman, due to Cambridge not, after all, being so well known. After ringing and lunching at Youlgreave, we had the experience of ringing at Winster—an anti-clockwise Minor five. On to Darley Dale, where we were visited by Frank Smallwood, and finally to Ashover—a lovely church in beautiful surroundings.

STEELWORKS VISITED

The most awe-inspiring cultural event of the tour proved to be an interesting trip to Samuel Fox's Stocksbridge steelworks. We were taken round by David Armstrong (a Sheffield Cathedral ringer) and a friend, who efficiently protected us from the myriad dangers of the works and bawled the answers to our many bald questions over an incredible cacophony of noise.

Tuesday was John's day in charge, so at every tower we had a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. Ranmoor started off the day, and although the experts' Cambridge Royal failed, the inexperts' Grandsire Caters did not. At Ecclesfield we enjoyed our ringing and a cup of coffee in a nearby cafe served by a spritely 84-year-old. We had lunch in the 'local' at Wentworth, and eventually attained the village church, though Katie Gorvin's car had a most curious attack of what seemed to be hiccups on the way. We rang divers different methods here and the ladies brought a touch of Bob Minor round, whereas the gentlemen's ambitious attempt at Original was sadly unsuccessful.

The 'elusive' key is how most people remember Wortley, and by the time we had found the key, found the ladder, found the ringing chamber, we also found the bells kept hitting the chiming hammers. At this point the Vicar found us, tucked up his cassock and leaped into the bell chamber, followed by about half the company. Eventually, after much delicate manipulation of machinery, during which Howard Collins tried to tell us his name was not 'Charlie,' we all achieved what we had come for and had a brief ring, though even this was complicated because of the unaccustomed sally-type ropeends.

SOME FAILURES

It was raining when we rang at Bolderstone but the journey home through the Sheffield Lake District was on roads 'practicable if taken gently' and proved a most scenic ride. After supper most of the party squeezed into the practice at Dore and had some very good ringing.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville, accompanied by a young ringing prodigy, joined us at Barlborough, the first tower on Wednesday, where, after various touches, a fine attempt at Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob failed to come round, so changed to Plain Bob, which failed to come round. so changed to Little Bob, which failed to come round! Thence to Staveley for Double Norwich, and where lunch was a very cheerful meal. We did not do justice to Chesterfield bells, though perhaps the front-enders would suggest it is because the ropes of 2—6 fall in a straight line. At Clay Cross we grabbed what was supposed to have been the peal tower, and 1,212 Single Oxford was rung by some more enthusiastic members, while others had a much-appreciated free afternoon.

Thursday was sunny, and we enjoyed our journey into the Peak District, starting off at Eyam, where we were delighted to discover some beautiful examples of well dressing. Next we went to Tideswell, the so-called 'Cathedral of the Peaks,' where we broke a rope, or was it the result of disgust at being made to ring Superlative? However, despite this, a course of Bristol was rung.

After lunch we visited the unusual light six at Wormhill, where the tenor weighs only one cwt. The ringing chamber is so small that we had to go up there in shifts, but once we had discovered that it was easier to ring without a stay, all went well. At Castleton we were interested in the ropes with their multi-coloured sallies, which are hand-made by an old craftsman who sits in the entrance to one of the famous Castleton Caverns. At Hope we achieved a course of Lincolnshire, and on the way home two keen car loads grabbed Bradwell, a chiming eight, and felt it was a shame they were not hung for proper ringing.

FIVE SPLICED

Friday morning we had to pack up and say goodbye to Whirlow and turn east towards Lincolnshire. At South Anston the height of the tour was achieved with Five Spliced. The next tower, Babworth, was almost impossible to find, being on no maps or road signs. However, once found, this new six went very well. At Retford East we were soaked walking across to the church and afterwards discovered that, most ironically, the church was dedicated to St. Swithun. After ringing at Retford West we journeyed on to Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, where we spent the last two nights.

On arriving in Branston, Robin Dyke discovered that there were six bells in the church, and it was not included in our itinerary. This was quickly remedied by a phone call and we all went off there after dinner. The local old gentleman was pleased to see us, and when asked what he would like to ring asked for Norwich! This made even the most talented of the Society get out their diaries and do a bit of homework.

Saturday saw us off to Ewerby, a nice ten in a small, scattered village. We did manage Stedman Caters here. On to Heydour (various spellings confused navigators), where there was no key or Vicar. However, Philip, with his usual skill, got us in somehow. After lunch we went to Barrowby but found we had made a mistake and should have been at Grantham, so off we all rushed in order not to miss this lovely ten. We then sidetracked into Leicestershire to ring at Bottesford, where we tried to ring Rutland, as it was the home of the Dukes (and Earls) of that name. At Newark, Katie could not set her bell, but then neither could Philip, and on investigation a clock hammer was found to be fouling the ropes. On the way home, to John's surprise, we made a quick grab at Metheringham.

After breakfast on Sunday we all moved off to Lincoln to ring wherever possible, most people managing three towers before going their separate ways. J. M. R. and E. C. F.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM PERRY

A member of the Essex Association for 37 years and a life member for the last 12 years, Mr. William Perry, of Leigh-on-Sea, died on October 1st, aged 81. For the past 12 years he had been nearly blind and this prevented him ringing.

The funeral service took place at St. Clement's Church, Leigh-on-Sea, on October 5th, and among those present, in addition to Leigh and Prittlewell ringers, were Mr. E. Furbank (Brentwood) and Mrs. Lufkin (Clacton).

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, in a tribute writes: He learnt to handle a bell at his own Parish Church of St. Clement, Leigh-on-Sea, and his change ringing at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, where he did most of his ringing. Both at Prittlewell and Leigh he was a most regular Sunday service ringer. He rang about 65 peals, of which 60 were rung under my conductorship.

'Bill' played his full part in all the activities of the Prittlewell band of ringers, and he was most generous if any help was required, such as helping young ringers with the expense of outings, insurance of bells, decoration of the belfry, which was given with my knowledge only. He was a great friend to me personally, and in his very quiet way a friend and help to all ringers in the Southend-on-Sea area. May we follow his example and may his soul rest in peace.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. L. Bishop 2, J. H. Napper 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, E. J. Sawyer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joe Napper, for many years a ringer at Hagbourne.

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ST. PETER'S, HARROGATE: NEW BELLS AND RINGERS

By EDWARD HUDSON

AS Harrogate grew rapidly during the Victorian era several fine churches were built, and one of them, St. Mary's, was given a ring of eight, on which at least one peal was rung for the Yorkshire Association. My old friend, the late Tom Metcalfe, for many years the mainstay of ringing in North Yorkshire, remembered ringing on these bells in a ringing room heavy with tobacco smoke. Built on a faulty site, the church was in danger of collapse, but a generous donor provided the money for the building of the present fine church on a safer site. The bells were transferred to the new church; unfortunately they were hung dead.

For many years the people of Harrogate have heard little of the sound of bells rung in the traditional English manner. Beckwithshaw, a village on the outskirts of Harrogate, has a useful and recently restored ring of six, and the church has a band of ringers, but there has been no other ring in regular use in the Deanery of Knaresborough (which includes all Harrogate) for many years. The ring of five at Nidd is almost unringable, and the fine ring of eight at Knaresborough has, as the result of disagreement between the ringers and a former incumbent, been silent for a quarter of a century.

The interest of local ringers was considerable when it became known that an appeal had been launched to provide St. Peter's Church with a ring of eight bells. This aroused the interest of a number of young persons and in June, 1962, on a very hot evening, I met these potential ringers, in St. Peter's House, for the first time.

LOCAL KEENNESS

They had a potential leader in Bill McQuiggin, a young engineer: a good set of handbells, and plenty of enthusiasm. They decided after I had talked to them about bells and the art of change ringing that they would submit to my efforts to teach them the art, and a few days later they came to Ripon and saw for the first time the interiors of bell chamber and ringing room. With never fewer than seven pupils and with 12 on several occasions there was plenty of work for an instructor. Yet so keen was their enthusiasm that I began to look eagerly forward to each Friday evening marathon. A kind friend lent the learners a mini-bus which conveyed the party safely from Harrogate to Ripon, some 11 miles, in every conceivable sort of weather.

Slowly but steadily progress was made and a notable milestone was reached when, with the assistance of four experienced ringers, rounds were rung on the full Cathedral ten. My corrections and rebukes were accepted in the right spirit, and only two of the original volunteers fell by the wayside.

When the order for the bells was placed some of the learners, selected by the drawing of lots, were able to visit the Loughborough foundry and see the casting of their bells. During the summer the Vicar of St. Peter's went to the United States of America on a previously arranged visit and his place at Harrogate was taken by an American priest; the dedication of the new ring was perforce delayed until after the Vicar's return. As the day of dedication drew nearer excitement mounted, several ringing friends came along to help with instruction and some of the learners made their first attempts at change ringing.

Early in September the installation of the new ring was completed. I returned from a holiday at the Scarborough Cricket Festival to find the tower of St. Peter's a hive of activity. A hitherto bare ringing room was becoming presentable, excellent lighting had been installed, boxes had been made and the young ringers were able to control the bells quite well. We had several practices before the day of dedication, ringing the eight tied and the front four and the back six separately in open rounds. We deliberately refrained from ringing the full octave open until the day of dedication.

PERFECT AUTUMN DAY

Sunday, September 22nd, was a perfect autumn day; as the Sunday morning traffic streamed by on the nearby A.61, an excited body of young ringers was assembling outside the Church. They were joined by Jackson Ewbank (veteran of the Birstwith tower), Brian Sissons (Sherburn-in-Elmet), John P. Fidler from the Loughborough Foundry, Mr. Osborne and Isobel Hart (Whixley), Arthur Bashforth (Kirkby Wiske) and myself.

The Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough, who lives in Harrogate, arrived on foot in purple cassock and Canterbury cap. The large church was filled almost to capacity when the procession of choir and clergy entered, and we sang 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The Vicar (Canon R. H. Baines), an impressive figure in a fine blue and gold cape, read the first lesson, and then to the singing of 'Unchanging God who livest' we proceeded to the tower. The new band of ringers walked in pairs, John P. Fidler represented the bell founders, Arthur Bashforth and I represented the Yorkshire Association.

At the base of the tower the Bishop, at the request of the Vicar's warden, dedicated the new ring. Bill McQuiggin, as leader of the new band, tolled the seventh bell, and the Bishop handed a symbolic rope to the people's warden; prayers were offered by the Bishop, and then for the first time the full octave was heard in rounds. The waiting ringers aloft were understandably a little nervous and the wailing of fire alarms and fire engine hooters at the critical moment was somewhat disconcerting and the rounds were not quite up to expectation. Nevertheless Peter English 1, Denise Greenwood 2, Christopher Watson 3, Janice English 4, Anita Hardisty 5, David Fisher 6, Ann Fisher 7 and William McQuiggin 8, had opened a new phase in the church life of Harrogate. Waiting in reserve were Kenneth Herdson, Julian Tetlow, Edward Farrand, Pamela Wainwright and Claire Greenwood, all of whom joined in the ringing after the service.

Matins proceeded, the ringers returned to the nave and in due course the choir sang 'The Bell Anthem.' The sermon was a homely discourse given by the Rt. Rev. H. H. V. de Candole, suffragan to the Bishop of Ripon. He recalled occasions when he had been moved by the sound of bells rung in the traditional English style and suggested that the bells might sometimes be rung for public baptisms and to give a message of encouragement to Christian worshippers going out from their devotion into a world where Christian standards are not fully accepted. The bells were rung as the congregation left the church.

With a tenor of 12¼ cwt. in the key of F sharp, this ring of bells from the Loughborough Foundry is well-nigh perfect in 'go' and tone. The treble is the gift of the Vicar of St. Peter's, in commemoration of his ordination, and bears an inscription to the effect. The remaining seven bells have been provided by the subscriptions of the people of St. Peter's.

P.C.C. INVITED

On the Friday evening after the dedication members of the P.C.C. and others from St. Peter's congregation accepted an invitation to visit the belfry and to see and hear a demonstration of change ringing. The president of the Yorkshire Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, honoured us with his presence, both in the ringing room and afterwards in St. Peter's House. Short touches were rung for just over an hour and it was my privilege to call the first touch. Grandsire Triples, on the bells. Afterwards in St. Peter's House refreshments, generously provided by the ringers and their families, were served to a very happy company of church people.

Considerable interest was taken in a display of ringing literature, which we had arranged. This included a first edition of Shipway, a century old record book of ringing for special occasions at Ripon Cathedral, Central Council publications and, of course, copies of 'The Ringing World.'

I became the delighted recipient of a fine framed water colour, given to me as a thank-offering for instruction given to those who began their ringing career as my pupils, and who, I hope, will long continue to ring with me as valued friends. The water colour, by Percy Monkmann, depicts in fresh and unusual tints a group of rather gaunt farm buildings in the moorland Bronte country. We had some speeches, we had a bellringer's cake, we had some handbell ringing, but above all we had good company and good fellowship.

Inspired by the homely sermon of the Bishop of Knaresborough, I have ventured to write the following verses.

ST. PETER'S BELLS

Ring out this gay September morn
The gospel news, St. Peter's bells.
Speak out to those, who live within
This town made famous by its wells.

Speak out as silver trumpets spoke
To those who sought a promised land,
Bidding them pray to God, who gives
The guidance of a father's hand.

Sing out in nineteen-sixty-three
Your long awaited first, gay song,
To those who live in careless ease,
Who have no place for right or wrong.

To those who come and stay awhile
To eat and drink, then go away.
To those, the faithful few, who meet
Here with their God and to him pray.

Tell these good folk to lift their hearts,
To go forth in their Master's name,
And in their steadfast daily lives
The hope eternal still proclaim.

Go live in hope, go live by faith,
Knowing the love which conquers hate.
This is the song which surges from
The voices of St. Peter's eight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing was not possible during the afternoon at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at St. Mary's, Alverstoke, on October 5th, because of a late wedding and a broken rope. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Rees, officiated at the service, and tea was served by the ladies in Brodrick Hall.

New ringing members elected at the meeting were Mr. Brown and Miss Simms (Catherington) and Mr. P. Page (Titchfield); compounding member Miss Pamela Gough (Guildford); associate member the Rev. W. Rees.

At the two by-meetings, Alverstoke, November 9th, and Stedfield, December 14th, each from 6 till 9 p.m., it was decided to devote the first two hours solely to the instruction of learners and the last hour to Surprise ringing only (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative).

Methods rung during the evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B. and Cambridge.

Next quarterly meeting: Titchfield, April 25th. L. D. D

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

There was not a very good attendance at Barkway, on October 5th, probably due to the difficulty of getting there, as much as the wet weather. One member declined an invitation to stand in a peal attempt so that he would not miss the meeting.

Canon Webb-Brown conducted the service, and was chairman for the business meeting after tea at the Tally Ho! Two new members were elected—Messrs. E. Ward, of Sandon, and A. Hoare, of Barkway. As Hitchin bells are not likely to be ready in time for the A.D.M., Baldock was chosen instead. The meeting closed with the members' good wishes to the Canon, on his retirement.

Plans are going ahead for the transfer of two of Wyddial's bells to Albury. J. S.

WAY OUT WEST WITH ESSEX MEN

(For peals see page 473)

SATURDAY, June 15th, had been a bright, sunny morning for several hours, when at 7.30 a.m. the fawn Zephyr of Pat Saltmarsh slipped unnoticed down Danbury hill on the first leg of its journey to the west. Leaving Peter Eves to gather his passengers together in Chelmsford, we made our way to Harrow, where John Mayne and Andrew Hudson were waiting to complete the party.

With plenty of time in hand we crossed the border into Somerset, where we were soon greeted by a familiar sound coming from the tower of Norton St. Philip. Temptation proved too much, brakes were applied and nine ringers all eager for another 'line in Dove' strode towards the church. The visiting coach party kindly invited us to join them in their ringing. We arrived at Chewton Mendip ahead of schedule, but the famous octave were soon into changes and eight spliced came round without mishap just before 7 p.m. A few miles brought us to Wells and dinner at 'The Swan,' before passing through Glastonbury and Bridgwater to Crowcombe Court, where we stayed the first night, surrounded by the ornamental extravagance of 18th century England, including a fine four poster bed (curtains and all) which had been used recently in the film 'Tom Jones.'

Sunday morning brought rain and hill mist giving us little opportunity to admire the Exmoor scenery. A stop for lunch in Bideford was followed by 'doing' some of the tourist attractions of North Cornwall, before wending our way to book in at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro. After a much appreciated meal we were joined by Tony Davidson and Alan Carveth, popular president of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

A HANDBELL PRACTICE

After breakfast the next morning, residents and chambermaids alike were slightly surprised to hear the strains of handbell ringing coming from one of the bedrooms as our three tintinnologists (sic) practised for their afternoon peal attempt. Finally, we managed to drag them out and proceeded to Illogan (with its detached tower), and the handbell band was deposited at Carbis Bay, where they rang a very creditable peal in nine Surprise Minor methods, while the remaining five went to Zennor (6), and then spent a rather wet afternoon in Penzance. Returning to Carbis Bay we joined forces again and, with the assistance of Alan Carveth and the Rev. A. S. Roberts, rang a peal of Pudsey Royal on these very light but musical ten. Perhaps if we had rung Cambridge there would have been fewer mistakes.

Tuesday saw us in the china clay district, where, after ringing at St. Enoder, we crossed the Hensbarrow Downs to St. Dennis and Roche (two eights surrounded by the conical mounds of kaolin waste and set in a bleak and windswept landscape). After lunch in St. Austell and a ring on the majestic eight, with its 75 ft. of rope, we returned to Probus, where a good peal of Bristol was even appreciated by the local villagers.

UNSUCCESSFUL DAY

A wet and rather unsuccessful day pretty well sums up Wednesday, when quick dashes from car to church gave us rings at St. Budock, Wendron and Crowan, a poor lunch at a good price in Helston, a delay in getting the key at Cury, and the backing of one car into another at St. Antony. After all this it was hardly conceivable that we would ring the peal. After a false start and the splicing of a rope we eventually got under way and six spliced look 'in the bag' until half way, when a slight muddle cleared itself with two bells over. As we came outside it was still raining and the beautiful setting of this tiny village, at the estuary of the Helford River, received few admiring glances. Our run of bad luck ended, however, with a sumptuous farmhouse type cream tea, which soon dispelled any gloom. Later in the evening we were joined at the 'Norway Inn,' Perran-at-Worthal, by Alan Carveth and the Rev. J. Jose, where the handbell section entertained in customary style.

With cases packed we left Truro on Thursday morning and made our way eastward, first to Lanivet and then, to Lanhydrock, where the church is surrounded by extensive parklands. After lunch in Camelford, we pursued our journed to Stratton, where we were to spend the next two nights in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stacey. A hurried start was made to the ringing due to local practice night, but this had no adverse effect and a good peal of London, the first of Surprise on the bells, was rung. Ringers' wives usually know what is required after a peal and Mrs. Stacey is no exception. We all piled into Philip's house to partake of a large and much appreciated dinner. The evening was spent at the Stratton practice and Bridgerule, where the local ringers joined us in Stedman and Double Norwich.

The pleasant eight of St. Stephen's-by-Launceston was followed on Friday morning by a delay at Tavistock, where, as everyone seemed to have forgotten about our visit, we took an early lunch while arrangements were made to procure the key. At Calstock the Vicar joined us in the ringing, and we then proceeded to St. Germans, where eight spliced failed after about 50 minutes.

Goodbyes all round on Saturday morning and we set off through the Devon lanes to Chittlehampton. Stops were made at Woody Bay and Lee Bay to admire the scenery en route to Lynton and lunch. At Minehead we were met by Mr. Middleton, who had kindly agreed to stand in our attempt for Stedman Caters, but just under the hour the peal was abruptly terminated by a miscall. In glorious sunshine the evening was spent on Exmoor, with Crowcombe Court again for the last night.

We extend our thanks to all who helped in making the tour a success, and particularly our Cornish friends; to Peter and Pat for undertaking the task of negotiating the highways and byways of Western England, and finally a special thanks to Pat for his splendid organisation.

J. E. J. R.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

In its summer bulletin, 1963, the College of Campanology refers to its relations with the Central Council in the following terms:

'In view of a mistaken impression sometime noted about the college and its relations to the Central Council, it is thought to be only fair and right to affirm that the college, from its foundation and in accordance with specific provisions in its constitution, has always supported the Council's authority and adhered to the "Rules and Decisions of Central Council," as originally promulgated and since amended from time to time. So, too, has the college always been ready to seek affiliation, as and when its record of achievement should indicate this desirability, its numerical qualification having been attained within a year or two of its foundation.

'A statement in Council, to the effect that while it would endorse certain schemes of tuition or courses in ringing yet it would not "run" or organise such courses, seemed to the college authorities to create the opportune situation in which to apply for affiliation, especially as the educative side of ringing had been proved to need proper development.

'At an ensuing Council meeting, however, the committee whose province was Sunday service ringing, put forward the proposal that its title should be expanded to indicate that it would also function educationally. A little later a ringing course was reported as having been planned or worked in part by some members of this committee. In these circumstances the college has, for the present, deferred its intended application for affiliation; but it continues loyally to support the Central Council.'

KING'S PYON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, L. Preece 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, R. Preece 4, T. Bound (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. James.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Tredunnoc, in the lovely valley of the Usk, and shadowed by the shoulder of Chepstow Hill, is a peaceful village, seemingly untouched by time and the rush of modern life. And on that sunny afternoon of October 12th, it was indeed a delightful place to be, surrounded by woodland and hedgerow ablaze with autumn colour. The tiny church, too, was aglow with decorations for harvest, and the Rector, the Rev. Albert James, eagerly welcomed the ringers and encouraged them to enjoy the six Tredunnoc bells.

The short service delighted the Rector, who had never seen his church so full of young people and with a goodly crowd standing at the back! He asked for, and got, a most hearty rendering of that rousing Welsh hymn tune, Bleanwern. In his welcome, the Rector paid tribute to the endeavour of Mr. Geoffrey Marchant, who had got Tredunnoc bells into a ringable condition. The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson.

Tea followed, served by Mrs. James and her helpers in a nearby converted stable and these kind ladies were thanked by the Rev. R. E. L. Jones. At a short meeting members stood in silence to remember Mr. L. H. Jones, of Monmouth.

The Rev. Roy Hallett thanked the Rector for his wonderful welcome to Tredunnoc, and complimented him on his courage in having the 'go' of the bells improved by local effort.

J. S. K.

SURREY AND KENT JOINT MEETING

Saturday, October 12th, saw the annual joint meeting of the Northern District of the Surrey Association and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. The choice of this church proved to be not an unhappy one, as many of the 30 ringers present had never rung on these bells. They are a typical early 19th century Whitechapel eight, a bit heavy for their key (18 cwt. in F), but not unpleasant or too strident in tone. The neglected condition of the belfry left a little to be desired.

We were, at the outset, made most welcome by the Rural Dean, Rev. Eric Walker, who later conducted the Surrey Association form of service (the Rectory of St. Mary's being vacant until the induction of the new Rector in December). The Rural Dean brought a clergyman friend to play the organ, which is of considerable historic interest, as a rare example of its type nowadays. So much so that in 1959 it was completely restored to its original 'tracker-action' construction at the cost of the Pilgrim Trust.

The ringing done ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major and was of a standard that reflected considerable credit on all, considering the erratic 'go' of the bells. The ropes 'put up' a poor performance, as we had three 'breaks.' The bells were eventually lowered at 8.15 p.m. and the ropes left intact after necessary splicing and refitting by Mr. Ian Oram and others.

W. J. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The first striking competition of the Suffolk Guild took place on August 31st at Bredfield, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lufkin as judges. The system of marking allowed for 100 points and deductions were made accordingly. Results:

1 H. Egglestone's band, 97 points; 2 R. E. Lester's, 90; 3 C. W. Pipe's, 83; 4 J. W. Blythe's, 82; 5 L. G. Wright's 59; 6 Miss S. Goodship's, 33. The shield, presented by Mr. H. Mitson, was awarded to the winners, and, in the ringing which followed, the first touch was 240 Cambridge Surprise by the six conductors of the afternoon. Local ladies served a wonderful tea in the Village Hall to a company of over 50.

ERIC SPEAKE'S PARTY TOUR IRELAND

A LONG-FELT wish of many of our party to visit Ireland and, if possible, ring on all the ringable bells was met when Eric Speake offered to arrange such a tour. His suggestion was accepted with enthusiasm by a party numbering 17, comprising a dozen from South Staffordshire, four from Lancashire and one from Kent.

The majority travelled on the 2.15 p.m. Holyhead–Dun Laoghaire, sailing on July 27th, and after a calm crossing arrived on Irish soil to find their hired minibus awaiting them. A swift journey was needed to reach Belfast, where we were to stay the night, and this was accomplished safely, but not until 11.30 p.m., to be greeted by our Lancashire friends, who had flown over earlier.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY

Service ringing at the Belfast towers on Sunday, July 28th, was shared with the Raving Ringers and commenced on St. Thomas' octave; the service touch being of Stedman Triples, in which the local captain joined. In the afternoon a drive along the north side of the Belfast Lough brought us to Carrickfergus, with its busy little harbour and impressive castle. Though much-restored, St. Nicholas' Church dates from the 12th century and contains many interesting features. The original detached campanile of 1922 had to be demolished in 1960, as it was dangerous. A new tower, built as a war memorial houses a first class octave (tenor 13¼ cwt.), which were usefully employed for an hour in methods up to Bristol. To conclude our visit we were entertained to tea in the Church Hall, a gesture much appreciated.

Back in Belfast, we rejoined the Raving Ringers at St. Mark's, Dundela (a merry, light ten), and St. Donard's Bloomfield, to ring for evening service. Later in the evening we visited Lurgan (a heavy octave which hangs high in the tower, with a tall spire above, and hence plenty of effort is needed to control the bells). Nevertheless, a good course of Superlative was achieved. At the end of our 'lower in peal' the rope of the second broke; Jeffrey Webb, however, set to and made an excellent splice, and later we were greeted by tables groaning with food in th parish's recently built hall. In addition each ringer was presented with a booklet on the history of th bells and an Irish linen cloth depicting the church. Eric Speake acknowledged our gratitude.

Next morning started with a 20-mile journey to Ballymena (a pleasant Mears octave). The tour had been planned to allow a reasonable amount of time for seeing the country as well as ringing, and this day we drove through beautiful Glenariff to Cushendall, and while some had a bathe in Red Bay others continued over Torr Head, with glorious views from the top, and then all the party made for the Giant's Causeway. Returning inland, we came to St. Patrick's, Coleraine, where the bells (8, 20¼ cwt.) hang just below the wide open louvres: methods up to London here and some call changes and Stedman Triples for local ringers. Our first Cathedral visited was St. Columb's, Londonderry, which overlooks the city. A fine Gillett ten (tenor 32 cwt.) hangs in the tower as well as two semitones to provide an octave, with the ninth as tenor, and these were utilised to enable the local captain to ring some Bob Major. The ten were heard in methods up to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

WONDERFUL SCENERY

The only tower on Tuesday was Enniskillen at 2 p.m., which permitted a late breakfast and a leisurely ride past Lough Erne. The Dean's Vicar and several local ringers met us at St. Macartan's Cathedral; the low-ceilinged ringing room is immediately beneath the bells, which makes handling rather awkward, and it takes a little while to get used to this ten (tenor 20¼ cwt.), which sound well. In order that we could see something of Western Ireland, our hotel for the night was at Westport, Co. Mayo, and an interesting drive along the Sligo coast brought us to our objective.

We had enjoyed fine weather so far, but on venturing further south the skies became overcast, but, nevertheless, we were able to admire the fiord-like Killary Harbour, the rugged magnificence of Connemara and the renowned Galway Bay. Continuing on, we eventually reached Limerick, and, having located the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, we ascended the tower to find a grand Taylor ten, which inspired us to ring a good course of Yorkshire Royal. Crossing to the other side of the city, we came to St. Mary's Cathedral, which was founded in 1172 and contains many interesting monuments. The anti-clockwise, 24 cwt. eight, which are rather odd-struck, will, providing they are not rung too slowly, produce good music.

The next morning was spent exploring the county of Cork, including seeing a little of the beautiful coast in the south-west. In the afternoon we visited Ballymodan (an average ring of six, on which we rang London and Double Court). Proceeding eastwards we came to Cork, and heard the well known chime at St. Ann's, Shandon, and visited St. Mary Magdalene's Cathedral, which badly needs a thorough restoration—whether the tower would be repaired sufficiently to enable the bells to be rung remains to be seen. At the south side of the city stands St. Finbarre's Cathedral, an imposing French Gothic building, with a majestic eight (tenor 27¼ cwt.). Mr. Fred Bogan, the president of the Irish Association, and the local ringers welcomed us and we were loath to leave such a grand ring.

RESTORATION AT THURLES?

Friday, August 2nd, saw several of the party finding if it was, in fact, a long way to Tipperary, on the way to Thurles Cathedral, an interesting building modelled on Pisa Cathedral. The tower-keeper, Mr. William Ryan, showed us the bells, by Murphy of Dublin, which have not been swung for many years. The minibus party went, by way of the Knockmealdown Mountains, to Cobh in an unsuccessful attempt to inspect the carillon: the car-borne members climbed the Rock of Cashel, descended into the depths of the Mitcheltown caves, and also visited the Cistercian monastery of Mount Mellory. We were reunited at Doneraile to ring the pleasant six there in a small tower with little ventilation.

The programme for Saturday was fairly tight, commencing at Waterford Cathedral, where the tower sway is considerable, but good striking can be obtained, and methods up to Pudsey were scored. Although no reply had been received from Wexford, the priest-in-charge gladly gave permission for us to try the bells. Before doing so, we had to fit ropes to the third and fourth, and also rethread the ropes of the sixth and seventh, whose stays had been broken: we were then able to enjoy a short ring on this excellent 31¼ cwt. Gillett ten. At Arklow, where a grand Taylor eight may be heard, we managed a touch of six Spliced Surprise.

Three nights were spent at the small seaside resort of Greystones.

All our ringing on Sunday, August 4th, was in Dublin's fair city, commencing at St. Patrick's with good Grandsire Cinques, which was recorded by one of the local ringers. A short walk brought us to the oblong tower of St. Augustine and St. John's, where the open spiral staircase was ascended safely. Ringing here was restricted to half-an-hour before the 12.15 Mass. After lunch we rang for the 3.30 Evensong at Christ Church Diocesan Cathedral (10, 39¼ cwt.), where Murphy's odd-struck bells are again predominant. However, we succeeded in ringing a good touch of Erin Caters; later we were privileged to meet the Dean. A picnic tea was taken on the Hill of Howth, a nearby beauty spot overlooking Dublin Bay. Ringing for evening service was at St. George's Church, where we produced methods up to London.

BAD LUCK AT BRAY

At our first two towers next morning one bell was out of use. A short ride from our hotel brought us to Bray, where the tenor clapper was missing, and also there was no light in the tower as the entire church was being rewired. Several Minor methods were rung on the middle six, and a touch of Stedman Triples with the tenor chimed. We were delighted to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Dukes and family here, and to express our thanks for their hard work in arranging all the towers. An impressive drive over the Wicklow Mountains followed, which took us to Blessington (with an anti-clockwise six). The fifth had only half a wheel, so could not be rung; the wheel on the third had two fillet-holes, and the rope had been passed through the wrong one: the treble's stay was cracked, and the tenor could only be kept up by extreme physical effort—otherwise a fair ring! A long journey was needed from here to Kilkenny, where a 22 cwt. octave hangs in the 'tower' of St. Canice's Cathedral. The back six are by a founder called Curtis, and two trebles have been added and the others rehung by Mears.

RUDHALL BELLS OF DROGHEDA

On Tuesday, we were off north again, to Drogheda, the Dukes' home tower, a pleasant Rudhall octave. No difficulty was encountered re-entering Northern Ireland, and we were well on time at Rostrevor (6, 13 cwt.), where a large variety of Minor methods up to Norwich and Durham Surprise were brought round. Our programme then allowed plenty of time around and over the Mountains of Mourne. A cruciform church, standing in park-like ground is to be found at Hillsborough: the bells are rather quiet, but go well, and our first course of Wembley was successfully rung. Afterwards we were the guests of the local ringers to refreshments in their hall, for which we were very thankful.

Again a brisk schedule on our final morning, commencing at Holywood, where John Dunwoody made us welcome, shortly followed by the fine Taylor octave at St. Comgall's, Bangor. The last tower contained a good six at Ballylesson, and here a couple of local ringers joined in some Grandsire Doubles. This was the parting of the ways, and while a few had spare time till their flight home the rest were off south for the 7 p.m. sailing to Holyhead.

This account would be incomplete without a sincere word of appreciation to Fred Dukes, who arranged all the towers, and Eric Speake, who arranged the accommodation and transport. We also thank clergy and local ringers who made us so welcome to the Emerald Isle.

I. H. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

At the invitation of the Rector (Rev. O. H. Skipwith), who is also vice-chairman of the Branch, the first Corporate Communion of the Cary Branch was held at Maperton Parish Church on Friday, October 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Twenty-four members were present, including the chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson). Ringing took place before and after the service, and refreshments were served in the Village Hall.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Canon P. Anderson, Vicar, made the Dorchester Branch welcome when they met at Charminster for the quarterly meeting. He conducted the service, and a company of 39 enjoyed tea in the Village Hall.

Four new members were elected at the meeting, with the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth in the chair.

Branch practices, subject to confirmation, are: Litton Cheney, October 19th; Frampton, November 2nd; Wyke Regis, November 16th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, November 30th; Fordington, December 14th; Upwey, December 28th; Cattistock, January 11th.

Next meeting (annual): St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 18th.

NORTH-WEST SUFFOLK DINNER

The N.W. Suffolk ringers held their annual dinner at Bury St. Edmunds on October 12th. Ringers first met in the belfry of St. Mary's Church and enjoyed a variety of methods, before going on to the Masonic Hall for the dinner.

Mr. L. E. Last, of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild, took the chair, and, with a number of amusing tales, welcomed the guests. The toast to 'The Suffolk Guild' was proposed by Mr. Frank Lufkin, of the Essex Association, who spoke of his long association with the Suffolk Guild, and of his pleasure in judging the recent striking contest. Mr. George Pipe, of Ipswich, replied and said his great affection for Suffolk had not diminished during his travels in Australia. He also mentioned the lengths ringers went to visit new belfries in Australia.

Mr. Last proposed the toast to 'The Visitors,' and the Provost of Bury St. Edmunds, the Very Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, replied. He voiced his appreciation to the ringers of Bury, for their services at both the Norman Tower and St. Mary's.

The highlight of the evening was the handbell ringing of Mr. Howard Egglestone, a Henley, Suffolk, ringer, and his two friends. Their programme contained popular tunes, old tunes, classic and modern, and all marvelled at their skill, and thoroughly enjoyed their programme. Miss C. Perrett sang two solos, Mr. Last organised a tower quiz and Mr. George Pipe showed some most interesting slides of various countries he had visited during the last few years. Miss June Wright, a Rougham ringer, was the pianist.

Mr. Cyril Grange voiced the thanks of the audience to both the artistes and organisers, particularly to Mr. L. Wright.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Local ringers provided a free tea for the Farnham District meeting at Farnborough on September 28th, when a good standard of ringing preceded the service, conducted by the curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

The Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, presided at the business meeting, when there was some discussion about Guild and District Surprise practices. Further ringing followed until 8.45 p.m. A. D. E.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Grandsire Doubles is much simpler when the treble only goes to 5ths instead of 8ths place! —comment by a learner at a recent practice.

All Saints' Church, Rotherham, has a promising recruit in Miss Tessa Hollis, 13-year-old daughter of the Vicar, who has just rung her first quarter of Plain Bob Major.

Miss Freda Cannon is still captain of the ringers at St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, a post she has held with distinction for several years. She is also a representative of the Lewisham District on the K.C.A. committee

One hundred and fifty years ago (October 12th, 1813) the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original at East Grinstead. To the day the Society repeated the peal, the only difference being that in 1813 two men were needed to ring the tenor of 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

The peal of London Surprise rung at Halstead in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen was a peal worthy of all that Lewis stood for in his long ringing career. It was fitting that Phil Corby should have conducted it, as Lewis conducted Phil's early Surprise peals in Essex. The peal was nearly wrecked by a broken tenor rope, after only 35 minutes' ringing. A fresh start was made after Harry Millatt expertly spliced the rope.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Liss, Hampshire, rung for the silver jubilee of the installation of the bells in the new tower, was the 20th on these bells. They were given by an anonymous donor and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth on July 1st, 1938. The peal was arranged by Mr. Alan Betsworth to include the surviving six of eight ringers who were present at the opening of the bells, but eventually H. Gauntlett and C. Bassett were the only two able to take part. Alan Betsworth himself was unfortunately prevented by the death of his father on the previous day; Keith Sansom kindly stood in at short notice to replace him. The band were welcomed by the Rev. Norman Barnett, Rector, and afterwards were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. R. May, tower secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Thomas J. Brock, Ringing Master at Kessingland, Suffolk was a member of the local band when they attempted a peal in 17 Doubles methods early in 1938. With only two methods to go someone down below inadvertently switched off the ringing chamber light and the peal was lost. After the war Mr. Brock did little active ringing until the bells were restored in 1960. Since then, with members and friends of his present local company, he has scored his first and many other peals. On September 7th at Theberton the band finally settled the debt of a quarter of a century with a similar 17 method peal.

The peal rung at Churchill, Somerset, on September 14th (page 668) was rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

The method rung to a peal at Willesden on September 19th was Datchett, and not as printed on page 667.

Mr. George Chambers, of Creswell, Derbys, is making good progress in Chesterfield Royal Hospital, after his operation for ulcers and hopes to be out very soon.

The band who rang the farewell peal to the Bishop of Southwell on October 5th, would like the names of Mr. George E. Foster and Mr. Lewis W. Henstock to be associated with the peal.

Mr. A. W. Fry, head ringer at Leeds, near Maidstone, had the pleasure of steering five of his pupils through their first quarter on October 13th. This is believed to be the first quarter on the bells this century.

On seeing the inscription 'United we stand, divided we fall,' on a window frame in a belfry, a visiting ringer was heard to remark, 'I suppose that means they don't lower in peal.'

Behind the quarter of Minor at Godmanchester is a five years' struggle, when Mr. A. J. Davey reports that they started from scratch five years ago and lost quite a few members on the way, which meant starting all over again. 'We finally made it, and, humble as it is, we're quite proud of it.' Now for Major!

Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Diserens, now living in Sussex, made a return visit to St. Mary's, Reading, to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods with the local band.

The peal at Holbeck R.C. Church, Leeds (page 683), was rung on the day of Cardinal Heenan's enthronement, September 24th.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Ruardean, Glos, on September 22nd, was Leslie Barry and not L. Parry.

Ten Dereks assembled at Duffield, Derbyshire, on October 5th and rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to the memory of Derek Ogden. It was conducted by Dr. D. E. Sibson, and two of the band were ringing their first peal on 10 bells.

Mr. D. R. Baxter, of Grantham, reports on the four at Corby Glen, where he conducted a quarter on September 29th, that they found them quite reasonable, although bad slider adjustment made the treble and second very difficult to handle. They are anti-clockwise, with tenor approximately 12¼ cwt.

On October 5th, Pritchard's peal of Bob Major was attempted at Ross-on-Wye as a wedding compliment to Miss Mollie Tilbury and the Rev. J. Toy. Unfortunately a shift occurred near the end of the peal and a bob was called to bring the bells round after 3 hours 10 minutes' good ringing. This was also an unsuccessful attempt for J. J. Webb to 'complete the circle,' having previously rung the same bell for just over 3 hours to Stedman Triples. Better luck next time.

Ringing in the quarter peal at Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs, in honour of the 86th birthday of Mr. James Marsh, was his friend, Mr. William Rimmer. They have rung together at Aughton for 67 years, but Mr. Marsh was ringing there four years before and joined the Lancashire Association in 1894. His peal total is 101. Unfortunately his birthday was spent in hospital and he would be pleased to hear from old acquaintances, at No. 1 Ward, County Hospital, Ormskirk. A recording was made of the quarter peal.

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CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
*J. KEITH WARD	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* 100th peal.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	J. KEITH WARD	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
GEORGE E. THODAY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.

PORTMADOC, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ALAN E. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	J. KEITH WARD	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BANGOR, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLENADDA,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
GEORGE E. THODAY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	J. KEITH WARD	7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	*J. KEITH WARD	5
†GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	6
PHILIP MEHEW	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. ‡ First of Rutland on an 'inside' bell.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

RUABON, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MABON AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*†ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	3	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 100th peal together. † 60th county for a peal.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD THE KING,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
J. KEITH WARD	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
50th peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

R. ROGER SAVORY	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	2	DAVID E. HOUSE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
DEREK C. JACKSON	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	9
DAVID J. FORDER	5	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	JOHN HILL	9
ALBERT R. G. TWINN	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by JOHN HILL.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*DEREK J. JONES	*Treble*	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
DEREK M. SAWYER	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
DEREK MARSHALL	3	DEREK G. ASHTRIDGE	8
DEREK A. ASHTON	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	9
DEREK J. TRANTER	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First 10-bell peal.
In memoriam Derek Ogden.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	COLIN W. REED	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MARGARET E. CHILTON	3	HAROLD STEVENSON	8
BERYL N. REED	4	JOHN R. PRATCHETT	9
JAMES W. RAITHBY	5	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung to the glory of God; also in thanksgiving for the work of Dr. Russell Barry, who retires on October 18th, 1963, after completing 22 years as Bishop of Southwell. This peal was rung following the presentation of a farewell cheque from the people of this diocese to Bishop and Mrs. Barry in the Minster this afternoon.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

E. Jane Sibson	*Treble*	Peter H. Langton	6
*C. Gay Williams	2	Geoffrey Pearson	7
Claire Dillamore	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Hilary Muirhead	4	William J. Ridgman	9
T. Reginald Dennis	5	John G. Gipson	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Norman Errington	*Treble*	Alan R. Patterson	5
Charles N. Lea	2	Robin G. Turner	6
*John E. Anderson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
George S. Deas	4	Frederick Ross	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

F. Charles Goodman	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	5
Sidney Marshall	2	Nolan Golden	6
Kevin S. Hohl	3	*George P. Adams	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	George Sayer	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 150th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Celia Haynes	*Treble*	Arthur Newton	5
†Brian Forrest	2	Percy Newton	6
Joyce I. Barton	3	Roland Biggs	7
Robert H. Newton	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal attempt. † First of Major.
Rung by members of the local band, on the eve of the Patronal Festival, as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. Evans.

LONDON, E.C.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24¾ cwt. in E flat.

John Chilcott	*Treble*	James Phillips	5
William Hibbert	2	Dennis Randall	6
William T. Cook	3	Michael V. Chilcott	7
John Phillips	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung to mark the election in Guildhall this day of Alderman Mr. Clement James Harman as Lord Mayor of London.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Philip M. J. Gray	5
Don C. Exell	2	John H. Gilbert	6
Brynley A. Shackleton	3	*Peter Bridle	7
Reginald G. Hooper	4	†Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Don C. Exell.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-Part, No. 11 in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Nolan Golden	*Treble*	Sidney Marshall	5
J. Frederick Milner	2	Frederick Howson	6
Edward Howes	3	Tony Owen	7
Kevin S. Hohl	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Mr. Frederick Howson's last tower-bell peal was at this tower on November 11th, 1922.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Sannan,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

*M. Jack Pryor	*Treble*	David J. Llewellyn	5
†Mary E. Pryor	2	Donald G. Clift	6
Roger G. Havard	3	‡John Owen	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Aidan,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Alan R. Patterson	*Treble*	Norman Errington	5
M. Elaine Murcott	2	George S. Deas	6
John E. Anderson	3	Frederick Ross	7
Michael Armstrong	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
Susan Funnell	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Muriel Reay	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
*Pamela M. Turner	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung on the Holmes eight. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.

*Margaret Wright	*Treble*	Peter J. Malloch	5
Frederick Shallcross	2	*Leonard Hill	6
C. John Clegg	3	Ronald M. Edwards	7
Derek J. Marshall	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Fredk. Shallcross.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung during the Octave of the Patronal Festival by the Sunday service band of St. Michael's.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Robin A. Hodgson	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	Vernon Green	6
Keith Jordan	3	Roger Baldwin	7
*Robert N. Harris	4	Christopher W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Susan Funnell	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Edward W. Colley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRENTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MARTIN F. LOCK	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOHN HILL	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 43).

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
('The Cannon Peal.')
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

DUDLEY P. ELSMORE	*Treble*	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK	5
ALAN D. ELSMORE	2	PAUL G. HOLMES	6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	ANTHONY R. CARTER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by ANTHONY R. CARTER.
The composition, now rung for the first time, is dedicated to A. Patrick Cannon, Master of the Surrey Association.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ROGER CADAMY	6
JAMES LINNELL	3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	7
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4	JOSEPH MARKS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

PETER MORRIS	*Treble*	E. MARION KEY	5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	2	HARRY GRIFFITHS	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	IAN FRIEND	7
RICHARD E. MORRIS	4	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

ROGER J. TINGLEY	*Treble*	PAUL W. WEBB	5
MURIEL REAY	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
PAMELA M. TURNER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
MAURICE C. HUGHES	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alma M. Greaves.

CATTISTOCK, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation No. 2. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. SCOTT	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	FRANK G. KNIGHT	6
MRS. C. W. POWELL	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
REV. ROGER KEELEY	4	*J. GEORGE GORINGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal. First on these bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BRENTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.16—12—5—34—7
2nds place L.E. 4ths place bobs.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN E. WHITTALL	5
*ANTHONY P. WHITE	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
CATHLEEN S. HEANEY	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
†GILLIAN P. BLACKWELL	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band (except ringer of treble) as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. G. Carver, who is leaving to be Vicar of St. Mary's, Putney.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 of London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
†WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 500th peal. † First of 12-Spliced Surprise Major.

PUTNEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	ALAN R. MILLRIDGE	5
*PATRICIA LAYCOCK	2	†MARTIN PRESS	6
MARGARET E. FORT	3	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.
Rung in honour of the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA GREEN	*Treble*	BERNARD MOSS	5
†DAVID VINCENT	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
SYDNEY OSBORNE	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
THOMAS W. SMITH	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. † 300th known peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fothergill on the birth of a daughter.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	FREDERICK ROSS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MICHAEL H. SINDEN	*Treble*	*PETER SLOMAN	5
SYLVIA A. HAYWOOD	2	DAVID E. BELCHAM	6
PETER F. PERKINS	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	7
ANDREW J. SALISBURY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal of Major.

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BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

PETER A. KIRKBY	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner at Leeds.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HOWARD OGLESBY	*Treble*	GORDON W. LIMMER	5
JENNIFER SCEENY	2	GEOFFREY RIGLAR	6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
JOHN F. BOWLER	4	RICHARD E. DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JENNIFER SCEENY.
First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
J. RICHARD WILSON	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
JOHN A. HOWARD	4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
Rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

THOMAS BIRD	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
CECIL W. PIPE	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
PETER L. WOOD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
In memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen (Aug. 26th, 1881–Sept. 13th, 1963).

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*RAMON A. STONE	*Treble*	*KENNETH G. WALLER	5
HARRY W. GAUNTLETT	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT	6
†KEITH SANSOM	3	BRIAN R. WALTON	7
*KENNETH A. TIPPER	4	DAVID M. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples.
Rung for the silver jubilee of the bells.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

PETER BRIDLE	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	2	ANTONY R. KENCH	6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
DON C. EXELL	4	BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

FRED C. PUGH	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. HANDLEY	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	6
*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Pugh on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	*Treble*	ERIC J. HITCHINS	5
*MICHAEL J. THOMAS	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	7
DAVID J. FORDER	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* 100th peal.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER PEARCE	*Treble*	EDWARD R. VENN	5
CHARLES COLES	2	PETER A. SHARP	6
PETER J. HERITAGE	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
PETER D. BEEDIE	4	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
*MRS. R. F. DISERENS	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
PATRICIA BUSS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
A welcome to Thomas Cyril Lewington.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

HOWARD FREEBORN	*Treble*	EDWARD VENN	5
WALTER JUDGE	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
BRIAN WHITE	3	GEORGE HOLLAND	7
FREDERICK WILKINS	4	FRANK WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Howard and Muriel Freeborn.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 17 methods, viz.: One extent each of Stedman's Principle, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Norfolk, Old, April Day and Kennington; one extent and one 240 (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire, one spliced extent each of Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall S.C., St. Martin's and Welford S.C., St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., two different extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's and St. Simon's, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 17 of Plain (four callings).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

LEONARD M. RAPHAEL	*Treble*	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	3
THOMAS J. BROCK	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	4
		*MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.
* 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor away from the tenor. First in 17 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt.

*William Culpin	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davis	3
Gilbert Cowlin	2	Michael Parker	4
*R. J. Yeomans	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Michael Parker.
* First peal.
A farewell to the Rev. P. Weir, Vicar of Winwick; also to commemorate 50 years' ringing by the tenor man.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 17 cwt.

*A. Routley	*Treble*	*P. Watts	4
W. Smith	2	*R. Somerfield	5
J. Brewer	3	*R. Penny	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Somerfield.
* First peal attempt. First of Grandsire on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar on his induction.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Margaret P. Booth	*Treble*	Thos. M. Barlow	4
Christine M. Fuller ..	2	Ian V. J. Smith	5
John A. Booth	3	Alan R. Baldock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
First peal in three Minor methods by all.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Columba, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Norfolk, Old, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond C. Moore	*Treble*	Graham C. Paul	3
*Christopher C. Stokes ..	2	Roger W. Smith	4
Alan A. Paul	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 16½ years.
Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding day of Alderman C. T. Cripps (people's churchwarden) and Mrs. Cripps.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Vernon Bedford	*Treble*	Peter S. Bedford	4
Jack Pilgrim	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
Birthday compliments to Ruth Bedford, Stephen Bedford and C. Jack Gibson.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being three extents of London and four of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Bertram J. Coggins ..	*Treble*	Peter Pearce	4
*Frederick W. Soden ..	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Peter Beedie	3	*Thomas W. Timms	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Herbert G. Andrews ..	*Treble*	Robert J. Cooles	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Alan R. Millidge	5
Michael J. Uphill	3	John R. Ketteringham ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods/variations, being two extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, and ten each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

Robin L. Hughes	*Treble*	John W. Hope	3
*W. John Clayton	2	Colin A. Lewis	4
Robert A. Hatcher	*Tenor*		

Conducted by John W. Hope.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2·42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

G. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	4
Jack Pilgrim	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Robert Barratt	*Treble*	Ernest Pimlott	4
†Wendy Poynton	2	*F. George Forrester ..	5
Peter W. Horn	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. William Critchley ..	*Treble*	*Vernon Green	4
Claudia A. Critchley ..	2	Colin A. S. Harwood ..	5
Eric Edmondson	3	J. Richard Castledine ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal on the bells since their restoration.
Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*John J. Ford	*Treble*	Leonard Derrick	4
F. A. Keith Prime	2	Frederick W. Sweet ..	5
Geoffrey R. Marchant ..	3	Cecil T. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung for the marriage this day of Clive E. Marchant (local ringer) to Anne Hardy.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

Alan D. Elsmore	*Treble*	*Peter J. Joyce	4
*Hilary N. Kippin	2	G. Kenneth Williamson	5
Peter G. Sherwood ..	3	Tom Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal in six methods.
Rung in memory of John S. Goldsmith.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being nine methods in the following extents: (1) Bourne, (2) Cambridge, (3) Plain and Double, (4) Kent, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Shirley M. Drew	*Treble*	George Prescott	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Michael J. Stanley	5
Gordon W. Land	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 36 methods: (1 and 2) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Cunecastre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden: (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 143 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	5
RALPH BIRD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* Most methods to a peal.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*THOMAS P. BARLOW ..	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	4
†FRANK R. MORTON ..	2	†JOHN E. BROUGH	5
*‡JAMES S. BAKER	3	HERBERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First 'inside.' Tenor ringer completed 'circle.'

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	THOMAS SPIGHT	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
MRS. DAVID CUBITT	3	PETER ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.
For Harvest Festival.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY ..	4
PETER S. BEDFORD	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal in nine Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway, who is leaving Theberton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 13 in E.

DAN S. PONT	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
REV. MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE		5—6	

Conducted by DAN S. PONT.
First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	3—4
*GERALD PENNEY		5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): T. Roper 1, Miss S. M. Davenport 2, D. G. Farrar 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, R. Elkington 5, D. Staples (cond.) 6. For Matins, also to mark the ordination of the Rev. A. L. Lattimore, curate at this church.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. J. Froley 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, M. Crump 6, D. W. Davies 7, S. King 8. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mayne (cond.) 1, I. S. Merry 2, W. Noon 3, G. W. Brandrick 4, K. P. Gilliver 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Agnes Emmeline Atkins, buried this day.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on Sept. 27th, 1,277 Stedman Caters: P. H. Pigg 1, H. F. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. F. Brown 8. P. J. Bergdahl 9, H. Foster 10. Rung for the induction of Canon Montefoire as Vicar.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Martin 3, D. C. Manger (cond.) 4, N. J. Martin 5, J. S. Barnes 6. First in the method by all the band. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome Bishop Ambrose Reeves.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. D. Harrison 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, D. S. L. Lloyd (first 'inside') 3, K. F. Gardner 4, D. J. Allen (cond.) 5, G. P. Hammond 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Woodward (first away from tenor) 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, H. D. Harrison 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, D. J. Allen 5. Rung for Harvest Festival.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. C. Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, G. Stewart 5, W. W. Ring 6, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. First in the method 3, 4 and 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5. For Evensong.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS.—At St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): W. T. Goadby 1, R. D. Hughes 2, H. O. Over (cond.) 3, A. R. Pepper 4, E. J. Tovell 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Brown 1, Frances P. Gilbert 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, S. W. Brown 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, J. R. Norris (first in method as cond.) 6, N. J. Wright 7, R. H. Tribe 8. First of Triples 2, 5 and 8. Rung as a welcome into the church for Amanda Jane Montague, christened this day at the family service

IVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor: (502 Kent and Oxford, 720 Kent): R. J. Foster (first of T.B.) 1, D. G. Rowlands 2, W. Birmingham 3, K. J. Darbill 4, G. Riglar 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, also a welcome to Rev. V. Rogers, curate.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Giles', 1,280 six-Spliced Surprise Major: Joyce Gurnhill 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, Claire Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, P. Sharp 6, H. Poyner 7, G. Paul 8. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wigmore 1, Clare Dillamore 2, Gay Williams 3, T. A. Bevis 4, E. Mastin 5, N. Harding 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, M. R. Reed 8. Rung at the Rector's request on the occasion of the Flower Festival.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Bob Minor: D. Coates 1, B. Groves 2, J. Crayford 3, F. Hogar 4, E. Jenner 5, M. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. D. P. Lury.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lesley Wilson (first of Major) 1, D. Gillespie 2, J. B. Thorp 3, J. P. Partington 4, Barbara Boardman 5, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 6, J. Brahnan 7, D. Butterworth 8. For Harvest Festival.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita Peck (14, first quarter) 1, J. Honeywood 2, Miss G. Brown 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, J. Felgate 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda M. Nicholls 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, L. A. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. B. Groucott (first quarter) 6. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Perry 1, Miss L. Brown 2, A. J. Millward 3, W. C. Cropley 4, D. E. Griffin (cond.) 5. For evening service.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, J. J. Fox 3, E. Atkinson 4, F. Mitchell (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Rev. N. D. J. Webb as curate.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bowler 1, F. R. Scott 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, W. Birmingham 4, G. Riglar 5, H. Oglesby 6, G. R. Shedden (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8. For the Dedication Festival service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Rodrigues 1, Miss R. Rawlings (cond.) 2, Miss J. Geiringer 3, Miss D. Coke 4, R. Mayes 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. Goodman 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,296 Minor (Oxford and Cambridge): Miss D. Coke 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, A. Bishop 3, Miss V. Rodrigues 4, M. Uphill 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, R. Goodman 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Everest 1, I. Plummer 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, T. St. John 5, A. Millam 6. For Harvest Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): Margaret Field (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, S. Wooler 3, J. Thorp 4, K. Flemming 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6. After Harvest Festival Evensong.

YORK.—At the Institute of Advanced Studies on Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Aldington (longest length and first of Minor) 1, M. King 2, K. Ather 3, R. Woodward 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, P. Came 6. Rung by members of St. John's College to mark the beginning of a new college year.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Rippon 1, Marilyn Gibbs 2, G Williams 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Prynn 5, M. Harbott 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, R. D. Mills 8. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome Sarah Caroline, fourth grandchild of the ringer of the fourth.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. K. Mason (cond.) 1, M. E. Wade (first of Surprise) 2, M. C. Faulkes 3, A. M. Lindsey 4, W. A. Lacey 5, A. E. Hartley 6. For Evensong.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: William Rimmer (aged 84) 1, J. N. Brown 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, E. Garner 5, D Jones 6, N. Heaps (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. James Marsh.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Ellisdon 1, R. Smith 2, C. Willmington 3, A. Faulkner (first of Stedman) 4, R. Cousins 5, J. Crampion 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Harvest Festival, also as a compliment to the Vicar on his 36th anniversary.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, Rose Smith 2, G. H. Pullin 3, L. Derrick 4, D. G. Yeo 5, R. Smith 6, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7, P. Gay 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): F. Faulkner (first quarter) 1, F. K. Thompson 2, R. I. Kendrick (first as cond.) 3, J. R. Perkins 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne 6. For Evensong.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. M. Swift (first of Triples) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow 3, Valerie Mepham (first of Triples) 4, A. R. Baldock (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. J. Hicks 6, I. V. J. Smith (75th quarter, cond.) 7, D. R. Fuller 8. 25th quarter together 5 and 8: 50th together 3 and 5.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Payne 1, P. Philps 2, F. Goodearl 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Payne (cond.) 6, R. Benstead (cover) 7, P. Dence tenor. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and a compliment to former ringing master and secretary, Geoffrey and Jill Waters, on the birth of a son.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): Betty M. Mansfield 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. W. Rigby 3, J. Snelling 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Aileen Pearson 1, Mrs. Edna Weatherley 2, Katharine Pearson (first of Doubles) 3, J. E. Clark 4, N. Pearson (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. To welcome the new Rector, the Rev. John Souttar.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Thorne 1, Miss M. Sage 2, D. Thorne (first 'inside') 3, L. Marker 4, C. Churchill (cond.) 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Spice 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, Rosemary M. Jenkins 3, Sheila Copping (cond.) 4, T. Lewis 5, M. G. Foster 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Clare Harvey (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Jenkins 2, F. H. Gates 3, Sheila Coppins 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. Foster (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Redden (first quarter) 1, P. J. Spice 2, T. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, Sheila Copping (cond.) 4, Rosemary M. Jenkins 5, R. T. Newman 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor Kent and Plain Bob: J. B. Crowe 1, Ann Edwards 2, Janet Groves 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Atkins 1, C. D. Everett 2, S. T. Miles 3, W. Marsh 4, D. Drayton 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. A farewell to S. T. Miles, who is leaving for Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tony Fensome (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, E. Ashby 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, C. Cook 5, C. W. Simpson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Protherough 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, J. Tyler 3, W. Ballinger 4, C. A. Wratten 5, F. Stephens 6, G. Simmonds (cond.) 7, W. Drinkwater 8. In honour of the christening of Sarah, daughter of the Rev and Mrs. Gunner.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 St. Nicholas Doubles: Miss V. Hunt 1, P. J. Long 2, T. Lewis 3, R. A. Long 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen 1, J. H. Payton 2, R. Cooper 3, A. D. Edwards 4, J. F. Payne (1st as conductor) 5, M. J. Bura 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, A. Mann 2, M. Fort 3, B. Bull 4, A. Millidge 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, A. Bishop (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, D. Tipler (first on 8) 8.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Julie Saunders 1, Susan Crow 2, J. Warick 3, G. Atkins 4, S. Newman (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss Susan Crow who is leaving for a Teachers' Training College.

CONSETT, Co. DURHAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintzov 2, Marjorie Pearson 3, W. Tyson 4, J. Vickery 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton (cover) 7. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintzov 2, J. Vickery 3, Marjorie Pearson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): S. Zvegintov 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 8, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintzov 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, W. Tyson 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian C. Lambert 1, E. J. Lambert 2, M. Chown 3, Miss G. Barnes 4, K. Stubbs 5, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by a regular Sunday service band. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CROWBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Bullen 1, Rosemary Heighes 2, Mrs. J. Osbon 3, R. D. Divall 4, H. Vaughan 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, B. Collinson 7, E. J. Ladd 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Razzell 1, R. Davies 2, G. H. Humphries 3, R. C. Stevens (first of T.B.) 4, N. G. Steere (first of T.B.) 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. Smith 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Fraser 1, J. Bailey 2, J. Whiting (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss R. Bull 4, R. Wallis (cond.) 5, A. Mould 6, M. Larkin 7, C. Royle (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. S. Fraser and Miss R. Bull.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, John H. Napper 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, James W. Wilson 6, John W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, Harry R. Wells 8. For Harvest Festival.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): G. Skelly 1, Jennifer Brake 2, V. James 3, J. Riley 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. First in ten methods for all.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Mansfield 1, Audrey Brangwyn 2, R. T. Somerton 3, Betty M. Mansfield 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, J. Snelling 6, W. Denny 7, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. Richards, President of the Towcester Branch, who is leaving the district.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 720 Spliced Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. E. Collins 1, Miss K. M. H. Branson 2, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 3, M. M. Peterson 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six bells. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Platt 1, Teresa Langdon 2, Sheila Moore 3, T. Bailey (cond.) 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, E. Beauchamp 6, T. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First of Major 2 and 3. For Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob: G. Reeve 1, J. York Parker 2, H. Fuller 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, J. Dodds 8. In honour of the diamond wedding of the Earl of Iveagh and Lady Iveagh.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Toscroft (first quarter) 1, M. V. White 2, Bridget A. Sanger 3, D. J. Duggan 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6, J. D. Duggan 7, D. Reeves 8. For Harvest Festival.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Old Doubles: C. M. Barnes 1, Judy Bowen 2, J. W. T. Smith 3, A. J. Hicks 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of St. Theodore. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 St. Remigius' Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, A. R. Baldock 3, T. M. Barlow 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of St. Remigius.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Reed 1, A. J. Davey 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, Miss J. A. Davey 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Higgins 8. First quarter by a local band. Rung on the middle six following the wedding of Gordon W. Peacock and Thelma P. George, chorister and churchwardens daughter.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: David Birt (first attempt) 1, M. W. Napper (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Franklin 3, H. Tull 4, D. G. Haines (first 'inside') 5, L. G. Haines 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, F. J. Hiscock 8. For Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lewis 1, H. L. Squires 2, G. Vinters 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. A. Frith 5, P. A. Slight 6, H. R. Woods (cond.) 7, J. R. Holmes 8. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,440 Little Bob Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, Mrs. N. Worsdall 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. A. Slight 5, J. E. Cook 6, J. Watson 7, W. H. Dale 8, J. R. Holmes 9, H. R. Woods 10. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: V. P. Evans 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, P. A. Slight 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. Baxter 5, W. G. Wilson 6, W. H. Dale 7, D. A. Frith 8, J. R. Holmes 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: H. L. Squires 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, W. H. Dale 6, J. R. Holmes 7, H. R. Woods 8. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, Mrs. B. Hill 2, Mrs. M. Cook 3, J. E. Cook 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. Baxter 6, W. H. Dale 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, D. A. Frith 9, P. A. Hill 10. Rung by the local band, aided by a few friends, for the special services for the 'Mission to Grantham' week. The Plain Bob Royal was a welcome to the Rev. Robin and Mrs Worsdall.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. E. Ferguson 1, Miss B. Winterbone (first quarter) 2, J. Mills 3, Miss C. H. Sharman 4, D. Mills (first quarter) 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Will 1, G. Skinner 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. Yates, jun. 4, C. Yates 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the son of the vicar of Heavitree. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Lisserden 1, Miss A. Fellows 2, Miss J. Barnett 3, N. Mallett 4, F. Wreford 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Michael's day for the Patronal Festival.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, D. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, F. Parsons 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

INGRAVE, BRENTWOOD.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wretham 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, Miss N. Jeffery 3, A. Duggan 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. J. Wood, tower master and ringer. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Scutt (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, Miss J. Cullwick 3, A. Duggan 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on the middle six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Garrod (first quarter) 1, L. Pizzey 2, A. T. Beckwith 3, G. E. Symonds 4, G. R. Goodship 5, A. R. Bridges (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Garrod.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, R. D. Baxter 2, C. F. Baxter 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. After Harvest Festival Evensong, as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain): D. Witchell (first on hunting bell) 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. F. Turner 3, J. Mitchell 4, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. H. Idle 6. First of Double Court 2 and 4; also first 720 of Double Court as conductor. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Brewer 1, W. Hibbert 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, F. A. White 7, J. Cadd 8. For Harvest Festival.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Baldock 1, Rosemary Earl 2, P. D. Pope 3, D. R. Fuller 4, T. M. Barlow 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Whitlock 1, Mrs. P. Fry 2, Miss M. Hoare 3, A. W. Fry (cond.) 4, Miss S. Woodger 5, J. Vidgen 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. Believed to be the first local quarter on the bells in this century. For Harvest Evensong.

ALTON, HANTS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Willis (first quarter) 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, J. Crayden 4, G. Noakes 5, V. Lawton 6, E. Hedger 7, L. Noakes 8. Rung before the Harvest Festival Evensong.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. E. Godden 5, H. L. Bishop 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Gooday (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss J. Dye 2, A. Wiffen 3, H. Felton 4, C. Barker 5, S. Warne 6, R. Lindsell 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On October 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. K. Whittell 1, A. Munnings 2, R. G. Pegg 3, N. F. Whittell 4, R. E. Lester 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

EXETER.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, G. Skinner 2, A. Truman 3, F. Wills 4, C. Yates, jun. 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford 7, J. Langabeer 8. Rung by members of the cathedral band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Densham on the birth of a daughter, Christine Susan.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods): P. Gay 1, L. Derrick 2, E. T. Lee 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, J. Brain (200th quarter) (cond.) 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Dowse 1, R. Blackshaw 2, J. Heaps 3, G. Dawson 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Conducted by M. W. Harrison and R. Blackshaw. A welcome to Bishop and Mrs J. R. Weller at Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw 3, J. A. Heaps 4, G. A. Dawson (first as cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. A. Caldecote 1, Rev. E. L. Fisher 2, H. Hill 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6, Rung ¼ muffled in memoriam Charles G. Gardner, died on Sept. 29th. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, Judy A. Suffolk 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. And 1,399 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, L. Woodburn 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. Both for Harvest Festival.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, C. T. Richards 2, J. M. H. Hunter 3, Miss J. Creak 4, C. H. Rogers 5, Miss P. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, P. N. Felton 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, A. Tomblin 10. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. R. Thomas 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, A. C. Knights 3, Miss C. Andrews 4, Miss G. Barasel 5, J. M. H. Hunter (comp.) 6, D. M. Boniface 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. J. Goodman (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, R. J. Picton 3, B. M. Barker 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, P. Harper 6. For Harvest Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, A. Knight 6, R. Chambers 7, W. Jarvis 8. A birthday compliment to R. Chambers.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. Stephens 1, H. Read (first as cond.) 2, A. Newman 3, W. Woodyatt 4, B. Read 5, A. Spence (first quarter) 6, A. Pendlebury 1. For Harvest Festival.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Starbuck 1, D. Wilkes (first in method 'inside') 2, R. K. Mason (cond.) 3, G. W. Mason 4, I. Fraser 5, P. Atkins 6, M. E. Wade 7, K. B. Townsend 8. For the Harvest Festival.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Cairns 1, Barbara J. Leigh 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, J. Machell 4, T. Lewis (first as cond.) 5, M. Ferrier 6. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the priesthood of Canon F. R. Longworth-Dames, vicar.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: S. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, J. Owens 3, G. Mee 4, J. E. Sumner 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6. Best wishes to M. Crossthwaite and J. Owens on starting studies at Teachers' Training Colleges. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, L. Walmsley 2, G. Mee 3, J. Humble 4, D. Marsden 5, J. E. Sumner 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Willmington 1, C. Hughes 2, F. Mills 3, Miss P. Fox 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Harvest Festival and a farewell to Freddie Mills who has joined H.M. Forces. He will be missed.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Susan Ellenor 2, Lesley Read 3, K. Sansom 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, A. W. Betsworth 6, B. C. Kercher (cover). Rung after the marriage of Joy Smith and Arthur Bartlett.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Presdee 1, Ann Cass 2, S. Orchard 3, Ann Collins 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peek 6. To mark the conclusion of Little Missenden Festival of Music, Art and Literature.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Mack 1, W. Harvey 2, D. Wills 3, Miss V. Mellish 4, J. Salway 5, K. Wannell 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, C. Deem 8. First in method 4 and 6.

LITTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 720 Durham): P. Gay 1, G. H. Pullin 2, J. Brain 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. Bridle 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in methods for all except 3.

LONDON.—St. Clement Danes', on Oct 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Charlton (first on 10) 1, Miss M. E. Lewis 2, C. A. Hughes 3, Miss S. Smith 4, A. J. Bull 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Sprankling 7, J. Brown 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. For Matins.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: B. S. Thompson 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, G. W. Howlett 3, R. W. Coates 4, L. Raphael 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, A. E. Crowe 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

LYDD, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): W. S. Humphery 1, Lydia Terry (first 'inside') 2, Maisie Vantom 3, S. Boulden 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, A. S. Phelips (first quarter) 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. S. Morris 1, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Short 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. Short 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. Knight 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. G. Keeley (father of the ringers 4 and 6) on his completion of 75 years of membership of church choirs.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Miss E. Todd 2, Miss M. Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Hall 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, R. D. Hughes (first of Minor) 4, R. Pepper 5, F. Chambers (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the talent scheme which raised £230 for church heating fund.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Lesley Read 2, Susan Ellenor 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, Patricia Smith 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: J. Yeates 1, L. Berrick (cond.) 2, Mr. Blake 3, C. Kortwright 4, H. Hardwidge 5, P. Gardner 6. A compliment to Mrs. Horler, on her 86th birthday.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Sturrock 1, R. A. Yeates 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, A. G. Craddock 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, J. G. White 6. For Evensong and a welcome to Rev. S. Kendal, curate. Also at St. John the Baptist Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Miss S. Scott 1, Miss W. Phillips 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, A. R. Patterson 6. A compliment to the Rev. P. I. Addison (founder member of Guild) and Bridget M. Jackson who were married at this church earlier this day. Also at St. George's, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. S. Robson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, Miss S. Scott 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong. Also at St. George's on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. White (first on Minor) 1, J. A. Sturrock (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss S. Scott 3, S. J. Pardoe (first of Minor 'inside') 4, A. G. Craddock (first of Minor 'inside') 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. All quarters by St. George's Guild. For Harvest Festival.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Valerie Mepham 1, J. W. T. Smith (first of Minor) 2, Judy Bowen 3, Ann Harris 4, A. Jackson 5, I. V. J. Smith (25th of Grandsire, (cond.) 6. First of Minor in the method for all. For the enthronement of Archbishop Heenan as R.C. Archbishop of Westminster; also as a farewell to Ann Harris, leaving shortly for Nottingham University.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. King 1, G. Orme 2, E. D. Patching 3, P. Holden (cond.) 4, J. List 5, S. Patching 6. Following the in memoriam services for Willi Freund, held in St. Mary's Church, Northleigh, and St. Michael's, Chester Square, London.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss S. Scott 1, T. Sewell 2, K. Arthur (cond) 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, J. Crowther 5, A. C. Bolton 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 28th, at the Church of St. Wilfrid, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Dilys Price 1, R. Twigg 2, S. Coutte 3, J. Cuthbert 4, Darryl Gillespie (cond.) 5, L. McKeever 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. G. M. Jones, newly inducted to the parish.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Perry 1, Miss J. Chiswell 2, B. Wootton 3, P. Bill (cond.) 4, J. A. Tandy 5, M. Kennard (first quarter) 6, C. R. Tandy 7, A. D. Roden 8. For Harvest Festival.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brackly 1, Mrs. Jill M. May 2, G. L. Grover 3, J. Soles 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung on the back six for Harvest Thanksgiving.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Stephen D. Holdaway (first in 4 methods) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Ivings 1, Miss G. Gray (first 'inside') 2, R. H. Allsworth 3, J. Venn 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Harvest Festival.

PORTBURY, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Jennifer Brake 1, B. Goodliffe 2, V. James 3, G. Skelly 4, J. Riley (cond.) 5, R. Hoskins 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 29th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Miss P. Buss 2, Mrs. W. Lewington 3, A. Diserens 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. In honour of the birth of a son to Gillian and Cyril Lewington.

RETFORD, NOTTS.—At St. Swithin's, on Oct 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Vincent (first quarter) 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, J. Coates 3, D. A. Whetton 4, R. G. Fanthorpe 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six for the Feast of the Dedication.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: G. Richardson 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, M. Bland 4, J. McPhail 5, J. Fowler 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Ashby 1, H. Mann 2, A. G. Harris (first quarter, 12 years) 3, T. R. Harris (first as cond., 14 years) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, T. J. Capon (first quarter, 12 years) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Norman Harris.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. E. Lockwood 1, R. W. Steward 2, R. Kersey 3, N. F. Whittell 4, R. K. Whittell 5, A. W. Beckwith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (5 methods): Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, D. W. Stenson 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Carol I. V. Corton 6. For Festal Evensong.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Gooday (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Dye 2, J. Warner 3, A. Syder 4, H. Dorking 5, R. Lindsell (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Warren (first quarter) 1, N. Gray 2, M. R. Nimmo 3, T. Gray 4, B. R. Eglesfield (cond.) 5, E. Edmunds 6. For the wedding of William Adams and Yvonne Windsor.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): B. Lunn (13) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, T. Spearing (14) 3, P. Jeanes (14) 4, Miss J. Lunn (16) 5, D. Holloway (14) 6, Mr. D. Beale 7, J. Trembath (14) 8. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (9 methods): E. Cherry 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. E. Archer 4, M. B. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 720 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 'in front'): P. Perry 1, G. Benjamin 2, Margaret Grantham 3, A. Leeves 4, I. Perry 5, G. Piper 6, M. Legg (first 720 as cond.) 7, A. Webb 8. First 720 for all except conductor. First 720 by local band for many years. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Smith 1, B. Wakefield 2, F. W. Soden 3, B. W. Hall 4, T. W. Timms 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, C. Coles 8.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, Miss A. Gladwell 3, T. Wood 4, A. T. Wingate 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,248 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge): E. F. Fosbery 1, E. Winifred Keyes 2, A. Diserens 3, B. E. Matthews 4, R. F. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, F. W. Rogers 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, L. J. Rutt 4, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. S. Spackman 6.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Roberts 1, Miss S. Hallett 2, Miss B. Boyce (first as cond.) 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Coombes (first 'inside') 5, R. Bowditch (first quarter) 6. Rung after Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Sloman 1, A. House 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, Monica M. Moore 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, J. Jelley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Oct. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Tessa Hollis (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, S. Armeson 4, D. Nichols 5, N. Donovan 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

RUTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—At 'Monterey,' on Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Smith 1-2, G. C. Paul 3-4, A. A. Paul (cond.) 5-6. First on six handbells for all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Peter's 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, Mrs. S. Slade 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, K. J. Darvill 4, S. P. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, C. E. Slade 8, R. W. Darvill 9, H. V. Frost (cond.) 10. First by 2 and 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, C. J. Blain 3, G. E. Bonham 4, Ian M. Smith 5, A. J. Davey 6, J. G. Gipson 7, Rev. G. C. Galley (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, R. Haines 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, J. E. Daniels 4, R. Jones 5, E. C. Read 6, Rev. Roger Keeley (cond.) 7, N. O. Skelton 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Wm. Simpson 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphries (first 'inside') 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Parker 1, A. Callow 2, G. Jeanes 3, Miss L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. For the first grandchild of the conductor and Mrs. F. J. White.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On March 25th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Dutton 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss C. Froggatt (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Woods 1, Jean Horton 2, J. Taylor 3, M. Daines 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, 1 Charman 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss V. Woods and P. Blaydon: also the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Horton.

STUTFOLD, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Woods 1, G. D. Goodwin 2, D. R. Saunderson 3, P. Mehew 4, Audrey Alexander (cond.) 5, Carole Brown (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, M. J. Fellows 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, P. W. Webb 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung by the local band for Evensong on the festival of the dedication of the church. Also a wedding compliment to F. Brian Cookson (of the local band); and a 50th birthday compliment to A. D. Fellows.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waltham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Stuteley 3, P. Mills 4, F. Harvey 5, E. Davey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. F. Lee (first of Triples) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, T. J. Milsom 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. For the Patronal Festival.

UPOTTERY, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Sage 1, A. J. Crabb (first as cond.) 2, E. W. Broom 3, G. C. Crabb (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Sage 5, W. Broom 6.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Minor (2 methods—Single Oxford and Cambridge): J. Mac D. Bateman 1, R. S. Starkie 2, R. J. Parker 3, D. Butterworth 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, J. Kershaw 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Duncan (first quarter) 1, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, I. Dear 6. For Children's Harvest Service.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Batchelor (first of Triples) 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Evensong, and the first use of the newly-restored organ.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 London Scholars' Pleasure T. B. Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, F. Cooke 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Kingston T. B. Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, R. Lucas 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Fowles 1, G. Golding 2, S. Gibson 3, D. Manton 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, Canon E. Wigg 6. A compliment to Aiden Butcher and Gillian Page prior to their wedding.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins. 25th quarter together 2 and 4.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Simpson (has 'circled tower') 1, C. D. Emery 2, R. A. Yeates 3, R. G. Lay 4, J. V. Clark 5, L. R. H. Smith (first as cond.) 6, J. Hughes 7, M. P. Moreton 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, J. D. Faircloth 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, R. G. Crosland (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. J. B. Shortt, and Mrs. Shortt, who are leaving for River, Dover.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Thompson 1, J. Crowther 2, F. Ross 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, W. Davidson (first away from the tenor) 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (3 methods): H. G. Flynn 1, F. R. Morton (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker (first 'inside') 3, F. S. Sutton 4, I. R. Nichols 5, T. E. Trickett 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also as a birthday compliment to J. S. Baker.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, J. Warner 2, R. Dorking 3, B. Crook 4, T. Monk (first quarter) 5, H. Dorking 6, E. W. Bright 7, A. Piggott (first as cond.) 8. For the Harvest Festival.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): F. Cherryman 1, R. Tickner 2, Mrs. K. Newman 3, J. Collier (first of Minor 'inside') 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6, R. Jordan 8. For Harvest Festival.

THE DRAYTON CHIME

Mr. E. Weatherley, of North Figuerra, Los Angeles, who is 92, submits the Drayton Chime, a combination of church and clock chime, using five of the six rows. This was arranged by Robert Roan, of Cambridge, before 1600 and called 'The Sixer.'

First quarter 1 2 3

2 1 3
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3 2 1
3 1 2
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MID-WALES RINGING OUTING

Cardigan, Pembroke, Tenby and Llanbadarn Fawr ringers travelled to mid-Wales for the annual outing last July.

The coach left Cardigan at 8 a.m. and travelled along the coast road to Aberystwyth, where we were joined by the Llandabarn ringers. Another pleasant run over the Cambrian mountains to Llanidloes, and our first tower. Soon the pleasant six were being rung to Plain Bob Minor and various Doubles methods. Next came the six at Newtown, where we found the ringing chamber rather cramped and our Oxford Treble Bob wouldn't come round.

After the luncheon interval came Montgomery (another enjoyable six). The sally of the fifth was so low that it could only be rung comfortably by sitting on a bench, and many were curious as to the age and size of the regular ringer. Mrs. Phil Rogers had her cine camera with her and it is hoped to show the film of the outing and other ringing activities at the annual dinner.

It was only a short run to Berriew, where we were pleasantly surprised to find that it was now an eight bell tower, and our first touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. As we had planned to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor here, we did so on the back six. This was one of the best towers of the day and we were most impressed with the 'duty roster' of ringers pinned up with almost thirty names on it!

Now came the most ambitious part of the outing, a run across the foot of the Snowdonia National Park to Barmouth, a distance of almost 60 miles. Perhaps we were too ambitious because we failed to ring at Machynlleth on the way home, being so much behind schedule.

After a late tea we made our way to Barmouth Church, which is most unusually sited, right against the cliff face and the echo of the bells is almost overpowering. However, they were a delightful eight to ring and were soon tapping away to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and rounds. We were grateful to the curate and his wife for cutting short their holiday to ring with us.

We left for home about 8 p.m., making a short stop at Machynlleth to cater for the thirsty ones, and arrived back in Cardigan at midnight. We would like to thank all incumbents and tower captains, and Bob Pateman for the arrangements.

A. F. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch took place on September 28th and, being blessed with fine weather, was a great success. Well organised by Mr. T. A. Palmer and ably assisted by Mr. George Newman, two motor coaches picked up a party of nearly 50 over this widely-scattered district and assembled at Chisledon at 8.45 a.m.

The destination was Worcester and its surrounding area, and the early morning drive through the Cotswold scenery was enjoyed by everyone. Childs Wickham was reached slightly behind schedule. Most of the company had a pull on this nice-toned six before leaving for Hinton-on-the-Green. Here we were met by Mrs. J. Thomas, who joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The fairly long draught and two very light trebles were not conducive to particularly good striking, however, although all enjoyed this tuneful octave and admired the immaculately-kept ringing chamber.

Pershore was the next stop and after a packed lunch a visit was paid to the Abbey. Here the writer must confess that the dizzy height of the ringing 'cage' defeated him, but those who did ring were full of praise for the heavy eight with its 28-cwt. tenor. At Upton Snodsbury good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman were accomplished.

Worcester was reached at 4.30, where the whole party sat down to a previously-ordered high tea. Leaving at 6 p.m., the last tower of the day, Kempsey, was reached very quickly and here, on this beautiful easy-going six, some of the best ringing of the day took place.

Home was reached just before 11 p.m. after a memorable day. W. A. E.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

LEE.—On October 2nd, 1963, at Butleigh Hospital, Glastonbury, to Helen (nee White) and Ray, a son (Alan Peter); first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. F. J. White, of Somerton. 3431

DEATH

CRITCHLEY.—Suddenly on October 12th, 1963, at 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster, Blanche, beloved wife of W. Eric Critchley. Peace at the last. 3429

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HARMAN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman is now 'The Mount,' Sandford, Godshill, I.o.W. 3454

LONYON.—From Oct. 26th the address of Mr. H. C. Lonyon, secretary of the Macclesfield Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, will be 'The Shrubberies,' Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Telephone Sutton 439. 3434

ROBBINS.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Robbins after October 29th will be Charing Vicarage, Ashford, Kent. 3383

SANSOM.—From October 28th the address of Keith Sansom, tower secretary, Petersfield, will be 65, Glebe Road, Buriton, Petersfield, Hants. 3420

WORRALL.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Worrall is now Kent School, Hostert, B.F.P.O. 40. 3430

PERSONAL

'The fear of the Lord that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.' (Job xxviii, 28.)

MOTHER'S HELP wanted for Sydney, Australia, baby expected end of January. Suit English ringer wanting working holiday in Australia, with a home and job waiting for first few months. Advance with salary to assist with fare.—Write by air mail to Mrs. Margaret Goodyer, 16, King Edward Street, Roseville, N.S.W.

PUBLICATION

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby; an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing; 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

MAULDEN, BEDS.—Practice has now commenced on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and will continue throughout the winter months. All welcome. 3449

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note revised time of practice on Saturday, October 26th, ringing from 5.30 to 7 p.m. All welcome. 3437

ST. PETER MANCROFT.—Due to repairs to the roof adjoining the tower ringing is stopped at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, until further notice. 3459

ST. WENDREDA'S CHURCH, MARCH, CAMBS.—Winter practices (last Saturday of month) commence October 26th, 6.30-8.15 p.m. All welcome. 3424

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner to be held at Church House, Gt. Smith Street, Westminster, on Saturday, February 1st, 1964. Tickets, price one guinea, available from F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 3445

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held at the Dolphin Hotel, Romsey, on Saturday, November 30th. Various towers in the area open during the day. Tickets (17s.) from J. H. Taylor, 122, Highfield Lane, Southampton. 3440

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington (6), October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3396

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Worle (6), Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 3433

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 26th, at Youlegreave, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Please note one hour only, and at Darley Dale, 5.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis Sec. 3428

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at St. Luke's Derby (8) (not St. Andrew's). Bells 3-5, 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 3451

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 26th,
at Blandford Parish Church.
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome. 3406

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 3411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea, please, to G. Oliver, Belindor, Viggory Lane, Horsell, Woking. 3409

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, October 26th, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please. St. Albans Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3391

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting will be held at Bishop's Castle on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 3462

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Evening meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at Greasley (8) commencing at 5.30 p.m.—P. Nix, Sec. 3425

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Debenham on October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30, tea at the Rectory 5 p.m. Requests for tea to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 3427

LADIES GUILD.—North-Western District.—An informal meeting is to be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, October 31st. Bells (12) from 7.30 p.m.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 3464

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
Ringing has been arranged at the following towers for those attending the 326th Anniversary Dinner on
Saturday, November 2nd, 1963.

St Dunstan's, Stepney,	10.30-11.30 a.m.
Southwark Cathedral,	1-2.15 p.m.
St Andrew's, Holborn,	2.30-3.30 p.m.
St. Giles', Cripplegate,	3-4.15 p.m.
St. Lawrence, Jewry,	3.30-4.30 p.m.
St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside,	3.45-5 p.m.

—JOHN CHILCOTT 3441

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Odell, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: College Exercise. Names for tea by October 30th at latest to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. **No name no tea.** 3455

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Warwick Branch.—Meeting on November 2nd at Whitnash. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 31st, to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (phone 26785). 3453

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, at Willingham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3446

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting, Maldon, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3370

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting, Longhope, November 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. H. Brown, Church Lane, Longhope.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madeley, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 30th, to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 3466

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Evening meeting at Langleybury on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 6 p.m.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 3436

LADIES' GUILD—South Wales District.—Meeting, November 2nd, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Trowbridge, 40, Preston Avenue, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 3419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's, Lancaster. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 3461

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Idle, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Thursday to Mr. Tom Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Bradford. 3442

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Castle Donington on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fearn, 51, Eastway, Castle Donington. 3449

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, November 2nd, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 17s. 6d.) obtainable from undersigned before October 26th. Cash, etc., with order. Ringing: St. Saviour's (8), 1.30-2.15; St. John-the-Divine (10), 2.15-3.15; St. Margaret's (12), 3.15-4.30; All Saints' (8), 4.30-5.45.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 3439

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, November 2nd, at Holbeach. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3375

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, Fenton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Birks, 367, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, October 30th.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Barton Seagrave, November 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. Hulme, 46, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Guilsborough Saturday, November 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3457

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by October 30th.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3414

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing at Dunblane from 2-3.20, and at St. John's, Broad Street, Alloa, from 3.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec 3463

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3444

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—J. Seager, Sec. 3452

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 2nd, at West Bridgford, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by October 30th.—S. Adams. 3467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
Quarterly meeting, Warnham, Saturday, November 2nd.
Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea and meeting 5. Bells 6.30.
Social 7.30-9.30 p.m. All welcome.
Names for tea to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3448

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 3456

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Kirby Moorside (6), Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 3460

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradworthy, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec. 3450

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Horsham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by November 7th. **Note:** Annual dinner, Saturday, January 11th. Names will be taken at this meeting. 3432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 10th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th November 1963 at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. each, from General Secretary. Limit date November 5th. Early application and s.a.e. please.—F. V. G. 3426

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, with tea and social evening to follow. Harefield (245 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (6 p.m.) also available. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath. 3435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday November 9th. Names for tea no later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. Hancock. 3447

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Llangynwydd, near Bridgend, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Bells available until 8 p.m. Bridgend also available until 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 11th, please, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 3443

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3423

Correction.—In the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Hathersage (see page 698) the name of the ringer of the fifth bell, Leonard Goodall, was inadvertently omitted from the report.

The weight of Bray tenor is 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16—an unfortunate transposition occurred in our October 18th issue.

OBITUARY

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER

With regret we announce the death in West Park Hospital, Epsom, on October 18th of Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, in his 87th year. From 1913 until this year he was Master of the London County Association. 'Fifty years Master was a wonderful achievement, and indication of the respect in which he was held by the members,' writes Mr. W. G. Wilson, the present Master. He was elected to the Central Council as representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1900 and held office until 1908, and again from 1912-14. From 1909-11 and again from 1915 until recently he represented the London County Association.

The funeral service will be at St. Leonard's, Streatham, today (Friday) at 11.30 a.m., followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery at 12 noon. Flowers to Chappell and Sons, 16, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

N. and E. District

Although the weather was indicative of what the summer days should have been, it did not induce a large attendance at the meeting of the N. and E. District on October 12th at Clerkenwell and Holborn. Unfortunately the wheel of the 7th at the former tower was damaged a few days previously and ringing was therefore cancelled. At the suggestion of the Vicar, however, who met those attending, a course of Cambridge Minor with the third and seventh missing was rung.

The Rev. Roy Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's—in days gone by the ancient Parish Church of Holborn and now a Guild church of the Diocese of London—conducted a short service, and welcomed the Association to the City.

The Vicar generously offered the hospitality of his vicarage and supplied tea and biscuits to the small number of members and friends present, and also permitted the business meeting to be held there. At this, Mr. J. D. Hibbert, of Chorley Wood, was elected as a non-resident life member, and Mr. John Weaver, from Pontefract, as a ringing member. Votes of thanks were expressed by Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman.

The attendance at the evening ringing improved somewhat and visitors from Waltham Abbey, Croydon, Liverpool Cathedral, Bedford and Bletchley joined the company and ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods.

E. H. K.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Prebendary Andrews, president of the Guild, made the long journey from Chittlehampton to be present at the S.W. Branch's meeting at Buckland Monachorum on September 28th. There was some good ringing on the eight bells of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Major and Kent under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers.

An excellent tea was provided by wives and friends of local ringers. At the business meeting Miss A. Read, of Galmpton, was elected a member and the belfry election of Mr. Nelson was confirmed. Capt. Read and his daughter were presented with their Guild certificates by the president.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Luckraft) and the organist were thanked, as well as the ladies, for an enjoyable afternoon.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Christ Church, North Shields, November 2nd, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Scott, 2, Keilder Terrace, North Shields. 3468

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, November 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea **free** for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 3470

OUTINGS

CORSTON, SOMERSET

Corston ringers, accompanied by friends from various towers, had a half-day outing in the Sedgemoor area on September 28th. We were pleased to have with us the Rev. R. O. Fry, and for a part of the time the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Vicar of Long Sutton.

The first tower was Moorlinch (a pleasant six), where one or two low 'sallies' caused considerable embarrassment to several of the party. Middlezoy (a slightly lighter six, but with a rather heavy-going tenor) came next. A death prevented us ringing at Othery. Permission was sought to ring at Weston Zoyland, but in the absence of the Vicar and Tower Master this was not possible. However, the church was well worth a visit with its magnificent roof and screen, the beauty of the interior being enhanced by the decorations for Harvest Thanksgiving.

After a picnic tea, taken on a runway of a disused aerodrome, a move was made to Drayton, where a pleasant time was spent on the easy-going eight. Mr. T. Lock joined us in a well-struck touch of Plain Bob Major.

The last tower was Long Sutton, where we were made at home by the Vicar, and a pleasant hour was spent. Methods during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Minor.

Our thanks are due to incumbents, those who met us and to Mr. H. L. Parfrey, who made the arrangements.

L. R. G. T.

ST. GEORGE'S, BECKINGHAM

The bells at Walton-on-Thames proved to be better than expected when the Beckingham company rang them to methods up to Cambridge during their outing on September 21st. Chertsey's eight bells proved equally successful.

A good lunch at Guildford put us in the mood to enjoy the ten at St. Nicolas'. In spite of the effort required on the tenor, a good standard was maintained at Holy Trinity and concluded with an Herculean performance for a course of Superlative, which proved well worth while. A wide range of methods up to Bristol at Shere delighted everybody, and the day was rounded off with an excellent dinner.

D. G. B.

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

Leaving Parkhead at 7.30 a.m. on September 22nd, Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas') ringers and friends had a very successful outing with Worcester as the objective. A pleasant hour was spent at the first stop, St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, which concluded with an almost perfect lower. After a satisfying lunch at Quatford, the party moved to the beautiful ring at Dodderhill, and the course of London which finished the ringing was voted as the best ringing of the day. Worcester was reached at 3.30 p.m. Our ringing strength was inadequate to get the best out of the melodious Cathedral bells, although Cinques, Royal and Caters were rung, with the very welcome help of the Cathedral ringers. In the meantime the non-ringers had an interesting time climbing the tower looking around the beautiful Cathedral and older parts of the city. The final tower was that of All Saints', Worcester, where elbow grease was in some demand.

Having refuelled to satisfaction, the party left for home, and en route were treated with 81 years young Lester Gray's broadest smile of the day, when the coach stopped at a place of his choosing instead of the promised milk bar.

A SUFFOLK OUTING

Mr. L. G. Brett's annual half-day trip is always popular and this year, with Cambridge as the objective, the coach was more than full. Towers visited were Ickleton, Sawston, Trumpington, and St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic Churches at Cambridge. Ringing reached Spliced Surprise Major, but there were also call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Help in organisation is acknowledged to Miss K. Willers and Mr. Quinney, and thanks expressed to incumbents and those who met the party.

5,088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	M	W	H
42356			(3)	—
63254		—	3	—
23564			2	—
23645	Repeat from 23456.			
62345			3	—
32546		—	3	
24365	X			
24653	X			—
45236	X			
23456			—	—

Omit the bracketed bobs in one part.

5,152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By GEORGE LEWIS

W	M	H	23456
—	2	2	25634
—		3	32654
—	3	3	53624
—		—	62534
	—	—	45236
2		—	25346
3		2	53246
—		2	52436
2			23456

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THE EXTREME SOUTH

CORNWALL is a land of extremes. The county provides the most westerly and the most southerly rings of bells in the British Isles. Very appropriately, too, the extremes of the alphabet can be found, beginning at Advent (5) and ending at Zennor (6), but much more, for in between you can ring at a tower beginning with every letter of the alphabet except Q (and even this cannot be ruled out for there is an uncertain ring of three at Quethiock), U, X and Y. The county provides the only V's (St. Veep and Veryan). Students of 'Dove' will say the 'O' is missing, but Otterham provides this with a ring of three hung in a modern frame for six. Not far over the Tamar Bridge the U and Y can soon be found.

On October 12th the most westerly branch of a Diocesan Guild—the Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild—visited the most southerly tower of Landewednack, which is the parish church of The Lizard as Sennen is of the Land's End. The Autumn Festival was to celebrate the hanging of the ring of six bells 25 years ago when two of the ancient three bells were given four new companions. The ancient tenor was preserved and is now mounted outside the church. A plaque records its interest.

At this festival there were almost one hundred present. A Press photographer busied himself photographing a full group (as many as could be mustered), the Landewednack ringers (some retired and some still active who rang 25 years ago), and also the cutting of a two-tier birthday cake by the local captain, Mr. H. C. Barrett, at the tea. The age groups reached to the extremes also with Mr. W. Wood, of Gulval, who will be 88 in November, and Stephen and Jane Carveth, respectively three years and seven months.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Hodges) apologised that there was no organ. This had been dismantled by the organ builders the week before, but a harmonium sufficed to accompany the rousing singing of the good congregation. The preacher was the Guild's general secretary (the Rev. A. J. Vincent, Vicar of Kenwyn) and he immediately made us sit up and take notice by saying that on such occasions the clergy often took the opportunity of telling ringers what they thought of them, but he was going to reverse this and try to discover what ringers thought of the clergy. Basing his remarks on St. Paul's words, 'As ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God,' our secretary soon had us all meditating on a new method, and puzzling over a diagram well worth committing to memory.

For the business meeting the Guild president, Mr. Alan Carveth, was voted to the chair in the absence of Miss Eileen Symons, who asked that she might be relieved of this office. The branch secretary, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, was elected branch chairman, and the vacant office was filled by the election of Miss M. Christopher, of Gulval. Mr. William Wood agreed to act as auditor for one more year. A credit balance of £38 8s. 8d. was reported, but it was pointed out that in view of the visit of the Central Council to the diocese next year, the branches might well be asked to help the central fund. Gulval was chosen for the Spring Festival. Ringing also took place at St. Keverne (8), Mawgan, Mullion and Wendron (6). A. S. R.

ALBERT CHARLES HAZELDEN

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Exercise at large has lost a devoted servant of the Church and officer of long standing by the death on October 24th of Mr. Albert Charles Hazelden, of 109, Grange Road, Guildford. Although 87 years of age, until his illness about two months ago he was leading an active, industrious life in fulfilment of his various honorary posts as convener of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council and as librarian to the Guildford Guild.

It was on Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24th, 1876) that Mr. Hazelden was born at Sevenoaks; and although he left school seven weeks before his 12th birthday, by painstaking attention in after years he made amends for these early deficiencies of education. He came to Guildford in 1900 to enter the employ of Dennis Bros.: by 1919 he was on the salaried staff and specialised in fire engines, handling large contracts from all over the world. He retired in 1944.

He learned to handle a bell at Sundridge in 1897, but it was when his work took him to Seal Chart and he became a pupil of F. G. Newman that he progressed in change-ringing, and rang his first peal in this tower in 1900. Coming to Guildford the same year, he was welcomed by a band of enthusiasts—Jim Hunt, Alfred H. Pullen and Charles Wiltshire. With them he made history, ringing the first of London Surprise for the Winchester Guild, first of Bristol Surprise in Surrey and first of Stedman Caters by a Guildford band, and many other peals.

Last September he and Mrs. Hazelden celebrated their diamond wedding. It was after marriage that Mrs. Hazelden joined him in the belfry and ultimately, in 1913, she inaugurated the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, becoming the first secretary. Together they rang peals in the standard methods. Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. In 1920 they stood in the first peal on tower bells by four married couples. Later they were to be recorded as ringing together for their silver wedding and also with the same band for the 30th anniversary. In all, he rang about 200 peals.

With Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, he was one of the founders of the Guildford Guild in 1927, and in 1932 when the Guild formed its library became the first and only librarian to date. In the spacious ringing chamber of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, he established a very good library. For years he was in charge of the tower, and was one of the best instructors in the district, travelling miles to take classes. While devoted to ringing, he had an even greater devotion to the Altar, being a Servant of the Sanctuary and by precept and example leading a truly Christian life.

'Charlie's' service to ringing was not confined to his own Guild. In 1930 he was elected to the Central Council, and had served continuously since then, attending the last meeting at Great Yarmouth. In 1939 he was placed on the Biographies Committee, becoming its convener after the deaths of W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith. Assiduously he carried out this task, writing hundreds of letters and following up the faintest of clues in the hope of making the biographies of members of the Council as comprehensive as possible.

The requiem and burial service was held at St. Nicolas' Church on Wednesday, and cremation followed at Woking. The deepest sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow and niece, Miss Y. L. Eloie, secretary of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

WILTSHIRE—THE PLAIN AND SOUTH OF IT—THE SMALLER RINGS OF BELLS

THOUGH this report contains all the three- and four-bell towers in the area (except West Dean and Swallowcliffe), some lesser known fives, two sixes and one two have been included. All the towers have been personally visited during the last two years.

It has seemed unnecessary to give a list of founders as these can all be readily found in Walters' 'Church Bells of Wiltshire.' Though published in the 1920's the three parts can still be obtained from the Wiltshire Archæological Society, The Museum, Devizes, Wilts, at the original price of 16s. the set. The only change in the bells which follow is the treble at Donhead St. Andrew's, recast by Mears in 1953. Of the bells described three 17th century founders, John Wallis and John Danton, of Salisbury, and John Lott, of Warminster, are represented by 21, 9 and 11 respectively. Danton's successors, the Tosiers, account for nine, the Aldbourne Foundry for seven and 15th century bells are well represented by 10. There is a fair smattering of Warner and Mears bells.

SIXES AND FIVES

Chute Forest (6).—This church is being restored, and not demolished as stated in 'Dove.' It is hoped to ring after restoration, but ringing is not possible at the moment. A complete Mears ring of 1871.

North Tidworth (5). —These bells were last rung 40 years ago and are in very poor state. Only the tenor was raised by the writer, the rest being out of the question.

Winterbourne Earls (5).—Fully ringable. Tone rather poor.

Ebbesbourne Wake (5).—If somebody was willing to put shrouding on the wheels these bells would be ringable. Treble and tenor added by Llewellin and James in 1884.

Tollard Royal (5).—The two trebles have been poorly squeezed into the end of an 18 frame. All the fittings are in very poor shape and unringable.

Stapleford (5).—Tower declared unsafe by architect. It is difficult to see why.

Berwick St. John (6).—The bells would be quite ringable, but the tower is horribly cracked, and the pinnacles could be pushed off by hand.

Sedgehill (5).—A pleasant ring which only needs tightening to put it good order. About 4 cwt. in D. and not 9 cwt. as in 'Dove.'

West Knoyle (5).—Condemned by founders. Antiquated fittings, but they look quite safe for the occasional ring!

FOURS AND THREES

Tilshead (3).—Clocked, with the bells held a quarter up by bits of wood nailed to the stays, etc. The sanctus has half a bed leg as a clapper. Complete Bilbie ring of 1764.

Orcheston St. George (4).—Fully ringable and go reasonably well.

Orcheston St. Mary (3).—A really magnificent Taylor ring of 1916, in excellent condition still. Tenor has no stay. The Vicar is touchy about giving permission to ring.

Maddington (part of Shrewton) (3).—Clocked and in last stages of decay.

Winterbourne Stoke (4).—Architect condemns tower, but the bells are in very poor shape, all swinging the same way. Probably would be just ringable. Treble 1380, and perhaps oldest bell in Wilts.

Berwick St. James (4).—In terrible condition. Broken wheels, clappers missing. Really a five, with the 4th represented only by a headstock.



ST. GEORGE'S, ORCHESTON

Baverstock (near Dinton) (3).—All swing the same way in a rather loose frame. Ringable, however, and well worth a visit as the treble and tenor date from about 1400.

Teffont Evias (3).—Fully ringable and in good order.

Sutton Mandeville (3).—Of excellent tone. Ringable when ropes fitted and Ellacombe hammer on tenor disentangled, despite architect's condemnation.

Donhead St. Andrew (4).—Rehung 1953. Some tightening needed. Tenor by otherwise unknown founders, Washborough Hale & Co., of Bristol, 1831.

Alvediston (3).—Last rehung in 1811 by the Aldbourne Foundry and still in first class order. Officially condemned, but unofficially ringable. Tenor about 14 cwt.

Bowerchalke (3).—Clocking apparatus fixed immovably.

Bishopstone (3).—Quite unringable, broken wheels, etc. Frame dated 1652.

Stratford Toney (3).—Architect condemns, but could just be rung. Stays are pieces of wood roped to the wheels; 17 fittings and hangings.

Odstock (3).—Badly attacked by worm, and in too poor a condition to ring.

Nunton (3).—A new wheel on one bell would make these ringable.

Netherhampton (3).—Restored by writers, with the assistance of Taylor's, and rung regularly.

Whiteparish (3) and **Figheldean** (3).—Towers condemned by architect.

Wilsford (near Amesbury) (3).—One bell has a broken cast in staple, otherwise they might be ringable. Tenor, the only surviving bell by Thomas Warre, of Salisbury, dated 1572. The second is by the rare itinerant founder, R. Beconsall, dated 1601.

Idmiston (4).—In perfect ringing order in a stable tower. The Vicar entertains unreasonable fears and is quite unringable.



ALVEDISTON CHURCH

Allington (3).—In deplorable state. The second is being chimed with only one canon intact. Nothing to stop it falling to the ground when the other breaks as the frame is poorly constructed.

Newton Toney (4).—Permission to ring not obtainable, until the decision to spend some money on them is given.

Winterbourne Gunner (2).—A fine, mediæval bell frame, with half wheels. One bell has a stay 6 ft. long, protruding from the centre of the headstock.

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ROBIN LEALE'S PEAL TOUR OF NORTH WALES

(See page 717)

AFTER visiting Scotland last year, Mr. Robin G. Leale's tour this year was in North Wales, the party assembling at Craven Arms Hotel, Craven Arms, on Friday, August 9th.

A sleepless night, due to the traffic on the main Hereford to Shrewsbury road on one side and the railway on the other, preceded an early run to Clun, where before attempting our first peal an hour was spent changing ropes. Having done this we were away to a fine start and after 2 hours 51 minutes of Yorkshire we were again in rounds. This was Keith Ward's 100th peal.

After a bite we were on our way to Bishop's Castle, where a variety of methods was rung on the good ring of six. Our next call was Church Stoke, the first tower of the tour in Wales, where Doubles methods were rung on this ground floor five. Although we were forewarned of a little refreshment at the Court House Hotel, we were amazed at the tremendous spread laid on for us by Mr. Shuker, the local captain. Our sincere thanks to him for his generous thought.

A few more miles on the clock found us at Montgomery, where again our repertoire was put to good use. By now we were a little behind schedule and after a quick ring at Forden we journeyed to Leighton. Here unexpectedly met Arthur Pearson, who claimed the villagers had told him the Canon of Dorking was ringing their bells! Ringing followed at Berriew on a recent recast Taylor eight, which is certainly in keeping with the best kept village in Montgomeryshire. Mr. Cannon called a very musical touch of Stedman, in which Queens came up twice and we finished with a touch of eight spliced. We now had to travel 50 or so miles to Aberystwyth, which took us across central Wales. This journey was most enjoyable for it gave some idea of the country we had yet to see. Our headquarters for the next two nights was the Talbot Hotel, Aberystwyth.

'PRESS-UP' COMPETITION

In the evening we had the annual press-up competition, when Mr. Cannon generously offered a penny for each press-up over twenty. Much to Mr. Cannon's dismay Robin earned himself twopence, after which it was found necessary to reconsider the situation. After a financial reshuffle it was decided that a penny over twenty-five would still be a generous offer, or so Mr. Cannon thought, and the competition continued. After one or two very courageous attempts it finally fell on Mr. Cannon, who did not hesitate to inform us that he was old enough to be the father of everyone present, to show us how it is done, and with 25 press-ups he brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

Sunday morning eight of the party went to ring at Llandiloes, while the remainder went to church in Aberystwyth. After a filling lunch at the hotel we were on our way to Llanbadarn Fawr, for our second attempt of the week. Here we were successful in ringing Bristol. The peal over, two car loads went to see Devil's Bridge and the waterfalls made famous by Wordsworth.

We left Aberystwyth on Monday for Machynlleth. Here in a church, typical of slate quarry areas, we rang a peal of Pudsey. Further north to Barmouth, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales. Great misfortune met us at the magnificent Parish Church, as after one and a half hour's ringing one member of the band decided to set his bell after a slight trip. No accommodation had been booked for Monday night so the two not in the Barmouth attempt made their way to Harlech, where suitable accommodation was found, although not all under one roof. Monday evening was spent in the games room at the St. David's Hotel, where a table tennis tournament was held. Colin taking the championship.

Up bright and early Tuesday morning and over the toll bridges crossing Afon Dwyryd and past the famous Ffestiniog railway, Portmadoc was reached at 10 a.m. and a start was made for London, which came round 2 hours and 51 minutes later. An afternoon free from ringing saw us up to our knees on marshy ground on Glyder-fawr. However, the three agile members of the party managed to climb to a height of about 2,500 feet, leaving behind last year's 'Mountain King.'

INTO ANGLESEY

Another pleasant run took us to Beaumaris and the Liverpool Arms Hotel, where we were to stay for the next two nights. After a visit to Bangor's Chinese restaurant, we obtained permission to ring on Llandegai's noisy six.

Wednesday morning we once again crossed the Menai Straits to attempt a peal at St. David's, Glenadda. After ringing for an unscheduled wedding we started for Lincolnshire, our fifth successful peal out of six attempts. Back to Beaumaris for Gillian Neal Smith's 100th peal—Rutland, on extremely melodious bells. This was Mr. Cannon's first in the method 'inside'; he was so delighted that he bought the most expensive meal he could find, which, although very nice, was not substantial enough for 'Tenor Kings.'

Leaving Anglesey, Thursday morning, we made haste for Abergele, where our stay was shortened because of lateness. On to Bodelwyddan (the marble church), where the bells proved a little disappointing. However, touches of Bristol and spliced were brought round. Rhuddlan's turned out to be the roughest bells on the tour. Rhyl, the playground of the Midlands, was our next peal attempt and Cambridge ran round after 3 hours 1 minute, with only one or two slight trips. Much consternation was experienced during the early part of this peal when someone commenced to hammer on the bottom door. After some considerable time the banging stopped and the key, which was quarter turned in the lock, was heard to drop on to the floor. Naturally we all thought our days were numbered, but to our astonishment the intruder completely ignored us as he passed the belfry door on his way up to the bell chamber.

From Rhyl a most uninteresting trip was made to Flint, where ringing took place on the three tier 'handbell' ring of eight. It was pleasing to see that the local band consists of youngsters between the ages of eight and 16, the majority of whom are girls. En route to Ruthin, a stop was made to look at Liverpool Cathedral tower, just visible in the distance. After booking in at the Castle Hotel, Ruthin, we rang at the Parish Church (a rather lumpy eight).

It was a fairly long trip on Friday morning to Ruabon, where a peal in seven Minor methods was rung. Spliced was to have been rung in the afternoon at Malpas, but the band decided to make up for the lost Superlative at Barmouth. This was an average peal, certainly below our standard, due mainly to the long draught. Then on to Hodnet, one of the few octagonal towers in the country, followed by Prees (both good rings of bells). The Charlton Arms Hotel, Wellington, was our last stop, and here we joined another touring party of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, Detroit, performing up and down the country.

A substantial breakfast Saturday morning prepared us for Coalbrookdale, our only tenbell attempt, which unfortunately came to grief after a short time owing to the indisposition of one of the band. A visit to Ironbridge to have our photographs taken on the first ever iron bridge, built in 1779, preceded lunch. Broseley and Cound were visited before entering Shrewsbury to ring at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's one of the best rings of 12 in the country. The Vicar met us at Uppington and escorted us to his neighbouring parish of Wrockwardine. Both of these villages lie within the shadow of the Wrekin. Sunday morning we left Shropshire and travelled across country to Wolverhampton, where we had arranged to ring for morning service, and then to Birmingham.

Thanks to Robin for arranging another excellent tour, although 100 per cent was not achieved this year. Thanks also to the incumbents and the local captains, who made us feel at home in their belfries.

JACKDAW.



THE ART OF HANDBELL RINGING by Nancy Poore Tufts is an authoritative source of up-to-date practical directions and helpful suggestions on every aspect of handbell ringing. It gives a brief history and general description of handbells and provides full information concerning the organisation and direction of handbell groups, the techniques of ringing, how to arrange and write music for handbells, where and how to order handbells, and how to care for them. It includes simple instructions, sample music scores, a complete bibliography and an index.

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Letters to the Editor

Washington Cathedral Test

Dear Sir,—I hope you will get a more complete report from Richard Dirksen, at the Washington Cathedral, but I wanted to inform our English friends of a wonderful weekend the Groton ringers just spent, ringing the new bells there.

Seven of us flew down Saturday afternoon, practised on silenced bells that evening, and rang for 2½ hours yesterday afternoon (October 20th). The specific purpose of the ringing was to enable acoustics experts to make tests of volume in the various parts of Northwest Washington, as well as to measure tower vibrations with a seismograph. Much of the ringing for the tests consisted of rounds and calls on ten—with the help of Warren Sturgis and Harry Parkes. Then, for an hour and a half, with an audience of around a hundred visitors in the ringing chamber, we rang Stedman Doubles and Triples. By this time Philip Gray had arrived. It was great to see him and have his expert help. Between touches I tried to explain what change ringing was all about.

It was a great privilege to ring the bells for the first time, an historic event indeed. No. 4 is in memory of Warren Sturgis, sen., who was Groton's Ringing Master for the first 35 years.

The Cathedral already has more candidates for a Guild than it needs. They need only a Ringing Master. Since I am going off on sabbatical leave next year, that makes two towers without Ringing Masters. Teachers, take note.—Yours sincerely,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School, Mass.

First Peal in Scotland .

Dear Sir,—It is often stated that 'the first peal in Scotland is the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Old Steeple, Dundee, by the College Youths on May 21st, 1873.' Has the following peal report ever been put before the Exercise this century?

From 'Bell's Life of London,' Sunday, December 4th, 1859. 'The members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Aberdeen, met on Wednesday and rang a peal of 5,040 changes Plain Bob Triples deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Geo. Gordon, formerly a member of the Society of Bellringers. The following were the performers, viz.: Jas. Ross treble, Jas. Rivie 2, John Ross 3, Wm. Wishart 4, Alexander Bain 5, Geo. M'Donald 6, Joseph Healey 7, Aurther Robb tenor. Wt. of tenor 33 cwt. Conducted by Joseph Healey.'

In reading this report, the following facts should be noted. The ring of eight bells was installed by Warners in 1858. They were opened by the St. Peter's company of ringers of Leeds, and they rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples, August 30th. Joseph Healey was a ringer from Wakefield, who went to Aberdeen as an instructor to those wanting to learn change ringing. For further details see the article by David Cubitt in the 'R.W.' August 8th, 1958, and 'Bells of Aberdeenshire.' Part III, by F. C. Eeles and Ranald Clouston. 'Bell's Life of London' was regularly used by peal ringers from about 1845 to the mid-1870's Jasper W. Snowdon was a contributor to this paper. Did J. A. Trollope know of this peal report? I await with interest comments and further imformation from your readers. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Ringing and Worship

Dear Sir,—A sermon preached by the Rev. Frankland Rigby made an excellent leading article in 'The Ringing World' recently. Not the least important aspect of it was that it clarified, in simple language, what constitutes a heresy. I imagine that there are many ringers like myself who have never been **quite** sure on this point.

The clerical members of our ringing fraternity contribute very valuable articles to 'The Ringing World' from time to time. During the coming months the general question of Reunion of Churches will be very much on our minds and in this diocese we have been asked by the Bishop to consider carefully the reunion of the Established Church and the Methodist Church in particular, so that he may 'know the mind of the diocese by the next Diocesan Conference in May, 1964.' This subject is not strictly 'Ringing,' but as church workers all ringers are directly concerned. I wonder if an article on the subject from an informed parson (or layman) could appear in our journal?

The Rev. Frankland Rigby has told us that we are wrong in considering our ringing to be an act of worship, but he will concede, I am sure, that the ringing of our church bells is a call—a call to church, a call to worship, and, perhaps, a call to **think** of our Christian faith and its problems.

It would seem that the organisers of the recent B.B.C. Telstar T.V. broadcast, on the subject of reunion, appreciated the value of our bells in this connection by introducing London to the sound of St. Paul's bells. Incidentally, was this the first bell broadcast by Telstar?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. F. F. Rigby, in his sermon on the occasion of the rededication of Frampton Cotterell bells, did scant justice to that splendid feature on the front page of 'The Ringing World'—'Second Best' by Edgar C. Shepherd.

The Rector was not very appreciative, neither were his arguments very convincing; he rather spoiled his feature by his narrow view and definition of 'Worship.'

Bell ringing has, after many years become by almost everyone in the church, clergy and laity alike, an act of worship and comes well within the wide distionary meaning.

Worship, the quality of being worthy, or/and our ringing being worthy is Worship.

'The act of paying divine honour to God.'

'To perform a religious service.'

'To take part in a religious service' (which the ringers do in the widest sense).

It does not follow that because we ring—because we like ringing—we do not also ring to the Glory of God.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

Handbell Tune Ringing

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' a plea for some instruction in arranging tunes for handbells.

For many years I have engaged in tune ringing, arranging all my own tunes and carols. If my services can be of any use, I would be willing to submit an article on the subject.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Haslemere C. of E. School,
Haslemere.

Handbell Tune Ringing

Dear Sir,—As Mr. John P. Partington inquires about handbell tune ringing, below is my plan:

For over 40 years myself and family have rung tunes on handbells at concerts, socials and four times on the stage at Ipswich Hippodrome. Having 18 bells (two octaves) the first ringer holds do, te in the right hand, and lal, sol in the left, and so on down the diatonic scale, leaving the last three to be played from the table.

With four MSS. music books the tunes are written in music notation; in the first book only notes coming in the air are entered, thus—G. F sharp, E and D, with rests between as required. Second ringer has C, B, A, G. Third has F sharp, E, D, C, and fourth B, A, G in the bass clef. Any tune not in this key has to be transposed to G on the Tonic Sol-fa principle.

All notes which are an octave below the air are struck by the intermediate players, also other harmony, often five or more notes in a chord.

We play Christmas hymns and carols, also 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' 'Ring the bell, watchman,' 'Bells of St. Mary' and many other well known tunes.

Luckily we can count the number of beats in a bar according to the tune. —Yours, etc.,

Ipswich. G. E. SYMONDS.

A Tutor's Reward

Dear Sir,—As I am approaching the fifty mark in pupils, my experience should interest Mr. Thomas C. Belton.

A tutor's reward is not in a pupil's letter of thanks or the publication of a teacher's name, but in the glowing pride of watching their expert bell control and perfect striking. None of my pupils has ever complained about too long draught without guides, odd struck bells or being hung backwards.

The thrill of watching them enjoy their ringing is beyond measure. Added to this, I have the pleasure of knowing that six of my pupils hold the record of being the youngest band from one tower to ring a peal of Minor.

My birthday was on a Saturday: would I ring the 7th to a peal? The day in July was one of the hottest of the year, we took up our places and what a shock I received when the conductor called 'Everyone o.k.? then go Superlative.' They were determined to ring one I should remember; during the last part the treble tried one too many dodges at the back and that was the only mistake made. After 'Stand' was called I was too full to say 'Thank you' when the 15-year-old conductor said. 'We felt that was the best present we could give you.'

But I never forget that ringing is team work, so what use is a tutor on his own? Others must have the patience and will to man the other ropes, so a pupil becomes the product of a tower.—Yours faithfully,

A TUTOR.

St. Peter Mancroft

Visitors to St. Peter Mancroft during the past 14 months must have noticed the forest of scaffolding which has been necessary for the complete rebuilding of the roof and the realignment of the clerestory walls and their return to the vertical. Work is now in progress at the western end and the bells must be silent for a period of about six weeks while the ends of the concrete beams, running the entire length of the clerestory walls, are bonded into the tower with a flexible 'coupling.' The total cost will be in excess of £53,000, of which £35,600 has already been raised.

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LETTERS—Continued

A Tutor's Satisfaction

Dear Sir,—I would like to assure Mr. Belton that I have received more than ample thanks and gratitude from the conductor of the Extent of Major both after this and after the many other notable performances in which he has taken part. This comment also applies to several other quite well known ringers, whom I was fortunate enough to guide in their early stages, including two who rang in the previous record length of 32,000 at Loughborough.

It is not easy to single out particular people as normally several ringers are concerned in producing ringers of this standard. I myself was only able to teach up to Treble Bob Minor, and the credit for the further advancement of the conductor rests, and I am sure has been given, to John Worth and the other members of his well known band in Cheshire. Like me, I am sure they get great satisfaction from the activities of their former pupils.

I hope that I am not the exception, but I have received thanks in many forms from former pupils and it brings quite unexpected thrills, as, for instance, a phone call early on a Sunday morning a few years ago to be told by an excited young voice that four of them had rung in a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Buckfast the previous day. —Yours, etc.,

A WELL SATISFIED TUTOR.

REDEDICATION

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, GLOS

The bells of Frampton Cotterell (six, tenor 18 cwt.), which have not been safe to ring for 40 years, have been restored and were re-dedicated at a service on October 5th.

The Rector (the Rev. C. H. J. Wood) describes in a souvenir brochure this very important event in the history of the church as a wonderful effort. Three gymkhanas have raised over £1,000 and this has been augmented by £500 from other efforts and subscriptions. Finally, by the interest and generosity of Benson Bros., Mr. R. Benson and Mr. R. Webley, the tower was ready for the bells when they arrived from Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough. This saved a great expense.

The rededication was by the Rt. Rev. D. B. Hall, Rector of Tormarton, and formerly Assistant Bishop of the Niger, and the address was given by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which was reported in our issue of October 18th.

Nine villages during the past two years have had learners to handle a bell, some at St. John's Ringing School and others by attending practices at Coalpit Heath and Westerleigh.

Under their captain, Mr. A. J. Nelmes, they rang after the dedication, others being N. Curtis, A. Drew, R. Drew, A. Curtis and R. Driver.

The original hanging of the bells appears to have been in 1627, of which only the 2nd bell remains. The treble, 4th and tenor were cast for the last rehanging in 1760. The tenor bears the inscription, 'Let my sound move people to God,' and the fourth, which has been recast this year, has the original contemporary inscription, 'King, Pitt and Quebec for ever.'

STONE RINGER'S WEDDING



Miss Meryl Purslow, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Purslow, of 14, Lichfield Road, Stone, with her bridegroom, Mr. Barrie Simms, of Stone, after their recent wedding at St. Michael's Church, Stone. A member of a well known ringing family, Meryl rings at St. Michael's with her father and sister (Mrs. J. Bowley), and also sings in the choir. The bridegroom has been a chorister at the church for 16 years.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of crystal satin, with bell-shaped skirt and overtrain in same material. A short veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossom. She was attended by two bridesmaids and two page boys. The reception at St. Michael's Hall, Stone, was attended by 130 guests.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung previous to the service. Unfortunately the attempted peal of Stedman Triples was lost a few minutes from the end.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held on October 19th at St. George's Chapel of Unity, Gravesend, and was attended by approximately 90 members and friends.

The secretary gave his report on the activities of the District during the past year. Twenty-eight peals had been rung, mostly of the Surprise calibre. Tom Sone had rung his 700th, at Hoo, and was heartily congratulated. Chris Osenton had rung his first as conductor. The accounts showed a balance of £36 19s. 1d. Nine new members were elected, of which six were juveniles.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Christopher Osenton, of Halling, Ringing Master; Laurence Mitchell, re-elected District secretary; Messrs. Albert Dunk and Frank Cheal, re-elected District representatives on the Association General Committee. The meeting closed with hearty thanks to the ringers at Gravesend and their ladies for the wonderful tea which they provided. A return was then made to the tower for further ringing. L. M.

RINGING COURSE AT DERBY

Over 30 ringers and friends attended a one-day theoretical course on ringing, held at the Adult Education Centre, Derby, on October 19th. Mr. D. R. Carlisle started the course with a lecture on the history and organisation of ringing. After describing how ringing had developed from an entirely secular hobby into a Christian act of witness, he went on to mention present-day Associations, with particular reference to the Central Council and its founder, Sir A. P. Heywood.

The company then split up into two sections, elementary and advanced. Whilst Mr. G. Halls was explaining plain hunt to the former, Mr. D. J. Marshall was speaking on the topical subject of place notation. After lunch Mr. Carlisle gave a useful lecture on the art of good striking, which was clearly illustrated by means of various tape recordings and handbells.

The elementary course then covered the construction and method of ringing Plain Bob on all numbers of bells, whilst those in the advanced course were learning about the classification and construction of methods. Insufficient time did not permit the section to tackle the other subjects of composing and conducting.

Following tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, during which the company were joined by the Association's president, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, the final lecture was given by Mr. John Fidler, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, on the maintenance and repairs of bells and their fittings. The great interest in this to all was clearly evident from the large number of questions. The course concluded with a vote of thanks to the lecturers, after which handbells were put to good use for a while. M. P. P.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' October 31st, 1913.—

It is remarkable, and happily unique, that we should have to record in one issue the destruction of two church steeples by fire. Last week disaster overtook Leck Church, Lancashire, where among other serious danage, was the loss of two of the five bells. On Monday the ancient Church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon, one of the oldest churches in Surrey, suffered in the same way, and five of its six bells were totally destroyed. In each case considerable damage was done to the fabric, and serious loss has been sustained. At Clandon, and we believe also at Leck, the fire originated in the steeple from some unknown cause, and we hope that subsequent events will not prove the outbreaks to be due to carelessness on the part of the ringers.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

To mark the centenary of the bells, a special invitation was extended to the Barnsley and District Society to meet at Wentworth, near Rotherham, on October 19th. Eleven towers were represented with a good turn out of young ringers. Canon A. King was in the chair for the short business meeting, when five new members were elected from Wentworth. Mr. W. E. Critchley proposed, and Mr. H. Chant seconded, the vote of thanks.

Next meeting: Conisbrough, near Rotherham, November 9th.

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OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT W. LIDBETTER

The Norwich Association has lost, through the death of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, a most loyal supporter. Soon after his retirement to Acle he entered fully into the life of the Association, and he was a familiar figure at meetings, where his kindly manner and rich, good humour endeared him to everyone. A great welcome was accorded visitors to his tower, and his home was an 'open' one and his hospitality well known. Although not a prolific peal ringer, he celebrated for many years his birthday with a peal and took part in his last on his 85th. He could claim to have been a ringer for 60 years.

A native of Smarden, Kent, Mr. Lidbetter spent most of his life in Middlesex, where he became a county court officer, and came to Norfolk on his retirement in 1939. He died on September 14th, within two months of his 91st birthday.

On the evening of the funeral, a half-muffled peal was rung as a token of respect. Tributes included wreaths from the local band and from the Norwich Association.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his daughters, May and Doris, in their bereavement. N. G.

DEREK OGDEN

AN APPRECIATION

On behalf of our band, I sorrowfully write this farewell tribute to Derek Ogden:

During his relatively short lifetime, Derek had furthered the Exercise a considerable amount. A large part of his achievement was just that—the advancement of the general ringing fraternity in this area.

He encompassed a broad spectrum and was always helpful to beginners. For instance, a good number of ringers have had their first peals in the simpler methods conducted by Derek.

In the field of composition, his most original work was on Spliced Surprise Royal and Maximus. He had produced peals which epitomise three features, namely: the number of methods, the occurrence of the various possible lead-heads and the musical qualities of the course-ends. We invariably liked him to conduct these compositions himself.

Derek had also produced some compositions in new and non-standard methods when requested. His versatility was further illustrated when, a few years ago, he called a peal of Erin Triples. On handbells, he was also most competent; and he played the organ sufficiently well, as he put it, to derive same enjoyment.

Those who knew him will share our thoughts of Derek's pleasant personality. He has departed whilst still on the threshold, but we shall always cherish the memory of his friendship with us. D. M.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

One of the most successful East Grinstead and District Guild outings was arranged on October 12th by Mr. Stanley Jenner. A late start was unfortunately unavoidable. The first tower was Elstree (6) and, although the bells were rather noisy and not appreciated by the cafe owner opposite, we enjoyed some touches. At Hemel Hempstead (8) we were made welcome, and, after ringing, enjoyed a picnic lunch and sampled the local brew until it was time to journey on to King's Langley (8).

The sun shone all day and by the time we reached Rickmansworth everyone was feeling fit enough to make the awkward ascent into the belfry and enjoy ringing on the only ring of ten bells of the day. After tea at 'The Chequers' our chairman (Mr. B. E. Jeffrey) thanked Stan for arranging the towers and ordering a sunny and dry day! He reminded members of the annual dinner on January 11th, with a change of hotel this time. A collection was taken for the rope fund. At the last tower, Harrow Weald (8), we were met by Mr. John Mayne. We were so proud and honoured to ring a course of Surprise Major with Master Robert Fuller, of Westham, completely unaided. At 13 years, he must be our youngest member.) Darkness had fallen when we made our way across London. M. A. L.

THE SOUTH WALES AND BRISTOL NOMADS

THE Nomads' fifth annual ringing tour started from Bristol on July 27th, when a party of eight set out in two cars for a tour of parts of Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. Two towers were visited on the journey down: Kintbury (a loud six) and the anti-clockwise five at Chilton Foliat, where a Salisbury Guild meeting was in progress. Tadley was our base for the week, and here we were met by our host, the Rev. 'Ken' Davies, Rector of Tadley, who gave us use of the Church Hall cooking and recreational facilities. After pitching our tents in the Rectory field, we visited Monk Sherborne and Bramley, where, with the help of Ken and two local ringers, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were attempted.

Some of the party attended Holy Communion at St. Saviour's on Sunday, and all went to Tadley Parish Church to ring the three bells, and attend morning service. The afternoon was spent at Henley, by the river, and ringing for evening service.

Monday was our most towers day. First was the light six at Sherfield-on-Loddon, then Rotherwick and the heavy-going five at Heckfield. After lunch we were joined by Ken at Sallowfield (an odd-struck five). The musical light six at Finchampstead came next, where, with the help of a local ringer, some touches of Kent and Oxford Minor were obtained. Sandhurst and Arborfield were visited, before we joined Hurst ringers for their practice.

THE BAILIFF SAID 'NO'

Ringing started on Tuesday at Goodworth Clatford, and then we journeyed on to Longstock. Our decision to have a picnic lunch by the river near Stockbridge was foiled by a farm bailiff, who insisted it 'just can't be done,' but a new site was found. At Stockbridge our first mishap occurred, the treble rope breaking in the middle of a touch of Bob Doubles. Then on to Broughton, Lockerley and Mottisfont, where, finding the Abbey grounds closed, we obtained the Rector's permission to ring an hour early. Andover was reached in good time for a high tea, before we joined the local ringers at their weekly practice.

Wednesday was a more leisurely day, and in consequence the ringing improved. At Dummer (5) we found the tenor extremely heavy going. Traces of a very old set of ringers' rules painted on the wall plaster were an interesting find here. Micheldever, with its octagonal nave, was next and after lunch in the New Forest a visit to Beaulieu Abbey and motor museum was enjoyed. Fawley, our southernmost tower, was a very easy-going six. In the evening we visited Romsey Abbey.

The following day, still in glorious sunshine, we started with two fives, at Selborne and Newton Valence, before spending the afternoon on the beach at Hayling Island. On the return journey we visited the lovely Taylor six at Catherington, and the five at Benworth.

HEADMASTER HOST

Our first tower on Friday was at the Roman city centre of Silchester, where after ringing the easy going five we were invited to morning coffee by Mr. Salmon, the local headmaster. At Stratfield Mortimer we first tried the octave at St. Mary's, where the rope on the third broke on the last stroke of the lower and then the light six at St. John's, which are spoilt by the very loud hum in the tower. After lunch we went to Upton Nervet, our only four-bell tower, and then on to Burghfield and Englefield. Whitchurch, Oxon, bells are a nice going six, the only distraction being the creaking beams. After returning to Tadley we had a camp fire finale.

It was raining on Saturday, when we set off on our homeward journey. After sightseeing at Winchester came our last two towers, Nether and Over Wallop. After a visit to Stonehenge, we had our first breakdown, which was quickly fixed by an A.A. Patrol, and we arrived in Bristol just in time to catch the train to South Wales.

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers, our cook, Glynne Bowsher, our drivers, and especially to the Rev. K. C. Davies without whose help the tour would not have been the success it was. Our thanks also to Mr. G. R. Marchant, of Durleigh, Somerset, our Ringing Master and organiser.

R. J. W.

MR. J. L. MILLHOUSE'S 1,000 PEALS

The first Lincolnshire man to ring 1,000 peals is Mr. J. L. Millhouse, captain of St. Giles' belfry, Lincoln, who has gained this distinction at the early age of 47. Of his peals, 937 have been rung on tower bells, the first being at Navenby, Lincs, in 1935. On handbells he has rung 63. He has conducted 553. Details are appended:

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Cambridge 22 (conducted 5), Yorkshire 13 (8), Londinium 2, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 1 (1), Lyddington 1 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 63 (26), Grandsire 1 (1), Erin 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 2 (2), London S. 6 (2), Cambridge S. 29 (11), Yorkshire S. 13 (7), Lindsey S. 1 (1), Prittlewell S. 1 (1), Oakham S. 4 (3), Pudsey S. 2 (2), Wembley S. 1, Rochester S. 1 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 28 (17), Grandsire 5 (4), Erin 2.

Major.—Original 1, Plain Bob 14 (9), Double Oxford 1 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 26 (24), Oxford Bob 1, St. Clement's 1, Wymondham 1, Erith Little Bob 1 (1), Gainsborough Little Bob 2 (1), Little Bob 8 (6), Kent T.B. 11 (6), Oxford T.B. 2 (2), Kent and Oxford T.B. 4 (3).

Surprise Major.—Ashtead 1, Belgrave 1 (1), Billingborough 1 (1), Berkshire 1 (1), Biggleswade 1 (1), Brunceton 1 (1), Bristol 35 (16), Cambridge 42 (28), New Cambridge 2 (2), Dublin 1 (1), Dunholme 1, Ealing 1 (1), Edinburgh 1, Fordham 1, Gainsborough 2 (1), Glasgow 1, Gresford 1, Heydour 1 (1), Immingham 1 (1), Jersey 1 (1), Lincoln 1 (1), Lincolnshire 26 (18), London 88 (46), Lyme 1 (1), Metheringham 1 (1), Norfolk 1 (1), Nettleham 1 (1), Painswick 1, Pudsey 4 (2), Runnymede 1 (1), Rutland 21 (14), Rochester 2 (2), St. Giles' 1 (1), Scothorne 1 (1), Sibsey 1 (1), Sleaford 1 (1), Superlative 12 (7), Uxbridge 1 (1), Walesby 1 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Wembley 3 (3), Whitwick 1 (1), Wombourn 1, Watford 2 (2), Wellington 1 (1), Wordsworth 1 (1), Yorkshire 53 (33).

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1, three methods 3 (1), four methods 15 (7), five methods 3, six methods 10 (3), seven methods 1 (1), eight methods 3 (2), 10 methods 3, 16 methods 1, 22 methods 2, 32 methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 38 (22), Grandsire 14 (11), Erin 2 (1).

Minor.—1-6 methods 37 (28), seven methods 75 (44), 8-17 methods 50 (43), 21 methods 1, 23 methods 1, 34 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 49 methods 1, 53 methids 1, 60 methods 1, 70 methods 1, 100 methods 1, 102 methods 1, 104 methods 1, 125 methods 1, Cambridge S. 45 (34), London S. 8 (2), Lincoln S. 1, York 1, Wells 1.

Doubles.—Stedman 2 (2), Grandsire 2 (2), Plain Bob 1, five methods 1, six methods 1.

HANDBELLS

Maximus.—Little Bob 1; Cinques.—Stedman 16; Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, two plain spliced 2; Caters.—Stedman 16, Grandsire 2.

Major.—Double Bob 1, Plain Bob 9 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2.

Spliced Plain Major.—Six methods 2, eight methods 1, nine methods 1, 17 methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1 (silent).

Minor.—Plain Bob 1 (1), seven methods 1.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The first meeting ever to be held at Ascott-under-Wychwood, where the tower had rejoined the Guild, took place on October 19th, and was attended by about 30 members of the Chipping Norton Branch, representing nine towers. The light six were rung until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall was provided free and the ladies who provided the meal were thanked by the Branch Secretary, Mr. J. Keyte.

After the business meeting, attended by the Guild secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), there was more ringing, also at Shipton-under-Wychwood.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

N.W. District

A good afternoon's ringing preceded the service when the N.W. District met at Lakenheath on October 19th, and touches of Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Double Court and Single Court were enjoyed.

Mr. John Ivings, a Euston ringer, conducted the service in the absence of the Rector through illness. Tea in the Church Room was served by Mrs. Peachy and friends, and Mr. L. Wright welcomed Mr. Frank Perrins, of Coventry, and other visitors.

Before starting business at the annual meeting, members stood in silence in respect to George Jennings, a Bury St. Edmunds ringer, who had died since the last meeting. Mr. Leslie Wright was re-elected chairman, Mr. A. Balham secretary, Mr. Richard Rose Ringing Master, and Miss G. Reeve press secretary. Committee: Mrs. Ivings, Mr. Ray Fordham, Miss D. and Miss G. Reeve (re-elected).

The chairman thought more methods should be rung in the N.W. District and hoped that ringers would support him and study at least one fresh method at each quarterly meeting. This meeting the members gave special attention to Cambridge Surprise.

The Ringing Master's report showed that few peals had been rung, but several quarters. Elveden topped the list, but Rougham had the greatest variety of methods, and also rang a great variety of 720's at their Sunday service ringing.

Meetings suggested for 1964 were: Elveden, January; Rougham, April; Horringer, July; and Barrow, October. November evening practice, Freckenham; December practice, Brandon. Profits from the tea, amounting to £2 2s., were given by Mrs. Peachy to the Bell Restoration Fund. She and her helpers were thanked. After hearing records of the Bredfield striking competition, ringers returned to the belfry and rang until 9 p.m.

G. R.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

The recently rehung six at Blofield was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch on September 21st. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. C. Bailey), and Canon A. G. G. Thurslow deputised as organist.

Miss D. E. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) opened the meeting with votes of thanks to the Rector, to Canon Thurlow, and to Miss H. Grass and her lady helpers for preparing an excellent tea. She also welcomed Mr. W. Love, who is now home from hospital.

Miss J. Harvey, of Happisburgh, was elected to ringing membership. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, who died the Saturday previous to this meeting.

Forthcoming meetings: Loddon, December 7th, Great Yarmouth; February 8th (not February 15th), Branch dinner.

N. P. J. C.

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MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Seventy-four years separated the ages of two of the ringers in 120 of Bob Doubles at Hoby, Leicestershire, on Saturday week. Michael Roberts of Shepshed, who is just 12, turned in the 8¼ cwt. tenor and conducted the touch, while the treble was rung by Mr. T. Briggs, of Somerby, who will be 86 next month.

There was much rejoicing at Combe Martin, Devon, when a peal and quarter peal were rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Miss Halnon, a most delightful centenarian. The ringers were very pleased to receive a letter of thanks from her, stating that she enjoyed listening to the bells from her doorstep. Arthur Smallridge stood as reserve for the ringers.

Congratulations to the two young members of the batch of beginners at St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich, who rang their first quarter peal on October 19th. Susan Barker (13), who rang the treble, has been change ringing since August, and Martin Guise (just 12) rang the tenor. Martin is, without doubt, the youngest to ring the 12½ cwt. tenor, which he managed well despite his small size.

A ringing parson, the Rev. Peter C. Woodward, has left St. Anne's Chingford, Essex, to be a missionary in Madagascar. He graduated from St. Catharine's, Cambridge, in 1958, and followed this with a two year course at Bishop's College, Cheshunt. He served his title at St. Anne's, Chingford. Friends rang a farewell quarter at Uppingham, Rutland.

One of the main centres of Australian ringing is the home of Mr. Tom Goodyer, the president of the A.N.Z.A.B., with handbells once a week and their own home tower, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Mrs. Goodyer, a Gloucestershire girl, went to Australia for two years in 1952, but instead married a fellow bellringer and has remained there permanently. She is expecting a baby in January and would like to have an English girl bellringer as mother's help. Her address is 16, King Edward's Street, Roseville, New South Wales.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The eight bells at St. Mary's, Dolgellau, Merioneth, Wales, are now back in the tower and were rung for the first time on October 18th. Of the cost of £1,200, about £600 was raised by public subscription. It is hoped to dedicate the bells on the Saturday before Christmas, when it is expected that many ringing visitors will be present.

With the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on October 19th, John Potts has now 'completed the circle' at his home tower of Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson on being a proud grandfather. A peal of Kent T.B. Maximus was rung at Evesham on October 19th in honour of the arrival of Malcolm Reginald Wilson, on October 16th.

A misapprehension might arise from the asterisk against the name of A. C. Wenban in the peal of Windsor Treble Bob (see page 70). It should not be there. This was the first peal in the method.

Mr. Colin A. Lewis, of St. Peter's Vicarage, Glasbury-on-Wye, Hereford, asks for the figures of two Doubles methods—Morning Star and Suffolk Delight. They were rung at Talgarth in 1923, but he adds that he can find no other records of them.

'You do not have to be a computer programmer, although the mental approach is rather similar,' from article by W. D. N. Foote, 'Campanologists Pull Together' in I.C.T. House Magazine. I.C.T. have recently acquired the computer department of Ferranti.

There were two special points about the peal of Bob Major at Henley, Suffolk, on October 17th. Mr. S. Bloomfield, who had been a ringer for over 30 years, rang his first peal, and Mr. R. C. Kersey, who was ringing his 50th peal, rang his last 30 years ago.

The Rev. Roger O. Fry is faced with a huge task at Portishead, as the day after his arrival the Rector (Preb. W. L. M. Coombes) was taken ill and admitted to hospital. It is feared that the Rector's absence may be protracted. There are five churches in the parish and Roger has only a curate to assist him.

Cornwall generally, and Truro in particular, will miss the enthusiasm of Robert A Southwood, who, on promotion in his work, has moved to Plymouth. Bob has been a member of the Kenwyn band as well as being a member of the choir; he also rang at the Cathedral. We believe, however, that half his heart is in Cornwall so there will undoubtedly be the occasional peal .

We thought it would not be long before St. James', Taunton, band were in our quarter peal columns. There were five first quarters rung on October 6th.

Mr. Fred Ellis has been elected foreman at Wheathampstead. Mr. Ivory, a call change ringer, has kindly retired to give the young change ringing band more of a free hand.

Congratulations to Mr. F. E. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association, on ringing his 200th peal. He is the first to reach the 200 mark. Comments Fred: 'If in England it would probably be 2,000.'

Bright and breezy is 'The Belfry News,' well printed with news of Derbyshire ringing. We should like to congratulate Editor Geoffrey Camm not only on an excellent production but the announcement of his engagement to Miss Linda Prior, of Lutterworth, who is a nurse at the City Hospital, Nottingham, where Mr. Camm is a staff nurse.

All Saints', Boyne Hill, ringers are very sorry to lose the services of Mr. John Blackwood, their popular young Ringing Master, who has accepted an appointment with the National Wild Life Conservancy at Wareham. To mark their appreciation, his ringing friends arranged a farewell party for him, at which he was presented with an electric razor, with their very sincere wishes.

At the autumn meeting of the Towcester branch, the President, Rev. R. G. Richards, was presented with a brief-case, subscribed to by all members, in appreciation of his loyal support and kindly interest in all branch matters and meetings over the past ten years. Members wish him many years of happiness and improved health at his new living in Devon.

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CHAGFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 22 lb. in F.

Malcolm M. Powell	*Treble*	D. John Hunt	5
Ann Fellows	2	*Norman Mallett	6
*John R. Faithfull	3	Peter Bridle	7
David J. Forder	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal in the method.

BOVEY TRACEY.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter Bridle	*Treble*	*D. John Hunt	5
Ann Fellows	2	*Frank D. Mack	6
*David J. Forder	3	*Michael J. Thomas	7
*Norman Mallett	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal in the method.

EXETER.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 92 lb. in F sharp.

Malcolm M. Powell	*Treble*	Peter Bridle	5
John R. Faithfull	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
David J. Forder	3	D. John Hunt	7
Norman Mallett	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by David J. Forder.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

James Phillips	*Treble*	John S. Mason	7
Wilfred Williams	2	John Phillips	8
John Chilcott	3	Philip A. F. Chalk	9
Alan J. Frost	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	10
William T. Cook	5	John H. Crampion	11
John Armstrong	6	Michael V. Chilcott	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill	*Treble*	A. Robin Heppenstall	7
Norah M. Randles	2	Frank I. Hairs	8
John Freeman	3	George H. Randles	9
Jane A. K. Cook	4	Geoffrey Paul	10
Delia E. Smith	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Jack L. Millhouse	6	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt.

William Hibbert	*Treble*	David J. Llewellyn	7
Jacqueline S. King	2	Richard J. Bowden	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	Brian J. Wylde	9
Reginald G. Hooper	4	*Patrick J. Bird	10
David J. King	5	John H. Fielden	11
Donald G. Clift	6	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* 150th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Treble*	†Edward R. Venn	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	‡Christopher C. Clarke	8
Gerald C. Hemming	3	David P. Hilling	9
*Frederick R. Scott	4	*J. Keith Ward	10
†Michael Hatchett	5	Norman V. Harding	11
William Birmingham	6	*Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by John Worth. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Maximus in the method. † First of Maximus. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	*Noel J. Diserens	8
*Ronald F. Diserens	3	*Ralph G. Edwards	9
*Alan F. Thirst	4	*Trevor N. Bailey	10
Peter Border	5	John A. Anderson	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Londinium. First of Londinium in Wales.
Rung to mark the dedication of the new extensions to the Cathedral, which took place the previous day.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Raymond Benfield	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Edmund Shuttleworth	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Brian G. Warwick	8
Malcolm D. Barsby	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
Richard C. L. Brown	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

Geoffrey Pullen	*Treble*	Leonard Derrick	6
John Chilcott	2	Henry J. Sanger	7
William H. Kingcott	3	Eric T. Lee	8
George J. Hawkins	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
George Prescott	5	Sidney G. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by John Chilcott.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

John K. Smith	*Treble*	Robert J. Warrilow	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Cynthia E. Warrilow	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Martin C. Faulkes	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Clare Dillamore	*Treble*	John Ward	5
Ian M. Smith	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Colin Johnson	3	William J. Ridgman	7
T. Reginald Dennis	4	H. John Bright	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Stedman.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Arthur Newton	*Treble*	Sidney M. Bailey	5
Joyce I. Barton	2	John Young	6
Robert H. Newton	3	Roger G. Hazell	7
Royston Blackler	4	*E. Dennis Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Royston Blackler.
* 50th peal for the Guild.
A compliment to John Blackwood, who is leaving the district.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

*JOHN GOODWIN	*Treble*	COLIN JOHNSON	5
ALAN M. BARBER	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
DIANA M. PIPE	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	7
MARTIN PRESS	4	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung prior to the N.W. Suffolk Ringers' annual dinner.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
RICHARD G. MORRIS	2	ROGER E. TALLIS	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	7
VICTOR NASH	4	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
50th peal on the bells.
Rung half-muffled immediately following the memorial service at this church for the Rev. D. Cambell-Miller.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER J. MALLOCH	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
RONALD M. EDWARDS	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	6
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
DAVID VINCENT	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal in the method.
An 84th birthday compliment to Sidney Hough, sen.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Morris' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd observation).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
COLIN LORD	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
*NORMAN W. COTTON	4	WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	ROGER L. K. WHITTLE	5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY	2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	†STANLEY BLOOMFIELD	7
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* 50th peal. † First peal.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bloomfield.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in C.

*RAYMOND BENFIELD	*Treble*	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	5
†JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	6
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	7
PATRICIA A. HALLS	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* 50th peal. † First in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CLEVELAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 74).

CLEVELAND SURPRISE MAJOR
38—58.6—12—16—14—3.14—16.7
2nds pl. L.E. 4ths pl. bobs.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BEATRICE BOYLE	*Treble*	FRED MYERS	5
MARGARET BOULD	2	D. ROY BOULD	6
FRED SANGWIN	3	HARRY STACEY	7
EDGAR NUNN	4	HORACE HEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.
Arranged and rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Miss Halnon, of Combe Martin.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

NORAH M. RANDLES	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
PETER A. SHARP	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise 'inside.'

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	†DEREK A. ASHTON	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	ALAN G. KIRK	6
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
IVOR JENKINS	4	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ERIC EDMONDSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
PETER J. COLES	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	*COLIN SMITH	6
*JAMES E. WIGHTMAN	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
*JOHN CLEMENTS	4	JOHN C. SLATER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
MARY BROWNE	2	DAVID J. BAKER	6
EDNA M. POULTER	3	KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW	7
JANET WARWICK	4	JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by DEREK OGDEN. Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Derek Ogden, president of the Guild.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	5
*JOHN POTTS	2	DAVID SMITH	6
ARLENE FLATHER	3	*KENNETH B. SISSONS	7
*ALAN SHEPPARD	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* 50th peal together, and first in the method.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 WILTSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ANN JENNER	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	5
JANET H. BUSS	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury and three each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*E. CHARLES BIGGS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM C. NUTT	4
REGINALD G. POWELL ..	2	COLIN SMITH	5
*LEONARD J. WALTERS ..	3	PHILIP G. MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 50th peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*NIGEL COGHILL	*Treble*	VAUGHAN A. WILSON	4
NOREEN WICKHAM	2	DENNIS J. MURFIN	5
DEBORAH WILSON	3	JOHN F. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.
* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band prior to the induction service to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dawson, married at this church on August 17th, 1963.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

GEOFFREY W. RANDLE ..	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER J. ROYAL ..	4
*F. MARK ROBOTTOM ..	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
*J. SUSAN SMITH	3	†RICHARD D. GIBSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

PAMELA M. TURNER	*Treble*	IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
F. MARK ROBOTTOM	2	GEOFFREY W. RANDLE ..	5
CHRISTINE SANDERS	3	MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Stirling, Pevensey, Dover, Balmoral, Richborough, Ludlow and Edinburgh. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN S. BARNES	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND ..	4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	2	RALPH BIRD	5
*ANDREW M. MACVE	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 50th peal together.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of London, York, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge and Bourne. Tenor 13 cwt.

*†IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND ..	4
‡KATHARINE M. GUY ..	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	5
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ..	3	†ANDREW M. MACVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.
* 100th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the rector (the Rev. J. B. Short, M.A.) and Mrs. Short, who are leaving West Wickham for River, Dover.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of London Surprise and two of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

W. STANLEY SMITH	*Treble*	W. ROBERT PARKER	4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	2	G. ANGUS DIXON	5
CHARLES V. CADE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; also for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in C.

MARIAN COTTON	*Treble*	*ALBERT J. MORREY	4
MARGARET M. RODEN	2	GEORGE E. MORRALL ..	5
HORACE R. TOOGOOD	3	ERNEST C. MORRALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARIAN COTTON.
* First peal. First peal by the St. Peter's band.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

ANNE E. BATESON	*Treble*	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	2	J. EDWARD BROWN	4
*WALTER TOMLINSON	3	FREDERICK DERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Doubles, and now completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. The conductor has conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles from each bell in the tower.
Rung after the wedding of Andrew Simpson to Janet Ashmore.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

HENRY C. WEAVER	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
J. RICHARD WILSON	2	ROBERT WAKE	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Morning Star T.B., (2) Kingston T.B., (3) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (4) Capel T.B., (5) Sandal T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ANN HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN W. COLEMAN	4
PETER WOOLLVEN	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	5
DAVID INGRAM	3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.
* First peal.

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LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Andover District.)
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Mrs. B. Dobson	*Treble*	*Christopher Smith	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Penelope A. Goddard	3	Frank R. Tonge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Frank R. Tonge for his 40 years of ringing, this being his 30th peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Neville F. Whittell	*Treble*	Martin Major	4
Alan M. Barber	2	Alan R. Bridges	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Ronald W. Steward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

LONDON, E.C.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Christopher Mew	*Treble*	Brynley A. Shackleton	4
John R. Ketteringham	2	John C. Eisel	5
Lawrence R. H. Smith	3	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher Mew.

MILTON MALSOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods, being three extents each of Candlesby Slow Course, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon's and four each of St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	George F. Roome	3
Alan A. Paul	2	Roger W. Smith	4
Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in 12 methods on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the rededication (on October 13th, 1963) of the bells (dated 1686), restored by J. Taylor and Co.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of 45 methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Northumberland, Whitley, Wooler, Carlisle and Cunecastre; (2) Ingatestone, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett and Upshire; (3) Gainsborough, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn, Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh and Quendon; (4) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield and Fyfield; (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull and Bourne; (7) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham; with 107 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter T. Hurcombe	*Treble*	*Cyril A. Wratten	4
*Victor Griffin	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Gordon W. Land	3	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 25th peal together. Greatest number of Surprise methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WINKFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

David G. Rowlands	*Treble*	Brian A. Cracknell	4
*John F. Bowler	2	Geoffrey Riglar	5
Jennifer Sceeny	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt.

*Robert Corson, jun.	*Treble*	†C. Thomas Mason	4
*Cecil Hall	2	†Charles Lane	5
A. Rodney McKenzie	3	‡Frederick E. Dukes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.

*.First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 200th peal.

Rung to conclude the centenary celebrations of Christ Church. Originally arranged as a peal of Triples, but one of the original band became ill, hence Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by J. Nichol. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

Witness: Martin Faulkes.

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

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	*Robert B. Smith	7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

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

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,024 each of Reverse, Double and Plain, 768 each of Wellington and Gainsborough, and 512 of Little Bob; with 383 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in C.

*Gerald Penney	1—2	Geoffrey Dodds	5—6
*†Martyn L. J. Jordan	3—4	*Joyce Dodds	7—8

Arranged by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First of 6-Spliced 'in hand.' † 50th peal.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At 170, Headstone Lane,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,920 of London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1—2	Roger Baldwin	5—6
John R. Mayne	3—4	Joan Beresford	7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods on handbells by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF-PEAL

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. Hitchings 1, W. E. Spiers 2, Joy Tyler (cond.) 3, L. Smith 4, K Tyler (first of Mixed Doubles) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Stevens. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stevens 1, W. E. Spiers 2, Joy Tyler (cond.) 3, L. Smith 4, K. Tyler 5, T. Herbert 6. Rung before the presentation of a parting gift to the Rev. H. Whatley.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: S. F. I. Rutter (longest length) 1, A. D. Leach 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Ruth Carr 4, R. Caporn 5, L. C. Way 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. H. Gaze 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss W. Anderson 1, A. Mullinger 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, J. Whitham 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong and Children's Mission Week.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Porter 1, I. F. T. Cooper 2, F. Wood 3, Roy Lewis 4, Rev. Roy Hallett (first as cond.) 5, C. A. Dodd 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First by Sunday Service band.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 13th, at the Church of Great St. Mary, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: P. H. Pigg 1, H. F. Brown 2, E. J. Sibson 3, C. Muncey 4, H. Muncey 5, J. W. R. Quinney 6, D. E. Sibson 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, F. R. Dennis 9, H. Foster 10, P. J. Bergdahl 11, P. Davis 12. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Wm. Riddle 1, Wm. Tate 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, Alan S. Scott 4, F. Bowden 5, Alan A. J. Buswell (cond.) 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Oct. 16th, the 100th birthday of Miss Halnor. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, B. M. Boyle 2, A. E. Bissat 3, L. Walters 4, D. Jewell 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, H. Stacey 7, A. Smallridge 8. For the 100th birthday of Miss Halnor.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day and Plain Bob): Susan Barker (13) 1, Sylvia Cater 2, A. White 3, J. Whittall 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, M. J. Guise (12) 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung on the feast of St. Frideswide.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally M. Hooper 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, J. Munton 7, W. Parrott 8. Rung to mark the 87th anniversary of the dedication of the Church and the visit of the Bishop of Guildford. Also to mark the retirement of Mr. E. R. Chapman, organist for over 21 years.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, F. Bishop 2, A. Baker 3, P. Felton (cond.) 4, F. Ranson 5, A. Fulwell 6, N. Felton 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For Mattins.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Harris 1, Susan Cantwell (first in three methods) 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, A. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Gregory 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. S. W. Morton 1, P. D. Sell 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. S. Caligori 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (first as cond.) 5, J. F. I. Turney 6. Rung by the Hereford Cathedral School Society.

HAREFIELD, MIDDX.—On Oct. 13th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Coles 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, A. R. Turley 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, F. Corke (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. For Harvest Festival morning service. First 720 on the bells.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Sumerlin 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Miss N. Thomas 3, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 4, L. G. Coburn 5, R. Newsom 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, A. Wilby 8. For Evensong on Dedication Festival.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hancock 1, H. Sealey 2, H. Taylor 3, B. Knight 4, E. Ford (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. To celebrate the wedding of William Blake to Yvonne Coffee, choir member and daughter of organist and choirmaster.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, L. Woodburn 2, R. Clayfield 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, I. S. Merry (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Genebeth Mooring 1, Jill Palmer 2, J. Martin 3, H. Colcombe 4, A. D. Leach 5, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Frieud 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

KINGSWINFORD.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Caddick (first quarter) 1, M. Wright 2, C. Pearman 3, A. Fasey 4, A. E. Morgan 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. Rung for Dedication Festival Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (York and Durham): Miss C. M. Follis 1, Miss D. K. Moore 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, E. W. Colley 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Rogers (first quarter) 1, J. Wilson 2, H. Lapworth (first 'inside') 3, J. Parish 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. May (first quarter) 1, J. Wilson 2, H. Lapworth 3, R. Stubbs 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—S. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Oct. 6th, 1,269 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie McDonald (first quarter) 1, Anne Cowling (first as cond.) 2, Mary Cowling 3, Helen Henderson 4, H. McDonald 5, Jennifer Murphy 6. A wedding compliment to Frank and Mary Adams.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Woodthorpe 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, W. Savill 5, F. R. Duncan 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Marjorie Martin (first quarter) 1, Stuart Coutts 2, D. Shrubbs (first 'inside') 3, Roger Twigg 4, Darryl Gillespie (cond.) 5, Dilys Price 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to the Rector and his wife.

NORTHMOOR, OXON. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Batten 1, Susan Cantwell 2, H. Miles 3, D. Floyd (cond.) 4, A. Hicks 5, P. Trinder 6. A birthday compliment to Susan Cantwell.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Sheldrick (first of Major) 1, D. Saunderson 2, E. G. Buck 3, J. S. Dear 4, P. Flack 5, T. Hatchett 6, A. Mayes 7, J. Sanderson 8.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE. — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Talbot 1, Doreen Goodwin 2, Mary Keay 3, P. Morris 4, R. E. Morris 5, G. Simons 6. A wedding compliment to Arthur Talbot, a local ringer, to Ann Morrey, on Oct. 5th.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Mayne (first quarter) 1, A. Waller 2, M. Parker 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Tipler (first quarter) 1, R. Cooles 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, B. J. Bull 4, D. C. Brookes 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Price 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge 5, Margaret E. Fort 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, D. Tipler 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Millidge 1, R. Cooles 2, L. W. Allen 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. C. Brookes 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, D. Tipler 8. First of Stedman for 2, 3, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bennett 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers 3, Joan Gainey 4, C. Halling (cond.) 5, Anthea Bennett 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Halling whose son rang the 5th. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bennett 1, Joan Gainey 4, C. Halling (cond.) 5, A. Bennett C. Halling 5, C. Hadley 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Vince Dale.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Clarke 1, T. Holmes 2, S. Jones 3, G. F. Sperring 4, E. C. Crewes 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ensor 1, L. L. Willis (cond.) 2, Miss R. Morgan 3, D. Hooper 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. Walker 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church on Oct. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Davey (first quarter) 1, S. G. Peck 2, L. G. Gates 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (cond.) 5, I. Paget 6. For Evensong in connection with the 1963 Campaign for Education.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Stanley 1, Miss S. Carter 2, Rev. D. Sansum (cond.) 3, M. Powell 4, Dr. R. Brocklehurst 5, R. Williams 6. Rung on the eve of the 2nd ringer's departure for College.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pamela A. Hunter 1, Diane Street (first of Surprise) 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, W. Savill (first of Surprise) 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6. A compliment to Carolyn White and David Tubbs, upon their engagement, in appreciation of their help to the Sunday Service band at this tower.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, A. E. Bissatt 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissatt 2, E. Nunn 3, C. Sangwin 4, J. W. Sangwin 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Lyle, a benefactor to this parish.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila M. Haskins (first quarter) 1, Thelma P. Johnson 2, R. Fry 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, F. E. Jones (first of Minor 'inside') 6. For the feast of St. Luke and Family Communion.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 4, 6, 8, covering: B. K. Lunn 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, T. Spearing 3, P. A. Jeaves 4, Jennifer P. Lunn 5, D. T. Holloway 6, D. J. Beale (first with a bob bell) 7, J. A. Trembath 8. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maple 1, C. B. Skinner 2, F. Brooks 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Cherriman, mother of the 6th ringer.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, Miss R. Carr 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, A. D. Leach 4, R. Caporn 5, C. Rogers 6.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Bluff 1, M. A. Coleman 2, F. E. Coales (first of Surprise) 3, Miss W. Hollowell (first of Cambridge Major) 4, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 5, R. H. Daw 6, P. M. Fleckney 7, A. Gibbs 8. Rung after peal failure, on the day of the Guild annual dinner.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Parker's): I. M. Knox 1, June Sinfield 2, R. Stripp (first of Triples 'inside') 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. Claughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): June Sinfield 1, R. J. Scott 2, A. G. Stripp 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, J. Claughton (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Harvest Sunday.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol P. L. Cooke 1, Margaret C. Woodward (first 'inside') 2, R. C. Woodward 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, A. E. Stevens 6, R. G. Berridge 7, A. J. Woodward 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Sue Secker 1, Sally Cobb 2, Topsy Brocklehurst 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, D. Hawkins 6, H. Duncan 7, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 8, D. Cobb 9, R. J. Chapman 10.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stoter (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, I. Stoter 4, H. White 5, K. Leach (cond.) 6, A. R. Wood 7, J. White 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles eight methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 25th quarter together 2 and 5. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Waller.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: G. Avent 1, P. E. Pratt 2, D. Laud 3, R. G. Smith 4, R. D. Bell 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For morning prayer.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, J. Linford 2, T. E. Roberts 3, D. Burbidge 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Trumon 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Mayes 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Susan Newman 4, A. Bishop 5, Judith Geiringer 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Bird 1, W. H. Kingcott 2, Revd. R. O. Fry 3, S. G. Smith 4, J. Brain 5, G. Prescott 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Chilcott 8. In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

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HAYES, KENT.—Ringing now resumed at St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bells rehung on ball bearings. Sunday service ringing 10.35 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. Practice: Tuesdays, 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—M. F. Oakshett, Tower Secretary 3475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Saturday practice meetings in November, all at 7.30 p.m., 2nd. Bishop's Stortford; 9th, Brent Pelham; 23rd. Braughing; 30th. Brent Pelham.—D. Kingston. 3483

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Please note, there will be no meeting held on Saturday, November 9th.—M. Powell. 3493

ST. PETER-DE-WITTON, DROITWICH.—With regret we have to announce that all ringing at the above church is suspended until further notice during restoration of newly discovered mediæval floor in tower.—Jennifer Stone-Wigg, Secretary. 3499

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford postponed until November 23rd.—E. W. Bullman. 3495

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Odell, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: College Exercise. Names for tea to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. **No name no tea.** 3455

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Warwick Branch.—Meeting on November 2nd at Whitnash. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (Phone 26785). 3453

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting Saturday, November 2nd, at Willingham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3446

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Evening meeting at Langleybury on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 6 p.m.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 3436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Hindley on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 3471

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—J. Seager, Sec. 3452

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 2nd, at West Bridgford, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 3467

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Learners' practice meeting, St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Saturday, November 2nd, 7-9 p.m.—C. G. Pearce, Hon. Sec. 3477

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
Quarterly meeting, Warnham, Saturday, November 2nd.
Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea and meeting 5. Bells 6.30.
Social 7.30-9.30 p.m. All welcome.
Names for tea to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3448

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), Monday, November 4th. Ringing 7-8.30 p.m. —D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3482

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 4th, at 7 p.m. 3485

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough, near Rotherham, Saturday, November 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mrs. Braithwaite, Vicarage, Conisbrough, Rotherham, not later than November 6th.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 3465

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 9th, at Stotfold. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. S.M.: Hereward Bob and College Exercise. Ringing after tea.—M. Maior. 3481

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor (6), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in 'Blacksmiths Arms,' 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday **without fail** to Mr. E. Dove, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, York. 3474

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Killamarsh (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield, by Wednesday, November 6th. No. 27 bus leaves East Midland Bus Station, Chesterfield, at ten minutes' past the hour.—M. Phipps, Sec. 3507

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradworthy, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec. 3450

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, November 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 6th to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 3483

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Horsham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by November 7th. **Note:** Annual dinner, Saturday, January 11th. Names will be taken at this meeting. 3432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 10th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th November, 1963 at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. each, from General Secretary. Limit date November 5th. Early application and s.a.e. please.—F. V. G. 3426

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, November 9th, Brinkworth (6). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—November meeting will be held at Apsley on Sat., Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Sheppard, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. W. Gilbert, 2, Herne Cottages, Mereworth. Please note change of venue.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 3504

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, with tea and social evening to follow. Harefield (245 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (3 p.m.) also available. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath. 3435

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, November 9th. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 3500

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness-on-Windermere, Saturday, November 9th, at 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 3509

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', East Crompton, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, **please,** to Mr. G. Abbott, 16, Waveney Road, Rushcroft, Shaw, Oldham.—J. P. Partington. 3503

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, November 9th at Whetstone (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in school room, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, by November 6th. Methods: Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 3501

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston, November 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Tipping, 95, Leicester Road, Thurcaston, by November 6th. —Raymond R. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3486

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Llangynwydd, near Bridgend, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 followed by tea and business. Bells available until 8 p.m. Bridgend also available until 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 4th, please, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 3443

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting at Manchester, November 9th. Towers available: Swinton (No. 57 bus outside Piccadilly Station, also passes close to Exchange Station), 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Pendlebury, 11-11.45 a.m.; Pendleton, 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Sacred Trinity, Salford, 2.30-4; Cathedral, 5.30-6.30; Town Hall, 7-8.15 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 3479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, old Wolverton, November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 3480

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 9th, at Mortimer. St. John's (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) in evening. Names for tea by November 6th, please, to Mrs. A. G. Cowdry, 'Sherborne,' Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading. 3487

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington, November 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers, please, to W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 3491

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Meeting at Berriew, Mont, on November 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to be sent by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. E. Evans, 7, Glanyrafon, Berriew, near Welshpool, Mont.—E. Morris. 3509

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3497

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, November 9th, Fordingbridge, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m, in the Riverside Cafe. Ringwood from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential** by November 7th to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 3490

BILSTON, STAFFS.—The dedication of the recast 5th bell at St. Leonard's Church will take place during Evensong on Sunday, November 10th. Cordial invitation to all visitors to ring from 7.50 to 9 p.m. No ringing before service. 3476

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting to include election of officers will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing at 6.30 p.m.: November 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral: November 19th, St. Lawrence, Jewry: November 26th, St. Michael's, Cornhill: December 3rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3473

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting to be held at Felsted on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End Cottages, Finchingfield. 3478

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by November 13th, together with cash, Mr. L. H. Bennett, 4, Horton Gardens, Chartham, near Canterbury. 3490

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. M. Davenport, 27, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leics. Telephone Leics 32554, by Wednesday previous. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3492

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Scothern, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Court, London Surprise. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Cade, Brooklyn, Scothern, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 3508

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The fourth Annual Dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 1963, at the White Hart Hotel, Reading (7.30 for 8 p.m.).

Tickets, price 16s. 6d., and details of ringing from J. H. Croxton, St Patrick's Hall, Northcourt Avenue, Reading. 3488

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale (8), Saturday, November 16th, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Yoxford (6), 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 3494

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3423

LONG LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE STOPPED

The attempt at Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile on October 26th for 21,240 Yorkshire Surprise Royal was stopped after seven courses as the standard of ringing was not up to the required level. A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung in the morning and London Major in the afternoon. The remaining three lost a handbell peal.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Striking Competition

Some excellent ringing was heard during a striking competition of the Guild held at St. Michael's, Southampton, on October 19th.

After tea, prepared by the ladies of St. Michael's, the judge, Mr. C. H. Kippin, gave his comments. The Master (Canon K. W. H. Felstead) announced that St. Mary's, Liss, band, who rang 240 Grandsire Doubles, were the winners, followed by Warnford (Grandsire Doubles) 171, Christchurch Priory (238 Grandsire Triples) 199. The Alliston Cup was presented by the judge to the winning team, which consisted of Rosemarie Walton 1, Lesley Read 2, Susan Ellenor 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, Patricia Smith 6. With an average age of 17 years, they are the youngest team to win the cup.

Other competitors were Winchester Cathedral (Grandsire Triples), who were disqualified as their well struck touch failed to come round within the prescribed length due to a miscall; SS. Peter and Paul's, Fareham (Grandsire Triples); St. Lawrence's, Alton (Grandsire Doubles), and St. Mary's, Fordingbridge (call changes).

The judge and the ladies were thanked, and the Guild is indebted to the Master, who, as convener of the Striking Competition Subcommittee, had been mainly responsible for the excllent arrangements.

LATE NEWS

Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, the general secretary of the Devon Guild, is in Victory Ward of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, awaiting an operation. Our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. F. G. Sutton, of 43, Queen Alexandra Road, Salisbury, Wilts.

CORRECTION

Cattistock, where the first peal on the bells was rung on October 5th (see page 719), is still in Dorset and not Devon as printed.

LATE NOTICES

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—Practice night at Goldhanger, Essex, has now been changed from Tuesday to Thursday, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Alison M. Mann. 3512

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner, Nov. 9th. Ringing arrangements: Shareshill (6) and Penkridge (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Cannock (8), 4 p.m. onwards.—B. G. Key. 3513

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Whatton, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to: W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3511

SOCIETY OF WESSEX SCHOLARS.—General meetings of the Society will be held on the last Friday of each month at 8.30 p.m., at The Crown Hotel, Jewry St., Winchester, until further notice. Members only, but friends admitted at the discretion of the master. Male members only.—A. R. Carter, Sec., 31, Wharf Hill, Winchester. 3510

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

HUTTON, ESSEX

Hutton, Essex, ringers and friends had their annual outing by coach into the Thames Valley on September 14th. Every ringer had a programme. The first touch lasted 10 minutes in each tower, then came general ringing for 20 minutes, and finally, every ringer had a choice, three at each tower.

At the first tower, Waltham St. Lawrence, there was Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Cambridge. At Warfield, Bob Major and Stedman went well; then Minor and Doubles with cover bells were rung. After an excellent lunch at Bracknell, the lovely six at Binfield were enjoyed. The very light six at Hitcham Park, which are rung round the font, were a novelty. Eventually Stedman and Cambridge were managed.

The route was through Burnham Beeches to an excellent tea at Wingrove's tea rooms. The last ring was at Fulmer, where a good touch of Winchendon amongst other methods was rung. Our thanks to Raymond Jones and John Wallet for their organisation, the coach drivers, incumbents and those who met us.

R. G. J.

TORRE, TORQUAY

The ringers of Torre Parish Church, Torquay, held their annual outing on October 19th, with East Devon as the venue. They were accompanied by friends from Babbacombe, Buckfastleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey (and family), of Topsham, former members.

The first stop was Offwell (a reasonably good six), followed by Kilmington (a very nice going six). The next stop was Musbury, where the bells were found to take some handling. This was followed by tea at Seaton, after which a pleasant hour was spent on the good octave at the Parish Church. The last tower to be visited was Colaton Raleigh, where it was learnt that the bells were not often rung. These, too, required careful handling.

Thanks are due to Mr. Keith Fursdon, the Captain for the excellent arrangements. B.

ST. GILES', WILLENHALL

It was through a thick mist that St. Giles', Willenhall, ringers approached the Peak District for their outing on September 21st. Cups of tea were awaiting the party at Clay Cross and, after lunch, a visit was paid to the tuneful six at the church. Before boarding the coach thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Price and helpers.

A cordial welcome from Sam Scattergood awaited the party at Chesterfield and in the well-kept belfry he challenged one of our heavy men to raise the ninth the right way up. Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight and call changes on the ten.

Our next objective was Ashover, where 'Jafus' was on guard at the church door. Frank helped in our ringing, and trebled them down in peal. The timetable was kept when we arrived at Matlock for tea at the Ritz Restaurant. Our thanks go out to incumbents, tower keepers and Mr. Fred Adams, who helped with the arrangements. C. W.

IRONY FROM RUTLAND

'The Daily Mirror' of October 16th informs us that the bellringers of Oakham, Rutland, will ring a peal of Rutland Surprise of more than 5,000 changes, lasting 23 hours 20 minutes, on Saturday, when Britain's smallest county celebrates its successful battle to stay independent.

'How misinformed these reporters are!—23 hours 20 minutes for a peal of 5,000 Rutland Surprise Major even before it has been rung!'

'The Rutland band are not sufficiently proficient to ring a peal of Rutland Surprise Major without outside help. It is ironic that 80 per cent of the band will be Leicestershire ringers—the county that lost in the "take-over" bid for Rutland.'

A letter written to the Vicar of Warminster has been mislaid. Will the sender be good enough to write again to Mr. N. G. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts.

QUARTER PEALS

BERKSWELL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 600 Cambridge): I. C. Maycock 1, S. Royal 2, M. C. Hughes 3, G. W. Randle 4, G. Lightfoot 5, C. J. Royal 6. First in three methods 2, 4, 5 and 6.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Bladon 1, Thelma P. Johnson 2, E. W. Ford 3, R. E. G. Luton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, E. G. Adams 6. For Evensong and as a 70th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. King 1, A. E. Sharman (cond.) 2, A. Stripp 3, G. Claughton 4, J. W. Sinfield 5, I. M. Knox 6, H. Burroughs 7, A. E. Mathews 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. Mackonochie, wife of the Rector, who was buried this day.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gillian Boyd 1, Renee Sturgess 2, F. Mitchell 3, Jennifer Tyack 4, G. Miles 5, R. Hawkins 6, W. Cope 7, A. Scott 8, A. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. Stevenson 10. To mark the visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth for the Michaelmas Ordination.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, Mrs. J. E. Cook 2, L. Squires 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, K. Ketteringham 5, D. A. Frith 6, W. Dale 7, P. A. Slight 8, J. E. Cook (cond.) 9, J. R. Holmes 10. For the Patronal Festival.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. J. Garlick 3, G. W. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the Harvest Eucharist.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): G. Newman 1, S. Lawrence 2, L. Gascoyne 3, Irene Lawrence 4, D. Culling 5, C. J. Hughes (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Paul (cond.) 1, C. C. Stokes 2, R. C. Moore (first 'inside') 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. C. Paul 5 For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Linnell 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, D. Burbidge (cond.) 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

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SIMON SAID 'THUMBS UP'

RINGERS and their idiosyncrasies amuse or irritate the public. It is not merely by ringing bells in towers and on handbells under unusual circumstances that arouses curiosity, but by our very demeanour in refreshing memory of our art that we break through the barrier of normality into what the public might regard as absurd. Things seem to happen in Yorkshire—have they not a professor who keeps a watchful eye on the foibles of the Exercise—but this delightful sketch or satire in 'The Yorkshire Post' proclaims far and wide that we are a peculiar people. The incident reads:

'Travel, they say, broadens the mind. Mine was nearly unhinged on a short train journey I made the other day. There were four men in the compartment I got into. I thought it was funny that each of them had his hands lightly clenched on his knees, the thumbs lying straight out in line with his trouser creases.

'What was even odder, they suddenly began raising and lowering their thumbs in strict order, one after the other. All this was done without a word until one of them said, "Go, next time." (I was already in a state of go. Had it been a corridor train I would have gone into the next compartment.)

'Now instead of following each other with their thumb hoisting and lowering, they seemed to be moving them at any old time. After half a mile the garrulous member of the party said, "Bob." Whichever was Bob didn't answer to that name. A little later the gabby one again said "Bob" and followed it up with "Single."

'At this, one of them—Bob, maybe?—began to look flustered. His thumb movements became jerky, and the head of the gang told him sharply: "Take the third with the fifth, dodge three four up and go on to lead!"

'Watching thumbs bobbing up and down has a hypnotic effect on the mind after a time. I looked on in a sort of trance until the loquacious type said: "Stand." The thumbs stopped. The flustered man mopped his brow. "Well, that wasn't too bad," said the one who had done all the talking. "But if you're on the fifth this afternoon, George, you'll have watch those dodges." The brow-mopper nodded.

'I cleared my throat, George's boss must have seen I was about to burst with curiosity. "We're bell ringers," he said kindly. "We were just practising change ringing."

'"With your thumbs?" "We were using them instead of handbells. I suppose it would look funny to you."

'"It did."

'He then gave me a brief outline of bell ringing, throwing off terms like "dodge three four up," "lay your pull" and "take the lead." "Of course," he said, "that's in Plain Bob Major or Minor."

'"Of course," I said. My campanological education was cut short by our arrival at my station. As I turned away from the train I saw that the thumb exercising had started again, and I hoped George was watching his dodges.

'I thought there ought to be special compartments marked "Bellringers." After exposure to an experience of this kind a nervous passenger, who was given no explanation, would totter out of the train feeling that his belfry was full of bats.'

We feel certain that this Yorkshire experience and the suggested remedy will be given full consideration by the Railwaymen's Guild. Perhaps the author of 'Belfrymanship' might, with his experience of railways, coupled with his wide knowledge of our art and its practising members, be induced to add to the quotation, 'And Simon said. . . .'

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MEMORIAL SERVICE TO EDWIN H. LEWIS

RINGERS came on All Souls' Day (November 2nd) from distant Cornwall, from Lancashire and Yorkshire, and most parts of the country, to pay homage and respect for the life of Mr. Edwin Hugh Lewis at a service of thanksgiving held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London. While the large congregation was assembling, the bells were being rung half-muffled to Stedman Cinques by a representative band as follows: J. Phillips, senior steward, A.S.C.Y., treble; Rev. P. N. Bond, who was taught to ring by Mr. Lewis, 2; F. W. Perrens, librarian, Central Council, 3; J. Freeman (conductor), vice-president, Central Council, 4; M. V. Chilcott, Master, A.S.C.Y., 5; F. Bibby, Chester Diocesan Guild, representing the Frodsham band, of which he was a former member, 6; J. E. Chilcott, secretary, A.S.C.Y., 7; Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Cambridge University Guild, 8; G. W. Fletcher, past secretary and treasurer, Central Council, 9; A. D. Barker, member of Central Council since 1924, 10; P. A. Corby, secretary, Kent County Association, of which Mr. Lewis was one time chairman, 11; D. Beresford, Master of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, tenor.

The service opened with the hymn 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' to be followed by the Sentences, read by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, and a member of the Central Council. Psalm 23 was sung to the tune by Crimond, and then Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who succeeded Mr. Lewis as president of the Central Council, impressively read the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xliv, 1–15.

A course of Plain Bob Major was then rung from the choir by the following members of the Council: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, assistant hon. secretary, 1-2; E. A. Barnett, secretary and treasurer, 3-4; J. F. Smallwood, member since 1939, 5-6; Walter Ayre, member since 1926, 7-8.

The address was given by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth and president of the Central Council, to be followed by the hymn 'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,' which was sung with great fervour to the organ accompaniment, played by the world-famous composer Dr. Harold Dark. Prayers offered by Canon Felstead preceded the great resurrection hymn. 'Jesus lives! no longer now,' and the congregation was dismissed by Canon Thurlow pronouncing the blessing.

THE ADDRESS

Canon Thurlow, in the address, said: Nothing could encourage me more, in the task of paying tribute to Edwin Lewis, than the touch of Bob Major we have just heard. For that was the sound I heard when, as a terrified undergraduate 32 years ago, I first met Edwin in Mr. Boughey's rooms at Trinity. And one immediately realised, to some extent, the kind of man he was. I could not in those early days appreciate his brilliance, nor did I know that he had already been a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council for 20 years and had all that time been doing work of quite extraordinary value. But one immediately saw that here was a man humble enough, kind enough, longsuffering and charitable enough to spend his time enduring the first miserable struggles of a big boy through Bob Major on handbells. So I learnt the most important thing about him. For whatever a man *does*, it is what he *is* that matters most. A man must leave his deeds behind him. The one thing he can keep for ever is *himself*. And a man who is humble, kind, longsuffering and charitable has within himself that with which he can for ever be with the God from whom these things come.

IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Edwin leaves behind him an impressive tale of achievement. His career in industry, as an engineer, was brilliant. He played a worthy part in the social, human side of industry. His work as a lay member of the Church in both Scotland and England was of great value, as the Archbishop of Canterbury was years ago glad to acknowledge. He was a brilliant linguist, one reminder of which is the Swedish version of 'The Nine Tailors.'

Born June 13th, 1881
Died September 4th, 1963



As a ringer he thoroughly deserved the honours which came to him. Having learnt to ring at Trowell in 1900, he joined the Cambridge University Guild in 1901 and represented it on the Central Council from 1908 to 1936. He was president of the Council from 1930 until 1957, and was a life member thereafter. 'As Vicar of Yarmouth, how pleased I was that he was able to be present with his wife, who is so much in our thoughts today, with the Council in Yarmouth at Whitsun this year, and how deeply impressed the Council was with the speech he made at the meeting.

'A wise man makes provision for the future. He showed wisdom indeed in handing over not only the presidency of the Council but also the leadership of the Towers and Belfries Committee, with the immensely important and valuable work which that implies, to a brilliant successor, who we profoundly hope will carry on this work for many years to come. The other activity which has brought us to London today reminds us that Edwin was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1937, its tercentenary year, coronation year also, and he presided at its annual dinner over a great company, which included some of the highest in the land.

STRANGE ACTIVITY

'It is indeed a strange activity which is ours. We shut ourselves up in some apartment perched on high, quiet and alone, raised above the noise and clamour of the city. We meet together almost as it were in secret to join with the sport of the centuries past, like Christ and His friends on the mountain top. Yet as those meetings result in fresh power to help the crowds, so the result of our meeting is the insistent message of the bells penetrating everywhere, irritating those who are irritated by God's call, lifting the hearts of all who long for God's coming.

'The death of an active man poses the question which we think about on All Souls' Day— is human activity worth while? Man is cut down like a flower; he flees like a shadow. We live always in a state of tension. We each try to achieve something to make our mark—to work, to write, to paint, to build, to leave an inheritance to shape the future, to make discoveries and lend to the path of progress: and just as we have achieved something we are cut down like a flower. The very thing our true nature desires, our outward form denies. In fact, if this life is all there is for man, nature is mocking us unmercifully, maddening the thoughtful man by its laughter.

'It is here that the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting comes to man's rescue—not as a doubtful addition to the Christian story, not as a piece of wishful thinking, but as the only way by which the tension in which man lives can be resolved, the only way by which man's existence as an individual—thinking, planning, achieving, and yet imprisoned in a body which dies—can be seen to be a reasonable existence. The resurrection means that the individual lives differently in form, yet as an individual he is the same.

'Christ in His earthly lifetime taught, healed, befriended a few people in a small country, yet after His death and resurrection He marched across the centuries and the world as a mighty power for good, continuing for ever, whilst the benefits the world invents come and go. Believing this, we can believe that our art of ringing, ever changing though it be, has yet a counterpart in eternity. Having once been it must ever be; and we can believe that the life of Edwin Hugh Lewis, like all who pass as pilgrims through this strange material state, continues to be in company with the source of all beauty and truth, and with all who because they are of the truth hear His voice.'

The family representatives present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Lewis, Mr. R. T. Lewis, Mr. J. G. Lewis, Mr. Martin Hooton, Mrs. McGregor, Miss A. Lewis, Mrs. Harold Richardson, Mr. Hooton, Miss Dorothy Gardner, Mr. T. E. Hooton, the Vicar of Tring (the Rev. T. K. Lowdell).

Representatives of Tunnel Cement Company: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Duncan Stewart (representing also Col. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart), Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh, C. Morgan, W. R. Lucas, K. Burke, C. Hagerap, P. Hull, E. Regaard, C. Rath, P. T. Hutchinson, H. C. Ford.

Apart from those already mentioned, those present included Mrs. and Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Mrs. F. Powys, Miss Scate, Miss M. R. Cross (Universities' Association), Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, Miss D. Colgate, Miss P. Lester, Mrs. Woolley (representing Mr. C. Woolley), Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rooke, Miss Vokins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, Mrs. Deal, Miss Shelagh Collins, Miss Van Leeswan, Mr. and Mrs. F. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Addison.

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W. A. Osborn, D. Burnett, John Basher, Douglas May, William Hughes, Douglas Hughes, E. Holdsworth, John Seager, Dr. John Hatcher, R. Tyler and R. D. Tyler, J. L. Garner-Hayward, E. J. Gower, Lester L. Gray, Tudor F. Edwards, John Fielden, P. S. Bennett, D. Jenner, K. J. Hesketh, N. G. Roberts, Ranald Clouston (representing the Council for the Care of Churches), J. H. Lott, Andrew Corby, G. Salmon, J. W. Hesketh, F. Budger, J. Weller, R. Sherlock, C. Cooper, —. Wylde and others.

MR. TOM MYERS

The many friends of Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth, will regret to know that he is a patient in the Scott Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, suffering from a bronchial ailment. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back 'on the box' at St. Andrew's. For 60 years there has never been a day but that a member of the Myers family has been in the tower of St. Andrew's. Mr. Myers' late father attended to the clock chimes and carillon for many years, and when the climb became too much Tom took over the job. His brothers, Bill and Fred, will carry on during his temporary absence.

ST. ALBANS CAR RALLY

On October 26th the St. Albans District held its first car rally, in the north of the county. Unfortunately for their public relations, the committee gained first and second place—J. D. Chamberlain and G. Dodds and their families. Peter Coles was third: he couldn't be allowed to win as he had been in the Kimpton Cup winning team, organised by the same master brain as the rally. Robert Hardy and bird gained fourth prize. Before the uncharitable ones think there were only four entries, there were thirteen.

A most impartial starting place was chosen —Nomansland. Here revealing questions were asked on our knowledge of the Highway Code. The route took us through Kimpton of 'striking' memories, to Whitwell and its eight legged. 'major.' water tower. Beyond Great Wymondley was a memorial to two 'aviators' of 1912, still well cared for. William had a nasty question: 'Which was the best kept village in 1959?' The county arms were on a post on the green: but beware, unsuspecting rallyer, on closer inspection a list of winners was found under the arms—the answer being Preston.

Nobody noticed the sluice valve sign at Weston (not super-Mare), where our guardian angels, the organisers, had altered the route the day before to keep us out of sewer trenches. I wonder who would call their house Toggs? We went past it anyway on our way to Cromer (not on the East Coast), where the Wrights make Arrfdsh Zoider (we must try some of this).

Diaries were required to find out where Middleton's 5,600 of Cambridge was first rung. Luckily it was early in the year, on February 11th, 1873, at Bennington. Tea was taken at the Bell, where the organisers, John Cull and Amy Coburn, were congratulated on a first class afternoon.

Ringing in the evening at Bennington and Aston was for those competitors who were not mentally and physically exhausted, and, in fact, reached quite a high standard. Thank you, Amy and John, the venture was an unqualified success. Please do it again: we'll be looking forward to it. J. D. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Thanks to the hospitality of the local company the Society enjoyed a most successful meeting at Kingswinford on October 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) were kept going to a variety of methods, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key, before the service, at which the Society's form of Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, who addressed us. Our thanks are extended to the organist for his interest and playing the 'Variations on Holsworthy Bells' as a voluntary.

The ringers' wives and friends did us proud by providing a bountiful tea. After this meal the secretary announced that as many as possible of the annual reports had been distributed. The following new members were elected: Miss C. Turner (West Bromwich), Miss J. White (Great Barr), G. Griffiths (Bilston) and D. Braddock (Sedgley). The Vicar and Kingswinford ringers were sincerely thanked for all they had done to make this such a successful meeting. Further ringing on St. Mary's bells followed, and also on the six bells at Holy Trinity, Wordsley.

C. M. S.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 20th, a quarter peal: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, F. Rousell (cond.) 3, F. Casely 4, G. Maidment 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, H. V. Young 7, F. Eastman 8. Rung for Mr. F. Rousell who comes from Llantrisant.

CHELSFIELD'S WEEK-END

The last week-end in September was something by the way of an experiment for Chelsfield ringers. Saturday took the form of the annual outing, and the party was completed at the first tower, Horsmonden, by several visitors from Kent and Surrey. A course of Bristol was among the methods rung here.

At Marden a touch of six spliced came home. Staplehurst bells proved a bit of a handful, especially for those who were not used to eight bells—but the ringing worked up a respectable appetite for lunch, which was taken while listening to the local band ring for a wedding.

Having sent several ringers to ring for a wedding at Cranbrook, the remainder moved to Headcorn, where a course of Lincolnshire was rung before the party was completed again. Smarden's were the only six of the day, and a very pleasant six too. A tea house raid in Biddenden resulted in 25 hungry, thirsty and none too quiet ringers descending on rather surprised proprietors.

We joined the Hawkhurst and District Guild to ring at Biddenden. We were expected and warmly welcomed, and, among other things, good courses of London and Bristol were rung. Ringing for the day concluded on the easy going octave at Frittenden.

The company was then invited to the home of Mike and Dorothy Legg at Cranbrook, where a truly amazing spread awaited our eager attentions. Singing and conversation continued well into the evening and Chelsfield was reached in the small hours.

At seven-thirty on Sunday morning we were ringing again—our own bells this time—for ringers' Corporate Communion, at which all those on the outing attended. A quarter peal of London Surprise Minor was rung during the afternoon. At Evensong we welcomed back several of our former ringers who have moved out of the area, and now ring elsewhere. Ringers acted as sidesmen and read the lessons and the Rev. C. J. Ellingham, once a ringer, preached an inspiring sermon to a packed church. Further ringing after the service was watched by many of the congregation, while the intricacies were explained to those who were interested. All ringers were then welcomed home by the captain and the evening and ringers' week-end had passed all too quickly.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

A large attendance of ringers of both sexes attended the Devon Branch's successful meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 26th. The ringing was under the supervision of Mrs. D. E. Hood and consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced ringers.

A service was later held in church which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Chas. S. Nye), who welcomed the visitors and gave an address.

After tea at a local café, the gentlemen ringers returned to the belfry, whilst the branch members held their meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hood, in the absence of the vice-president (Mrs. D. R. Bould). Seven new members were elected (six from Bampton and one from Dartmouth), and it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Clyst Honiton on April 18th, with ringing at Clyst St. George in the evening, subject to permission.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and further ringing took place at Bickleigh. A.E.R.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

ST. PETER-DE-WITTON, DROITWICH

Although they left Witton at 6.45 a.m., St. Peter's ringers and friends did not reach Bristol, the destination for their outing on October 5th, until 11 a.m. They were made very welcome at the Cathedral School practice and from the Cathedral were escorted to the Lord Mayor's Chapel. Lunch was eaten in the pouring rain before visiting St. John-on-the Wall (a lovely City church, with a good ring of six). Our best ringing was there. St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without's 6 bells were more difficult. Philip and Joan Gray met the party at Stoke Bishop, and at Emmanuel, Clifton, Grandsire Triples was rung with local help. The return journey by train was as uneventful as could be expected, with 11 of us packed into one compartment of an otherwise empty train! Thanks are due to Philip Gray, who made the arrangements. P. C.

EASTHAMPSTEAD AND WARFIELD

Easthampstead and Warfield ringers combined for a merry outing on sixes, on September 28th.

Fourteen ringers in a minibus set out before lunch for Sussex and Old Bosham, with our faithful captain at the wheel. Lunch, in traditional manner, preceded trying Bosham bells. These were a slower six than we were used to, but after a couple of courses we had some nice striking—more striking, though, was the beautiful old church and the Harvest Festival flowers.

At Felpham we rang for a wedding and had a good variety of methods (from Plain Bob to Cambridge), but had difficulty in striking well. After tea and a short walk to sniff the fragrance of seaweed on the front, we set off for Lyminster.

A lovely six in a lovely setting, was the general verdict, and here we had some good striking as well as a good number of methods. Very pleased we left for our last tower, Thakeham, which all of us enjoyed—the bells were easy on the hand and the ear, and the ringing reasonably good. Thakeham will also be remembered for the hospitality of its 'local'—I can only say we had a real party—darts, singing, dancing, friendly faces and good drinks. R. R.

EXETER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The first outing of the newly-formed Exeter University Society was held on October 12th and started modestly with Bob Doubles at Atherington (6), followed by Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. At Northam (8) a local ringer appeared very interested in 'scientific' changes and was later persuaded to conduct some call changes. Lunch was eaten on the beach in warm sunshine at Westward Ho!

A baptism delayed the start of ringing at Swymbridge (6) where Little Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung in addition to methods already mentioned. A short journey brought us to South Molton (8) and the long climb to the ringing chamber was well rewarded by these majestic bells. However, the striking in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major could have been improved.

After tea the pleasant-sounding six at Cadeleigh were visited. The tenor proved difficult to handle, but was expertly turned in by one of the band to touches of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Unfortunately at Broadclyst, the best bells of the day, there was only time for Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Our thanks to Martin Lock for arranging the tour, to car drivers, incumbents and lower captains.

P.H.W.

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Letters to the Editor

Ringers' Diary Apology

Dear Sir,—On double checking the figures I find that the 393 Stedman Caters is in fact correct. My apologies for the mistake to all concerned. However, the 387/651/915 Stedman Cinques is headed 213456 instead of 231456. —Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Swords and Pistols

Dear Sir,—It is with regret I see these tools returning to Leicester. They were much in use before the 1914 war, but I was under the impression that they were boxed and buried years ago. I have not the pleasure of knowing either of the two gentlemen and feel that the challenge is not much help to either Church or craft. I suggest they try and improve on some of the feats at Loughborough Parish Church, which would give them plenty to do other than find time to fall out over hearsay. —Yours truly,

A FLAT.

Changing Guild Officers

Dear Sir,—After my letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' (June 21st, page 431), concerning the changing of guild officers, periodically, I have received several letters both for and against the suggestion. Unfortunately, a few people misconstrued the meaning of one of my statements.

In my letter I stated that I would like to know what other ringers thought, especially those in the Lincoln Guild, to the proposition that an officer should retire for at least one year after serving three consecutive years. Several people (including one whole branch) accused me, of 'backbiting' statements about the officers of the Lincoln Guild.

There was nothing, so far as I could see, in my reference to the Guild, that could be interpreted as 'getting at' anyone. I would like to see all Guilds adopting this rule and one must put one's own house in order before trying to change others.

As far as the Lincoln Guild officers are concerned they are doing a grand job, but let's have a change.—Yours faithfully,

PETER A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich

Dear Sir,—The temporary suspension of ringing at St. Peter-de-Witton has been advertised in this journal, and perhaps a few relevant notes may be of interest.

It was not until the captain of the local ringers put his foot through it that the floor of the chamber under the bells was found to be eaten away with worm. Removal of this floor has revealed the existence of a mediæval floor supported by a massive oak frame, work probably coeval with the tower. Unfortunately one of the main beams supporting this framework is completely decayed and it is feared that any vibration due to ringing might bring about two tons of oak crashing about the ringers' ears. It is hoped to repair and preserve this fine 15th century woodwork and expose it to view from below by removal of the ringing room ceiling.

We hope that it will not be too long before we can again welcome visitors to ring at St. Peter's.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL CATTERMOLE
(Tower Captain,
St. Peter-de-Witton).

The Minor Controversy

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the article by E. C. S. on Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and subsequent comments by your correspondents.

In considering the controversy over 5,040's of Minor, one must understand exactly how these 5,040's were obtained. A band would learn 14 methods, and then ring 360 of each by the use of calls at Home; thus the tenors would not be parted and would do no more than ring plain courses. One does not need to be an expert in Minor ringing to realise that such performances were considerably easier to ring than peals in seven orthodox 720's. With the tenors fixed they were very easy to keep right. They made life very easy for the conductor, and he did not even have to learn the calling of a single 720! Such performances were not confined to Yorkshire, though they seem to have found more favour there than elsewhere; possibly because Yorkshire bands were more enterprising in the number of methods rung, even if their conductors were less so in calling! The Central Council very properly ruled against such performances being recognised as peals. If the question was not actually asked, the feeling of the supporters of these performances must have been, 'If we cannot ring peals like this, how can we include 14 methods in a peal?' Since splicing was then unknown, Dr. Carpenter's answer to this question seems the only one possible at the time. Should it be termed 'naive'? And certainly it does not deserve the description of 'fatuous,' as applied by Mr. Moxon.

Perhaps Mr. Moxon—whose letter seems strangely bitter—could tell us what the answer should have been, having regard to the state of ringing at that time; and also whether he would really like performances of this sort to be recognised as peals.

As a personality and à debater I cannot judge Dr. Carpenter; nor, I think, can Mr. Moxon. Few can now be living who actually remember him in action. To assert that the old Yorkshire members could not have been 'subdued' by him is beside the point. At least, in this debate, Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

Discourtesy Alleged

Dear Sir,—When visiting Tewkesbury on Saturday, October 26th, my sister and I were delighted to hear the bells ringing.

Being regular ringers we thought the opportunity too good to miss, so went up to the tower, where obviously a meeting was in progress.

Having visited towers up and down the country, where we have always been made most welcome, imagine our surprise when confronted with complete indifference. After being there for half-an-hour, in which time no one spoke to us properly, or even smiled, we were so disgusted that we left.

It was very pleasant to meet quite the opposite at Bath Abbey on the Sunday evening, where we couldn't have been made more welcome.

We do hope that this letter may prevent other visiting bell ringers encountering such discourtesy as we did at Tewkesbury Abbey. —Yours faithfully,

(Misses) P. & V. STEPHENS.

Babbacombe, Torquay.

Derivation Wanted

Dear Sir,—Can any historian in our midst tell me the origin of the words Minimus, Doubles, Minor, etc., to Maximus?

I have been asked this question by a non-ringer and was unable to give a satisfactory answer, except to say that, for example, Doubles meant two pairs of bells change places within themselves, and Triples meant three changing pairs, etc., but why are there the words Caters and Cinques? Is this a derivative from the French meaning four and five; if so, how and why has the French influenced our ringing?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham.

North Wales Adheres to Rules

Dear Sir,—In the 'Ringing World' of Oct. 25th, a number of peals were recorded for the North Wales Association. The peals were rung during a tour of North Wales in August last, under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Leale.

As none of the members of the party are members of the North Wales Association the peals cannot be accepted under the North Wales title and should have been recorded as Non-Association peals.

I have informed Mr. Leale to this effect, and pointing out to him the ruling that any non-member must be proposed and accepted prior to ringing a peal.—Yours sincerely,

W. CATHRALL.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Perry Barr on October 16th. The eight bells, installed in 1869, are now in need of renovation, and as the clergy seem interested we may soon hear of a scheme to put the bells in order. After a long period of silence, the bells are now rung regularly by an enthusiastic band of learners.

At the business meeting the item which caused most discussion was the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration. For some years a considerable financial loss has been sustained on this function, and last year's depletion in the number of people attending resulted in a larger deficit than usual. Many different opinions were ventilated and it was finally decided to hire a smaller room, and limit the number to about fifty. The Provost of Birmingham (the Right Rev. Bishop Sinker) will be invited to occupy the chair.

It was reported that the donations to the Albert Walker Memorial tablet now amounted to £62 towards the £100 required.

The Vicar of Perry Barr (the Rev. Canon D. McLean, M.A.) was warmly thanked for taking the service in church, and for the use of the bells. Acknowledgments were also made to the ladies who provided tea, and to Mr. David Purnell, who has undertaken the difficult task of teaching a band to ring at Perry Barr.

Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hall, January 4th.

Corrections.—The ringer of the second in the peal at Stanford-le-Hope (page 719) should be Sylvia A. Hayward, not Haywood.

The quarter peal printed as Crowborough on page 723 should read Withyham.

Handbell peal, St. Albans (page 740), 5,120 Spliced Major in six methods. Not Spliced Surprise Major.

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ST. ALKMUND'S BELLS, DERBY

The latest news on the future of the bells at St. Alkmund's, Derby—the church which is to be demolished to make way for the new inner ring road—is that the bells will not be installed in the new St. Alkmund's Church which is to be built elsewhere. This is because the site of the new church is close to a hospital and it would be impossible to ring the bells.

At present members of the Derby Diocesan Association man St. Alkmund's bells once a month for Sunday service on a rota basis.

During consultations on these ringing arrangements the Vicar revealed that it was proposed to take only two of the bells from the present ring and install them in the new church. One would be used as an hour bell and other be used to call the congregation to worship.

The Derby Diocesan Association wrote to Canon A. Hopkins, secretary of the Advisory Committee to the Consistory Court, expressing dismay at the possibility of this fine ring being dispersed and asking whether he could confirm the Vicar's statement.

Canon Hopkins replied: 'I had not heard the suggestion that the bells of St. Alkmund's would be broken up, and they must not, even if they cannot be put in the new church.

'If they do have to leave St. Alkmund's have you any suggestion of any parish that could take them?'

The Derby Association have made some suggestions, and have asked for and been granted an interview with Canon Hopkins to discuss what positive active part the Association can play in the future of St. Alkmund's bells. G. A. H.

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL 1963

A record number attended this year's festival at Blandford, on October 26th, made possible under the will of a late citizen of Blandford, Samuel Francis Pond. Although 75 had notified their intention of coming, it was more like 100 who were present. While all ringers were welcome, it eases the catering if more precise numbers are known beforehand.

After coping with a clock hammer difficulty left by the clock repairers, ringing went merrily enough until the clapper of the 6th dropped off. This, naturally, interrupted proceedings for a few minutes, but all was well when we returned to the belfry after tea. Until, that is to say, a broken stay again held up affairs. Your correspondent left soon after this, but hopes there were no further alarums and excursions.

The festival service was attended by the Major of Blandford and other civic officials. The Rev. P. A. Unwin, Vicar of Canford Magna, preached, and other clergy taking part were the Rector of Blandford, Canon H. G. Goodall, and the Rev. R. N. Longridge, honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

After tea, in the Town Hall, the ringers were welcomed by the Mayor, who spoke kindly of bells and ringers. R. N. L.

OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF MR. A. C. HAZELDEN

There was a representative gathering of ringing friends at the Requiem Mass and funeral service held for Mr. A. C. Hazelden in St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on October 30th. The Rector (the Rev. W. Goddard) was the celebrant at the Mass, and the Rev. J. A. L Hardcastle also assisted.

The widow and Miss Eloie, with other relatives, attended. Among those present were Mr. D. A. R. May (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. S. T. Russell (secretary), Mr. W. Viggers (representing the Central Council), Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, L. Stilwell, G. L. Grover, J. Bradley, F. Cherryman, W. E. Enticknap, S. Petter, L. Hunter, B. Clarke, E. Etheridge, S. G. Ponting, W. Savill, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mrs. Kippin, Mrs. Pulling, Miss Avenall, Miss Oliver and many others.

MR. R. A. FERGUSON

With the passing of Mr. R. A. Ferguson, at the age of 90, on August 25th, ends a family of ringers at Hilgay, Norfolk, of over 150 years. Up to this year he could be seen almost daily going to his office in Downham Market. He conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major by local ringers in 1896 and rang in several peals up to 1914.

He was buried in Hilgay Churchyard on August 28th, and the same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung by M. Bryan 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, V. Bowen 4, E. Cousins 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8. First quarter by 1 and 5.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. J. A. Hales writes:—

The Master has passed on, leaving a gap that can never be filled. For 50 years he was Master of the London County. What a record!

How many youngsters rang their first quarters and first peals with 'Taff'? His Sunday night band, ringing for worship at many churches where the bells would otherwise have been silent, doubtless inspired local bands to be reformed. In spite of the very great loss his death means, it is good to know that, under the able leadership of Mr. Monty Meyer, the work that Thomas H. Taffender started at St. John's, Waterloo, is still being carried on.

On October 29th at St. John's, Waterloo, members of his Sunday night band of the London County Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled. They were W. D. Grainger (conductor) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, M. Meyer 6, L. W. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

It was extremely gratifying to find at Streatham Vale Cemetery that so many of his old colleagues came to pay their respects. They were the present Master (Mr. Wilfred Wilson), past Masters of the Cumberlands and College Youths, Messrs. Harold Rogers, Arthur Barker, Joe Hawkins, Jim Prior and that grand old Leytonstone veteran, Ted Smith.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: C. Brown 1, J. Warr 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, F. G. Handley 5, G. Westwood 6.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY WESTMINSTER

Formed just three years ago, St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, has now 10 members and 2 beginners. Due entirely to the persistent hard work and infectious enthusiasm of the tower captain, Mr. Michael Moreton, the Society has continued to make steady progress. As three or four members will shortly be moving from London, the Society has instituted an annual dinner, the first being held on October 11th and proving to be a great success.

The following morning, none the worse for wear, the Society held its bi-annual outing into Herts, Beds. and Bucks. Ringing started on the pleasant six at Redbourn, followed by St. Leonard's, Flamstead, with its 14th century wall paintings. Refreshments were taken at 'The Spotted Dog,' Flamstead, before ringing on the loud six at Houghton Regis.

A sandwich lunch at 'The Anchor,' Tilsworth, preceded ringing at the parish church, where, according to the vicar, the tenor bearings need replacement, which confirmed our opinion. The ropes at Stanbridge (5), the next tower, were far too low for people of normal stature. We were sorry to lose here Robin Leale and his fiancee, particularly as the eights were still to come.

The highlight of the day, a plain course of Westminster Surprise without our captain, was rung at Eaton Bray. Next came Edlesborough, where the church on a hill looks across Dunstable Downs at a huge lion cut into the hillside. There were disappointments at Totternhoe where two attempts to ring a course of Cambridge Surprise Major failed as also did Grandsire Triples. Although tired, we redeemed ourselves on Dunstable Priory's magnificent eight, with Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Our thanks to our secretary, Clive Simpson, for arranging the outing, and to incumbents and local ringers of churches visited.

J. V. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' November 7th, 1913.—

The small and ancient town of Southam is situated in a rather inaccessible part of the county of Warwickshire, but the Church of St. James now possesses a nice ring of eight bells, and the Rector, the Rev. J. Hart-Davies, is most anxious to see change ringing established firmly in the tower. The original ring was one of six bells, the first three of which were cast by Mears and Co. in 1863, while the last three are dated 1615, 1650 and 1676 respectively. The fourth is by Watts, of Leicester, the fifth by John Martin, of Worcester, and the tenor by Henry Bagles. Recently Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were requisitioned to provide two new trebles and rehang the whole ring....

A somewhat unusual note is found in the churchwardens' accounts for 1641, as follows:

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY IN SOMERSET



Left to right, kneeling: Bob Winstanley, John Cornelius.
Standing: Marilyn Stock, Tony Griffin, Peter Else, Christina Griffin, Richard Smith, Susan Griffin, Peter Smith, Gwen Storer, Barry Couzens, Colin Lewis, Gill Graney, Chris Bainham.
Standing behind Gwen Storer is the local tower captain.

THE University of Wales Society's annual tour was based this year at Angersleigh, near Taunton, where the Rector, the Rev. W. Griffin, kindly allowed the use of the Parish Hall as sleeping quarters for some of the party.

Assembly point was St. James's, Taunton, and Stedman Triples went best on this very pleasant ring. Despite our navigator we managed to find St. George's, Wilton, roughly on time. Here the light eight were hung too close together, but were otherwise very pleasant. Next came an unscheduled grab on a 'new' six at Holy Trinity, Taunton. The bells (tenor 4¼ cwt.) have been bought from different sources and hung by local ringers. They are very loud and very untuneful. At Pitminster we were baffled for a time about the chiming hammer. Our last tower of the day was Angersleigh, where, despite three of the five bells being pre-Reformation, the tone of the bells is extremely clear. That evening we discovered a skittle alley at 'The Merry Harriers' and the Aberystwyth ringers were decisively beaten by 'The Rest.'

The following day we went into Devonshire and found three rings of an exceptionally high standard at Uffculme (8), Cullompton (10) and Ottery St. Mary (8). In Honiton we really had to work hard to ring the six at St. Michael's (tenor 23 cwt.). After tea a good quarter peal was rung quickly at Chard, and Shepton Beauchamp visited. Returning to Angersleigh, at the invitation of the Rector, we joined in the parish's harvest social. Colin Lewis, Peter Smith, Barry Couzens and Gill Graney gave a demonstration of handbell ringing, which earned loud applause.

On the final day of the tour we visited three magnificent eights at Wellington, Wiveliscombe and Bridgwater. The tour concluded at Huish Episcopi, with a peal attempt. Unfortunately the bells came into rounds after only half an hour, but a quarter peal of Bob Major was more successful.

The most notable achievement was that of Susan Griffin, who rang at every tower on the tour after learning to handle only a few hours before the beginning of the tour.

Our week-end was most enjoyable and we should like to thank the incumbents and tower captains who made it possible. The quarter peals:

CHARD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwen Storer 1, P. T. Smith 2, C. L. R. Bainham 3, B. J. Couzens 4, P. K. Else 5, R. W. Winstanley 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Cornelius (60th quarter) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 5.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Gwen Storer (first of Major) 1, Gill Graney 2, R. W. Winstanley 3, P. T. Smith 4, B. J. Couzens 5, P. K. Else 6, C. L. R. Bainham 7, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 8

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

About 25 ringers attended the meeting held at Pulham St. Mary, on October 19th, when the service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. J. Huggins) and Mr. Nolan Golden (President of the Association) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Golden in the absence of the Chairman. Four new members, all from Pulham, were elected.

Mr. Golden announced that ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, would be stopped for about six weeks owing to repairs to the roof near the tower. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and all who had helped to make it a success.

Evening practice, Banham, December 7th. Branch annual, Diss, February 1st.

C.F.W.P.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The visit of the Police Guild to Birmingham on September 28th was highly successful and ringing was arranged at four towers—St. Chad's R.C., St. Martin's, the Cathedral and Edgbaston.

By kind permission of the Chief Constable of Birmingham the business meeting was held at the Birmingham City Police Training and Recreational Centre, Tally Ho!, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, and was attended by 25 members.

The annual dinner was also held at the centre, where 67 members, guests and friends were given an excellent meal. The guests were the Assistant Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. J. G. Morrison, and Mrs. Morrison, Canon R. Allen, of Edgbaston, and Mrs. Allen.

The dinner was followed by a social, given by members of the Birmingham City Police, and we were also graced by a visit of the new Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. Capper.

TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

THIS year the week-end was held from October 11th to 13th and the party consisted of Barbara Dench (Corston), Terry Milsom, David Barnett, Jean and Alan Lee (Twerton), Ian Smith, Brian Metcalfe, Myra and Tony Gibbs, Rita and Bill Lampard and Henry Taysom (Warmley); Henry, as usual, acting as driver of the minibus. Lustleigh, the headquarters, was reached rather late on Friday night. Everyone was up early next morning to be greeted with what turned out to be one of the sunniest days of 1963—pleased to have David Burt, who had travelled from London. Aubrey Bennett (Buckfastleigh) and Margaret Bould Tavistock) joined us for the day.

Tower No. 1, Kingsteignton (fine octave, rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1929, tenor 17 cwt. in F.). Best ringing Kent Major, also call changes, conducted by Mr. Bowden, a local ringer.

Tower No. 2, Combe-in-Teignhead. Rector, the Rev. E. Perry, gave an interesting account of his church bells (6, tenor 10 cwt. in G.); seldom rung, but 'go' and tone good. Cambridge was best here.

Tower No. 3, Stoke-in-Teignhead (a very good ground floor six, tenor 10 cwt.), seldom rung. Reverse St. Bartholomew, London Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob all successful.

Tower No. 4, Kingskerswell (another little six, about 8 cwt.). Beverley well struck. Mr Bovey, local ringer, called changes and then dropped the treble for a good fall.

Time for lunch—plenty to eat, and a juke box to add background music.

Tower No. 5, Churston Ferrers was reached via Torquay and Paignton. Mr. Teale was waiting and he joined us for a ring. Bells very pleasant (6, tenor 13 cwt. in A flat), rung from back of church.

Tower No. 6, St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, after a ride on the ferry over the River Dart. Bells are a joy to behold. Stedman Triples here, the best of the day. Mr. Middleton made everyone welcome.

Tower No. 7, St. Petrox's, Dartmouth (6), situated by the castle, in very charming surroundings. Bells rehung by Taylors in 1947; rung from the ground. Joined in our ringing by Miss Goss, who is mastering change ringing, and Mr. Newman, now 85 years old, who proved he had not forgotten Stedman Doubles, despite a serious illness last year.

Tower No. 8, St. Clement's, Dartmouth (6). Ringing room reached by iron ladder, Mr. Newman again showing the way up; not as difficult as we thought. Back three are pre-Reformation, last rehung 1908; need a little attention from the bell hanger. Joined by a visitor from Liverpool.

Ringing finished, we went back to Buckfastleigh for supper. As last year, the organist from the Parish Church, Mr. E. Penny, played the piano and harvest hymns were well received.

Ringing on Sunday morning was at Lustleigh Church—the local ringers vacated the tower so that we might ring. An excellent rise—just as well, as critical ears outside. All the party attended Holy Communion.

In the afternoon Moreton Hampstead was visited. Mr. Bob Gale broke his peaceful afternoon to tend to our needs and made sure we have a good ring.

We said good-bye to Lustleigh for another year, and on the way home joined the Sampford Peverell (6) ringers for service ringing. The captain (Mr. F. Norman) allowed us half hour's ringing, and then showed us how to strike call changes. So our trip was over for another year.

Our thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us so well and to the various incumbents and captains for their kindness, also Henry for driving, and Mr. Bennett for his choice of towers. In all 23 methods were rung.

A. F. L.

BEER, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Sage 1, E. W. Broom 2, Miss M. Sage 3, J. Sage 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong. First quarter on the bells after being rehung from All Saints', Braywood, Berks.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Mary Macve 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, P. J. Milton 3, E. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Fallon (first quarter) 1, M. Mulvey (cond.) 2, G. Goodwin 3, J. Burton 4, C. Gall 5, G. Wilson (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Sylvia Sayce (first quarter) 1 Marilyn Jackson 2, Anna Sadowska 3, A. Lawrence 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, F. Whittaker 6. First in eleven methods by all except the conductor.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods); Jean Whait 1, Joy Watkin 2, R. Chapman 3, R. A. Cobley 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5 First of Doubles 1 and 2. A farewell to Michael H. Wheelwright, a local ringer, who has left to take up the ministry.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich and Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, J. Brown 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Le Count 5, Rev. J. Burslem 6, R. Lindsell 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich by 1, 5 and 6. In honour of Feast of Dedication.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Minimus (2 methods): J. Dawson 1, R. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gaut (Grantham) and wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Challinor (Bingham).

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 13th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Cambridge, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Muirhead 1, C. H. Rogers 2, R. M. Damerell 3, V. Nutton 4, J. M. H. Hunter 5, J. A. Harrison (first of Stedman Triples) 6, S. C. Walters (cond.) 7, I. M. Smith 8. Also at the same church on Oct. 20th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. C. Walters 1, I. M. Smith 2, Miss B. C. Webster 3, K. J. Darvill 4, K. I. Triplow 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, J. A. Harrison 7, A. S. Hudson 8. Both by Cambridge University Guild.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Flynn 1, F. Morton (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker 3, I. R. Nichols 4, E. J. Holloway 5, Bertha Sherry (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, Miss M. Preece (first in method) 3, L. R. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Hill 1, C. Haylings 2, Joan Gainey 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Barks 1, M. Legg (cond.) 2, J. Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, A. Skinner 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 13th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Faircloth 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith 8, E. J. Ladd 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Bennet 1, P. Phillips 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, W. Pickett 5, O. Williams 6, J. L. Shenton 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8. Also on Oct 19th, 1,280 Superlative S. Major: P. Phillips 1, Miss A. M. Gralton 2, Miss B. A. Johnson 3, J. W. Walker 4, J. L. Shenton 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Terry 1, C. J. Eades 2, W. S. Palin 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. W. Epps tenor (covering).

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, K. D. Waples 2, C. Alban 3, Miss G. Martin 4, P. W. Harper (cond.) 5, D. Bedford 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Newbury (first quarter) 1, Ann Chettle 2, Brenda Dixon 3, S. Hodgkins 4, R. Coley 5, A. L. Priestley 6, Bob Whitworth 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Charles Clifton and as a welcome to the Rev. D. Elliott, instituted as Rector on Oct. 3rd.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor behind): L. Lilley (first quarter) 1, G. H. Foster 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, Susan Williams 4, G. T. Ridgway 5, R. J. Bedford 6, J. D. Chamberlain 7. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. L. Williamson 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Fredricka R. Underhill 3, J. Clark 4, J. Davy 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, J. A. Judd 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, West Hill, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Reed 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, P. A. Brand 5, L. C. Way 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. E. Price 8. Rung to welcome Peter, a son for John and Susan Bell, born Oct. 2nd.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Sandal T.B. Minor: Miss J. Cooke 1, G. Challans 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir William Fitzherbert, Patron of the living, who was buried at Tissington, Derbyshire, this day. Also on October 12th, 1,440 Fulbeck Bob Minor: M. Foster 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, G. Challans 3, D. Smedley 4, F. Cooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. In memoriam Arnold Hill, of Worksop, a very frequent visitor to this tower (after peal attempt failure). Also on October 20th, 1,440 Capel T.B. Minor: D. H. Rooke (cond.) 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. Davis 1, B. Williams 2, M. Legg 3, S. Lewis 4, R. Ballam 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in two methods by 2, 4 and 5. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): W. Lovell 1, R. Ballam 2, S. Lewis 3, M. Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6. First in nine methods by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

YORK.—At Heworth Croft, on Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Aldington 1-2, M. King 3-4, I. Johnson 5-6. Rung to mark the commencement of the new Students' Union Constitution of St. John's College.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It was fitting that a peal of Rutland Surprise Major should be rung at Oakham to celebrate Rutland's victory in her fight for independence. For two years the county has vigorously opposed the suggested amalgamation with Leicestershire, for administrative purposes, and at last won its independence.

The new secretary of the National Guild of Police Ringers is P.C. Richard Holt (Lancashire Constabulary), 16, Windsor Avenue, Newchurch, Rossendale, Lancs.

The bells of All Saints', Braywood, Berks, have been rehung at Beer, Devon. The first quarter on the bells in their new home was rung on October 13th.

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Squire Croft, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Slough on October 27th. It was good, writes our correspondent, to see Mr. Croft looking so fit, and ringing like a young man again after his recovery from his operation.

In answer to a request from the Rev. A. T. Parker, Rector of St. Alban's, Kimberley, S.A., a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters for transmission was recorded on tape at Slough on October 27th, as Mr. Parker has but one bell in his church. Formerly, Mr. Parker was a ringer at Ealing, and the band consisted of five Ealing ringers, with five from Slough.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink, eight Alans rang a peal at Lavenham on October 26th. It was originally intended that Alan W. Payne should ring in the peal, but unfortunately he sprained his chest and had to drop out a few days previously. In associating his name with the peal, the band send him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The first quarter by a local band at Thurcaston, Leics, on October 23rd, is a reward for Mr. F. T. Bindley, who, now well over 70, has been teaching learners. As some of the band are too young to be allowed out for the evening practice, Fred arranges another on Saturday mornings. His band is now ringing Triples.

Three Kent stalwarts — Messrs. R. J. Carlton, C. T. Hillis and A. Waddington— returned to peal ringing after an absence of about a year, in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Willesborough, on October 26th. The peal honoured Miss Rosemary Gower, a ringer at Willesborough since her schooldays. It was for her wedding and a farewell to her in leaving the parish. Best wishes Rosemary!

Mr. Cyril Watts was unable to do his duties as toastmaster at the College Youths' dinner. He is in Peking on a business engagement.

Mr. Fred Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, died on October 16th, aged 81.

All Saints', East Meon, Hants, has a regular Sunday service ringer in Mr. R. Fisher. For his 97th birthday a quarter peal was rung on October 29th. He must be our oldest ringer.

The Swansea and Brecon Guild is 40 years old. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary's, Swansea.

The peal attempt for Stedman Triples at Crediton for Martin F. Lock's 21st birthday was lost after an hour's good ringing. Compensation was a quarter of Plain Bob Major at Newton St. Cyres.

Mr. W. S. Childs, a ringer for over 60 years at St. Mary's Church, Denham, Bucks, died on October 26th, aged 86 years. A quarter peal was rung by his friends on October 30th with bells half-muffled.

The first peal attempt on the 12 bells at Liverpool Cathedral was made last Saturday. Grandsire Cinques was attempted with two men on the tenor and two on the eleventh. We are informed that 'Stand' was called after 40 minutes.

Master Tommy Harvey, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey of Topsham, is already showing an interest in ringing. On the recent Torre outing he insisted on ringing a bell at Musbury with the help of his father, and again at the practice at Buckfast Abbey on October 23rd.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Edward W. Colley	6
Norman J. Goodman ..	2	Clifford A. Barron	7
Michael D. Fellows ..	3	George E. Fearn	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Geoffrey Davies	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
AND
THE ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Bro. Herbert C. Spencer, M.M., Northcote Lodge No. 2659 ..	*Treble*
Bro. Peter J. Staniforth, M.M., Highcross Lodge No. 4835 ..	2
Bro. Arthur G. Mason, M.M., Rectitude Lodge No 4727 ..	3
Bro. W. Bertram Kynaston, M.M., Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355	4
W. Bro. Frank E. Hawthorne, W.M., Teddington Lodge No. 4528	5
W. Bro. Richard C. Ingram, W.M., Orion Lodge No. 4993 ..	6
Bro. Arthur Gibbs, M.M., Pemberton Lodge, No. 3039 ..	7
W. Bro. Arthur D. Barker, L.G.R., St. Clement Danes' Lodge [No. 1351	8
Bro. Frederick E. Collins, M.M., Croydon Chantry Lodge [No. 5063	9
Bro. Thomas Setter, M.M., Progressive Science Lodge No. 5007	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Bro. F. E. Collins.
Rung for the Installation of W. Bro. Richard C. Ingram in the Chair of his Lodge.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Kathleen E. Chilcott ..	*Treble*	David T. Darby	6
*Robert W. Hinde	2	*John Schofield	7
Joan Beresford	3	Andrew N. Stubbs	8
*Jean L. Lavender	4	Stewart F. Kimber ..	9
Frank E. Darby	5	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.
In memoriam Thomas Henry Taffender.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 69 lb. in C.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	George S. Deas	6
Alan R. Patterson	2	John E. Anderson	7
Robin G. Turner	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
John C. Eisel	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
Mariyn L. J. Jordan ..	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

David J. Danby	*Treble*	Phillip Gays	5
Raymond J. Ballard ..	2	Michael Wilshaw	6
K. Peter Jones	3	F. Hector Bennett	7
*Gerald P. McIlhone ..	4	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael Wilshaw.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Geoffrey Davies	*Treble*	John W. Coleman	5
K. Peter Jones	2	Andrew M. Macve	6
F. Hector Bennett ..	3	Stewart F. Kimber	7
*Gerald P. McIlhone ..	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Richard Brown	*Treble*	†John F. Murfin	5
*Joseph C. Woolley ..	2	David W. Friend	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Edmund Shuttleworth ..	4	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David Vokes	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	R. Kingsley Mason	6
Geoffrey Davies	3	John A. Anderson	7
Frederick Ross	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 27 cwt.

William J. Chester	*Treble*	Roger Cadamy	5
James Linnell	2	Charles E. Truman	6
Frederick Vickers	3	George W. Holland	7
William A. Yates	4	J. George Shellard	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Holland.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5023 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Judy M. Bowen	*Treble*	Ian V. J. Smith	5
†Bernard G. North	2	Thos. M. Barlow	6
‡Christine M. Fuller ..	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Mrs. Betty Percy	4	Harold G. F. Reynolds ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Wilde. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals. First of Grandsire Major by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ian White (a local ringer) and Miss Jean Horton, who were married here on October 5th.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 36 lb. in G.

Joseph Thornley, Bolton Branch Secretary	*Treble*
Walter E. Wilkinson, Blackburn Branch Ringing Master ..	2
Cyril Crossthwaite, Vice-President	3
John P. Partington, Ringing Secretary	4
Geoffrey Fothergill, Bolton Branch Secretary	5
Neil Bennett, Manchester Branch Secretary	6
John Pilkington, Blackburn Branch Secretary	7
Derek Butterworth, Rochdale Branch Ringing Master ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
This composition is now rung for the first time.
Rung, with the bells half-muffled, by officers of the Association in memory of the life and work of Derek Ogden, Central Council Representative and Manchester Branch Ringing Master, who died September 17th, 1963.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Richard A. Shekelton ..	*Treble*	*Simon Humphrey	5
John W. Coleman	2	Raymond Benfield	6
Ian G. Smith	3	†Peter Humphrey	7
Richard C. L. Brown ..	4	Edmund Shuttleworth ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Raymond Benfield.
* First peal of Surprise, and of Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

DEPTFORD, LONDON, S.E.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM WAY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*BARRY R. HOLLISS	*Treble*	*PHILIP CLARKE	5
PAUL G. HOLMES	2	FREDERICK P. MEAD	6
*DENBY P. MURDUCK	3	GEOFFREY DODD	7
G. PHILIP MURDUCK	4	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODD.
* First peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

JEFFREY J. FOX	*Treble*	PETER FENNEY	5
C. BARRIE DOVE	2	JOHN WEAVER	6
GAEL BROWN	3	*CLIVE M. LONGDEN	7
JOHN CHAPMAN	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(7 obs.) Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE	*Treble*	REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	5
GILBERT W. RENDELL	2	H. E. GEORGE JEANES	6
FREDERICK WELCH	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	ALBERT W. DYER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Locke, of Drayton.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

BRIAN M. BUSWELL	*Treble*	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
RONALD JAMES HILL	2	ERNEST RAWSON	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
WILLIAM L. EXTON	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
Rung to celebrate Rutland's victory in her fight for independence.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*CHRISTOPHER W. LAWSON	*Treble*	JOHN BAGNALL	5
JAMES E. DICKINSON	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	6
HARRY WARD	3	*DIGBY BURTON	7
JAMES E. BURLES	4	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.
* First peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 TRAFALGAR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DENIS WOODS	*Treble*	RAYMOND H. DAW	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
ROGER D. BAILEY	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	***Tenor***

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD **C. NOON.**
First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in eight methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

FREDERICK ROSS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TRAFALGAR SURPRISE MAJOR
x 34 x 1458 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 16 x 58
2nds place L.E. F.C.E. B.D.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JENNIFER M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
PATRICK J. BIRD	2	†PETER BRIDLE	6
*ALAN TUBB	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4	DON C. EXELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal, and 50th of Surprise.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

VICTOR SAVAGE	*Treble*	MARTIN L. HOWE	5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
ANDREW M. MACVE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. NORRIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,824 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 864 Rutland, 768 Bristol and 384 Superlative; with 81 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ALAN E. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	5
OLIVE D. TESTER	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
MARY S. TAYLOR	3	IAN H. ORAM	7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
Rung for the dedication festival.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
MARTIN L. HOWE	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	2	MICHAEL BISHOP	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	JOHN H. NAPPER	7
HENRY L. BISHOP	4	LEONARD F. COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.

HACKNEY, LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY.
A PEAL OF 5120 DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ERIC EDMONDSON	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
PETER J. COLES	3	JOHN HILL	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

M. ROGER ASHMORE	*Treble*	BRUCE WAKEFIELD	5
*JOHN W. THORP	2	JOHN S. RANK	6
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	3	PETER J. WYCHERLEY	7
F. JOHN NELSON	4	JOHN E. CAMP	*Tenor*

Arranged by F. J. NELSON. Conducted by JOHN E. CAMP.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5024 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	*Treble*	G. William Critchley ..	5
Vernon Green	2	Colin A. S. Harwood ..	6
John R. Mayne	3	J. Richard Castledine ..	7
Alick Cutler	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*Alan Munnings	*Treble*	Alan R. Bridges	5
Alan R. Andrews	2	Alan Carveth	6
†Alan M. Barber	3	Alan J. Frost	7
Alan R. Knight	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First 'Alan' peal to be rung.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 69 lb. in C.

John C. Eisel	*Treble*	George S. Deas..	5
Brian Harris	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Eric N. Harrison	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
John E. Anderson	4	Robin G. Leale	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Gordon Griffiths	*Treble*	E. Marion Key	5
Anthony Howell	2	Cyril Griffiths..	6
*Gillian Griffiths	3	Howard Howell	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	John W. Dyke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5156 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Roger Havard..	*Treble*	†John Owen	5
‡Mary E. Pryor	2	†M. Jack Pryor..	6
J. Arthur Hoare	3	‡David J. Llewellyn ..	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 50th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Swansea and Brecon Diocese.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Chris. E. J. Rudderham	*Treble*	Lionel Jones	5
David J. Hughes	2	Spencer G. A. Kear.. ..	6
Reuben S. Clench	3	Donald G. Clift	7
George Knight	4	David L. Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung by past and present members of this tower as a compliment to Brian S. B. Kear, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WELLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Julian,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

F. Hector Bennett	*Treble*	Phillip Gays	4
K. Peter Jones	2	Gerald P. McIlhone ..	5
Raymond J. Ballard.. ..	3	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald P. McIlhone.

CARDIGAN.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Philip C. Rogers	*Treble*	†John D. Thomas	4
*Mrs. Jean Thomas	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
*Robert Pateman	3	*Percy Griffiths	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen, Sandal Magna.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Louth	*Treble*	Peter Fenney	4
Catherine R. Slater ..	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
Gael Brown	3	C. Barrie Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	*Treble*	Henry Tooke	4
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	5
Frank C. J. Arnold.. ..	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. S. Collins.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Harold J. Shuck	*Treble*	Peter L. Bill	4
*C. Roger Tandy	2	P. William Brett	5
Martin D. Fellows ..	3	Michael J. Fellows.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 10th birthday compliment to David C. Fellows.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

William A. Yates	*Treble*	†W. Frank Eyden	4
*Barry R. Eglesfield ..	2	Charles E. Truman ..	5
James Linnell	3	George W. Holland ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal of Minor. † First seven-method peal 'inside.'
A farewell to Rev. R. G. Richards, who is leaving the district to take a living at Buckland Brewer, Devon.

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SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN F. HOODLESS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DALE	4
HARRY BARNES	2	*RICHARD A. HUNT	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three methods.

A compliment to Miss Valerie Ann Musson (the conductor's niece) and Mr. George Tony Clark, who were married this day at Sleaford Parish Church.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN F. HOODLESS	*Treble*	*CHARLES R. MUXLOW	4
*MRS. MILLICENT SHORT	2	RICHARD A. HUNT	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hoodless; also to celebrate the christening of their grand-daughter, Dawn Annette Hoodless.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES LINNELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	4
CHARLES E. TRUMAN	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
*RAYMOND A. VICKERS	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First on the bells since rehanging.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JEAN BURGESS	*Treble*	F. GEORGE FORRESTER	4
PETER W. HORN	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
WENDY POYNTON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal, and first attempt.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. N. Capey, Vicar, who is leaving the district.

OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY IN THE ELMS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Single Court, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN LORD	*Treble*	RICHARD CLIFTON	4
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN K. SMITH	5
FRANK CHAMBERS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	4
EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	NORMAN J. HARDING	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BAINS	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	4
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MELVYN A. ROSE	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The conductor's 600th peal.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	DAVID LOWE	4
ROGER I. KENDRICK	2	MICHAEL WHITE	5
MICHAEL G. GODWIN	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Mintues,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID J. BATES	*Treble*	*BRIAN H. MORTON	4
*MICHAEL I. CADWALLADER	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
†HARRY BUTLER	3	‡JOHN F. ASTBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal. † First in the method on a 'working bell.' ‡ First in the method, and of Minor. Harry Butler has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Hingley.

SHOTTESBROOKE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, five of Reverse Canterbury, six of Grandsire and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3
JENNIFER SCEENY	2	DAVID P. HILLING	4
		HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

25th peal as conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

RAYMOND J. CARLTON	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4
*PETER RICHARDSON	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosemary E. Gower and Mr. John Stanbridge at this church prior to the peal; also as a farewell to the bride, who will now be leaving the parish, where she has been a ringer since her schooldays.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor in the method on handbells.

SUTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT TURNPIKE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19 in F.

SHEILA I. SMITH	1—2	ALAN S. SMITH	3—4
MARTIN MAJOR	5—6		

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

Rung on United Nations Day.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 43, DOWNTON ROAD, RUMNEY, CARDIFF,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

DAVID S. BISHOP	1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3—4	PETER J. SHIPTON	7—8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

First peal of Major as conductor on handbells.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Fitzgeorge (first quarter) 1, Judith Fitzgeorge (first quarter) 2, N. Coombs (cond.) 3, C. Coombs 4, M. Gregory 5, G. Moore 6. First in two methods 4 and 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (six methods): Stella Rice 1, Margaret Fisher 2, Ann Sharpe 3, Susan Waterhouse 4, Valerie Mepham (cond.) 5, B. Nulty 6. First in six methods by all. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Gough, parents of Diana, Pam and Victor, members of the band. Also to welcome Louise Gwyneth, born Sept. 4th, daughter of Gwyneth and Derek Paine (ringers).

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): S. Poole 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, Mrs. K. Exell 3, D. C. Exell 4, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 5, E. Ball 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. G. Collins (local ringer) and Mrs. Collins.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): R. C. Beale 1, Mary Bougourd 2, F. G. Barron 3, Delia F. Leslie (first 'inside') 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, C. Philpott 6, Colin E. Mugford (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sqd. Ldr. C. E. T. Mugford, father of Colin.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Miss M. Newby 2, L. G. Foster 3, Miss A. E. J. Lester 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, N. F. Whittell 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Callow 1, P. Hull 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, F. J. White 4, A. Bown 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Sayers (first quarter) 1, Sheila Coppins 2, Rosemary Jenkins 3, F. H. Gates 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. Foster 6. For Matins.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Vickers 1, J. Linnell 2, W. A. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, B. R. Eglesfield 5, D. Burbidge (cond.) 6, W. H. Yates (covering) 8.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dowse (first of Minor) 1, M. W. Harrison 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, S. Adams 4, G. Fisher 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, C. G. Wellman (15, first attempt 'inside') 3, P. Watts 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5, F. Gosling 6. For Evensong.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. R. Lewis 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, G. I. Lewis 4, E. N. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, J. Matthews 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jennifer Payne 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, Hilary Martin 3, D. L. Parker 4, R. W. Hinde 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung for 'Bride and Bridegroom' service.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Jupp (first on eight) 1, J. King 2, C. Hill 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, C. Chinnery 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Confirmation at which five of the local ringers were confirmed.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court, Single Oxford): Margaret Pratt 1, Pamela Wright 2, D. Lyodd 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pratt 1, Miss J. Williams 2, B. Imber 3, G. W. Shanks 4, M. D. Martineau (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 5. To mark the birth of a son to the conductor's sister, Josephine M. McGinley, former member of the society.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent): B. C. Mann (cond.) 1, C. Southgate 2, Alison M. Mann 3, T. J. White 4, B. W. Mann 5, W. J. White 6, H. J. Appleton (covering) 7. Rung to celebrate the wedding of George Emery (local ringer) to Diane Rose. Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bunting and a birthday compliment to T. J. White.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss A. Harlow (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Ferguson 2, J. Mills 3, Miss C. H. Sharman 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First quarter in two Minor methods by all. For Evensong.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Spencer 1, C. Quartley 2, J. Nibbs 3, D. Nibbs 4, R. Quartley (first as cond.) 5, R. Carpenter 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 5 and 6. All attend Trowbridge High School for Boys.

QUARTER PEALS

LONG HELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Ambrose 1, F. Poulson 2, W. Goodship 3, A. W. Rolfe 4, P. Everett 5, J. Banks 6, C. Stannard (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 8. For morning service and as a 70th birthday compliment to F. Poulson.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook (first as cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Harman 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Owen 1, G. Earles 2, H. Lomas 3, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 4, M. M. Mottershead 5, J. Taylor 6, V. J. Norbury 7, G. Henshaw 8. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6. To mark the 40th wedding anniversary of ringer of tenor.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hawkins 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, R. D. Hughes 4, A. Disney (cond.) 5, D. Wardle 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and as a compliment to the newly born son of Terry Layton, local ringer.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Boarder (first quarter) 1, R. E. Dean (cond.) 2, Evelyn Mead 3, J. Young 4, R. Blackler 5, W. Avery 6, L. J. Young 7, P. R. Dean 8.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 22nd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Cox 1, F. Phillips 2, C. K. Cox 3, H. E. Cox 4, A. T. Poulton (cond.) 5, J. F. Cox 6. For Harvest Festival.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. James' Church, Benwell, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Thomson 1, N. I. Wright 2, A. Wallace 3, F. Ross 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. P. Unwin, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Northumberland.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Colton (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Russell (first of Plain Bob) 2, C. Reeves 3, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 4, Miss J. F. Barnett 5, M. F. Lock 6, G. Skinner 7, T. J. Lock 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringer of six.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mawdsley 1, D. Bennett (first quarter) 2, Pauline Flint (first of Minor) 3, K. Edwards 4, D. Burgess (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 5, E. A. Flint 6. For Harvest Festival.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Minns 1, Christine Steward (first on working bell) 2, G. R. Goodship 3, E. Lockwood 4, Mrs. W. Lockwood 5, Miss S. L. Goodship (first as cond.) 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, V. J. C. Dale 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Challoner (first quarter) 1, R. Marsh 2, J. Dowse 3, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 4, R. Larkin 5, A. Foster 6.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 27th, at the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. R. Mordaunt 1, Hilary Pardoe 2, Christine Macnair 3, M. R. Ashmore 4, B. Wakefield 5, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 6. Rung for Mass on the feast of Christ the King.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. M. A. Bould 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, H. F. Myers 3, F. E. Day 4, D. R. Bould 5, H. W. Milford 6, R. A. Southwood 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brookes (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 1, R. Cooles (first in method 'inside') 2, A. Millidge 3, L. Allen 4, Margaret Fort 5, B. Bull 6, B. Coatsworth 7, J. Harvey (first on eight) 8. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. Clifford Carver, inducted Vicar on Oct. 24th.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): G. Eve (first quarter) 1, G. Blower 2, A. Reeve 3, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 4, M. J. Hallett 5, A. House 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence Church, on Oct. 26th: A. Diserens 1, N. J. Diserens 2, Mrs. R. F. Diserens 3, Jane Foster 4, Felicity Webber 5, P. Wilkinson 6, J. N. Diserens 7, R. F. Diserens 8, F. Lewis 9, V. Cherrill 10.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Driver 1, A. G. Harrison 2, C. Orves 3, E. G. H. Maynard 4, A. Cook 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. R. C. Witten 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, F. E. Coales (first as cond.) 5, J. Skerritt 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Rowland 1, Mrs. M. Poolman (first Triples 'inside') 2, D. Heath 3, J. Stephenson 4, S. Croucher 5, E. Williams 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, A. Langstone 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, L. D. Smith (first of Triples) 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, P. J. Jackson 6, H. J. Page 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Rung for the wedding of Audrey J. Knight and Richard W. Riley.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Brown (cond.) 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, Dorothy Page 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George H. Taylor, former churchwarden.

SLEAFORD, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. F. Hoodless 1, W. Weston 2, Miss V. Humphrys 3, C. Brook 4, P. A. Hill 5, H. Barnes 6, J. H. Musson (cond.) 7, H. P. Collin 8. First for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For the Patronal Festival and for Mission Week.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. K. Ward 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, A. M. Stacey 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, S. Croft 6, W. Birmingham 7, W. G. Wilson 8, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 9, G. R. Shedden 10. A 74th birthday compliment to Squire Croft.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. A. Oram 1, F. Kinchen 2, J. W. Perkins 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. H. Male 5, F. C. Lyne 6.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. White (first of Minor) 1, C. Bell 2, P. Leggett 3, J. Causer 4, D. Murfet 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Richardson 1, Jackie F. Morgan (first 'inside') 2, R. L. Caporn 3, D. W. Lambert 4, H. D. Leach (cond.) 5, C. A. Rogers 6. Confirmation Service.

TICHBORNE, HANTS. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. C. Holland 1, J. Taylor 2, A. R. Carter (cond.) 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, J. Dodd 5, R. Adams (first quarter) 6.

TILEHURST, BERKS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Drayton 1, W. Lewington 2, Mrs. W. Lewington 3, D. Everett 4, A. Haines 5, W. Marsh 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, H. Haynes 8. First quarter by local band. Rung to celebrate the birth of grandsons to Mr. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Lewington, also a son to the conductor, Mr. J. Wells.

THURCASTON, LEICS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Antill 1, Marilyn Tipping 2, Dianne Mawby 3, Christine Hart 4, F. T. Bindley 5, J. W. Palmer (cond.) 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Double Bob Minor: F. Cooke 1, H. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, M. Bennett 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung with the fourth as the dominating bell. For Evensong.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Worwood (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, Juliet Stamper (first 'inside' 3, J. Miller 4, R. W. Winstanley (cond.) 5, G. Butler 6. For Evening Prayer, and as a wedding compliment to Alan Bailey and Sylvia Napier.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Burrow 1, C. D. Emery (first of Cambridge Major) 2, C. Simpson (first of Cambridge Major) 3, R. A. Yeates 4, I. Hughes (first of Cambridge Major) 5, L. R. H. Smith 6, M. P. Moreton 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (13 methods): Miss K. M. Guy 1, R. Bird 2, J. D. Faircloth 3, I. H. Oram (cond.) 4, R. G. Crosland 5, A. M. Maeve 6. Rung after meeting late for a peal attempt.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On Oct. 26th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor (3 different extents): J. Jackson (first quarter) 1, L. Walmsley 2, P. Jackson 3, K. Stainton 4, S. Walmsley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire): Mrs. B. Percy 1, G. Pullinger 2, Jacqueline Finch (first 'inside') 3, Janet Biscoe 4, Janet Percy (first as cond. in more than one method) 5, Gillian Whittard 6. For Evensong and a welcome to Rev. W. Greenfield who was inducted on previous Tuesday.

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BIRTH

BAKER.—On October 28th, 1963, at Sidmouth to Marion (nee Davis) and Ronald, a son (Graham Paul). 3558

ENGAGEMENT

BILLS—DRURY.—The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bills, of Woodham, and Joyce Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Drury, of Horsell, Surrey. 3544

PERSONAL

'The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.' (II Tim. ii. 6.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD. — All Saints' bells (8) will be available on Saturday, November 16th, from 6.30 p.m. for the practice of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire. All ringers welcome. **Your** support would be appreciated.—E. E. G. 3514

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—Until further notice the weekly practice will be Wednesday. All visitors welcome. 3530

HIGH WYCOMBE PARISH CHURCH.—Weekly practices will be resumed each Monday, commencing November 11th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome. 3541

ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS.—Ten inch L.P. recording of St. Thomas' bells, Moorside: one side Stedman Triples, on reverse Kent T.B. Major. 38s. 6d., post free, delivery 10-14 days.—T. Ogden, 119, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, Oldham, Lancs. 3545

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, BEOLEY, WORCS.—Practices have been temporarily changed to **Wednesdays**, 7.30-9 p.m., until further notice.—G. M. Ison, Sec. 3540

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual reunion and dinner at 'The Pitt and Nelson,' Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, on Saturday, December 7th. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (17s. 6d.) from Mr. F. Shallcross, 1, Russell Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Ringing details later.—W. A. Lacey, Sec. 3561

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Killamarsh (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. No. 27 bus leaves East Midland Bus Station, Chesterfield, at ten minutes' past the hour.—M. Phipps, Sec. 3507

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M. will be held on November 9th at Barnwood, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room 5.15 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth. 3516

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—November meeting will be held at Apsley on Sat., Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—R. Sheppard, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 9th, Great Amwell, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Berry, 12, Hillside Crescent, Stanstead Abbotts, Ware, Herts.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3519

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—New arrangements for Mereworth by-meeting, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 3504

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, with tea and social evening to follow. Harefield (245 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (3 p.m.) also available. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath. 3435

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting at Manchester, November 9th. Towers available: Swinton (No. 57 bus outside Piccadilly Station, also passes close to Exchange Station), 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Pendlebury, 11-11.45 a.m.; Pendleton, 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Sacred Trinity, Salford, 2.30-4; Cathedral, 5.30-6.30; Town Hall, 7-8.15 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 3479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, old Wolverton, November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 3480

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday November 9th, at Mortimer, St. John's (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. G. Cowdry, 'Sherborne,' Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading. 3487

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Whatton, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to: W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3511

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3497

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Washington (6) on Saturday, November 9th, at 3 p.m. 3549

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting to include election of officers will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing at 6.30 p.m.: November 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral: November 19th, St. Lawrence, Jewry: November 26th, St. Michael's, Cornhill: December 3rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3473

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Abbot's Leigh on Tuesday, November 12th, 7.30 start.—H. M. Kingcott. 3528

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Thursday, November 14th, 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 3534

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3520

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Fivehead (6), Saturday, November 16th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3547

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Eight bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, November 16th, 7 p.m.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 3560

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Hoole, All Saints', Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, November 14th, please, to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 3555

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Kidsgrove, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3527

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea before Friday, November 15th, to T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3554

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 16th, at Church Lawford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3529

DURHAM & NEWCASTLIE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3524

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3546

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3538

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting to be held at Felsted on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End Cottages, Finchingfield. 3478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in Abbey 4.15 p.m. Address by Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Association. Tea for those who notify me by November 14th.—H. Heath, Branch Sec., 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3535

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, November 16th. St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 3 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.15. St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m. Names for dinner to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage (309). 3533

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th Battle. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements at nearby cafes.—E. A. F. 3551

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Little Hadham, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing, Much Hadham, from 6.30. Names for tea to W. Parker, No. 1, The Smithy, Little Hadham, Herts.—D. Kingston. 3536

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—November 16th. St. Michael's, St. Albans. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, **please**, to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Mile House Lane, St. Albans, by **14th**. S.M.: Double Norwich.—M. A. Coburn. 3537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards at 2s. 6d. per head. Those who require tea please notify by November 13th, together with cash, Mr. L. H. Bennett, 4, Horton Gardens, Chartham, near Canterbury. 3490

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. M. Davenport, 27, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leics. Telephone Leics 32554, by Wednesday previous. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3492

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Prestwich, on Saturday, November 16th. Tea available at 5 p.m. only for those notifying Miss J. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester (Tel.: WHI 2201), by previous Thursday. Everyone made welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 3523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on November 16th. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 p.m. approx. No ringing until after tea. Names for tea (small charge) to R. J. Parker, 228, Briercliffe Road, Burnley.—J. Pilkington, J. Porter. 3562

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glen, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 3550

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Asfordby, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Cook, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, by November 13th.—M. Stimson. 3553

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Saxilby, November 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. W. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby, by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hereward and St. Albans.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3517

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Scothern, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Court, London Surprise. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Cade, Brooklyn, Scothern, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 3508

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. John at Hackney on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, available 3-4.15 p.m.—M. J. Hallett and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 3518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Sandhurst on November 16th, commencing at 3 p.m. in school room by church, with a talk by Mr. W. J. Parker, Branch Ringing Master, on learning methods and conducting. Tea 5. Service 6. Ringing 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea free to all who notify Mr. Parker, May Cottage, High Street, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, by November 14th. 3542

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 13th to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying, by previous Wednesday, Miss G. Burchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 3531

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale (8), Saturday, November 16th, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Yoxford (6), 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 13th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 3494

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3548

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.
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Sunday, November 17th.
Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.
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Ringers and friends invited to refreshments after service. Numbers, please, to A. J. Butcher, Christopher Fields Cottage, Danehill, near Haywards Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 23rd, Amesbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by November 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3532

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting **changed to Heathfield** (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 20th please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Forthcoming meetings: Loddon, December 7th; Great Yarmouth, February 8th, Branch annual (not dinner as printed in Blofield meeting report).—N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec. 3556

ADVICE TO A YOUNG RINGER

You've learned to ring the treble very well, son,
And ringing rounds you feel is rather nice.
But method ringing you will find much more fun
If you will make a note of this advice.
If you can keep your place when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
The leader looks as if he wants to clout you
And the others are all frowning at you too.
If you'll persist though there is none to love you,
And realise to them you are fair game,
In time you'll understand they're glad to have you,
It gives them somewhere they can lay the blame.
They start you off, dear learner, on the hunt bell
And though you think they're helpful when you're new
You'll see at length when you have learnt to hunt well
That you're the quarry—**they** are hunting **you**!
But, if you can keep your irritation under,
And not be daunted when they criticise,
And realise that even they can blunder
Although they talk so big and look so wise.
One day, when on the inside they must fit you,
A novice **you** can put the blame upon,
Will cover the mistakes **you** won't admit to.
And—by this you'll know—
You are a Ringer, son!

With apologies to R. K. M. S. M.
(Composed when feeling all twisted and bitter after attending a disappointing practice night).

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HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Patricia Rooney 1, June Bird 2, Daphne P. Brown 3, M. Rooney 4, A. Bird 5, E. A. Cole 6, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. First on eight bells for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. C. Speedy, B.A., as vicar on previous Wednesday.

THE HESSE WEEK-END

The peal attempts to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse were arranged at Yatton and Wrington respectively during the week-end of October 18th–19th. An attempt for Plain Bob on Friday evening at Yatton was unsuccessful, but a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung afterwards.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington on Saturday, and afterwards the company were entertained to tea by Mrs. Hesse, who thanked the ringers, and said how much she enjoyed meeting them each year on this occasion. Mr. H. Sanger suitably replied on behalf of the company. Those present were Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mrs. Hesse, Rev. R. O. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott and Messrs. H. G. Bird, L. Derrick, G. Hawkins, E. T. Lee, G. Pullin, G. Prescott, S. G. Smith and H. J. Sanger.

SURREY AND SUSSEX JOINT MEETING

The annual joint meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association and the Northern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Capel and Ockley on October 19th. The sun deigned to shine and lured a somewhat larger crowd than could have been expected due to the rather awkward situation of the two towers.

Ringing took place at Ockley from 3 to 4.15. The bells were found somewhat hard to handle and difficult to strike and, on being run down, the tenor came down rather quicker than expected, the cause being a broken gudgeon.

After Evensong at Capel, the company sat down to a hearty tea in the saloon bar of The King's Head. Ringing then continued in the somewhat cramped conditions of Capel belfry, which was rapidly filled to capacity and, as the evening progressed, became very warm. In spite of the heat, the ringing maintained a good standard, and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

K. G. G.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Branch

A tribute to the Rev. H. S. Urch, former Rector of Backwell, to whose memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung, was paid by Mr. J. Brain at the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch at Chew Magna on October 26th. He was a ringer and a great friend of ringers, said Mr. Brain. The decision of the Association's peal secretary not to stand for re-election was announced, and two new members from Portbury and one from Easton-in-Gordano were elected.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Luxmore-Ball, and an excellent tea provided by the ladies for 41 members and friends.

November practice meeting, Kingston Seymour; Branch A.G.M., Wrington, December 7th (subject to permission).

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, WOOLWICH

About two years ago the fine ring of eight at St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, became silent. No one would ring on Sundays and only three or four arrived for practice. The young people of the church made an appeal for volunteers to learn to ring; their plea was answered and many hours have been spent teaching recruits. St. Mary's has now a team of 14, ten of whom are new to the art, recruited in the last ten months.

'We are not pretending to be top class ringers,' write John D. Curtis and Trevor Gibb, 'but we are improving by leaps and bounds—due to regular practice. We also ring on Sundays before Evensong for an hour. At least, we ring rounds and call-changes as they should be rung.'

They are also learning handbells, and hope to be able to go out at Christmas and collect for the old people of Woolwich.

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5,024 HESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

BY J. R. MAYNE.

23456	W	M	B	H
64235	—	—		—
26543	—	—		
42635	—		x	—
64523	—	—		3
34625		2		
56342	—	—		—
23645		—		—
52436	—	2		
63254	2	2		
35264	2			3
23456	—	—		3

Rung at Willesden, July 11th, 1963.

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By FREDERICK SHALLCROSS

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
26354		—	2	
62453	2			2
56234	2		2	2
23564	1	—	2	1

Twice repeated. Reduced to 5,024 by omitting M, B, W in any one part.

First rung (as a 5,024) at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 27th, 1963, conducted by the composer.

5,040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL

By NEIL BENNETT

23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—
34256	—	—	
53246		—	3
36245	—		2
43265		—	3
35264	—		2
63254		—	
23456	—		

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ABOUT OURSELVES

AS some of our readers will know, the editorial office has recently been moved to a new building at Robertson House, Leas Road, Guildford, but our postal address is still the same (c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford), with the same telephone number (Guildford 5028). The printing works are a seven minutes' walk from the editor's office, and this means that the close liaison which was possible because one only had to cross a corridor is not quite so easy. This may, therefore, be a convenient time to tell readers something of our method of working.

To be economical a modern rotary printing press must be used as near to capacity as is possible. Each publication produced on it must, therefore, have its regular day and time for the final printing. After that the pages have to be cut and stapled, and the postal copies must be given their addressed wrappers by each Wednesday morning. To fit in with these times the paper must be set up in its final form by Tuesday mid-day.

This means that in each week galley proofs of articles, peals, quarter peals, notices, etc., after being edited, must be set up and read by the preceding Friday, so that the editor's 'make-up' of the paper can be prepared. You, our contributors, can help to work to this timetable, and indeed many of you do. The Editor must often say to himself as he opens a letter: 'Ah! from so-and-so. He knows what we want.' Often, alas, he says, I am sure, something quite the contrary! So what follows is largely addressed to those new contributors who will, I am sure, be helpful when they know what is easiest for the Editor.

(1) If your contribution must for any reason be printed in a particular issue, try to get it to the Editor before the preceding week-end. It must arrive no later than first post on the Monday, and even then it may miss the press. Monday is for obvious reasons the heaviest day for mail —most newsworthy ringing is done on Saturdays and Sundays, and many people then have the time to write. While most of this mail may not be urgent, the Editor cannot know that until he has read it all.

(2) Do please send your varying items of news on separate sheets of paper, written on one side only. Sometimes a communication is received giving details on one sheet of paper of a peal, a quarter peal, perhaps a notice of meeting, perhaps a request for peal cards and often a piece of very welcome news for Belfry Gossip. Peals have to be sorted in date order and according to the number of bells involved; quarter peals in alphabetical order of places rung; quarter peal cards must be printed from a separate draft (in peal form); notices must be sorted, and those of meetings must be in date order and alphabetical order, and must be referenced for payment and according to the number of insertions required; the gossip items must also be separated from the rest. This could well involve so much copying out that, apart from the risk of mistakes, publication time may be missed.

(3) When you send details of a peal or quarter peal, check the form of your details against a recent copy of 'The Ringing World.' This will save the Editor having to alter it and will help you to include everything that is necessary. Further correspondence because the name of the town, or the association, or the conductor, or even the method, has been omitted can be expensive.

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Now, after all these do's and don'ts, may I say that I know the Editor is grateful for your support, both as readers and as contributors of news or money, and that he welcomes your letters. He may not always be able to print all you send—he may have to cut some of it; but he never takes such decisions lightly. If his postbag were empty there would be no news, and therefore no 'Ringing World.'

W. G. W.

326th Anniversary Dinner of College Youths' Society

THE MASTER QUOTES DIGNITY OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AS EXAMPLE TO BELFRIES — RECTOR OF BOW TAKES REFUGE IN PICTURES FROM PEAL ATTEMPT — C.Y. LIBRARY NOW AT ST. PAUL'S

THE tradition of 326 years was well maintained at the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 2nd. The double room was crowded to capacity when the Master, Mr. Michael V. Chilcott, made his dignified entry escorted by the senior steward, Mr. J. Phillips, and the junior steward, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows.

During the meal College Youths of 60 and over years' standing and those of 50 years' were honoured, and the Master also took wine with his officers. It was appropriate that on the top table there was a loving cup presented by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the memorial service to whom many of those present had attended earlier in the day. The cup commemorated the tercentenary year of the Society, when Mr. Lewis was Master.

In offering a personal welcome to the company the Master said he knew for many of them it was the highlight of the ringing year, and he thanked them for their support in making it once again such a happy and successful occasion. He had a special welcome for Canon Hood, a member of the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral, who was attending for the first time, and also for Canon Thurlow, to whom he offered his congratulations on his election as president of the Central Council.

Coming to the subject of his toast, 'The Church,' the Master said an entertaining feature of these dinners some years ago was the annual skirmish which took place between several gentlemen from the North and South banks of the Thames. At one time it almost seemed as though a Holy War was being waged across London Bridge. The result now appeared to be an away win for the gentlemen of the North, following the posting to Guildford of one of the more aggressive South bankers (Bishop Reindorp). Perhaps the name of the conflict reached higher circles and it was felt that his departure would be in the best interest of Church unity in London.

WASHING ST. PAUL'S FACE

Since last year St. Paul's had been attracting much attention: the Dean and Chapter had been washing its face. Perhaps it was their experience in caring for the young members of the choir school which led them to make a start with a good scrub behind the ears. It was, in fact, the right ear, in other words the bell tower, where this formidable task was begun, and the ringers had suffered some discomfort at times. A slow trickle of cold water down the back while ringing was not an aid to concentration. However, with the work of the west front now nearly complete, some really splendid results had been achieved and there must be many who, in these past few months, had looked at the Cathedral again with fresh eyes, and some who had been encouraged to pass inside.

This cleaning of the west front was only the latest of many works of restoration, modernisation and improvement that had been carried out at St. Paul's over a very long period. In all this work great care had been taken by men who loved the building to ensure that they had done nothing to mar, but rather enhance, Wren's masterpiece.

Pointing out that the Church today had to compete with the clamour of many commercial interests, the Master said one thing which could easily be lost was the Church's dignity. Dignity was, he felt, a most valuable quality, providing it did not tend to pomposity, for it commanded respect, and without the respect of the man in the street the Church could not be effective.

DIGNITY AND RESPECT

'At St. Paul's a quiet dignity prevailed giving to its services a most impressive and moving quality. Their Society enjoyed the privilege



MR. MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT

of providing the ringers for St. Paul's, and it was therefore appropriate that they should maintain a similar dignity in their ringing and other affairs. This he thought they tried to do.

EXAMPLE OF EDWIN LEWIS

Twenty-six years ago at their tercentenary dinner the chair was occupied by Edwin Lewis. That morning, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, many were present to pay tribute to his memory. He was a man who, in a very full life, found time to be a true servant of the Exercise. It was not in all of them to make such great contributions to ringing as he did. But they could follow his example of enthusiasm and wholehearted effort in their ringing. If they could do this they would have gone a long way towards making it a worthy advertisement for the Church: for this was what it should be, just as much as the west front of St. Paul's, or the soaring 'spire of St. Mary-le-Bow, or the lovely music of St. Michael's, Cornhill. 'So, remembering our audience,' concluded the Master, 'which has better ears than we often give it credit for, let us ensure that our ringing makes a real contribution to the Church's task of making its voice heard today.'

Canon F. Hood, chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, who replied, said until the invitation to the dinner arrived he knew very little about the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was preaching at a Harvest Festival in a small country church in Sussex and asked one of the young ringers if he was a member of their Society. He replied, 'No,' as if it was the most august thing in the world. It was not until he had their booklet and discovered the awful things they had to do before they were eligible to join that he realised the privilege of their membership.

Canon Hood said his own interest in bell-ringing began when he read 'The Nine Tailors.' He used to know Dorothy Sayers very well at Oxford. She looked like the Queen of Sheba and nobody could believe she was married.

'We at St. Paul's owe very much to the Society and it is a pleasure to me to meet and entertain you as part of our family and worship with you. All over the Commonwealth there are members of your Society, and our new Archdeacon, who was Dean of Christchurch, New Zealand, tells me they have 10 bells there and that when their ringers come over here you give them a great welcome. I visit America every year and I thought there were no bells there until Mr. Sharpe told me about Washington. I understand St. Paul's, Melbourne, has 12 bells—the only 12 outside of Britain, and that a ringer from that Cathedral is present (George W. Pipe).'

THE CHIMES WOULD NOT STOP

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. J. McCulloch, Rector, St. Mary-le-Bow, who said he had a confession to make, that he now lived under Bow bells, which was a rather perilous sort of thing to do, particularly as they had new chimes, because they could not always get 12 men at 1.15 on Thursdays. As he was going to the service he pressed the button and away went the bells. But the thing would not stop. He began the service and could still hear the bells going like mad. They had masses of workmen overhead, but they could not stop the bells, which went on for over an hour. It did not occur to anyone to press the button harder—the bells would then go for eight minutes and stop. He came to the conclusion that it would be better to stick to 12 good men.

Next Saturday, he understood that the Society was proposing to ring a peal on Bow bells: he proposed to go to the pictures. (Laughter.) This was their 326th anniversary dinner and he thought there was a great future for the Society. For one thing they had discovered the spirit of comradeship. If this happened from pulling ropes carry on for a thousand years, 'but tell me in time and I will go to the pictures!'

The secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, before replying, gave the list of apologies. These were from Bishop Wand, Henry Hodgetts, Harry Miles, Alan R. Macdonald, A. York-Bramble, Russell Young (Groton, Mass), Richard W. Sumner, Albert A. Hughes, Cyril Watts (from Peking), Hervey Bagot (from Canberra), Michael Gathercole (Port of Spain) and Norman Harding. The telegram from Cyril Watts read, 'Best wishes for truly successful evening.' Another telegram of 'best wishes to all at the 326th anniversary dinner and compliments to the Master,' was received from Mr. H. A. Hughes. They would be pleased to know, said Mr. Chilcott, that he was recovering from his operation and hoped next year to be in his usual place.

He thought they could safely say that this year's dinner had been very successful and with 220 they had as many people as the room would hold.

RIVAL THE BEATLES AT LIVERPOOL

During the year they had elected 39 new members. They did not count their growing strength in the number of members, but in the quality, and they valued the care, particularly of provincial members, in their selection of candidates. Their new members had come from 19 counties, of which the leading county was Lancashire. They elected seven from Lancashire (five from Liverpool) and soon they would have sufficient members there to ring on 12 bells. 'I am pleased to say that Liverpool can produce College Youths as well as breed Beatles.'

Since the last dinner, continued Mr. Chilcott, 18 peals had been rung in 11 counties, from Devon to Lancashire. These were Doubles 1, Triples 5, Major 3, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 4, Surprise Maximus 2. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tottenham in memoriam Edwin H. Lewis. Other in memoriam peals were for Samuel J. Hector, Alan A. Hilliar, Ernest Morris and one in thanksgiving for the life and work of Horace Belcher. A silent Stedman Cinques peal was rung at Cornhill on the 50th anniversary of the first silent Cinques on tower bells, of which Herbert Langdon was the sole survivor. The peal of Holt's Original at East Grinstead was for the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

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College Youths' Dinner—Cont.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood in silence while the following who had died were remembered: Alan A. Hilliar (joined 1948), Joseph A. Tomlinson (1948), Bertie W. Aldridge (1939), George Cook (1912), William G. Newberry (1930), Ernest Stitch (1948), Frank Oakshott (1950), William T. Prior (1898), Jack Lydiard (1936), Robert E. Coles (1949), Edward H. Adams (1890), Edwin H. Lewis (1903), Lewis W. Wiffin (1902), Herbert W. Lidbetter (1908), Thomas H. Taffender (1893), A. Charles Hazelden (1921).

The usual Sunday ringing had been maintained in the City, and also practices, continued Mr. Chilcott. They had their out-of-town meeting at Maidstone, which was a small but successful gathering. The Master had referred and congratulated Canon Gilbert Thurlow on his election as president of the Central Council—he would like to extend their congratulations to their old member, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, for his work as president of the Central Council and on the success of his visit to the United States.

That morning at the memorial service to Mr. Lewis it was believed that someone took a recording of the service. If that person was present would he contact Mr. Sharpe.

The provincial members would be interested that in the past year they had revised the rules of the Society in draft form. They did not affect the Society to any great extent, but it might affect the election of new members. The booking fee for peals was now 2s. a rope. They had received an invitation to hold their next provincial meeting at Cardiff, probably on June 6th, but the date would be announced in 'The Ringing World.' Next year's dinner would be held on October 31st.

The secretary thanked the officers and those who had catalogued the property of the Society, which was now housed in the ringing room in St. Paul's Cathedral. They had 178 volumes available for loan to members. They had a name book which was completely up to date and it was part of the bequest from the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards.

Concluding, he thanked the Master for an extremely good year and said in the next Master to be elected (Mr. J. Phillips) they had one who had done a lot for the ringing Exercise in London.

CUMBERLAND AND C.Y. PEAL

In a witty speech Mr. J. D. Rock proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies.' Referring to Mr. McCulloch's proposal to visit the cinema during the peal attempt at Bow, Mr. Rock suggested that the film he should see was 'Beau Geste.' They had with them a member of the Cumberlands, who was the only Cumberland to have his name in a College Youth peal. He referred to Mr. E. A. Barnett, who umpired the silent peal. Speaking to kindred societies he welcomed Mr. Denis Beresford, as Master of the Cumberlands, and he thanked him and his brother, Peter, and sister, Joan, for all they had done for London ringing.

The Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry, Westminster Abbey, replied and expressed the debt of the Abbey authorities to Mr. H. Pitstow and his ringers. When he was learning to ring in a country parish the foreman exclaimed, 'Drat-en. Us can't teach-ee. Ee's a scholar.' He was married and his wife was a bellringer and he had learnt this essential lesson—to stand in the corner and say nothing. (Laughter.) Mr. F. E. Hansford, of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, replied for the kindred societies and said if they did not have the Ancients there would not be a lot of ringing today. In Bristol they had 30 members of the Ancient Society who did their stuff on Sundays and practice nights.

The concluding toast, 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was proposed by the Master. He said in 1663 ringing was in a very primitive stage, and their Society was very much in the nature of an exclusive sporting club and it included many men who held high office. They knew nothing about Samuel Weaver, the Master. In 1763 there were various clashes of personalities, and in this period the Society was split into two different parties. Unfortunately they had no record of the Master. The Master in 1863 was George S. Shurry. He was a member of the St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, band, and was not a particularly notable ringer, but he must have been regarded well by his fellows as in a period of five years he served as Master for four years. The toast was honoured in silence.

The customary course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Michael V. Chilcott 1—2, William T. Cook 3—4, Stewart F. W. Kimber 5—6, Wilfred Williams 7—8, John Chilcott 9—10, Michael P. Moreton 11—12.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master (Mr. M. V. Chilcott) and the honorary secretary (Mr. J. E. Chilcott) were:

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ANOTHER RING OF BELLS IN AFRICA

On St. Luke's Day a ring of four bells was dedicated in St. Luke's Church, Que Que, a small mining town in Southern Rhodesia. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Matabeleland (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Skelton), and the bells commemorate the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the present church.

To ring for the service four ringers from Salisbury Cathedral travelled nearly 200 miles. They were Peter Raynor (Ringing Master), James Milford, Colin Stevenson and Ken Cross, and they joined A. B. Berrington, of Selukwe, who has taken on the responsibility of instructing four very keen men.

The tower was built for six bells, but only sufficient money was raised for four bells, the sum subscribed being over £1.000.

The bells are named after four people who had long associations with Que Que, viz.:

Treble.—Janet (in memory of Mrs. Rebecca Janet Fowler, died 1959, having lived at Que Que since 1920).

Second.—John (in memory of Mr. John W. Reid, the town chemist, in the 1900's).

Third.—Ada (in memory of Mrs. Ada Sohr, teacher, who died in 1956).

Tenor.—Agnes, weighing 5¼ cwt. (in memory of Mrs. Agnes Mullett, mother of a former Rector, the Rev. J. St. H. Mullett).

HARLINGTON'S LEG OF PORK SUPPER

Overjoyed at Parliament being saved by the capture of Guy Fawkes, an unknown lady left ¼ acre of land at Harlington, Middlesex, to provide for the bells of the Parish Church to be rung on November 5th, and also to provide a leg of pork supper for the ringers. This has been faithfully observed since 1605, the only break being between 1939-1945.

A company of 26 ringers and friends attended the 359th Leg of Pork Supper on November 1st at Wistowe House, Hayes, the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Bartlett) being in the chair and proposing the loyal toast.

Mr. L. Grice (captain of the ringers) proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Unknown Donor.' 'The Bellringers' was proposed by Miss Heather Walters and Miss Wendy Smith (vice-captain) replied that the standard of ringing had been good over last year, with the bells rung regularly on Sundays for Matins and Evensong. Mr. C. Fynes made an able reply for the visitors.

A fine entertainment was provided by the Rector at the piano, aided by the curates—the Revs. Paul Cain and David Bennett. 'This was the most youthful and entertaining Leg of Pork Supper I have attended in the post-war years,' concludes L. G.

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Letters to the Editor

At Washington Cathedral Opening of Bells

Dear Sir,—During a recent business trip to the United States I had the unexpected privilege and pleasure of taking part in the inaugural ringing of the new ten at Washington Cathedral, on Sunday, October 20th.

One does some pretty mad things for the sake of ringing, but that day was for me even madder than most. I was in Washington on the 18th and discovered that the bells were to be opened on the 20th, and asked to be at the Cathedral by 11.30 a.m.

On the Sunday I was in Clarksburg, W. Virginia, some 200 miles from Washington. Examination of the flight time tables showed that it was possible to get to Washington by way of Pitsburgh on a Sunday morning by 12.30. This seemed worth a try, although it was equivalent, say, to going from Bristol to Dover by way of Sheffield. Due partly to the time zoning in the U.S. and partly to my own stupidity I got to the flight barrier at Pittsburgh just in time to see the Washington plane take off. I was undecided whether to continue as there was not another plane for two hours, but decided to risk it. Eventually I arrived at Washington Cathedral as the ten were going in call changes and very good they sounded. Fortunately there was more ringing after that and I was privileged to take part in a couple of touches of Stedman Triples with the boys from Groton School, Mass. who had flown down especially for the week-end. It was a great pleasure to meet them, their Master, Russell Young, Warren Sturgis from New York, Richard Dirksen, the new captain at Washington, and to renew acquaintance with Harry Parkes.

The bells are hung Liverpool Cathedral style and, although the tower is only half the size of Liverpool, there was room enough for a great many curious people to watch the ringing and to applaud the conclusion of each touch. Amongst them was the Cathedral architect, to whom each new addition to this uncompleted building was clearly a delight. Already the Cathedral, on its commanding hill, is a landmark in Washington and when completed will be a wonderful sight.

Any ringer thinking of taking a job or a holiday in Washington will be more than welcome for there are a great many learners but insufficient experience available. Enthusiasm is not wanting.

The flight back to Clarksburg was less eventful and I estimated my full day's travelling had been 550 miles; the furthest I have ever been for Sunday service ringing and the first time by plane.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Long Length of Yorkshire Stopped

Dear Sir,—It was puzzling to me to read that after the attempt on the long length of Yorkshire Surprise Royal had been stopped after ringing seven courses (2,520 changes) owing to the required level of ringing not having been achieved, the band were able to ring two peals—Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major—immediately after.

Can one take it they were able to settle down quickly in these two peals, or was it that a lower level of ringing was considered to be quite acceptable in a mere 5,000 changes than in the longer length!—Yours, etc.,

W. J.

Oxon.

First Peal in Scotland

Dear Sir,—I am very curious to know more about the peal mentioned by Mr. Frank Blagrove in his letter published on November 1st. He tells us that a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Triples was reported rung in 1859 on a 33 cwt. ring of eight, installed in 1858, in Aberdeen, presumably in St. Nicholas' Church. Any owner of Dove will tell us that the only bells mentioned in Aberdeen are the nine chiming ones at the Roman Catholic Cathedral and the 48-bell carillon at St. Nicholas'—a fact confirmed by most Scottish ringers I have consulted on the subject.

The peal report and the information Mr. Blagrove gives us about the bells sound perfectly genuine, and give no cause to suggest any fabrication, so obviously the fact that these bells existed is no myth. Dove, however, would surely not overlook such a ring, were it there today, which leads one to the inevitable conclusion that at some time between now and 1859 these bells were removed.

My collection of 'R.W.s' does not, unfortunately, go back as far as 1958 so I cannot follow up Mr. Blagrove's recommendation to read the article 'Bells of Aberdeenshire.' I should be grateful if anyone would satisfy my curiosity and supply more information about the bells in addition to that already known by Mr. Blagrove.—Yours faithfully,

Airlie Hall, Dundee. PETER T. DALE.

An American Parson Learning Ringing

Dear Sir,—At the quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild the Rev. Warwick Aiken, jun., interim Rector ot the parish of Barton Seagrave, was elected an honorary member of the Guild and presented with its badge.

Mr. Aiken is an American on a one year's exchange with the Rev. L. Gurth Fothergill, of Barton Seagrave. Since arriving in this country last February, he has been a regular attender at weekly practices and is now a useful member of the tower band.

He hopes to enlighten people in the U.S.A. on the very English custom of church bell ringing, and has already quite a number of stories relating to bell ringing to tell his American friends.

One of these is really quite amusing. He recently paid a visit to Warwick Castle and then to a church in the town, where a wedding was taking place. The bells were being rung in rounds. Another typical American tourist and his wife were also walking up the path at the same time, and Mr. Aiken heard this second American say, 'Can't that man up there play any other tune?'

To him, who already knows quite a bit about ringing, it was most amusing!

He also has quite a number of films of the bells in our tower and also shots of ringing taking place, as well as tape recordings of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Barton Seagrave. M. DOWNHAM.

Withdrawn

Dear Sir.—Due to difficulties over membership, the peals at Llanbadarn Fawr, Machynlleth, Portmadoc, Bangor, Beaumaris, Rhyl and Ruabon, published in 'The Ringing World' of October 25th, as having been rung for the North Wales Association, cannot be credited to them. They must therefore be regarded as non-Association peals.—Yours faithfully,

Surbiton. R. G. LEALE.

The Extreme South

Dear Sir,—Your contributor of Friday, November 1st, is mistaken in supposing that Cornwall has the most southerly rings of bells in the British Isles. According to Dove's Guide, there are three rings south of Cornwall; from north to south these are: St. Anne's, Alderney (6), St. Michel-du-Valle, Guernsey (6), and St. Peter Port, Guernsey (8). The Forest Church, Guernsey, has four bells, which I suspect are hung for ringing; if so, this is the most southerly ring in the British Isles.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

'Irony from Rutland'

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 1st, 1963, you report certain observations under 'Irony from Rutland,' on which I respectfully beg to comment.

Your correspondent appears to delight in 'taking the mickey' out of a report published in 'The Daily Mirror' concerning a peal to be rung at Oakham as part of the celebrations commemorating the county's victory to remain independent. Let is all have a giggle on this report, for surely anyone with knowledge of ringing would not take the article seriously. Rather than the reporter being misinformed, could it possibly be that the reporter misinterpreted the information he was given?

However, there is no justification for your correspondent to continue his satiric comments with regard to the ringers of Rutland. It is agreed that from the county a band could not be mustered to ring the proposed peal. After all, we are all dependent on one another from time to time. In a county where only two rings of eight exist, most of the ringing is centred in the five- and six-bell towers, where your correspondent would do well to visit and lend a hand with the many youngsters that are making progress.

May we now have a giggle at the expense of your correspondent—for he is as far from the truth as 'The Daily Mirror' in saying that 80 per cent of the band will be Leicestershire ringers. In fact, two ringers were resident in Rutland, three in Nottinghamshire and three in Leicestershire.

Finally, I would take the liberty, on behalf of the people of Rutland, in putting on record their appreciation of the efforts of the peal band, particularly of the able conductor who put off a previously arranged engagement in order to make the attempt possible.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALAN JACQUES.

Morcott, Rutland.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' November 14th, 1913.—

The inquiry as to what tower could go one better than Irthlingborough, where 160 peals have been rung in 20 years, has come from exactly the quarter we expected it. Mr. H. H. Chandler, now of Hillingdon, writes: 'Will you please allow me space to congratulate the Irthlingborough band on their record of 160 peals on the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells. As to the inquiry whether there has been a tower in which more peals have been rung in the time, I may say, that two trebles were added to the old six at Warnham, Sussex, to make up a ring of eight, in 1886. By 1896 there had been rung on the bells 200 peals, most of them conducted by myself, and included 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10,176 Treble Bob and two 6,720's in one day. We used to think nothing of starting for a peal every evening all the week and two on Sundays. This has been done a good many times.'

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LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL OUTING

Llandaff Cathedral Guild spent an enjoyable and worth while day in Gloucestershire on October 26th. The outing began well with a prompt start, and the handbell exponents soon found that, in spite of 'pop' competition, they were not so far out of practice on the saucer bells.

Barnwood (8, 10 cwt.) was reached early and the handy ring was well used for the half-hour, with a rather slow course of Cambridge Major and a faster touch of Stedman. The many learners coped well with the bells, before presenting their charms to the photographers of the party. The run through the beech woods on to the Cotswolds showed the countryside at its best, and the fine little town of Painswick displayed its magnificent Cotswold stone buildings. The glorious 12 (26¼ cwt.), with its long and distinguished pedigree of record length peals, perhaps inspired us to an above-average touch of musical Grandsire Caters. With the moderate skill available, rounds on the 12 was deemed wisest.

At Stroud, we arrived on the last day of the Religious Drama Festival, and the melodious Taylor 10 (20¼ cwt.) ran round in excellent style to some more inspired Caters. Everyone performed well here, but spirits fell again soon when it was discovered that the coach driver had departed leaving the coach locked with our well-earned picnic lunches within. Solace was sought in local hostelries, until the driver's return. Some erratic map-reading made us late at Cirencester, together with the delay caused when the coach reversed into an inoffensive Anglia behind! However, the bridal party at Cirencester (Watermoor) were heralded by an unexpected touch on the melodious eight (19½ cwt.). A variety of touches went well, including Stedman Triples, and also Cambridge Major, until the treble became too individualistic. A warm welcome awaited us at Malmesbury, where we rang on the fine eight (11 cwt.), hung in the tower—which is all that remains of the old Parish Church, standing on the edge of the venerable Abbey.

Some brisk driving brought us up to schedule again at the last tower, Dursley. The tower was admired by the last rays of the summer time sun, and the melodious bells (8, 19½ cwt.) were even more appreciated when they rang out to Stedman Triples and Kent Major. The ground floor pull made some of the learners a little uneasy, but not too many stays were tested here, or elsewhere for that matter! Darkness had finally come as we made our way to Gloucester for the evening's divertisement.

A surprisingly sedate trip, through some foggy patches along the Severn Estuary, brought us back to Cardiff in excellent shape to enjoy the extra hour in bed following the end of this aptly-timed outing. Our hearty thanks go to organisers, incumbents and local ringers. CAMPANAMANUAL.

CORRECTIONS

In the peal at North Muskham (page 700) the ringer of the tenor was Harold Stevenson, and not Charles J. Copp as submitted.

The peal of Kent T.B. at Evesham on October 19th was not the first of Maximus in the method for F. R., but it was the first peal of Maximus for David P. Hilling.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples at Deptford (see page 754) was not Denby P. Murduck's first peal, but his first of Triples.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY IN SOMERSET

(For peals see last issue)

The second tour of the St. John's Society was in Somerset, with headquarters at Chewton Mendip. Camp was pitched on a Sunday afternoon in time for joining the local band in service ringing at Chewton Mendip.

The first peal attempt was at Wellow on Monday, where a peal of seven Minor was scored in rather quick time for a 22 cwt. tenor. Ringing in the afternoon was at Cheddar. In the evening we made our way to Yeovil, but found that the practice was off. Here we met Trevor Cross and company, who had come with the same intention.

On Tuesday morning an attempt was made at Midsomer Norton for Cambridge Major, but owing to the lack of rhythm the bells were stopped after 1½ hours; nevertheless, on our way back to the car we were complimented on our ringing by a local ringer. Other ringing that day was at Kilmersdon, Evercreech and Queen Camel.

Wednesday was a busy day, with morning ringing at Litton, East Harptree and Hinton Blewitt. We were invited by Philip to lunch at Tudor Farm. Three members afterwards complained of tiredness, but for all that they were whisked off to Drayton to ring a quarter peal of Yorkshire instead of a peal. Returning to his van, Benny had an altercation with an angry woman with a Zephyr Six, who told him that bellringers were all the same—trespassers, rude and inconsiderate. She threatened to prosecute the next lot who parked their cars there. The beautiful six at Long Sutton and St. Cuthbert's, Wells, concluded the day's programme.

On Thursday, our last day, we rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Beckington—not without difficulties, as near the end several of the bells showed signs of a lack of oil. The evening was spent at Ditcheat, joining the locals at their practice.

Our list of 'thank yous' go to incumbents and ringing masters; Mr. Green, of East End Farm, for the use of his field; and to Mick for his organisation. R. J. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District at Chelsfield on October 26th was attended by about 45 members and friends. To many members this was their first opportunity of ringing at the tower since the new floor had been put in. This was considered by everyone (with the possible exception of a few ladies who suffered from cold feet—no stiletto heels!) to be a great improvement.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. King), Miss J. Wright, a local ringer, played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

After a most enjoyable tea, provided by the Chelsfield ringers and their mothers, a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. Peter N. Bond. The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Faircloth, was thanked for his services and Mr. D. Manger, of Chelsfield, elected to that office for the following year. The other officers were re-elected and six new members were elected. Further ringing concluded another happy meeting. M.R.A.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at the Ogbournes on October 26th, but the event did not, for some undefined reason, attract the usual good number of members. Those who did attend were from Aldbourne, Chisledon, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, and ringers were also present from Marlborough College and Swindon.

Ringing commenced at Ogbourne St. Andrew, where the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Dunn), with Mr. Alan Keen at the organ. Tea was laid on in the Village Hall at Ogbourne St. George, by Mrs. Whitting and helpers, and thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone was delighted to welcome Mr. A. Whitting, captain of the local tower, who, owing to illness, has had to give up ringing for the time being. He arranged for his handbells to be available, and these were rung after tea, much to the appreciation of all present. Mr. George Newman (chairman), on behalf of the Branch, thanked all who had contributed to the afternoon's arrangements and welcomed the visitors.

Ringing was afterwards resumed at St. George, the party being augmented by Mr. Eric Sutton and a friend from Swindon, and some really good ringing ensued. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles. W. A. E.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

An enjoyable meeting of Sheffield & District Society was held at Conisbrough Parish Church on November 2nd, when, despite a rather low attendance due to competition of the College Youths' dinner, some very good ringing was produced on this handy eight.

A number of ringers came and went before tea, but those who stayed were well cared for by the Vicar's wife and her co-helpers, who displayed the usual hospitality so often enjoyed at Conisbrough.

A good variety of methods, including London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise Major, was rung, whilst those desiring more elementary methods were well catered for by touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire, Little Bob Major and rounds.

Next meeting: Penistone, December 7th (subject to confirmation). N. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 26th. The bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m. and rounds and methods were rung before the service. The Rev. P. G. C. Brett conducted the service, after which tea was taken.

During the business meeting three new junior members were elected. The new officers for 1964 were also elected. Mr. F. R. Perks is now chairman and Mr. J. Attwood Ringing Master. The retiring chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Penn, was thanked for his considerable services to the Branch during his years of office. M. A. B.

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THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY

By DAVID L. CAWLEY

THE Bailiwick of Guernsey, in so far as its Ecclesiastical History is concerned, has had some very troublesome times, but it is now a part of the Diocese of Winchester. It is therefore not surprising that many of the bells on the island should be hung for ringing in the English manner.

On arrival at the harbour of St. Peter Port, the first notable building one sees is the magnificent 'Cathedral'—the Parish Church of St. Peter. This, the largest church on the island, has a late 15th century central tower and spire. The early history of the bells here is not known, but in 1736 a ring of eight was placed in the tower by J.-B. Brocard, of Louvain. These were replaced by the present ring of eight in 1913. The bells were put up in memory of the late Rev. G. E. Lee, Rector, 1881-1912. They are French bells, cast by Corneille Harvard, of Ville Dieu, Brittany, the tenor weighing about 20½ cwt. in E flat. They have not been rung for over 30 years, though they have proper—if clumsy—ringing fittings, and proper ropes with sallies. An Ellacombe apparatus exists, and by this means the bells are sounded. There is also attached to this a piece of machinery resembling a mangle, which can be operated if required. The bells themselves are extremely French looking, long waisted, and with long inscriptions, and hang in a massive timber frame with their huge headstocks and wheels.

There is also a clock bell outside the spire. The writer was unable to obtain permission to ring, but the tone of the bells when chimed is very fine. Let us hope that before long St. Peter Port bells will ring again.

There are several other churches in the town. Holy Trinity has three clock bells hung 'dead' in an open turret—date about 1890, tenor approximately 4 cwt. St. John's, another three hung for ringing, but, alas, immobilised this year, though the ringing fittings could be used again if the pieces of metal securing the headstocks to the frame were removed. These bells, tenor about 7 cwt., were cast by Messrs. J. Warner, London, in 1887, and are now electrically sounded. St. James the Less has only one bell, inaccessible in a large round tower. This presumably is of the same date as the church (1818).

CHIME OF 11 BELLS

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph has a chime of 11 bells. Originally there was only one bell, cast in 1854 at Whitechapel, and thirteen tubular bells, traces of which still exist. In 1909 a new chime of eight was erected, the old single bell being the No. 4. A secitone bell, hung for swinging, was also installed. This work was carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. In 1951 two further semitone bells were installed by the same foundry, making a chime of eleven. The bells hang in a very high tower and are grouped on beams in a hexagon, with the swinging bell below. The tenor weighs about 11¼ cwt. in G, and the original nine are of very fine 'timbre.'

Of more interest to practical ringers is the Church of St. Michel du Valle. This is the parish church of The Vale, and is a very ancient building. It has a low S.W. tower, with a heavy spire of a type typical on the island. There were formerly three bells, but in 1891 a new ring of six was installed in the spire, cast by Messrs. J. Warner, of London. These bells have been regularly rung, and still are, for Sunday service, and a few years ago a peal was rung on them by some English ringers. The writer had the pleasure of ringing one of them, and, although the belfry is very cramped, the bells go comparatively well. The tenor is about 7¼ cwt. There is also a small mission church with one bell.

Another church of interest to our 'rabbits,' is that of St. Marguerite de la Foret, at The Forest. This has a low south central tower, with four bells, tenor probably approximately 4½ cwt. These are rung regularly, but are somewhat inaccessible, as at The Vale, as access has to be obtained from outside. They are rung from the church floor, and there is also a chiming apparatus. The writer was unable to obtain any historical information.

THE UNRINGABLES

The remaining bells on the island are unringable—with the possible exception of Ste. Marie de Castro at Catel (Castle)—which the writer was unable to visit. The three bells at St. Pierre du Bois at St. Peter-in-the-Wood are French, dating from 1654, 1681 and (tenor) 1828, the latter from the Ville Dieu foundry. These were rehung with half-wheels by a French firm in 1955, on ball bearings. The Church of St. Martin de la Bellouse at St. Martin has a very unusual chime of three. These bells are French and have no wheels. They have been swung 'up' (as at East Bergholt) and then merely left, and fitted with chiming hammers, and sounded by a mangle.

The lofty tower and spire of St. Saviour's Church are a landmark to all arriving at the airport. Unfortunately I was unable to locate the turret key for this tower. There is a newel stair running the whole height, but around the font hang three ropes of the cart-horse variety, which feel as though they are attached to the clappers of the bells.

As at St. Peter-in-the-Wood, the tenor is about 14 cwt., but here the tone is poor. The church of Torteval, on the south-west point of the island, has three bells, two hung with levers and one with a wheel. The tenor weighs about 4 cwt. Only one of these bells (inscriptionless) is in use. They probably date from c. 1818, when the church was rebuilt. This church has a round tower and spire, with a geometrical staircase running around the wall, similar to that in the south-west tower of St. Paul's, London. Near here is the village of St. Andrew, which possesses three bells, chimed by an apparatus, and apparently inaccessible. The only information the writer could glean was from the inscription on the apparatus—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. There followed the name of a French bell founder, who had apparently repaired it.

The visitor to Guernsey must on no account miss the historic Parish Church of St. Sampson, the oldest on the island. This is mainly in the Norman-French style (all the churches have a somewhat French atmosphere), and has a low saddleback tower, with one bell, hung for swinging. There is also a very small bell over the north door, and this is a particularly long-waisted specimen, probably ancient. Unfortunately, the writer could not visit the churches of Castle (which has a large tower) or Cobo, but presumably the latter has but one bell.

AT ALDERNEY

The neighbouring islands of Herm and Sark both have small churches, with one bell each. The story of the bells of Jersey is another tale, but the six bells on the island of Alderney, in the Victorian Church of St. Anne (tenor 10 cwt.), have had a troublous history. They were cast in England c. 1854, when the present church was being erected (of the old church the tower alone remains). The bells were shipped over to Alderney, which is part of the Guernsey group of islands, in spite of its distance away, and duly hung. They were rung until the German occupation of 1940-45, but during those years when Alderney was completely evacuated, the bells were removed from the tower and shipped to France to be turned into munitions: before this could be finally effected, the war was over, and the bells, one of them badly cracked, returned to St. Anne's. In 1953 it was decided to recast the bells: they were removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, and were rehung with completely new ringing fittings in that year. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. 1 qr. and is in F sharp.

Such is the tale of the bells of Guernsey. What of the future? There is no instructor for the last surviving band at The Vale. The eight great bells in St. Peter Port Church have not been rung for years, and perhaps will never again echo over the lovely bay as they did on the occasion of the visit of King George V. The bells of St. Peter-in-the-Wood now have half-wheels, and there are barely enough ringers at the Forest. It seems that ringing must eventually come to a standstill in Guernsey. Surely visitors to the island could help in a small way. Whilst on the island the writer met four ringers (three from Middlesex, one from Southampton), and heard about a fifth. Yet as far as he knows only one of these made any effort to get any ringing. It is our duty as ringers to encourage and further the Exercise, wherever we may be, and not least in the lovely isle of Guernsey.

MR. FRED E. DUKES' 200 PEALS

The analysis of the 200 peals rung by Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary of the Irish Association, is as follows:

Doubles.—Tower: Plain Bob 2 (conducted 2), Grandsire 9 (9), two methods 1 (1); **Hand:** Plain Bob 9 (5), Grandsire 32 (27), Stedman 1 (1), St. Columb's 1 (1), two methods 8 (6), three methods 5 (4), four methods 1 (1), five methods 3 (2), six methods 1 (1), seven methods 1, eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1 (1).—Total 77 (63).

Minor.—Tower: Plain Bob 5 (4), Cambridge Surprise 3, Oxford T.B. 1, five methods 1, six methods 1 (1); **Hand:** Plain Bob 12 (3), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 2 (2), Kent T.B. 1, St. Clement's 2 (2), two methods 2 (1), three methods 4 (2), four methods 2 (1), five methods 1 (1).—Total 37 (17).

Triples.—Tower: Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 9 (1), Stedman 3, St. Clement's 1; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 2.—Total 18 (2).

Major.—Tower: Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 8, Kent T.B. 7 (1), Oxford T.B. 4, Superlative S. 5, Lincolnshire S. 2, Cambridge S. 6, Kent and Oxford 2, Yorkshire S. 8, London S. 3, one each of Ashtead, Belgrave, Dublin, Bristol, Aldenham, Rutland, Pudsey, Pontefract Delight, Wath Delight and Holywood Delight; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1.—Total 62 (1).

Caters.—Tower: Stedman 1.

Royal.—Tower: Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 1; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1.—Total 4.

Maximus.—Tower: Plain Bob 2.

Grand total: 200 (83).

The peals were rung for sixteen Associations: Irish, Devon Guild, Lancashire, Kent County, St. Martin's Guild, Middlesex, Chester Guild, Dudley and District, Worcestershire, Leicester Guild, Lincoln Guild, Durham and Newcastle, Essex, Llandaff and Monmouth, Norwich and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Of the peals 147 were rung for the Irish Association. The first peal was on August 1st, 1938, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

Amongst the firsts in which he has taken part are: First in Ireland of Plain Bob Maximus, Double S. Major, Pudsey S. Major, Holywood Delight Major, Wath Delight Major, Pontefract Delight Major, Stedman Doubles ('in hand').

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Mid-Cornwall Branch

At the Mid-Cornwall Branch's annual festival, held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, an illuminated address was presented to Canon F. F. Gilbert, Rector of St. Stephen's, in recognition of his services as chairman of the Branch for more than 30 years.

The presentation was made by Mr. W. H. Southeard, vice-president of the Guild, who recalled that 50 years ago he attended his first ringing festival at St. Stephen's.

Canon Gilbert, in speaking of his impending retirement, said he hoped to live at No. 6, The Crescent, Bude, and would welcome visits from ringers. He paid a tribute to Mr. D. Burnett, secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Branch.

In the competition Bodmin 'A' were considered by the judge to have done the best ringing.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. W. Fairey 1, Miss C. M. Fowls (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss D. K. Moore 3, Miss M. C. Smith 4, J. H. Allen 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, captain of the tower, on his 84th birthday.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The autumn meeting was held at Horsington on October 26th, with the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Derbyshire (an associate member), assisted by the Branch chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mr. K. E. Stevens was organist.

Tea was served in St. Margaret's Hall, and at the business meeting one new member from Horsington and two from Maperton were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Horsington, the organist and choir, the local captain and the ladies who had prepared and served tea.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

After years of indecision, the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild decided to hold a striking competition. A handsome trophy was obtained and five teams entered, but illness and unforeseen circumstances reduced the entries to three—Bodenham, Fownhope and Kingstone.

The contest was held on the near perfect ring at St. Peter's, Withington. The adjudicator was Mr. R. B. Morris, Master of the Shropshire Association, who awarded the trophy to Kingstone, and then left for an important meeting of his own Association at Ellesmere, where a presentation was being made to Mr. Harry Poyner, their former Master.

It is already apparent that Kingstone will be hard put to retain the shield and there can be no doubt that this competition is going to supply a much-needed incentive to ringing bands in the Hereford District. G. T. C.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Enid Elaine Lancaster, wife of the Rector of Waltham, Leics, who died on October 25th, was a good friend of ringers. Ringers from the Melton District rang the bells of Waltham half-muffled on October 28th, the day of the funeral.

MR. A. C. HAZELDEN

AN APPRECIATION FROM THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

We remember 'Charlie' in the Guildford Diocese with gratitude, love and respect. His untiring work for the Central Council was well known, and we are proud to have had him as our representative for so many years. The library which he has built up for the Guild is undoubtedly one of the most extensive and valuable in the Exercise. His knowledge of ringing publications was extensive and most of our younger members, who did not know him as the fine active ringer he was until only a few years ago, will fondly remember him as the friendly man who reported at each annual meeting the further treasures he had acquired for our library during the year. It will be difficult to find a new librarian to take such great care of our books.

Mr. Hazelden lived through a flourishing but uneasy time of ringing in Guildford, and we are grateful for his wise counsel and lead. At the 'tower down the hill' he spent much time teaching, and his attention to detail will be remembered by those he taught, many of whom have moved to other parts of the country and the world. The frankness of his observations will always be remembered, such as after the overwhelming defeat of a proposal to merge with the Surrey Association when he told a jubilant Guild that a great mistake had been made. The fruits of his earthly labours are still with us; may he rest in peace. D. A. R. M.

MR. J. R. BURNHAM

The Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has lost another ringer by the sudden death, on November 1st, of Mr. James Reginald Burnham. 'Jim' learned to ring at Peatling Parva and came to Hoby about 25 years ago. He joined the ringers at All Saints' and helped a struggling band to ring for practice and service. He had rung 3 peals for the Leicester Guild. For the last eight years he had been Rector's warden.

The funeral, on November 6th, was largely attended, the congregation including students and workers from the Brooksby Agricultural College, where he worked. It was conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. V. Asher, who paid a very touching tribute to him. The Leicester Guild was represented by Mr. J. H. Cook.

A quarter peal of Doubles in three methods was rung half-muffled by R. H. Cook (cond.) 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. Stonehouse 3, C. E. Cooper 4, H. T. Bonshor 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It is hoped that many ringers will attend that dedication of the bells at St. Mary's, Dolgellau, on December 7th at 2 p.m. This lovely town is in an area where there is no tradition of change ringing. High tea can be arranged. but please warn the Rector of Dolgellau by December 2nd at the latest.

Bendigo bells are on their way to England for recasting into a ring of eight.

St. Paul's, Melbourne, Society raised just on £800 for the restoration of their bells.

Among those who attended the funeral service for Mr. A. C. Hazelden was a very old friend, Mr. E. R. Warner, of Woking.

Two ringers from Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, rang well to score their first peal at the first attempt, at Quedgeley on November 4th. Anna Sadowska (15) and Marilyn Jackson (14) have been ringing for exactly one year.

Ringers of Ealing and Isleworth rang half-muffled Stedman Triples for an hour on September 23rd at St. Mary's, Ealing, in memory of Mr. J. W. Green, former churchwarden at Ealing, and Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, formerly a ringer at Isleworth.

Guildford ringers will be pleased to learn that Stephen Munday, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday, of Bradford, Yorks. rang his qualifying 720 for the Yorkshire Association recently, and now rings the treble to Bob Royal. His sister, Judith, is also learning to ring.

The donation of £2 2s. to the Bell Restoration Fund as the result of the N.W. Suffolk District meeting at Lakenheath was made up by 17s. 3d. from the tea profit and the rest by the collection in church, writes Mr. L Wright, the District chairman.

The news of Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, during the past weeks has been most encouraging. He is most grateful to all who have written to him. Tom must have been most heartened by the news that the peal of Grandsire Caters, arranged before his illness, was successful. Except for visiting band peals, this is believed to be the first at St. Andrew's for 40 years without his assistance.

A great achievement is reported from South Australia by the restoration of the bells of Adelaide Town Hall. It has been a terrific job; since July 6th every successive Saturday afternoon had been spent in the tower with 15 to 20 man-hours put in each week. A course of Cambridge Minor and 180 Stedman has been rung on the back six. Ron Russ promises a full story for 'The Ringing World.'

Orders for 'Ringing Towers' can now be placed with G. W. Pipe, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Price 5s. per annum.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs has been ordered back to hospital by her doctor. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. E. M. Atkins is making good progress after his operation. Letters from well wishers are much appreciated.

Friends from Rainham send congratulations to Mr. T. A. Cross, upon his appointment as secretary of Maidstone District, K.C.A. They do not forget that he learnt to ring at Rainham tower.

Mr. Norman V. Harding and not Norman J. Harding, as stated in the peal column of last week's 'Ringing World,' would like to express sincere thanks to the ringers in South Wales for the very warm welcome he received from them during his recent visit there.

A ringers' party who visited an Essex village church on Saturday, November 2nd asked the Rector: 'What's the flag flying for, Rector?' Is it because of All Souls or in spite of All Souls?' Came the reply: 'Neither, I'm afraid. Technically it's up there to dry!'

By air mail we have received the latest edition of 'Ringing Towers' and Editor Bill Pitcher has a fine issue, with plenty of readable ringing stories. We pass on C. H. Bagot's conclusion as to reasons for ringing peals—'a method has never been pealed before, or it is very difficult to ring, or it has an interesting blue line, or it is a variation of some other method, or it is a new Surprise method—how rarely because it is musical!'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
*ALLAN G. KIRK	2	JOHN ROBINSON	8
NEIL BENNETT	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	9
*JOHN F. BARLOW	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	10
*DEREK A. ASHTON	5	JOHN H. FIELDEN	11
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	6	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

NEIL BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD M. EDWARDS	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	JOHN ROBINSON	8
BASIL JONES	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	9
GEOFFREY DAVIES	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	10
DEREK A. ASHTON	5	JOHN H. FIELDEN	11
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.
Rung during the Patronal Festival of St. Wilfred.

TEN BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

JOHN F. BARLOW	*Treble*	JOHN C. BALDWIN	6
DEREK A. ASHTON	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	7
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	8
RONALD M. EDWARDS	4	GORDON BENFIELD	9
NEIL BENNETT	5	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

DEREK J. TRANTER	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
*DAVID WILFORD	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	8
JOHN B. PICKUP	4	BRIAN CHAPMAN	9
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.
Rung to mark the end of the year of consolidation and advance, and of the tenth year of the episcopate of the Bishop of Leicester, Dr. R. R. Williams.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

*IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	*DON C. EXELL	6
†VICTOR GRIFFIN	2	*§GORDON W. LAND	7
*SHIRLEY M. DREW	3	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	8
††‡PETER T. HURCOMBE	4	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	9
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5	*BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First in the method. ‡ 50th of Surprise. § First of Royal 'inside.' First of Royal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
*PETER A. KIRKBY	2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	4	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.
Rung to mark the consecration and opening of the Cathedral east end extensions on Thursday, October 31st, 1963, by the Lord Archbishop of York. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 58 lb. in D flat.

JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Treble*	JOHN ROBINSON	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

*DAVID CHADDERTON	*Treble*	PETER J. MALLOCH	5
†EILEEN CROSS	2	JEFFREY BRANNAN	6
JOHN F. BARLOW	3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal (aged 12). † First 'inside.'

BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALAN V. PROTHEROE	*Treble*	RICHARD C. WARBURTON	5
MICHAEL R. THOMAS	2	MALCOLM T. JOHNS	6
JACQUELINE S. KING	3	DAVID J. KING	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	JACK ALSOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
" First peal on eight.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	HARRY TOOKE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	BERT GOGLE	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First peal in the method.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

IRIS LEMARE	*Treble*	JACK ROACH	5
FRED HODGSON	2	THOMAS COOK	6
*MARGARET WILKINSON	3	THOMAS M. COX	7
ROHILLA M. COOK	4	ELSDON METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS M. COX.
* First peal. First of Stedman as conductor.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	†LEONARD EDWARDS	5
MARIA E. KIRBY	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	7
*GEOFFREY P. GREEN	4	PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First of Major. First in the method as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Clive F. Wixey and Ann Cox, ringers at this tower.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

JUDITH M. ATKINSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY W. RANDALL	5
PHILIP J. ROTHERA	2	†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	MAURICE C. HUGHES	7
IAN C. MAYCOCK	4	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Shirley M. Drew	*Treble*	*Harry Tooke	5
*William Clover	2	‡Thomas E. Spight	6
†George H. Maynard	3	Peter Adcock	7
‡Leslie Bailey	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal. ‡ First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

William H. Curson	*Treble*	John K. Smith	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	William F. Woodward	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Patrick W. Saltmarsh	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Ian R. Panton	6
*Roy D. Tomlin	3	Peter J. Eves	7
*Michael J. Hallett	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe. E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Bristol.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	*Treble*	David S. Osenton	5
*Gillian F. Parkes	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	6
†Brian R. Trill	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
†Leonard Crouch	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. J. J. Smith as rector.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*John F. Bowler	2	Royston Blackler	6
Jennifer Sceeny	3	Frank C. Price	7
William Birmingham	4	J. Keith Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
* First peal of Surprise.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Frederick J. Cullum	5
*Douglas S. Shaw	2	†David S. Osenton	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	‡George J. Butcher	7
Edward J. Beer	4	James T. Stevens	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal on these bells.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

J. Keith Ward	*Treble*	William Birmingham	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
*Jennifer Sceeny	3	*David P. Hilling	7
*Sydney M. Bailey	4	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Brian E. White	*Treble*	†James W. Raithby	5
William L. Exton	2	†Harold Stevenson	6
†Beryl N. Reed	3	‡Cyril H. Pritchett	7
Colin W. Reed	4	F. William Midwinter	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First in the method.

BARNES, SURREY.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Simon F. Rutter	*Treble*	Bryan C. Burroughs	5
Alan R. Millidge	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	6
Bernard E. Matthews	3	John W. Euston	7
†Pat J. Bryan	4	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by John C. Eisel.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob, and of Major.
Rung for All Souls' Day.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	Giles B. Thompson	5
Robert T. Lambert	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Ernest J. Ladd	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Bertram C. Hines	*Treble*	Philip J. Rothera	5
*Colin M. Tiffin	2	*Terence T. Jones	6
†Michael H. Sinden	3	Michael Hallett	7
Harry Turner	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
At the Minster Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	A. Harry Hawcroft	5
Katherine Burchnall	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Mary C. Poyner	3	*Harry Poyner	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
*100th peal of Surprise.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

C. Kenneth Lewis	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Peter W. Horne	2	Ivan Kay	6
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Basil Jones	7
Alan J. Brown	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Basil Jones.
A welcome to Christine Ruth, daughter of the Vicar (Rev. David Lawrance) and Mrs. Lawrance—first infant to be born at Moorside Vicarage for over 50 years.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE	5
*HILARY A. SWALLOW	2	LAWRENCE T. POPE	6
ANN JENNER	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal. First of Surprise on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*MARGARET P. BOOTH	*Treble*	*JOHN A. BOOTH	5
†COLIN H. DEWSNAP	2	†JEFFREY BRANNAN	6
JOHN ROBINSON	3	RONALD M. EDWARDS	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	DEREK A. ASHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 5).
Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Being fourths place bobs. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

GORDON BENFIELD	*Treble*	*JOHN C. BALDWIN	5
*JOHN ROBINSON	2	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
*NEIL BENNETT	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BASIL JONES	4	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to John H. Fielden.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
LEONARD GOODALL	2	BARRY SULLIVAN	6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	*DAVID SMITH	7
*ARLENE FLATHER	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of London.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', St. Osmund's, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	TERRY R. HATCHETT	3
MARGARET RODEN	2	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON	4
PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
*DAVID D. PARSONS	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal attempt.
In memoriam Mr. Fred Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, who died October 16th, 1963, aged 81.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	DAVID J. ORLEDGE	4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	5
NORMAN G. N. KNEE	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
First peal on the bells since being recast.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford and two each of Kent and Plain. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	TIMOTHY G. PETT	4
FREDA P. WILLGRESS	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
A birthday compliment to Timothy G. Pett, 21 this day.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

*PETER D. SELL	*Treble*	W. FRED SCUDAMORE	4
REGINALD POSTON	2	AUDREY M. GLADWELL	5
JOHN F. I. TURNEY	3	GEORGE T. COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.
* First peal.
A farewell to the Rev. H. Whatley, whose family have held the living for 178 years, and who has now accepted the living of Colwall, Herefordshire.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	THOMAS J. BROCK	4
A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*DAVID LLOYD	*Treble*	†RAYMOND D. HART	4
MRS. PAMELA WRIGHT	2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5
DAVID J. ALLEN	3	GEOFFREY PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.
* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pratt; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Wright.

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ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford, (6) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob). Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

DAVID S. L. LLOYD	*Treble*	KEITH F. GARDNER	4
IAN P. UNSWORTH	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
GEORGE P. HAMMOND ..	3	DAVID J. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. ALLEN.
First peal in eight Minor methods by alt except ringer of fifth.

CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob, (3) Hitcham Delight, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

JENNIFER SCEENY	*Treble*	NOEL R. WAITE	4
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR	2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	5
BARRY J. DAVIES	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* 50th peal.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*BARBARA M. GOODSPEED	*Treble*	JOHN WEAVER	4
†JULIA A. FELLOWS	2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN ..	5
GERALD PENNEY	3	HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.
* First peal attempt. † First in four methods.
Rung on All Souls' Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

MARY C. POYNER	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	3—4	*P. WILLIAM BRETT	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal on eight handbells.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	*FRANK C. PRICE	7—8

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major on handbells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 54, ASHFORD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 29 methods, in the following seven extents: (1 and 2) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Pontefract, Wath and Donottar Delight; (3 and 4) Nelson Treble Bob, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Skipton, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5 and 6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; (7) Oxford T.B.; with 152 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND	1—2	BRIAN BLADON	3—4
		ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Dear (first of Minor) 1, R. J. Chapman 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. G. Yeo 4, L. Derrick 5, J. Brain 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Durham Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, D. F. Murfet 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. Woollven 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 13th, 720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, A. J. Davey 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. Floyd 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6 For morning service. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: D. F. Murfet 1, Miss J. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Challanor and D. Barker 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Douse 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by M. W. Harrison and J. Heaps. For Evensong, to welcome Bishop Mark Way for Confirmation.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss J. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 13th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Faircloth 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith 8, E. J. Ladd 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Oliver 1, L. Porter 2, F. Smith 3, N. Deam 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bellingham on their last Sunday in the village.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,344 Treble Bob Major: Mrs. D. Belcham 1, P. Sadler 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Blant 1, Barbara T. Peat 2, Margaret J. Allen 3, Jean M. Hurst 4, Veronica J. Walters (cond.) 5, Vivienne Chectham 6. For Evensong of the Patronal Festival, also in memoriam of Mr. F. F. Hill, who died Nov. 1st. Average age of band 17 years.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, J. F. Bowler 5, T. R. Sharp (first quarter) 6, A. M. Faulkner (first of Royal) 7, T. G. Pett 8, W. D. Ward 9, W. Birmingham 10. For the visit of the Bishop of Antigua (West Indies).

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Hemstock 1, G. E. Foster 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, W. N. Brown 6, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 7, C. J. Copp 8. In memoriam Mr. F. Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, who died Oct. 18th, aged 81 years. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells since recasting.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marion Giles (first quarter) 1, Thelma P. Johnson 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, F. E. Jones 4, V. Griffin 5, Pauline Lansley 6. For Family Communion and the Feast of All Saints.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): D. Williamson (first away from tenor) 1, R. Beresford (first in method) 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, Eleanor Rose 4, D. Parsons 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, A. Parsons 7, H. Hawcroft 8. For Evensong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain): E. E. Davey 1, P. M. Mills 2, A. R. Andrews 3, F. Harvey 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, W. Ruffles 6. For morning service.

OUTINGS

BOLSOVER, DERBYS

Bolsover ringers' annual half-day outing was held on October 26th, with two towers in Lincs and one in Notts as the objectives. Ringers from Mansfield, Chesterfield and Scarcliffe joined the local company, making 33 ringers and friends who set out for the first tower—Heydour.

This excellent 12 cwt. octave was raised in fine style with Malcolm Phipps in command, and this was followed by a good touch of Little Bob Major. Further ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich. The second tower contained the good eight at Harmston (10 cwt.), where unfortunately none of the ringing did full justice to the bells.

Having returned to Newark to pick up the non-ringers a short journey brought us to the last tower, Sutton-on-Trent. Most of the ringing on the 12 cwt eight was reasonable, and methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and Stedman Triples, in which we were assisted by the Burchnall sisters.

With the ringing programme completed another short journey brought us to Tuxford for the much-awaited late dinner. After an excellent four course meal, Malcolm Phipps welcomed our ex-Ringing Master, Ben Cooper, who had come from Kirk Ella to be with us on the trip, and also proposed a vote of thanks to the organiser, Alan Keller. Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and local ringers. A. K.

A SUFFOLK OUTING

Ringers from Barking, Cotton, Mendlesham, Offton and Ipswich joined forces for a half-day outing into Essex on October 5th. Towers visited were Hempstead, Finchingfield, Castle Hedingham and Halstead with tea at Great Bardfield.

Ringing to suit all capabilities was enjoyed, with well-struck call changes for those interested. To incumbents and those who met the party, not least Mr. F. Roper, sincere thanks. R.E.L.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Dacre 1, Miss M. White 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, H. Moody 4, G. Noakes 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. Rung to mark the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Alton Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. B. Brown 1, R. F. Elkington 2, Judith K. Harris 3, W. A. Lacey 4, A. E. Disney 5, R. K. Mason 6, D. G. Wilford (first as cond.) 7, Ivy Simpson 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Janet Roberts (first quarter) 1, F. J. Roberts 2, E. S. Laker 3, R. J. Roberts 4, S. H. Wood 5, J. H. Gardner 6, E. H. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 4. For Evensong.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Godwin 1, R. Kendrick 2, M. Barsby 3, R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. Godwin 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Barnes (first of Triples) 1, Judy Bowen (first of Triples) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, R. W. R. Percy 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, I. S. Holland 8. Rung for the 897th anniversary of the Battle of Santlache Hill, Oct. 14th, 1066, upon the site of which the church stands.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Rawlings 1, P. W. Cave (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 3, W. R. Rawlings 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. Nicholls 6, D. G. Brown 7, P. Balchin 8. First quarter Stedman Triples 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea Reed 1, D. Bettles 2, F. A. Ginns 3, R. Russell 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, M. Cunnington 6. First quarter 2 and 6. Rung by the St. Mary's, Weldon, Sunday service band.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Barbara Cammack (first of Surprise) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, I. G. Campbell 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, J. I. Booth 5, J. G. Hobson 6, C. C. Brown (first of Surprise Major) 7, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the return of ringer of the 4th, after qualifying at university, as a dental surgeon, and also to mark the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. Michael Walker (son of the vicar of St. Mary's), to Margaret Jefferson, both former ringers at this church.

BRANSTON, LINCS.— On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B., Plain Bob): W. E. Green 1, V. P. Evans 2, A. Ingall 3, J. F. Pearson 3, W. A. Lacey 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Stevens (first quarter) 1, R. H. Idle (cond.) 2, A. Summerell (first "inside") 3, T. Moore (first quarter) 4, C. H. Ward 5, G. Nelson Sloan 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss L. Taylor 1, D. Slater 2, Miss P. Butcher 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. Conducted by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 for Patronal Festival.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, J. L. Blagg 2, B. Shingler 3, W. J. Harvey 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, K. E. Fursdon 6.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Collins 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, B. C. Collins 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, G. Harris 8. First quarter of Triples 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled by his friends on the day of his funeral as a tribute to W. S. (Sid) Childs, ringer for over 60 years and also a choirman at this church. He died on Oct. 26th, aged 86.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. J. Danby 1, R. J. Ballard 2, G. P. MacIlhone 3, K. P. Jones 4, F. H. Bennett 5, P. Gay 6, G. Davis 7, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 8.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Walker 1, Joy Martin (first "inside") 2, K. Sansom (40th as cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, R. Walker 5, N. Lambert 6. For Mr. R. Fisher's 97th birthday. He is a regular Sunday service ringer in the tower.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, G. Herbert 3, J. Yorke-Parker 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 St. Osmund's Bob Doubles: C. M. Barnes 1, Judy Bowen 2 Valerie Mepham 3, I. V. J. Smith (50th as cond.) 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First in the method for all.

QUARTER PEALS

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. D. Harrison 1, K. F. Gardner 2, D. J. Allen (cond.) 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, W. A. Stote 5, C. P. Hammond 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Denyer (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. Simes 2, Miss A. M. Sweeney 3, A. Elsmore 4, S. Meadows 5, R. North 6, R. Collins 7, D. P. Elsmore 8. Rung for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Dowse 1, C. R. Larkin 2, H. Hanson 3, J. Heaps (cond.) 4, G. A. Dawson 5, J. Dawson 6. First in the method by all. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. F. Bryant (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Beaumont (first of Surprise) 2, Patricia Knight 3, Arlene Flather 4, J. N. Parkin 5, J. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden 8. For Evensong.

HAWARDEN, FLINTS. — On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): E. M. Jones 1, J. C. Jones 2, D. H. B. Milward 3, D. M. Collins 4, J. Tilston 5, G. Parting (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung on the eve of All Saints'.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Minor: G. Marsh and J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Huntspill Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, T. M. Barlow 2, A. R. Baldock 3, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, E. W. Wood 6. First in the method for all For the Patronal Festival.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Sage 1, T. J. Thorne 2, A. Wright 3, L. Marker 4, J. Sage (cond.) 5, A. W. Sage 6.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hillman (first away tenor) 1, B. Brimacombe 2, H. Hicks 3, D. Garvie 4, W. Boucher 5, E. Glovier 6. Rung to mark the birth of a great-grandson for the 2nd.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, A. H. Reed 2, Rev. C. B. J. Marshall 3, E. T. P. Field 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, H. V. Young 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kick (first quarter) 1, S. Body 2, J. Creber 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Mrs. D. Burrough (first "inside" of Triples) 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, P. W. Ham 7, H. Petheram 8. Rung for the diamond wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. E. Star.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Kathleen M. Exell 1, D. C. Exell (cond.) 2, Jennifer M. Taylor 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, D. J. Hunt 6, P. Bridle 7, R. G. Edwards 8.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Haseltine (first quarter) 1, R. Cannon 2, H. Turner 3, P. Huggett 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. Turner 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Leonard Golledge, inducted the previous day, also for Patronal Festival.

MONK SHERBORNE, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. C. Holland 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, G. K. Dodd 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, N. Knee 2, R. Mitchell (first of Stedman) 3, P. Harding 4, A. Knight 5, D. Lee 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, L. Hitchins 8.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Hanning 1, K. G. Game 2, Miss P. Adams (first in the method) 3, A. T. Shelton 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Santer (first quarter) 1, A. Mingo 2, R. Woodley 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, G. Betts 5, K. Clark 6, P. Davis 7, A. Clark 8. A compliment to Mrs. M. Baker, a member of the band, on the birth of a son.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Ellmore 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, Miss P. Fox 3, J. Sheldrick 4, H. Weedon 5, R. Ellmore 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. S. Brand, former curate of St. Dunstan's, leaving for Nyasaland.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bryant 1, W. Smith 2, A. Somerfield 3, J. Aldridge (first quarter) 4, R. Penny (cond.) 5, R. Somerfield 6.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Whittaker 1, Mrs. R. Corby 2, P. Woodward 3, Miss L. Gott 4, D. Banks 5 J. White 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8, J. E. Kirby 9.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Fooks 1, C. T. Brown 2, C. M. Heawood 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, C. A. Bull 5, M. J. Young (25th quarter) 6, G. W. Elmes (first as cond. of Triples) 7, V. J. Baker (first quarter of Triples) 8. A welcome to John W. Blackwood on becoming a member of the local band.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, B. W. Metcalfe 3, R. J. Moore (first of Grandsire) 4, B. K. Lewis 5, W. Lampard 6. A compliment to Brian and Sheila Lewis on the birth of a son.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Bailey 1, Ian Stotor 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach 4, J. White 5, A. R. Wood 6, C. Finch 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For the Feast of All Saints.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sept. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Gower 1, J. L. Garner-Hayward 2, Susan Smith 3, Christine Smith 4, R. Smallwood 5, G. W. Randall 6, R. Randall 7, E. Holdsworth (first quarter of Major as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. By the Sunday service band.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Bell 1, G. Avent 2, R. D. Bell 3, D. Laud 4, B. B. Hullah (first in method) 5, G. W. Seaman 6, W. G. Paul (cond.) 7, S. Laud 8. For evening service.


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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3546

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3538

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting to be held at Felsted on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End Cottages, Finchingfield. 3478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3584

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, November 16th. St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 3 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.15. St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m. Names for dinner to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage (309). 3533

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th Battle. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements at nearby cafes.—E. A. F. 3551

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—November 16th, St. Michael's, St. Albans. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, **please**, to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain, 3 Mile House Lane, St. Albans S.M.: Double Norwich.—M. A. Coburn. 3537

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Please note that for the meeting on Saturday, November 16th, Much Hadham will not be available until 7.30 p.m. Little Hadham will be available until 7.30 that time.—D. Kingston. 3577

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Saxilby, November 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. W. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby. Special methods: Hereward and St. Albans.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3517

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. John at Hackney on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, available 3-4.15 p.m.—M. J. Hallett and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 3518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 3526

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying Miss G. Burchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 3531

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3548

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Churchill (6), Saturday November 23rd. Bells available 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 3576

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest and meeting, Edlesborough, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley, not later than 19th.—K. G. Spavins Dis. Sec. 3571

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3590

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3496

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, November 23rd, at Ockbrook. Bells (6) 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, to P. Slater, 73, Melbourne Street, Derby.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 3580

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Hurworth (6 bells), Saturday, November 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. Thomoson. 3572

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3423

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Colwall, November 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in the school 5.15 p.m. Names by November 20th, please, to Mr. Geo. Charlton, 17, Arbor Road, Croft, Leicestershire.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3570

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Burnham, Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing 5.30 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. 3563

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 23rd, Amesbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by November 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3532

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting with EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION, Saturday, November 23rd, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells (8) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Business meetings in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafes near.—T. Staples, D. J. Beach, Secs. 3592

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting **changed to Heathfield** (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 20th please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3552

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn for those who notify Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday. Regret no notification no tea. 3585

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellindge, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Small, 'Bested,' Church Lane, Aldington, by previous Wednesday.—C. T. H. 3588

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, November 30th (not the 23rd as stated in the report). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Heyhoe, Estate Office, Cockley Cley Hall, Swaffham. 3591

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Banstead on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Pitstow, 'Saffron,' High Street, Banstead, by Wednesday, November 27th. Sorry—no names no tea.—N. Steere, Ass. Sec. 3583

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. B. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 3559

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 7th, Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mr. J. A. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3593

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Mephnm 1, Diana M. Gough (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, D. M. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cavill (first away from tenor) 1, J. Brewer 2, Angela French 3, Janice Haggett (first 'inside' of Doubles) 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, F. Parrimore 6. For All Saints' Day.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,312 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret M. Jones 1, Josephine D. Hardy 2, Patricia A. Morris 3, J. V. Richards 4, D. Staples 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. S. Morris 7, M. W. Marshall 8. For morning service.

CAM. GLOS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miners (first of Minor) 1, C. Legg 2, J. H. Taylor 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 27th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,472 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: K. J. Triplow 1, D. J. Mundy 2, J. W. McClenahan 3, C. H. Rogers 4, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 5, H. E. Bishop 6, K. J. Darvill 7, S. C. Walters 8. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,335 Stedman Caters: S. C. Walters 1-2, B. D. Threlfall 3-4, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 5-6, A. S. Hudson 7-8, V. Nutton 9-10. First quarter of Stedman 'in hand' by all the band. Rung for All Saints' Day.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jowett (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Slater 2, Miss L. Gott 3, D. Banks 4, J. White 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,360 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. R. F. Muncey 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, H. C. Foster 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8. Rung for Hallowe'en.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: N. Skelton (first of Minor) 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, L. A. Page 3, J. Baverstock 4, E. C. Read 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6, T. Harding 7. A farewell to Rev. Roger Keeley, who is leaving the district.

HATHEROP, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minor (nine methods): Miss A. Sadowska 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, S. M. Drew 3, H. Evans 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. Most methods for 1 and 2.

HEVER, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Hollyman 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, J. E. Warner 4, Margaret A. Ladd 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6. After unsuccessful peal attempt.

LECHLADE-UPON-THAMES, GLOS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Lee 1, Gillian Walsh 2, H. R. Hayden (first of Mixed) 3, A. J. King 4, G. W. Land (cond., 50th quarter) 5, W. E. Gearing 6. A birthday compliment to A. J. King (72).

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Catters: Miss D. Deverill 1, C. T. Richards 2, M. Sprackling 3, W. Grainger 4, D. P. Smith 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Struckett 7, J. W. Smith 8. H. W. Rogers 9, L. W. Bullock 10. For Evensong.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: R. Lewis 1, R. G. Morris 2, J. C. Slater 3, C. Smith 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, P. G. Morgan 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, F. Hawkes 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Nita West (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,272 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge S.): J. Folgate 1, G. Waterman 2, Miss G. Brown 3, W. Ayre (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney 6. First in these methods 1, 2, 3 and 5.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,441 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, J. V. Richards 3, G. Stewart 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Marshall, grandfather of ringers of 2nd and tenor.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 College Exercise T.B. Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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52364	X		—	NNYY
36524		—	—	RYYNN
53624			—	RYR
65324			—	YYNYYNN
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56234		—		
25463		—	—	
45362			—	
64352		—		
23645		—	—	—
42635		—		3
45623		—	—	2
52436	X			
64523		—	—	—
63542		—	—	2
34625	X			
56342		—	—	—
35264		—	—	3
23456		—	—	3

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23456	W	B	M	R
53426	S			
54236	—			2
62435			—	1
62354	—	1		3
52346	—	1	—	3
42365	—	1	—	3
32564			—	3
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HAZARDS

TO the expert the hazards in a church tower are bad enough and all come in a day's work, but to the inexperienced they can be very serious, especially in old towers.

Access to the bell chamber can either be by stone spiral staircase or wooden ladders—in some cases a combination of both. The chief hazard of an old stone staircase is the worn condition of the treads, especially if the staircase is dimly lit. Little or no toe hold is left, consequently climbing is difficult. Descending is more dicey as the foot is liable to slide; then one goes helter-skelter to the bottom. There are occasions when an accumulation of sticks brought in by birds covers the treads, and it is possible for the sticks to move under one's weight and so you skid to the bottom. In towers constructed of friable stone a thick layer of stone dust can hide deep cavities in the treads, so here again is a risk of shooting down.

With wooden ladders a broken rung can have nasty consequences. There are many that have worm in the rungs, so when climbing a ladder always place the foot close to the sides; even this is no guarantee a rung will not snap—if a rung does break the chances are the lower rungs will break as you drop. The sides of ladders are not immune from weakness, and these have been known to snap when least expected. No matter how strong a ladder may appear to be, never have more than one person on at a time.

Having reached the bell chamber, one's troubles are not over: the floorboards can be deceptive. When there is advanced decay in them the danger is obvious, but more often than not the danger is not so obvious, and it is not a pleasant feeling when boards give way and one 'is going down to the clock department,' as I know from bitter experience. Again, sticks brought in by birds can hide the weak places in the floor. In a strange tower try and note where the floor supports are and put your feet over those. Unguarded clock weight shafts must be regarded as man-traps, as more often than not they are placed in dark corners.

A rare hazard can be the material used to fill the bell chamber windows. I have reason to remember St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, when the bells were hung in the upper stage of the tower. The window openings were filled with cast iron filigree which looked all right, and when I was inspecting the bells had occasion to put my hand on the cast ironwork in the windows. To my consternation this ironwork collapsed and fell outwards. I shall never forget the look on the late Mr. Wolstencroft's face when he realised what might have happened. Afterwards he told me that often he had steadied himself by putting his hands on the ironwork. The old wooden frame was a double-decker, smothered in old grease, which provided another hazard, for it is so easy to skid on the grease-covered timbers.

Finally, there is the obvious danger of moving about a bell frame with a bell or bells 'on set.' A bell can be pushed over accidentally or it could be 'pulled off' by someone who is not aware you are up amongst the bells. If you must 'mess about with bells,' make sure others know.

The dangers are bad enough in the daytime but are much worse at night, especially if adequate lighting is not provided. So if in doubt, keep out.

JOHN P. FIDLER.

RINGING FOR INDUCTION

A CONSIDERABLE amount of ringing welcomed the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., and Mrs. Robbins to their new living of the combined benefice of Charing with Little Chart. A peal in four Minor methods was rung at Charing on the morning of November 2nd. The same afternoon the local ringers rang for the service of institution and induction at Charing, while another peal in seven Doubles methods was rung at Little Chart. The following evening both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins stood in with the local band for the service ringing for the induction at Little Chart, the new Rector himself conducting the touch of Grandsire Doubles.

The peal at Charing was not achieved without difficulty. It caused the conductor some anxious moments, and the tenor rope broke the following day. But the peal at Little Chart went with such clockwork precision that the new tenor-queen was in danger of nodding off. Nigel Fright, aged 15, of Ashford, had the distinction of ringing his first two peals on the same day, and Peter Richardson, of Willesborough, doubled his total, also by ringing twice.

Although both churches are combined in the same benefice, and both have six bells, they are otherwise very different. Charing (13 cwt.) is one of the 15 original founder-towers of the Kent County Association and, administratively, comes under the Maidstone District. The beautiful old church overlooks the busy A20 road, and stands at the foot of the North Downs beside the great mediæval barn which was once the banqueting hall of the Bishop's Palace, where came Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. The tiny hamlet of Little Chart lies well off the beaten track. The new church is characterised by lines of architectural simplicity, and was dedicated in September, 1956. The bells (6¼ cwt.) were recast from the bells of the original church, which stood some distance away and was destroyed by enemy action during the war. It comes under the Ashford District, so the newcomers have, as it were, a foot in both camps.

Mrs. Robbins is the daughter of Mr. George Spice, former hon. secretary and present vice-president of the Association, and has conducted peals on tower- and handbells. As the bands of both Charing and Little Chart have suffered losses and setbacks during the past year, the advent of two such distinguished ringers as the Rev. and Mrs. Robbins is a very great encouragement to them. C. T. H.

TEACHING WASHINGTON TO RING



AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

By HARRY PARKES

YOUR readers may be interested in an account of my trip to Washington to install the new ring of ten at the National Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

I left London Airport on Tuesday, October 1st, at 12 noon, and owing to high winds in the South Atlantic we were routed via Prestwick, Iceland, the Labrador and New England coasts to New York and Washington, arriving at 6.10 p.m. Western Time. The assistant clerk of the works, Mr. Fanfani, met me at the airport and took me to my accommodation.

On Wednesday I was shown around, and introduced to Dean Sayre, and the Cathedral architect, Mr. Frohman, also members of the various firms of contractors with whom I was to work. I also met again Mr. Feller, clerk of the works, Mr. Dirksen, associate organist of the Cathedral, who is in charge of the ringing, and Mr. Barnes, the carillonneur. I had previously met these gentlemen during their visit to the Whitechapel Foundry to see the bells earlier in the year.

The Cathedral is a fine building, and when finished will be not unlike our Canterbury, although it is by no means a copy.

The bells hang in the central tower, above the Taylor carillon, and as the belfry is about 40 feet square, a circular frame was employed similar to Liverpool's, but constructed in steel, and bolted down to an insulated concrete ring.

On Saturday, I was introduced to 20 or 25 prospective ringers, but as soon as some of the bells were hung and instruction could start, this number rapidly increased until finally there were over 40 people clamouring to be taught. This presented a problem, and finally my stay was extended for two weeks to cope with the rush. Eventually, I was taking two an hour from 2 p.m. to 9.30 or 10 at night, with a break for a meal at 6 p.m.

On October 19th and 20th, six boys from Groton with Mr. Russell Young came to try out the bells and enable tests to be carried out on the tower. They were joined by Mr. Warren Sturgis from New York, whose family gave the fourth, and 'out of the blue' Mr. Philip Gray from Bristol, who was in the States on business. During the tests two or my pupils were far enough advanced to join in and we rang round on the ten.

Everything was pronounced in order, and during the following days I returned to teaching with renewed zest as I wanted to hear ten of my pupils ring rounds before I left.

Finally, Saturday, November 2nd, the day of my departure, arrived, and in the morning all the pupils assembled in the belfry for a final session, and it gave me great pleasure to hear rounds on the ten as good as some I have heard over here, and we finished up with four of them and myself ringing Stedman Doubles on handbells.

I was seen off to the airport by Mr. Dirksen, who on behalf of all the learners gave me a presentation and a letter which I was able to read as soon as we took off. I was deeply touched by this letter, and lost for words, and I hope they will understand if I just say 'Thank you all most sincerely.'

I flew to Buffalo for the week-end and achieved a long ambition to see Niagara Falls.

On Monday, November 4th, I went to Kent School, Connecticut, to check up their bells, and was once again made most welcome. Leaving there on Wednesday for New York I was presented with a very fine book on the history of the school.

Thursday, November 7th, saw me aboard a T.W.A. jet airliner for London, where I arrived at 7.30 the following morning, after a pleasant journey, during which a film show made the 6¼ hour crossing seem even shorter.

To conclude, I had a most enjoyable trip, met a lot of very nice people and made a lot of friends. I offer my sincere thanks to all for their hospitality and to my employers, for their trust and for giving me the opportunity of seeing the U.S.A. once again.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Wareham, where the Northern District met on November 9th, was a very popular meeting. Despite the crowd that overflowed into the churchyard George Francis, who was in charge, ensured that everyone had a ring. The service included a warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Newman), and this was followed by a good tea in the Village Hall.

The Master (Mr. Reg Johnson), who presided, expressed sorrow at the illness of Mrs. Hairs (honorary secretary) and wished her a speedy recovery. Mr. George Jennings was acting secretary. The vote of thanks from the chair included the Vicar, organist and Warnham band for the splendid arrangements. December meeting: Hartfield.

More ringing followed until 7.30 p.m., when a happy and cheerful social was enjoyed until 10 p.m. G. T. J.

OFFER OF GUILD CHURCH TO LEICESTER GUILD

THE Annual Dinner and Social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, on November 2nd.

During the afternoon the bells of the city churches were available for general ringing and good use was made of them.

Supporting Mr. F. K. Measures (president) and Mrs. Measures on the top table were Mr. B. S. Payne (vice-president) and Mrs. Payne; Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president), Mrs. Taylor and their daughters; Mr. J. A. Acres (peal secretary); Mr. P. J. Staniforth (Central Council representative) and Mrs. Staniforth; Mr. S. Burton (Central Council representative) and Mrs. Burton; Mr. J. M. Jelley (Central Council representative) and Miss Monica Moore; and Mr. B. G. Warwick (general secretary); together with the guests for the evening the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. Dr. H. Lockley) and Mrs. Lockley.

Proposing the toast 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' the Archdeacon outlined his connections with ringing. He commenced his ministry as curate of All Saints, Loughborough, where the names of the Taylor family became well-known to him; then he became Vicar of St. Thomas', South Wigston, where the record peal of Double Norwich was rung on December 27th, 1904, and is recorded on a tablet in the porch; and now, in addition to being Archdeacon of Loughborough, he had also become Vicar of All Saints, Leicester, which was associated with the bell foundry of Newcombe and Watts. This is a 'down-town' parish with very little Sunday congregation and the Archdeacon made the generous offer to the Guild that they might care to consider All Saints' as the Guild Church. He reminded the gathering of their calling in ringing for Divine Service and concluded by congratulating the members of the Guild who had successfully rung the record peal of Plain Bob Major at Loughborough earlier in the year.

Following the toast a ¼-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on handbells by: John A. Acres 1—2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3—4, P. J. Staniforth 5—6, J. M. Jelley 7—8 and R. B. Smith 9—10.

HANDBELL TRADITION MAINTAINED

The President (Mr. F. K. Measures) in his reply, apologised for the absence of Mr. C. Harrison (trustee) who had been seriously ill; and of Mr. J. P. Fidler (trustee), whose wife was ill. He thought that whereas the attendances at district meetings had dropped in some cases, the attendances at general meetings had increased. He congratulated the handbell band, under the conductorship of Mr. P. J. Staniforth, who were ringing peals of Surprise and reminded the gathering that they were carrying on the tradition laid down by the founder-president of the Guild, the late Mr. H. J. Poole. He also congratulated members of the Guild on ringing the extent of Plain Bob Major and was glad the conductor of the peal was present.

The toast 'The Guests and Visitors' was proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. History was being made as this was the first time that a lady had made a speech at a Leicester Guild dinner. Referring to Lord Denning's impromptu speech she was going to read hers! After acknowledging the honour in being the first lady to make a speech she welcomed all guests and visitors to the dinner.

On behalf of the guests and visitors, Mr. R. B. Smith (conductor of the extent of Bob Major) suitably replied.

The duties of toastmaster were ably carried out Mr. B. S. Payne (vice-president) who then called on his fellow vice-president (Mr. P. L. Taylor), who gave a brief description of his American tour.

A prize draw in aid of the Bell Repair Fund was organised by a sub-committee (Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. J. M. Jelley, J. Adams and J. M. Jelley). This resulted in £164 13s. being realised for the fund.

A competition run by Mr. J. M. Jelley and Miss Monica Moore to guess the number of prize draw tickets sold brought in £3 9s. 6d. towards defraying the general expenses of the dinner.

POPULARITY OF ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER

OVER the ten years since the Essex Association inaugurated its annual dinner the event has grown in popularity and this year at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on November 9th there was a record attendance of 135 which necessitated an overflow into the restaurant.

Supporting the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) at the top table were the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch), the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), and Canon J. H. Barrow. The guest of honour was Mr. Paul Taylor of the Loughborough foundry.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, and the response was by the Archdeacon.

'Bells and Ringers of Essex' was proposed in a series of amusing anecdotes by Mr. Paul Taylor and Canon Barrow replied by outlining briefly the history of the Cathedral bells. This year is the Jubilee of the installation of the twelve at the Cathedral and in jocular vein the Canon assured the company that as far as he could remember Warner's estimate was sixpence lower than Taylor's!! Canon Barrow, of course, was largely responsible for the installation of the twelve when £1,300 was raised in four days and a 48-page programme was produced for 6d. a copy.

'Life Members, Guests and Artistes' was proposed by Mr. L. J. Clark, life vice-president It is the custom of the Association to honour the life members elected during the current year by making them the guests of the Association for the evening. Present were Messrs. A. W. Beard (Barking), E. E. Holman (Walthamstow), H. Shadrack (Springfield) and J. Sitch (Brentwood). Messrs. C. Mansfield (Nazeing) and F. C. Taylor, of Walthamstow, were unable to be present.

In a humorous reply the Provost thanked the Association, especially for their efforts during the Cathedral Festival Week. He lamented the failure yet again of the peal attempt for Stedman Cinques and ventured the opinion that it ought to be called 'Stedman Stinks'!!

Excellent entertainment was provided by Ann Randall (songs with guitar), Robert Lindsell and Richard Webb (instrumental duets) with some excellent tune ringing by Messrs. J. Brandon, H. Egglestone and A. Hendron.

Altogether, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was had by all.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' November 21st. 1913.—

The Cambridge Youths can claim to be one of the oldest of our ringing societies, but it was not until a week or so ago that they rang Cambridge Surprise. The first performance in this method was at Old Chesterton, when 720 Cambridge Minor was rung by W. B. Kempton 1, F. Dench 2, A. Wilkerson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, F. E. Kempton 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6 This is another evidence of the revival of this ancient society, which is now being brought about.

AUBREY'S EVENING

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, organised one of his evening excursions on October 24th. Towers visited were East Allington (6), Halwell, where the six bells had not been rung for months, and there were signs of neglect, and finally Harberton, where Mr. H. J. Narramore, captain of Totnes ringers, rang the tenor behind in excellent style for Doubles. Thanks are due to Mr. Bennett for providing such an enjoyable evening for the visitors and getting everything in readiness

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting

The third quarterly meeting for 1963 was held by rotation in the Leicester District on October 19th.

During the afternoon ringing was available at three towers. First the five at Peatling Parva, a village with a population of 70, and yet possessing one of the best kept churches and churchyards in the diocese. The bells are seldom rung, but are chimed every Sunday by a churchwarden, who uses the Ellacombe system. They are of quite good tone, but the fourth and tenor need to be rung by able-bodied men!

Next came the recently restored octave at Lutterworth, where John Wycliff was once Rector. The bells have just been rehung on ball bearings and were rededicated by the Bishop of Leicester on October 25th. Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, the famous Leicestershire composer, lives close to the church, and it was a great pleasure for the president and secretary of the Guild to visit him. Unfortunately, he is unable to ring at present, but hopes to do so before long. Our visit cheered him greatly and so did the touch of Stedman Triples rung on his beloved bells.

Finally came the good-toned octave at Gilmorton, where the Rector (the Rev. Dr. H. L. McDonald-Liegois) is an honorary member. The service was held here, and the Rector preached. Tea followed in the Village Hall, ably served for the 60 members and friends by the Ringing Master (Mr. George Broughton) and his helpers. Gilmorton is rather 'off the beaten track' and this was the largest number they had ever known at a ringing meeting.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. F. K. Measures) apologised for the absence of the two-vice-presidents (Mr. B. S. Payne and Mr. P. L. Taylor), and referred to the passing of Mr. W. Hector, of Market Harborough, one of the few survivors of Mr. C. Arthur Manning's band of pre-war days. The meeting stood in silence to his memory. Visitors welcomed were the Rev. M. C. C. Melville (Clifton) and Mr. J. Pickup (Accrington).

Certificates of membership were presented by the president to new members, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The election of the following new members was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. B. C. Law, seconded by Mr. R. K. Mason: John C. Eisel, John Robinson, Juliet F. Block (Leicester University), Susanna Poppleston (Nottingham), John E. Stacey (Maidenhead), Mary Barrass, Pat Farmer (Shepshed) and Marie Pickering (Thurlaston).

In any other business, Mr. S. Harrison deplored the fact that at the previous meeting at Barwell a group of ringers had been talking in the porch during Evensong.

Next quarterly meeting: Loughborough District, February 8th: A.G.M., April 4th, with Evensong at Leicester Cathedral, preacher new Provost.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

About 70 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening at the Bingham District meeting at Holme Pierrepont. The padre, the Rector of Cotgrave, conducted the service, and tea was in the hall by permission of Lady Sybil Argles. Collection for Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 5s.

Forthcoming meetings: December meeting, Shelford: dinner and social. Whatton, December 20th.

R. B.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT TRURO, WHITSUN, 1964

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PEAL ATTEMPTS.—Those wishing to take part in peals are invited to write to Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, who is acting as organiser.

OUTINGS.—A number of outings are being arranged. Further details will be published later.

E. A. BARNETT.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

The festival commenced on Saturday, October 19th, by a service, at which the massed choirs from many parishes sang hymns and anthems. This was preceded by ringing of the bells by a band drawn from the North-Western District of the Essex Association. Sunday was the day of the county Harvest Festival, when the bells were rung by the Cathedral band.

On Monday, before a lecture on music, given by Miss Isobel Baillie, supported by the Cathedral organist, Mr. Philip Ledger, 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung by the Cathedral band: J. E. G. Roast 1, Janet Groves 2, M. J. Cowling 3, P. Saltmarsh 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, A. R. Groves 7, I. R. Panton 8, D. A. S. Symonds 9, P. Eves 10.

On Tuesday, before a recital by the Purcell Singers, the bells were rung by the Northern District.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the drama, 'Murder in the Cathedral,' was presented by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. On Wednesday, the South-Western District rang 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. J. Boyack 1, H. Turner 2, J. Crampion (cond.) 3, M. Austin 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. Cousins 7, D. Cobb 8, J. Waugh 9, A. Howe 10.

On Thursday, the South-Eastern District rang 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. W. Roast 1, T. R. Roast 2, P. G. Brown 3, M. J. Cowling 4, M. J. Edwards 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, I. R. Panton 8, P. J. Eves (cond.) 9, J. P. Crawley 10.

On Saturday, preceding a recital given by Mary Wells (soprano), with the choir of King Edward School, the North-Eastern District rang 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Randell Orman 1, George Orman 2, Richard Harrison 3, Adrian Semkin 4, George Bullen 5, Alfred E. Honeywood 6, Frank B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, Maurice Downs 8, Edward Davey 9, Harry Millett 10.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringing was of a good standard at a meeting of the Biggleswade District ringers, held at Stotfold on November 9th, with Mr. P. Mehew as Ringing Master.

The Rev. J. W. H. Bullock conducted a short service, and Miss A. Alexander played the organ. Ringers then adjourned to the school for tea, which had been prepared by Misses A. Alexander, V. Rix and Mrs. Alexander.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the December meeting at Meppershall and Shillington. Ringing was resumed and a few more visitors arrived, among them Mr. T. Price, of Sunbury, who rang the treble and the second to an excellent course of London Surprise.

S. P.

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Letters to the Editor

Long Length Attempt of 21,600 Plain Bob Royal

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 21,600 Plain Bob Royal on handbells at 'Whingarth,' 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 14th, 1963. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. and will be conducted by Neil Bennett.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

21,600 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis.

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Eleven times repeated calling bob for 1st single Wrong in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts. † single in 1st and 7th parts.

Trouble at St. Neots

Dear Sir,—Readers will wonder what the trouble has been at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, which has been aired in the press and by the B.B.C. The facts are that the band were all young people, most of whom were still learning, with about six able to ring rounds and call changes. They were keen for some time, but latterly slackness had crept in, practices had fallen off through non-attendance, and a bad habit had been developing of leaving the church after ringing for services instead of staying to worship.

With the Vicar's consent, a band to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major before the week-night harvest thanksgiving service was arranged. Those ringing were all friends of the local band, including three experienced ringers from neighbouring towers, who had frequently visited our church during practices to help us, one of whom had given much time to teaching us week by week until attendances fell off. The conductor of the quarter peal was the Rev. Giles Galley, who was preaching that evening. He is the Vicar's son and learnt to ring at St. Neots as a boy, had been one of the ringers here, often during his holidays he joined us, and had taught some to ring. Only one of our band was competent to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major besides myself. He was asked to ring on this occasion, but had another engagement.

Some of the others took exception, especially one who had given himself out as captain. No captain of ringers had in fact been appointed for none was suitable or qualified. After this most of the ringers stayed away from church. Canon Galley therefore called a meeting to go into the trouble. He made it clear that ringers must attend practices and were, generally speaking, expected to attend service after ringing. They objected and it appears from what has been published that except for one or two they have given up. We did not agree with them. No resignations have actually been sent to the Vicar. Their attitude is quite unreasonable and they seem to have used the quarter peal as an excuse, having really lost interest as one of them said. Already some recruits have been found and have started learning, and other have promised to come.

I am one of the ringers who has not resigned.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BONHAM.

St. Neots, Hunts.

Tewkesbury Abbey Incident

Dear Sir,—The members of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association are sorry to learn that the Misses P. and V. Stephens consider them to me discourteous.

The meeting held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 26th was well attended, both by members and friends, and by several visitors, who were previously unknown to us; and, to the best of our belief, everybody who wished to ring did so.

It being Saturday, however, there were the usual hordes of trippers going to the tower to admire the view from the top. The door to the ringing chamber being open to admit ringers, attracted many of these trippers, who would gaze at us, as at a circus act, then go on their way. This is a usual occurrence, and over the years one becomes accustomed to being regarded somewhat as a performing animal, and takes no notice.

Could it be that the Misses Stephens were the two young women in trousers, who came through the door way, sat down on the step, watched for a few minutes and then went away again? If so, seeing that they showed no intention of coming right into the ringing chamber, or of speaking to or even smiling at any of the assembled company—and considering the way they were dressed—we can hardly be blamed for mistaking them for just another two trippers. Surely if one wishes to ring in a strange tower the usual procedure is to approach the person in charge (who is not usually difficult to pick out) and introduce oneself—as, in fact, all our other visitors that afternoon did.

Finally, as a member of the Tewkesbury Abbey band, may I say that we are always pleased to welcome visiting ringers to the Abbey. The pages of our visitors' book will testify to this.—Yours faithfully,

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Tewkesbury.

Handbells in Public

Dear Sir,—Reading the front page of 'The Ringing World' of November 8th, brought back memories of a certain Association's tour this summer. It was on the return journey from a day in the Isle of Wight that some of the party decided to ring real handbells, not just thumbs. There they were swaying merrily with the boat while tourists of varying nationality looked on in wonder (or was it horror?). We thought it was a gorgeous sound on the water, but the passengers for some strange reason seemed to differ. After they thought the chap called Bob was deaf, and started to shout about dodges and call singles, they cleared off completely, and we had a whole deck to ourselves, while the other end and down below were by this time packed to capacity. So if you should go to the Isle of Wight any time, don't forget your handbells.—Yours faithfully,

TOM THUMB.

DELAYED IN TRANSIT

Through 'Ringing Worlds' put on the train at Guildford being lost at Waterloo, Rolls House Publishing Company were delayed in despatch of last week's copies to newsagents. To readers concerned, we assure them that the fault was not with our publishers, who spent hours searching and phoning, or with the printers, and were only found at 6 p.m. Representations have been made to British Railways.

Mr. C. W. Woolley Corrected

Dear Sir,—It is with some trepidation that I trespass upon a private war, but I feel sure that Mr. C. W. Woolley will not mind if I correct him; a service he often performed for me.

He says, rather ingenuously I thought, that by using 'Calls at Home' the 'tenors would not be parted.' I think he has forgotten, in spite of his sojourn in the backwoods of Yorkshire and his enforced though I hope profitable and not unhappy contact with barbarians who eat raw meat and ring close leads and irregular methods, that in the latter the tenors are parted even in the plain course and that the coursing order, which is the life-blood of ringers and conductors on higher numbers, is of so little value when ringing such methods that Minor ringers never bother about it.

And were they 'very easy to keep right'?

I suspect that Mr. Woolley would discover that it is much easier for him to correct a 'mix-up' in, say, Bristol Surprise Major than to sort out a corresponding one in, say, Violet or Duke of York, and that only a conductor with expert knowledge would be able to decide whether the bells were once again in their correct position.

Many of the methods rung in these peals were, of course, 'irregular.' Of the 14 360's rung in a peal at Cawthorne in 1883, 11 were irregular. In a peal of 6,000 changes at Tong, peal at Saddleworth the same year 10 were irregular. In a peal of 6,000 changes at Tong, also in 1883, there were 25 240's each in a different methods, of which 20 were irregular.

Whether the conductors of Yorkshire were 'less enterprising' is a moot point. The conductor of the Tong peal, George Bolland, well known as 'The Minor King,' was no less at home as a ringer and conductor of Major, as is evident from the Yorkshire Association reports of that period.

I know, of course, as little about Dr. Carpenter's personality and debating powers as does Mr. Woolley, but I read into Dr. Carpenter's suggestion that Minor ringers should ring 14 720's if they wanted to ring 14 methods, a touch of that offhand superciliousness occasionally displayed by ringers on higher numbers towards 6-bell ringers.

There was no need to say what he did, and it would have been more to his credit if it had remained unsaid. I wonder what advice he would have offered to the Tong members?

The only reason that 'in this debate Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side' had nothing to do with his powers of persuasion, but because a way was found of placing more than one method into a 720 without repetition of rows. If method splicing had not been discovered peals of Minor in 360's, 240's or even plain courses would have continued.

I know because I should have rung in some of them!—Yours etc.,

Ryhill, Wakefield. HAROLD CHANT.

Leeds, Kent

Dear Sir,—Briefly, in reply to Mr. Fry's protests on '3, 4, 5,' etc. As to 'anonymity'—merely a simple desire not to bore 99 per cent of the Exercise to whom we are unknown anyway.

To straighten him out on other points. Nothing whatsoever was said as to neglect of the tower: comment was on the unfortunate state of a very historic peal board.

If funds are wanted, then charge a fee. Gravesend does, Pershore Abbey does: doubtless others, too. We are all in favour.

Ninth and tenor we are **quite** capable of managing: their vagaries are mild indeed.

Minchampton, Glos. E. CRIBLEY.

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LETTERS—Continued

A Barnsley Opinion

Dear Sir,—May I comment on the observations of Mr. Woolley on peals of Minor rung in 14 methods in 360's; he states that the tenor would need only to call 3 bobs at Home for a 360; this is his first error because plain methods were seldom if ever rung in these peals and second place methods were not greatly used so bobs at Home would not produce a 360. He then states that this calling would keep the tenors together; this of course would not be true for in many of the methods such as Duke of York the tenors do not course, so to state that the conductor would have an easy task is again quite wrong. Furthermore to say that a conductor had no need to learn the calling of a 720 to be able to conduct these peals of 360's is a joke which even we in Barnsley can appreciate.

A peal in 14 different methods, each of 360 changes, was rung at Cawthorne in 1883 by a team of ringers, local working lads mostly in their teens, and the methods were: Primrose, College Treble, Tulip, College Exercise, Duke of Leeds, Darton Victory, London Scholars, College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet; to me this was a fine performance, greater than many of the peals I have rung in even more than 14 methods. These ringers intended to emulate this feat by ringing 21 methods in 240's but I have not found any record of it having been rung. Possibly the conductor fell asleep through boredom!

The Central Council should never have attempted to damp the enthusiasm of the multi-minor method ringers by condemning such peals until some form of splicing had been perfected. However they supported the 'brilliant scheme' of Bankes James which enabled a peal to be rung in ONE method in round blocks; this certainly was enterprise! I would rather ring a peal in 14 360's than the Bankes James thing; in fact we may repeat the peal of 80 years ago just to see how 'easy' it is.

Mr. Woolley concludes his letter stating that Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side of the debate. Of course he was; six bell ringing is known as MINOR and is therefore in a minority every time. I am surprised we are permitted to ring peals of Minor for a prominent member of the Central Council once stated that there could not be any such peals because 5,000 different changes of Minor could not be obtained.

Regarding the 'bitterness' of my previous letter I am certainly not bitter but I was reminded of a front page article in 'The Ringing World' some years ago when E. C. S. admonished wayward Minor ringers in the manner of a magistrate addressing juvenile apple stealers.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Barnsley.

P.S.—Perhaps you were right. Mr. Woolley, I see naive means simple to the point of foolishness.—N.F.M.

TRIBUTES TO A GREAT LONDON RINGER

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER, I.S.O.

The senior Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he joined in 1893; a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company for over 60 years (he rang a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1898); an officer of the London County Association, which he joined in 1895, for 68 years and Master for 50 years: these are some of the unique achievements of Thomas H. Taffender, a famous ringer, who passed from us on October 18th.

About 20 ringers attended his funeral service at St. Leonard's, Streatham, and most of these followed the cortege to Streatham Vale Cemetery. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the coffin by H. W. Rogers 1—2, W. G. Wilson 3—4, A. D. Barker 5—6 and W. D. Grainger 7—8. Half-muffled ringing took place at Streatham, Waterloo and Isleworth. Later 'in memoriam' peals were rung at Beddington (London Surprise Royal) and Isleworth (Stedman Caters, using as a composition one which T. H. T. had called many times, John Carter's 5,030).

Among Mr. Taffender's early peals for the London County Association were:

February 25th, 1895, first for St. James' Society;

February 4th, 1905, memorial peal to his father at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street;

May 14th, 1905, 'Thomas' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, City;

September 22nd, 1906, his wedding peal at St. Clement Danes'.

Peals of which he was particularly proud were several of Stedman Triples at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, where he had taught the band from scratch, and where he called some intricate compositions, including Carter's Odd Bob. In addition to instructing bands and running the ringing at this tower, he did similar service at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, St. Giles', Camberwell, St. Mary's, Lambeth, and others.

It is hoped to publish an analysis of Mr. Taffender's peals shortly. H. W. R.

A FURTHER APPRECIATION

In all ages, art and science have had their great exponents. Various campaigns have had their prominent leaders and there has been always a following for such as could remove 'the veil from seeming mystery that knowledge might be given to their fellow men,' as J. M. Routh said of Jasper Snowdon. It is 40 years ago since the Master, as I will speak of him, taught me to handle a bell in the steeple of St. Giles', Camberwell, my introduction having been brought about by his son, Wilfred, with whom I spent some years at school.

In those 40 years I saw T. H. Taffender as an exponent of the science of no mean ability. I saw him again as a leader. I saw in him one possessing great knowledge of the subject, and also of the ready willingness to assist others in surmounting those same difficulties which he himself had experienced so long ago.

In all pursuits, whatever their direction, lies the seed of enlargement and progress. T. H. Taffender gave fully of that encouragement so necessary to the young ringer and conductor. Many a bob has been called for the first time with confidence gained from the Master, and experience has shown that wise indeed were those men of the London County Association who appointed him to that office which he was to discharge so admirably for over half a century.

I shall not forget his enthusiasm toward us when we were boys. After he had been to St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday mornings, he would join us at St. Magnus-the-Martyr in Billingsgate, where, with his help, we would ring Stedman Doubles for morning service. After 11 o'clock we would go with him to St. Dunstan's-in-the-East for an hour's instruction on handbells where occasionally we were joined by the late Mr. W. A. Alps, formerly of Waltham Abbey, who then lived close by in Idol Lane.

Many years ago I recall him saying that his one ambition in the science was that he might leave it better than he found it. The testimony of my own experience is that he did just that. Of those who sought his help, failure was not often their portion. He would explain a difficulty as many times as it was necessary to make his knowledge our own and he led us in those early days from faltering steps in Stedman Doubles to frequent unconducted quarter peals of Triples at Camberwell.

On the occasion of the annual thanksgiving for the harvest of the sea, held before the war at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, there would be always a quarter peal of London Surprise on Sunday evening at that church.

The Master believed firmly that those he taught should know something of 'what was going on upstairs.' He spent much time explaining the function of bell gear in general and equipped us with an ability to discern between what was and what ought to be. There was so much that I could tell of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, of Wallage's tea party, of Wilton Road, Pimlico, S.W., and of the handbell ringing at 10, Northlands Street.

For our first peals of Stedman Caters, Mr. Taffender would conduct a composition by John Cox, with the treble a fixed bell. Such were the things that he did to aid our first essay at a peal of Caters. His own first peal was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 12th, 1893; significantly his last was also rung at that church on July 28th, 1956. Both were Stedman Triples.

A conductor of vast experience and I think of unparalleled ability and achievement, Stedman was pre-eminently his method. He never rang an observation bell, and invariably took the second rope. Indeed, I know of many of my oldest ringing friends who speak of the second as 'the Master's bell.' Whilst it is difficult indeed to realise that we shall not meet with him again in this life, there must be a great number who, like myself, will wish to perpetuate his memory.

It is my belief that no better way exists in which to do this than that there might be a wider sense of brotherhood amongst ringers generally. That we may never be unmindful of our true calling, which is to maintain Sunday service ringing, and in discharge of that high privilege let us not forget that nothing is good where better is possible.

W. D. GRAINGER.

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THE band who rang a peal of Minor at Folkingham, Lincs, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells by John Taylor and Co., are all, with the exception of Mr. J. H. Musson, over 60 years of age, two being in their 70's, one of whom is Mr. J. Lindsey, who rang his first peal at the first attempt. They have an aggregate of 387 years, five have been ringing for 50 years and Mr. Musson for 40. Four of the band learned to ring at Folkingham, and three of them are still Sunday service ringers.

Those in the photograph (left to right) are A. E. Scott, C. Wade, C. Wilkinson, J. Lindsey, C. T. H. Bradley (tower captain for 40 years), Canon F. R. Money (Rector) and J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, who learned to ring at Folkingham.

Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, who rang the second in the anniversary peal, recalls the day the late Mr. J. W. Taylor came to inspect the bells in 1911. For the occasion he was allowed a day off from school: he harnessed his father's old grey cob and took the dog cart to Billingborough Station to collect the visitor.

On arrival at 9.30 a.m. an elderly gentleman with a long grey beard stepped from the train, whom he discovered was head of the firm—Mr. Taylor, in person. On the three miles journey to Folkingham he was thrilled with the conversation—all about bells.

An estimate of £75 was received for rehanging the bells. The money was raised in two years and the work started in September, 1913, and completed for the harvest festival in October of the same year. Five lads in their early teens aspired to learn to ring, although they were not accepted at first by the older generation. However, they made progress until the outbreak of the 1914 war, when four of them enlisted in the Forces. All four returned and soon found their way to the belfry except Mr. J. Lindsey, who had to refrain owing to a war wound.

The ring was augmented to six in 1924 in time for Easter Sunday. The first peal was rung in July, 1924, and since then some 40 peals have been rung. In 1931 the first-ever peal in which a mother and daughter took part was accomplished with five Folkingham ringers. Another noteworthy peal was Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods, which was a record for many years.

Note.—See also peal.

MEMORIES OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Looking back 50 years it seems quite a time since the five lads in Folkingham had a great ambition to become ringers, but alas! no one wanted them, let alone the trouble to teach them to handle a bell.

Nevertheless, determined to learn, matters were taken into their own hands by making their way to the belfry after discovering where the ancient sexton used to hide his belfry key. After ascending the 80 steps to the bells, a bell would have its clapper lashed and then learned to be raised in very gradual stages. Luckily for the intruders no mishaps occurred.

There was sometimes a price to be paid for this adventure, as the old sexton would be informed that some boys were up in the tower. He would then proceed to the church and take up his position outside the belfry door equipped with an ash plant walking stick, which he would use freely on the culprits as they made their exit.

We did eventually become recognised by the older ringers, if they were short in numbers. Nevertheless, we became ringers, if it was learning by the hard way. Very different in these days, when a beginner gets a pat on the back after his first lesson from his instructor, who says: 'You have done quite well for the first attempt; come back the same time next week.'—Yours sincerely.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

WEDDING BELLS AT HARROW

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, were rung both before and after the service when Miss Jennifer Anne Reeve, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reeve, of Harrow, married Mr. Christopher John Aldridge, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Aldridge, of Southgate, on September 7th. The service, with Holy Communion, was conducted by the Rev. Guy R. Whitcombe.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a classic designed full-length dress of heavy satin brocade with a short train, and her long veil was held in place by a satin band decorated with seed pearls. She carried a white bible with a spray of white gardenias and lilies of the valley. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Bridget Knight (her cousin), Miss Pat Norris and Jane Reeve (four-year-old niece). Acting as best man was Mr. Reg Pike.

A reception for 60 guests was held at the Roxborough Hotel, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Cornwall.

A peal to record the happy occasion was rung the previous Saturday at the church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Chester Guild was held on October 5th in Macclesfield and was preceded by a short service in the ancient parish church conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. Thomas Clarke, at which the Bishop of Stockport preached.

At the dinner which followed in the Town Hall some 160 sat down to an excellent meal. The loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and after a short interval Mr. R. C. H. Sibley proposed the traditional toast of 'Church and State,' with a most admirable speech. He referred to the ancient connection between the two and emphasised that in the forthcoming decisions on unity, not only the clergy but also the laity would be called upon to play their part. He looked forward to one Christian Church going forward hand in hand with the State and challengingly asked who or what could withstand this?

The Rev. W. E. Clarke, Rector of Gawsworth, in his acknowledgment, made a reference to the Bishop of Coventry's speech on morals and rejoiced that this country has been traditionally a Christian country. The Book of Common Prayer was the law of the land, he said, and we wish that the faith of our fathers should be preserved.

Archdeacon Clarke proposed the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' and said that he felt like Daniel in the lions' den, with the difference that the speech was after a meal. He said the Church recognised the service done by ringers, often unseen but none the less as valuable as that of the members of the Parochial Church Council. He realised that ringing was a pastime, but first and foremost it was a piece of service to God and His Church. This fact alone justified the need for practice meetings, etc. There were many unable to attend services who were reminded by the bells of the services and could take part in their own homes. He felt that the ringing of bells was one of the great characteristics of the Church. In his concluding remarks he referred to the magnificent ringers' jugs which his church possessed and also to the increasing number of lady ringers.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, briefly replied and expressed the thanks of the company to the Macclesfield Branch for the excellent arrangements made.

The floor was then cleared and dancing took place until 11.30.

OBITUARY
MR. R. HENRY HUTTON

For upwards of 60 years Mr. Robert Henry Hutton, of 126, Addison Road, Guildford, had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and his passing peacefully in his sleep on November 13th, at the age of 85, removes a link with ringing in Guildford going back to the Boer War. He recalled ringing for the relief of Mafeking, which went on all day, and the churchwarden sent a cask of beer into the belfry.

'Harry' was a contemporary of the late Mr. A. H. Pulling. They learned change ringing together and Harry probably rang 300 peals with A. H. P. in the days when Holy Trinity tower was at the height of its fame. A loyal servant of the belfry, through days of success and days of difficulty, he attended regularly for service ringing and practice. His name appears with great regularity in the Holy Trinity Society's peal book.

A staunch friend, with a ready wit, he will be remembered with affection by senior ringers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. By trade he was a french polisher and decorator and had his own business. In all he did there was a pride of craftsmanship and this was also exemplified in his ringing and neat handling.

The funeral service was at St. Luke's Church, Guildford, last Monday, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory.

CORRECTION

The date of the peal at Stretton Grandison (page 739) was October 11th, and not as published.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.
Rung half-muffled

BALDOCK, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Buck 1, D. Salisbury 2, M. Hopkins 3, L. Scoot 4, P. Flack 5, R. Castledine 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, S. Hutton 8.

BARMING, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clisby 1, Miss S. Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, A. J. Cook 5, T. Crocker 6.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Patrick (first quarter) 1, E. Shuttleworth 2, R. C. Woodward 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, V. R. Tallis 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown 2, W. R. Chandler 3, A. Pryke 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond 6, C. Corderoy 7, P. Corderoy 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Groves (first quarter) 1, Marion R. Panton 2, J. B. Crowe 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, J. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, W. Noon 2, G. W. Brandrick 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, F. K. Measures (cond.) 5.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Sara K. D. Woolley (first quarter on tower bells) 1, E. P. Ashby 2, H. G. Hart 3, T. Clark 4, Kathleen Baldwin 5, R. Rowley 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Miller 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, G. Smithson 3, D. Rust-Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5, G. Bircham 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, A. V. Queen 4, J. P. McDermott 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. G. Burford 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dawn Colcombe 1, J. Bailey (first 'inside') 2, Genebeth Mooring 3, Gwen Chinnery 4, Joan Smith 5, Pam Bird 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—1,380 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, L. Woodburn 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Bircham 1, H. Miller 2, G. Smithser 3, W. C. Medler (cond.) 4, D. A. Rust-Ardreas 5.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 1,004 Plain Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, P. Louth 2, R. H. Dove 3, D. R. Stamp 4, P. Fenny 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Susan Ellenor 2, Lesley Read 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond., 50th quarter) 5, Patricia Smith 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Woolley (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 2, R. F. Stevens 3, A. Tyers 4, N. S. Bagworth (first in method) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, J. C. Eisel 7, P. Chapman 8.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. White (85 years) 1, H. Corney 2, C. W. Ottaway (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Burbery 4, K. S. Gardner 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, H. D. L. Riley (cond.) 7, E. E. Smith (first quarter) 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Ivings 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, R. Benstead 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, D. Linnington 6, F. E. Day 7, H. W. Milford 8, A. W. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, W. Butler 4, C. R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, Yvonne Patheyjohns (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Bowler 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, G. R. Shedden 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. J. Warner (cond.) 3, R. J. Cann 4, V. W. Rigg 5, T. R. Hayward 6, A. Crabtree (covering).

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, 1,259 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ian Paget (first away from tenor 'behind') 1, S. G. Peck 2, L. G. Gates 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss H. Weedon 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, R. Montague (first 'inside') 3, J. Sheldrick 4, H. Weedon 5, L. Mead (first quarter) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, F. J. Vallender 2, P. L. Bill 3, R. Smith 4, P. W. Webb 5, M. D. Fellows 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Fellows 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, P. W. Webb 3, P. L. Bill (first of Stedman) 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Anne M. Smith (first quarter) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, B. W. Farhall 4, P. Stevens 5, M. J. Wake 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Batchelor 1, V. Bull 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, A. Bull 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. G. Knee 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, G. W. Elmes 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, M. J. Young 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. First of Stedman 2, 4 and 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1 and 5.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob: M. J. Sherrick 1, Sheila R. Brown 2, R. D. Brown 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, K. J. Walpole 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6. Also to congratulate Mr. F. W. Ellis on attaining the post of Ringing Master at this tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal on the new Bow bells held particular significance for Mr. John Phillips. It was his 300th peal and he has now rung peals on all the London twelves—an enviable achievement.

The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. The Guild came some years later. Correction to item on page 752.

The peals at Middleton Cheney and Hook Norton on October 26th were rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Willis, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

Mr. John Baldwin is programming the Manchester University Allas Computer to derive false course heads for Surprise Major methods. He has promised an article after Christmas.

Messrs. B. G. Warwick and J. W. Cotton (secretaries of Leicester Diocesan Guild and Midland Counties Guild respectively) rang their 200th peal together at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on October 28th.

The overwhelming hospitality of the local band at Eardisland and in particular Mr. Leslie Evans, for his great help both before and after the tour, is acknowledged by the Robert C. Kippin party. The report of their week, which started on August 31st, reached 'The Ringing World' this week.

Will the party who were disappointed in not being able to ring at Finedon, Northants, on November 2nd accept the apologies of the local band, and their regrets for any misunderstanding which may have occurred. Their donations are gratefully acknowledged, and they will be welcome to make a return visit, when the bells are restored.

Eight ringers from St. John's College, York, rang the bells of Ripon Cathedral prior to Leeds University Institute of Education's 16th annual service. A quarter peal on the front six was called round after 360 changes. After the service, assisted by Mr. E. Hudson, Cathedral Ringing Master and two ringers from Ripon Training College, the ten bells were rung.

Harlow Common, Essex, ringers paid a 75th birthday compliment to their tower master, Mr. W. Wheeler, with a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on October 29th. Mr. Wheeler has been a ringer at Harlow Common since the bells were installed in 1905 and for two years previous to that he was learning handbells under the direction of the late Mr. G. Dent. For over 50 years he has been a member of the Essex Association, and he sprightly turns the tenor in to any method rung at Harlow Common.

October 2nd was a red letter day at the remote Warwickshire village of Salter Street, when on the five bells of St. Patrick's Church a quarter peal was rung by the keen young band who have been in training for the past 18 months. This was the first all-local quarter. The band thank all visitors for their support.

Miss Pamela M. Turner had her great chance when M. C. Faulkes broke his arm in a rugger match, played on the afternoon of the attempt for Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull. She stepped in at a few moments' notice and rang her first peal of Maximus. To M. C. F., best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. Pitcher, Editor of 'Ringing Towers,' thanks those who kindly offered him copies of 'The Great Adventure.' One wrote that he lent his copy to a friend who refused to give it back. He suspected that as this friend was perpetually in debt he might try to 'flog it off' to Mr. Pitcher. If anyone of a certain name offered it.... Mr. Pitcher concludes: 'He hadn't.... but all I could say was some friend.'

A peal band arrived at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, only to find that there was no power in the church. Evidently a bulldozer, removing the road surface, had also removed the electric cables and although these were supposed to have been repaired it did not appear to be the case. Undaunted, the band went ahead and rang the peal by the light of three candles. Comments afterwards—a nice quiet light, no eye strain or glare; we must do this again!

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

CITY OF LONDON,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

James Phillips	*Treble*	David T. Darby	7
Roger F. Overington	2	Rodney B. Meadows	8
John Chilcott	3	Michael P. Moreton	9
John H. Crampion	4	Philip A. F. Chalk	10
William T. Cook	5	Michael V. Chilcott	11
John Phillips	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
First peal on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	*George E. Thoday	7
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Norman J. Goodman	8
Roger L. K. Whittell	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
G. William Critchley	4	Brian D. Threlfall	10
George W. Pipe	5	Brian Harris	11
Trevor N. J. Bailey	6	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Maximus.

KINGSTON UPON HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Pamela M. Turner	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
*Jane K. A. Cook	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Mary C. Poyner	3	Geoffrey Paul	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	James W. Raithby	10
Harry Poyner	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Ann Fellows	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	6
Muriel Reay	2	Frederick Ross	7
George E. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Charles A. S. Webb	9
Susan Funnell	5	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Raymond Benfield	*Treble*	*Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard C. L. Brown	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	*Brian G. Warwick	8
Malcolm D. Barsby	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
Edmund Shuttleworth	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 200th peal together. First in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

J. Alan Ainsworth	*Treble*	Martin D. Fellows	6
George E. Fearn	2	Michael J. Fellows	7
John R. Insley	3	Charles A. S. Webb	8
James Insley	4	Frederick Ross	9
*Christopher S. Nokes	5	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by John McDonald.
* First peal of Royal.

UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL
By John M. Jelley
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 14.30.14 x 14.90
L.E. 12 1573 Clean

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Edward R. Venn	*Treble*	John H. Napper	6
Peter A. Sharp	2	F. John Nelson	7
Walter F. Judge	3	John E. Camp	8
John E. Drewitt	4	Francis A. White	9
John W. T. Hibbert	5	Brian R. White	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
First peal on the rehung bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Charles A. Hughes	*Treble*	Frederick P. Mead	6
Peter N. Felton	2	Squire Croft	7
Patricia Rogers	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Mrs. Kathleen Parr	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
*Michael Hatchett	5	†Norman Felton	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.
In memoriam Thomas H. Taffender, I.S.O., an officer of this Association for 68 years and Master for 50 years.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*Leslie N. Melton	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	*Andrew T. Beckwith	7
Roger L. K. Whittell	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
†Kenneth Hesketh	4	*George E. Thoday	9
*George W. Pipe	5	‡Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal. † First of London. ‡ First of London Royal 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*Leslie L. Willis	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke	5
*Keith H. Mildred	2	*Gordon H. Lane	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	David J. Allen	7
*Barry J. Davies	4	*Michael W. Cileman	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 PULBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens	5
Patricia Diserens	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
E. Jane Sibson	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Joan Beresford	4	George Francis	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler (C.4). Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. M. C. Langton as Prebendary of Sidlesham in Chichester Cathedral.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	Clifford A. Barron	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Geoffrey Davies	6
Susan Funnell	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Bristol.

PULBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14.58 x 58.16 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 58 L.E. 12 c. c.p.s.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Thomas W. Lockwood	*Treble*	*Harold Leathers	5
Robert E. Lester	2	Harry D. Lister	6
Keith W. Whittell	3	Leonard E. Last	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Raymond F. Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Wightman. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
* First peal in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

George Waterman	*Treble*	Edward E. Davey	5
John F. Felgate	2	A. George Button	6
Alfred E. Honeywood	3	Walter Felgate	7
Alan R. Andrews	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburgha.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Charles A. S. Webb	*Treble*	Frederick Ross	5
Susan Funnell	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
George E. Fearn	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
John R. Insley	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
Mikaela Erik	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
E. Jane Sibson	4	Ronald F. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
*†Malcolm D. Barsby	2	Raymond Benfield	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	†‡B. Stedman Payne	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Edmund Shuttleworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.47).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ First in the method 'inside.'

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leslie W. Houghton	*Treble*	Freda P. Willgress	5
Janet Hohl	2	Sidney Marshall	6
Robin Shipp	3	Norman V. Harding	7
Edward Howes	4	Bevan W. Willgress	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Mears on the occasion of their diamond wedding. Mr. Mears was for a number of years a member of the St. Andrew's band at Raveningham.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

John W. Thorp	*Treble*	Edward R. Venn	5
*M. Roger Ashmore	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
Bruce Wakefield	3	John E. Camp	7
John S. Rank	4	F. John Nelson	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Herbert W. Woolven	*Treble*	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Ernest Treagus	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
*Robert Wake	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
*Raymond P. Wood	4	Henry C. Weaver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* 25th peal together.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Roger Baldwin	6
H. George Hart	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	7
Robert N. Harris	4	Christopher W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method by all the band.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being in four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 of Bristol; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

David K. Putnam	*Treble*	*Christopher T. Osenton	5
*David S. Osenton	2	*George B. Collins	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Spliced.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

*John E. Dolman	*Treble*	*Michael W. Fairey	5
Lucy Smith	2	Eric E. Speake	6
*Marilyn Smith	3	Derek P. Jones	7
*D. Kay Moore	4	Clive M. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Griffiths, M.B.E., M.A., on his retirement.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Pauline Turner	*Treble*	*Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
Margaret Crossthwaite	2	Bernard Moss	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Thomas Turner	7
Michael Arrowsmith	4	James N. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard Moss.
* First peal of Triples. First as conductor in the method, and has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Bernard Moss; also to celebrate his engagement to Miss Pauline Turner—both of Adlington.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,728 Bristol, 1,344 London, 960 Rutland and 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Julia A. Fellows	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Alick Cutler	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
*Peter F. Windley	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Christopher W. Woolley	4	*Gerald Penney	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. Beard. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST J. GRACE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J GARLICK	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
FRANK E. GODDEN	4	PETER CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Hugh J. Pickles and his mother; also as a birthday compliment to Frank Godden.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HOWARD OGLESBY	*Treble*	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
*STEWART GIBSON	2	E. RUSSELL GOTHAM	6
DAVID P. HILLING	3	GORDON W. LIMMER	7
JENNIFER SCEENY	4	NEIL BELSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. RUSSELL GOTHAM.

* First peal.
Half-muffled in Remembrance.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

ANN JENNER	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
RALPH BIRD	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
STANLEY JENNER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	*DEREK J. JONES	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	KEITH R. DAVEY	6
ROGER D. BAILEY	3	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	7
MELVYN A. ROSE	4	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'
In remembrance of the Fallen.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
ANN JENNER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM CULPIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIS	3
GILBERT COWLIN	2	MICHAEL PARKER	4
*R. J. YEOMANS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

* First peal.
A farewell to the Rev. P. Weir, Vicar of Winwick; also to commemorate 50 years' ringing by the ringer of the tenor.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern District.)
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN LINDSEY	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	CHARLES WILKINSON	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal attempt (in his 70th year).
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in October, 1913; also 50 years since ringers of treble, 2 and 5 first learnt to ring at this tower, and who still serve as Sunday service ringers.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clements, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
KEITH H. MILDRED	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven methods.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

HAROLD F. WOOD	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge and Kent T.B., three of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

STEPHEN HALL	*Treble*	DAVID SWIFT	4
FRANK CHAMBERS	2	JAMES BOWLEY	5
CELIA HARRIS	3	TOM HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Hall.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

ALEC MORRISSON	*Treble*	IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	PETER S. BENNETT	5
*DAVID BAKER	3	JAMES STOCKLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal of Doubles. 25th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Riley, of the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	4
MRS. JILL BELCHER	2	WILLIAM JOHNSON	5
BRIAN L. BURROWS	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

A 21st birthday peal for Alan Charlton, son of the ringer of the fourth.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*E. Jane Sibson	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting ..	4
Mary S. Taylor	2	Tom Page	5
William T. Beeson.. ..	3	*Derek E. Sibson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 100th peal together.
In memoriam A. C. Hazelden.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

William F. Midwinter ..	*Treble*	Margaret E. Chiltern ..	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Frederick G. Hooper ..	4
Maurice W. Harrison ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Festival of All Saints; also as a compliment to Mrs. Drury on her 80th birthday.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Robin D. Baxter	*Treble*	†William A. Holmes ..	4
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	H. Reginald Woods ..	5
Thomas A. Relf	3	†David R. Baxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal attempt. † First in the method. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

William E. Green	*Treble*	*Phillip C. Pitchford ..	4
George E. Feirn	2	Louis Willders	5
Amos Ingall	3	John F. Pearson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* 25th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob; each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*Nigel Fright	*Treble*	Alexander Waddington ..	4
†Peter Richardson	2	Crawford T. Hillis.. ..	5
†Josephine Hardy	3	Nicholas J. Davies ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung prior to the induction at this church and institution to the united benefice of this parish and Little Chart of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., by the Archbishop of Canterbury; also to welcome the new Vicar and Mrs. Robbins.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

Alan Tubb	*Treble*	David Huddleston	4
Andrew Howard	2	Hugh N. Evans..	5
John H. Taylor..	3	J. Anthony Bennett ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

LANGFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Brian W. Hall	*Treble*	Peter Pearce	4
*Peter G. Holden	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Frederick W. Soden ..	3	Thomas W. Timms ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal in seven methods.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob and one Morris' 240 and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*Nigel Fright	*Treble*	*Peter Richardson	4
†Paul Batchelor	2	†Nicholas J. Davies ..	5
Crawford T. Hillis ..	3	†Elizabeth Rogers ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in seven Doubles methods.
Rung to celebrate the induction the following day at this church of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., by the Archdeacon of Maidstone; and as a welcome to the new Rector and Mrs. Robbins.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being the following extents: (1) Hitcham Delight, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas', (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.

Barry J. Davies..	*Treble*	Noel R. Waite	4
Jennifer Sceeny	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
Geoffrey Riglar	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being: (1) Cambridge S., (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Cambridge S., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Shirley M. Drew	*Treble*	Hugh Evans	4
*Marilyn Jackson (14) ..	2	Robert Dowdeswell ..	5
*Anna Sadowska (15) ..	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 121, Lillington Street, Pimlico,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

*Colin D. Emery	1—2	Michael P. Moreton ..	3—4
Rodney A. Yeates	5—6		

Conducted by Rodney A. Yeates.

* First peal on handbells. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to John V. Clark, Ian Hughes and Colin D. Emery, members of the Society, who are leaving Westminster.

SUTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At Turnpike Farm,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19 in F.

Sheila I. Smith	1—2	Alan S. Smith	3—4
Martin Major	5—6		

Conducted by Martin Major.

First peal in the method by all.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
In the South Aisle of the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 48 methods in seven extents: (1) Nelson T.B., Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Willesden, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Netherseale Surprise, (4) Annable's London Surprise, (5) Westminster and Allendale Surprise, (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; with 105 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HALF PEAL

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Nov. 9th, 2,520 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Oliver 1, Janet Woodman 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, Marilyn Bird 4, N. D. Deam 5, A. Gammon 6. First half for 1, 2 and 4. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Sylvia Jones and Mr. Peter Watts

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye Lynas 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, B. R. Cox 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, D. J. Bleby 7, R. K. Russ 8. For Synod Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor 'behind'): Patricia Jenkins 1, Ann Wells 2, M. Ann Burton 3, Emily Lane 4, R. J. Lear 5, P. W. Richardson (cond.) 6, D. T. Haine 8. First in method 3, 4 and 6. For Family Communion to commemorate centenary of the church and in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. Craall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, D. Breakspear 5. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M Craall, Mr. S. Rayfield, Mr. F. J. Cheal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Beaven 1, O. Nibbs 2, G. Carter 3, M. Wilmot 4, D. Orledge 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. To celebrate the wedding of Jennifer Gunstone and Malcolm Leonard.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Slatford 1, Miss E. Batchelor (first 'inside') 2, R. Quartley 3, V. Bull 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. Rung after losing a peal attempt.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. Y. Watts (first of Minor) 3, Miss A. Raynor 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For the Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to No. 3. Also for a return visit by the Rev. Streatfield-James.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): C. B. Pemberton 1, R. F. Mack 2, E. Jones 3, J. J. Fox 4, R. S. Starkie 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Fensome 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, L. North 6 T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. Half-muffled in memory D. Wilkinson, head server, who had been at St. Peter's for 50 years.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, A. Locke 2, J. C. Wearne (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6.

COTHELSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. T. Clarke 1, A. S. Reed 2, R. D. Short 3, G. R. Marchant 4, B. G. Wylde (cond.) 5, M. J. Stone 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 behind): A. T. Weeks 1, J. Potter 2, C. Barber 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Davison 5, F. Cannings 6, H. Sturgess 7, P. Whale 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. H. Trumper, churchwarden, cremated this day.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Felton 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Squire Croft (cond.) 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Rix (first of Triples) 1, Beryl Platt (first 'inside') 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Sheila Moore 4, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 5, H. Howson 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jacky Hedges (first quarter) 1, Sheila Moore 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, Teresa Langdon 4, D. Langdon 5, E. Beauchamp 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Pat Rix 8. For Patronal Festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss M. Lawrence 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, E. J. Coode 4, R. Clarke (first as cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, G. Clarke 7, P. Rablah 8. First in method 1, 2. For Harvest Festival. Also birthday compliment to conductor and for christening of his daughter (Kersty Emily). Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss C. Lawrence 3, G. Clarke 4, K. Small 5, R. Clarke 6, P. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8 Birthday compliment Miss M. Lawrence.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, P. Munday 3, H. E. Good 4, Margaret Howard 5, A. S. Besant 6, R. C. Spittle 7, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. David Bryant.

QUARTER PEALS

FILTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sheldon 1, Ruth Sheldon 2, Mary Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, D. Voss (cond.) 5, M. Buckle 6. In grateful memory of the Rev. C. R. Haslum, Rector of Filton 1940–1963, father of the ringers of 3 and 4, who died Sept. 15th.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie A. V. Caligari (first of Minor) 1, P. D. S. Caligari 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, J. F. I. Turney (first of Minor as cond.) 5, G. T. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Frederick Holmes.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, R. Hayden 2, E. Curson 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, L. Whitby 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, J. Collins 8. A 75th birthday compliment to W. Wheeler, tower master.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, J. H. Payton 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, K. Tipper 5, C. Pound 6, J. F. Payne 7, G. Burford 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. J. Groom 2, Margaret Wilkinson 3, D. Pearson 4, H. Walker 5, M. D. Staniforth (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Thomas (first in the method) 1, June Creak 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Patricia Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, P. Felton 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. L. Crouch (first of Minor) 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, Mrs. E. J. Wilkins 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, A. S. Bishop 5, D. M. Wilkins 6.

KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,309 All Saints' and Grandsire Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, A. Laughton 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For the Festival of All Saints.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rita Dudley 1, J. D. Clapp (first 'inside') 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Gaylor 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, Margaret Durrington 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Farewell to Rev. P. M. Palmer; birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Conquest.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. W. Broom 2, Miss M. Saye (first as cond.) 3, F. J. Saye 4, A. W. Saye 5, T. E. Thorne 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Saye for their silver wedding (Oct. 31st).

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Cinques: G. Henshaw 1, I. Edmonds (first quarter) 2, H. Lomas (first in method) 3, J. Morlidge 4, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 5, G. Owen 6, G. Earles 7, J. Taylor 8, M. M. Mottershead 9, H. W. Rogers 10, V. J. Norbury 11, C. Morlidge 12. A 24th birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Marstin 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Mary Cowling 3, Helen Henderson 4, I. Page 5, H. McDonald 6, G. Heyes (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of His Grace Archbishop Mannix.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Yeates 1, T. G. Phillips 2, J. Brain 3, W. P. Blake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Gardner, tower captain of Wraxall.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At St. George's Jesmond, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Henderson 1, J. G. White (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, J. A. Sturrock 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. C. E. Shears 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of O. W. Mitchell, M.A., late headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School, by members of that school and Newcastle Central High School. First quarter for the Royal Grammar School Society.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Boyd 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, W. Sharpe 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Christine Mould 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, E. G. Mould 3, G. W. Elmes 4, A. S. Harrison 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—On Nov 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on front six): D. S. Lockwood 1, C. Wood (first quarter) 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, D. Scargill 4, E. Robinson 5, I. Slack (cond.) 6.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Hatchett (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took (first 'inside') 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders (first quarter) 6, J. Hutchinson 7, K. Sanders 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Wallace (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paull 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Rev. Stephen Haddelsey, ordained Priest earlier in the day. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering). Mrs. E. Bardsley (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders 6, M. Took (first quarter) 7, R. Rattenbury (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Duck 1, H. Hobbins 2, A. Locke 3, M. Driver 4, G. Dunstan (first as cond.) 5, D. Dunstan 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Duck 1, J. Moyle 2, A. Locke 3, G. Dunstan 4, C. Jose (cond.) 5, D. Michell 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carey-Morgan.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Harpley (first in five methods) 1, Marion Petts (first in five methods as cond.) 2, June Chilton 3, D. Goodman 4, C. Alban 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. A. J. F. Thomlinson (first quarter) 1, Deborah Wilson 2, Marion Petts (cond.) 3, K. Cowan 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For Family Communion.

SLATER STREET, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Wadsworth 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton (first 'inside') 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. First quarter by local band. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Bissell (first quarter attempt) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Seig (first quarter attempt) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tuckfield 1, Miss A. Platte 2, A. Somerfield 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, P. Watts 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Privett (first attempt) 1, Carole Ward (first attempt 'inside') 2, N. Stroud 3, C. Slyfield 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Goss 1, C. Butler (15) 2, D. G. Papworth (first in method as cond.) 3, P. G. Holmes 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, G. K. Dodd 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 2. First in method on bells. For Evensong.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,536 Minor (six methods): R. Reed 1, W. W. Cousins 2, F. C. Wigmore 3, J. E. Fox 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones, Vicar 1931–53, and sometime president of the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): G. Davis 1, G. Cowlin 2, F. Sismey 3, A. Waller 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Stacey (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Rosemary F. D. Thompson 3, J. R. Norris 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5.

WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Waller 1, F. Sismey 2, G. Cowlin 3, G. Davis 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mellhone (cond.) 1, A. Howes 2, F. Absolom 3, C. Adam 4. Susan Howes 5, V. Fox 6. R. Howes 7. For 21st birthday of V. Fox.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,430 Doubles (14 methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. B. Holloway 1, G. H. Harding 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, D. J. Jones (first of Stedman Triples) 4, E. E. Norris 5, N. G. Knee 6, F. A. Penn 7, A. F. Grist 8. For Patronal Festival.

WONSTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Carter 1, P. Murduck 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, D. Murduck 4, P. Holmes 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the Society of Wessex Scholars as a token of respect to the fallen of two World Wars.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. S. W. Morton 1, P. D. S. Caligari (first of Minor) 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. Rung on All Saints' Day.

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ENGAGEMENT

FLECKNEY—YOUNGMAN. — The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Fleckney, of Thrapston, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Youngman, of Peterborough, Northants. 3599

DEATH

HOMER.—Janet Mary (late of 153, Sterling Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne), at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rayfield, 63, Mounts Road, Greenhithe, Kent, on Saturday, November 9th, aged 24 years. 3627

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

KEELEY.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Keeley is now 9, Silverless Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 3602

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LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Autumn outing, Saturday, November 23rd, in South Bucks. Ringing: Stoke Poges (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.: Farnham Royal (8), 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m. Own Lunch. Windsor (8), 2-3 p.m.: Bray (8), 3.30-4.30: Burnham (8), join local meeting: Slough (10), 7-8 p.m.—A. J. F. 3628

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner will be held in London, on Saturday, January 4th, 1964. All members welcome. Annual tour, August 15th-22nd, based on Ambleside. Further details of both functions from D. C. Exell, Hon. Sec., 12, Randall Road, Cliftonwood, Bristol, 8. 3629

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3496

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis Sec. 3423

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Burnham, Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing 5.30 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. 3563

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Cheadle, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 3605

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, November 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 8, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. Stephenson, Sec. 3625

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Nomination meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn for those who notify Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday. Regret no notification no tea. 3585

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Bodenham (6) on Saturday, November 30th, from 3 till 4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after meeting till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 27th to Mr. R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 3615

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting. Wistanstow, Saturday, November 30th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Wednesday —L. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. 3631

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Sellindge, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Small, 'Bested,' Church Lane, Aldington, by previous Wednesday.—C. T. H. 3588

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), November 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss C. Fuller, 'Droslyn,' High Street, Westham, Pevensey. 3543

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 30th Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 3609

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Thursday to Mr. Fred Bennett, 'Carlton House,' Dale Street, Ossett. 3614

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Fishtoft, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. Church Hall, at 5 p.m For tea please notify me by Monday, November 25th. —W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3624

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, November 30th (not the 23rd as stated in the report). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Heyhoe, Estate Office, Cockley Cley Hall, Swaffham. 3591

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—(V.W.H. and Swindon Branches).—A combined meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Highworth bells (8) available 6-8 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head, Highworth. Names, please, by Wednesday, November 27th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3622

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —A.G.M. at Lyme Regis, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. S. Morris, 16, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis. 3598

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 30th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3626

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, before November 28th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. 3610

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea. 3623

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice meeting at St. Mary's, Stafford, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3498

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Wingfield (6), Saturday, November 30th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m.—L. E. Last. 3565

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Banstead on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Pitstow, 'Saffron,' High Street, Banstead, by Wednesday, November 27th. Sorry—no names no tea.—N. Steere, Ass. Sec. 3583

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. B. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 3559

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DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting at Woodbury. Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 3rd to H. J. Briggs, Post Office, Woodbury. 3581

DOLGELLAU, BRECON.—Rededication of St Mary's, Dolgellau bells. Saturday, December 7th, 2 p.m. We hope for many ringing visitors. Please write Rectory, Dolgellau, if high tea is required, by December 2nd.—E. W. K. Walton. 3582

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford on December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford. 3621

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 7th. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4 p.m.; St James, Clerkenwell, 4-5. Tea 5.15. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18, or T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield Herts. 3618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, December 7th. Gedling. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham, by December 4th. 3632

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Loddon, December 7th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Raveningham (5) 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mrs. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, Nor 21 W.—N. P. J. C. Branch Sec. 3573

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 7th, Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mr. J. A. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3593

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Boughton, Saturday, December 7th. **Please note change of date.** Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Ave., Northampton. 3606

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, December 7th at Bletchingley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon,' Godstone Road, Blechingley, by December 5th.—G. A. W. 3617

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, December 7th Madresfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, at Malvern Link, followed by tea and meeting in Parish Hall (next to church). Bells (8) after meeting. Practice methods. Worcester and Double Norwich. Names for tea by Tuesday, 3rd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcs. 3616

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS. — At the Church of St. Helen on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Heather A. Alford (first quarter) 1, Kirsty Grant (first quarter) 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. I. Rowson 4, M. C. E. Hodge (first on eight bells) 5, Philippa J. P. Dixon 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, J. W. Berry 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bromley Challenor, for over 40 years churchwarden.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, D. H. Paine 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, D. M. Hughes 5, V. F. Gough 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Louise Gwyneth Paine, daughter of ringer of 2nd and variously related to all the other ringers with the exception of the fifth.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles four methods): S. F. I. Rutter 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, M. J. Uphill (first in four Doubles as cond.) 5, J. H. Gaze 6. First in four Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative): Hilary F. Martin 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, R. W. Hinde 3, R. J. Lee 4, R. J. Cook 5, R. J. Talbot 6, F. E. Darby 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: S. D. Nicoll 1, M. J. Harris 2, P. J. Bird (cond.) 3, R. S. Algate 4, A. Tubb 5, R. J. Hallett 6. First in the method for Cathedral School Society.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great on Nov. 3rd, 1,248 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss L. M. H. Smith 1, S. C. Walters 2, J. M. H. Hunter 3, R. M. Damerell 4, K. J. Triplow 5, C. H. Rogers 6, V. Nutton (cond.) 7, Miss C. Dillamore 8. First of Rutland 4, 5 and 7.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, Miss M. Christopher 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Mrs. R. O. Mosson 4, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5, G. Riddy 6. Rung on the back six. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, Miss M. Christopher 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. O. Mosson 4, G. W. Taysom 5, G. Riddy 6. Rung on the front six.

CHETWYND, SALOP.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Friend 1, H. R. Toogood 2, E. C. Morrall 3, R. A. Stanley 4, G. E. Morrall 5, F. Beech, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung on the birthday of J. Box, local tower captain.

DROGHEDA, CO. MEATH.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marilyn Bernard-Smith 1, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2, C. E. Reede 3, Alexandra M. Dukes 4, A. Vere-Hodge 5, Jane Fletcher 6, W. D. Graham 7, E. Dukes 8. Rung with 6 and 7 alternatively covering. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 hail from England and are students in Dublin University. Rung as a farewell to James N. Dolan, B.A., B.A.I., deputy ringing master of Drogheda, who has emigrated to the U.S.A.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: R. Short 1, Audrey Short 2, B. Wylde 3, G. Marchant (cond.) 4, M. Stone 5, C. Clarke 6. For the festival of St. Simon and also in acclamation of the successful ringing of the Cothelstone quarter peal earlier in the day.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (handbells): Margaret E. Wilkinson 1—2, C. Reeves 3—4, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 5—6.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas'. November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided **free** for those notifying, by Wednesday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead 3633

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on December 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to me by December 4th at latest.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3635

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IMPROVING THE STANDARD

Sermon preached by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, at Malmesbury on November 16th, 1963.

IN 'The Ringing World' of November 1st the weekly text was: 'For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid that shall not be known.' (Luke xii, 2.) Whether the chooser of these texts intends to make a comment on ringing or not, I do not know. Sometimes, however, as in this case, the texts are aptly chosen. The point that Jesus was making in this statement was simply that the truth about all that we do will be known some time—if not to men in this life, then to men when we meet before God.

I have in my parish a children's music group; we play and sing together. At the Harvest Thanksgiving a few weeks ago we sang and played a harvest carol. Now we are practising Christmas carols, for we have a number of engagements to fulfil. Though we have been practising for Christmas for many months, we know that we shall have to work hard to be on top of our form. Until Christmas, we shall not be heard in public, for we know that between now and then we shall make many mistakes which will have to be corrected. But we hope by Christmas that we shall have something worth listening to. Our rule is simple: plenty of hard work during our months of practice; then we hope to be good enough to be heard in public.

This, of course, is true of any music group. We must all have listened to a final performance given by a music group which has given us much pleasure. Before such a performance there will have been much practice in private. After that, the members of the public are allowed to listen if they so choose. Usually, they have to pay for the pleasure of doing so.

With church bell ringing it is different. Our practices are held in public for all to hear; and what we may call our final performances, such at Sunday service ringing and peals, are also held in public. Tickets don't have to be bought by those who listen to us; those members of the public who happen to live near have to listen to both our practices and performances, whether they want to or not. This poses ringers with a difficulty to which I see no easy solution. I think it is a pity that the public have to listen to our mistakes during a practice, for then they get a totally wrong impression of what good ringing should be like.

This brings me to the point I want to make: as we have to practise in public and as we thrust upon our audience ringing which may be good but is often bad, we should try to raise our standards. If, as we often do, we dare to speak of the music of the bells, then we must set ourselves the same standards as other musicians. A musician in an orchestra knows if his playing is not up to standard, or if he does not he will be told. A ringer should also be able to recognise faulty rhythm, which he can do only by developing the skill of listening to the ringing as a whole.

What then can we do about improving the standard of our ringing on practice nights so that our public performances on Sundays and in peals will also be improved? I have said it and written it hundreds of times and shall continue doing so. Good method ringing is learned as much in the home as in the tower. It just will not do for ringers to think they can learn a new method in the tower without having first of all sweated it out at home, pencil in hand, paper before them and brains ticking over intelligently. This is the sort of practice we can all do in the privacy of our own homes before we do our necessary practice in public. It is also possible to think about a method at all sorts of odd moments; how to tell, for example, whether to go in slow or quick in Stedman. This sort of approach to ringing would develop our ringing memories and we should then not make so many mistakes in public.

What of our public performances, our peals, for example? I am satisfied that not all peals recorded in 'The Ringing World' ought to appear. I can think of one of my own so recorded but which does not appear in my own peal book. It was supposed to have been a peal consisting of seven extents of Minor. Now, I may be a bit dim-witted mathematically, but I do know that if the ringing has been at the rate of an extent in about 25 minutes, one of the extents can't be rung in a quarter-of-an-hour. And if there has been a bit of clashing and clanging in this particular so-called extent, then I am allowed to draw my own conclusions, even if the conductor thinks he has been clever in bringing this part of the peal into rounds.

Now, I believe that all things that we do will be made known to men as they are now known to God: 'For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid that shall not be known.' A tape-recorder could do this for us in this life and would demonstrate our shortcomings. I reckon God is cleverer than any tape-recorder and that even our faulty ringing is known to Him and is somehow or other being recorded. Like all other people, I have done my share of wrong things in my life, and not all my ringing has been, or is, up to standard. But at least I try to have a concern about standards.

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'RINGERS REQUIRED'

Recently the Amateur Film Section of the Brighton Telephone Area Sports and Social Association provided an evening film show at Hove Telephone Exchange with the film 'Ringers Required' as the main feature. The Hurstpierpoint ringers made the arrangements and over 100 programmes were sold in the towers in the northern part of Sussex. The Film Section then agreed to make it a 'Ringers Only' evening as the normal seating maximum is for 100 people.

Briefly, the film portrays the story of how a band of ringers was recruited and trained to ring the bells of a church in Canada. A very pleasant surprise for this particular audience was to see an old friend from Buxted tower, in Sussex, as one of the film stars—none other than Michael Causley, who married Jean Durrant from the nearby tower at Uckfield. Quite probably the handbells used in the film were the set given to this couple by Sussex ringers on the occasion of their marriage prior to their departure to Canada.

One unexpected feature was the tutor in an early scene ringing with his jacket on! Another which brought gasps from experienced members in the audience was the sight of bells in the 'up' position while ringers attended to the clappers!!

Apart from these two points, the film was very typical of the experiences many have had in training a band of ringers. The determination, loyalty and keenness shown by those in the film is inspiring and quite infectious for those in the audience! For instance, the thrill of the trainees ringing together on 'open' bells for the first time, and the exhilarating experience of 'ringing in' the New Year.

Yes, those from 'Sussex by the Sea' recommend all ringers—and potential ringers—to see this film and I have a shrewd suspicion that they will suggest another to be shown with it. H. W. B.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT D. LIDBETTER

AN APPRECIATION

Herbert D. Lidbetter started ringing at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, in July, 1902, and rang his first peal (Holt's Original) at this church on April 21st, 1905. It was also at this church in 1930 that I met him and I recall the many happy hours spent in his company.

Herbert Lidbetter was an example to all who knew him. Regular in his attendance for service ringing, willing to assist beginners in the art of change ringing and conducting, and a disciplinarian in the belfry, but easy to get on with. His methods and approach were appreciated by all with whom he came in contact.

While not a prolific peal ringer, up to the outbreak of the First World War he had rung over 50.

On removing to Acle, Norfolk, he continued his regular service ringing until January, 1961, when ill-health caused him to give up ringing, although his interest in the Exercise continued to the last. We shall miss his regular attendance at our local meetings. May he rest in peace. H. W. BARRETT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone Branch

The final meeting of 1963 should have been held at East Farleigh, but because of difficulty in arrangements the Vicar of Mereworth kindly allowed us to go there.

Ringing on the rather odd-toned six was under the guidance of the new Ringing Master, Mr. B. F. L. Groves. About 35 people sat down to tea in the Village Hall. There was no business to discuss, but it was reported that arrangements were going ahead with the District party on February 8th at St. Michael's Hall, Maidstone.

The service followed, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. E. Keene, and included the customary course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' Ringing afterwards ranged from Plain Bob to London. T. A. C.

REDEDICATION OF HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS

The bells of High Wycombe Parish Church were rededicated during Evensong on November 10th by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Hague. Members of the congregation included the Mayor and Mayoress, Town Clerk, members of the local council, Mr. John Hall, M.P., and Mr. Colin Harrison, from John Taylor and Co. Rounds on 12 were rung during the ceremony by the local ringers, and ringing took place after the service until 9 p.m., ringers from several towers in the area being present.

The two trebles have been recast, the other 10 retuned, and all rehung on ball bearings with completely new fittings by Taylors, the cost of this work being borne by the church. A sharp 2nd bell has also been added, giving a light ring of eight; this bell commemorates the visit of the Queen to the town in April last year, and the cost is being met by the ringers; £100 is still required and any donations will be gratefully received by the Vicar.

The tone and 'go' of the bells has been improved considerably, and it is now possible to ring up the tenor (30 cwt.) with the clapper on the right side, single-handed, a task previously impossible, even with three on the rope.

While the bells were away, a sound turret was constructed on the tower roof, and the louvres completely blocked up; unfortunately the sound of the bells is now too muffled in the immediate vicinity of the church, and it is hoped that the P.C.C. will allow the shuttering to be modified so that the 'ring' of the bells can be heard.

The High Wycombe ringers wish to thank those at West Wycombe for the use of their bells for practices during the past six months.

G. H.

REV. CANON F. J. O. HELMORE

On September 8th, 1927, a 'Frederick' peal by men of Kent and Kentish men was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, Kent, there being presumably no St. Frederick church available. The method was Stedman Triples conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

A participant was Canon Helmore, then nearing the end of his 38 years in office as general secretary of the Kent County Association. This proved to be his 209th and last peal although he lived until November 8th, 1938.

On November 8th, 1963, the 25th anniversary of Canon Helmore's death, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Erith, Kent, again conducted by Fred Cullum. One of the participants was Philip Corby, the present general secretary of the Association.

IMPROVING THE STANDARD

(Continued from front page)

Am I being fussy about all this? I think not. With you, I like ringing, and I am sure it has many joys for me yet to come. But, being interested in music generally, I am concerned about the standards of ringing. We must constantly try to improve them, and this is not going to be achieved except by hard work and a sensible approach to our practices which have to be in public for all to hear.

Compare our knowledge of method ringing with that at the beginning of the century. We are much cleverer. We know far more about the mathematics of ringing. But does our ringing sound any better? I don't know. But God knows, and when we meet Him it may be revealed to us that our standards of striking are below those He rightly expects from intelligent ringers. You have to be intelligent to be a ringer, so we shall not be able to excuse ourselves and say we don't understand.

Is it too far-fetched to imagine God taking out His super tape-recorder and giving a demonstration to us of our own ringing, and saying to us: 'Do you really think that striking was good enough? I don't. You should have practised more carefully in public.'?

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual London meeting of the Guild took place in the City on November 16th. Ringing began a little before 3 o'clock at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and continued later at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Giles', Cripplegate. There was a good attendance of members and guests, and the ringing was much enjoyed.

Following ringing at St. Giles', the annual general meeting took place. The retiring president, Mr. W. R. Winterton, first of all welcomed Mr. Jack Phillips who had been elected Master of the College Youths a few days earlier. The Guild was fortunate to be the first body to receive the new Master after his election. Mr. Winterton then said that it was his intention not to stand for re-election, and proposed the name of Dr. G. Roworth as his successor; this was carried unanimously. The remaining two officers, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, Master, and Dr. D. L. Gullick, secre-secretary, were elected.

After discussion of plans for 1964 the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the retiring president and to all who had made the meeting and ringing such a success.

Before adjourning to continue informal discussion over dinner, a 'doctors' only' course of Stedman was rung on the back eight by the following: G. Roworth, D. L. Gullick, J. Armstrong, L. S. Castleden, D. G. Hollis, W. R. Winterton, P. A. F. Chalk and D. J. Neal Smith. D. L. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

After two disappointments, caused by the severe weather in the early part of this year, the Devizes Branch was at last able to meet at Hilperton on November 2nd, and a very pleasant meeting it proved to be.

Thirty-five people attended the service, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. C. H. Corbin). By his choice of hymns and excellent address he drew the attention of the congregation from the usual ringers' service to the importance of the Festival of All Saints. Mr. R. Hunt was the organist.

Afterwards a splendid tea was provided in the Vicarage by the Hilperton ringers. The Branch chairman (Mr. N. Knee) expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success. The light, merry sounding six were kept busy during the afternoon and evening with rounds and touches up to Cambridge Minor. A. K.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers were represented at the Barnsley and District Society's meeting at Conisbrough on November 9th. The Vicar (Rev. G. F. Braithwaite) presided at the short business meeting, when Earlsheaton was selected for the next meeting on December 14th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Fred Jackson, Bawtry.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild journeyed to Horsham (8) on November 9th for their monthly meeting, and after ringing a variety of methods and meeting members of the Horsham band enjoyed a short service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, who welcomed them to Horsham and complimented them on their singing during the service.

After tea a business meeting was held in the belfry, with 38 members and friends attending. Eight new members were elected and made welcome by the chairman, and a grant of five guineas was made towards an appeal by Speldhurst for new bell ropes. The chairman reminded members that the dinner tickets were now ready for sale, and urged them to see that they had their names taken by the secretary, as there were only a few left. M. A. L.

CAMPANOLOGICS—ART OR SCIENCE

By A. S. HUDSON

During the past few months there has been considerable research into the Surprise Major methods, using electronic computers. The results of these analyses are to be published in the near future, and it is hoped that the following discussion may stimulate thought concerning the application of computing to the various theoretical branches of change-ringing.

CHANGE ringing has always been an essentially logical art, although as it was developed the art gradually became more and more chaotic. It is difficult to draw a distinction between the art and the science of ringing, even if such a distinction be desirable. While the fundamentals are concerned with the production of changes, which is purely and simply an exercise in logical thought, there exists an infinite capacity for individual genius to get to work on the problem of arranging changes in a pleasing and musical manner. In the early stages of change ringing the methods evolved were mainly those which today would be regarded as 'irregular': very few of these are still practised—Grandsire is an example of one which has survived, although one feels tempted to wonder why this should be so.

In attempting to produce order out of chaos, the Central Council has set out a series of rules governing which methods may be regarded as 'regular,' and the Exercise is encouraged to practise only those which fall into this category, although there is no embargo on irregular ones except in record peals. The regular methods have been selected both for convenience and also to limit the choice of available methods, which is in itself a more or less essential step.

Having arrived at a universally agreed set of rules governing what we may ring, we are faced with the problem of finding all the methods and fitting compositions to them. Let us consider separately the generation of methods and the derivation of compositions.

TWO BASIC RULES

The two basic rules regarding acceptable methods are (1) that the plain course must be true, and (2) that no bell may remain in the same place for more than two successive blows, forming a clear distinction from many methods practised of old. All that remains is to discover which of the methods obeying rules 1 and 2 produce Plain Bob lead ends. The problem now resolves itself into a tiresome and protracted labour of love.

It is at this stage that I want to introduce the discussion of the place of electronic computing in the art and science of change ringing. We have decided that there is no special art in the derivation of acceptable methods, it is merely a matter of plodding through every possibility and determining whether or not they conform to the rules. Such an operation is ideally suited to the computer, but not to the human brain. It has been suggested that genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains: If this is so, then I would suggest that there is more genius in a room of computers than in any collection of humans, however brilliant. The computer is not capable at present of producing any original thought whereas the human brain is not distinguished for its capacity for taking pains. Thus it would seem that the computer provides an excellent labour saving device.

Let us compare the time required to evaluate a possible method in order to see whether it gives a Plain Bob lead end. Working quickly, one might produce one result per minute by hand, or sixty methods to the hour. The labour that follows in order to check the work is enormous. Even the slower computers these days will check about one method per second, that is, several thousand an hour, and the faster ones can achieve ten or a hundred times this speed. In addition to this time saving factor, there is the advantage that the computer seldom makes a trivial mistake: if it does make any trip, complete nonsense results, and therefore once a programme is working properly it is not necessary to undertake any further checking.

The most striking objection to the use of computers for this type of work is the prohibitive cost, coupled with the fact that not many people are in a position to get acess to a machine, or to persuade an obliging maths department to allow the programmes to be run. In fact, there is not so much of a problem here as might at first be expected: it can be relatively easy to get short periods of machine time for ringing problems, since the authorities are sometimes remarkably interested in such problems.

There are further difficulties to be considered in the work of method derivation: so far we have not considered the falseness of the methods. A collection of a large number of methods is virtually useless unless some analysis of the falseness is provided. This analysis proves to be quite simple on the computer: the approach is in fact completely different from that which one would employ if one were working it out by hand. Falseness considerations bring us naturally on to the second type of analysis mentioned above: that is, the derivation of compositions. This immediately raises several philosophical questions.

END OF INDIVIDUAL GENIUS?

First of all, is there any art in composition? Without any doubt there is. The scope for including musical qualities is enormous, although this is sometimes severely limited by the falseness of the method, and the intricacies of working out a composition for the very false methods are manifold. The question is not so much — could one produce compositions suited to the music peculiar to any given method by computer means? — but rather—is it desirable to remove the scope for individual genius to flourish in the realm of inspired composition? It must surely be a retrograde step for compositions to be produced mechanically on a large scale. It would be perfectly possible to derive compositions for every known method, but it would take a prohibitive amount of time, and the volume of tabulation would be enormous. The Exercise would then lose the variety inherent in the work of individual composers, which would be most undesirable. Fortunately, none of these objections apply to the generation of methods.

Nevertheless, there are objections of a different variety to the derivation of methods en masse. Several points of view have been expressed in letters recently, and so I will try to give a summary of them here. The first objection is that the quality of a method is very variable. If a complete collection of, say, major methods, is published, then a vast number of methods, some of which are of doubtful quality, are showered upon the Exercise. Clearly it is a matter of opinion whether a method is worth ringing, but it is widely agreed that methods which are dynamic in that the bells do not stagnate in one place for long periods, are superior to the more stagnant ones. The second objection is that some of the methods are hopelessly false and therefore could not be rung to peals. There are objections to the publication of falseness for methods, on the grounds that some of the Exercise is not capable of understanding all that is implied in an analysis of falseness, and thus many false peals would be rung.

On the first count, I consider that there is not only a place, but a definite need in the Exercise for complete collections. We have suffered for too long from incomplete information about which methods have been rung, which compositions will go to them, what their falseness is, and so on. We have to accept the possibly biased judgments of committees as to what type of method conforms to the precepts of 'good taste.' A case in point is the recent collection of Minor methods, which although being an extremely good piece of work in many ways, and probably the best collection that the Central Council has yet produced, contains a considerable number of Little and Alliance methods, but NO Single change methods. That the former are included is just as it should be, even if some would criticise the value or appeal of such methods, but that the latter are excluded is lamentable. On the second count, surely the Exercise is intelligent enough to be able to use properly an explicit analysis of incidence of falseness? Those who are likely to construct a composition are perfectly capable of using falseness tables correctly, while those who do not understand them are not very likely to select or compose their own compositions.

In conclusion, I will restate the points I have tried to make. There appears to be a firm place for computer applications in the science of change ringing, so long as it does not interfere with the scope for individual talent or genius in the art. There is plenty of work that the computer can do far more accurately and quickly than we can. The results from analyses of the type discussed above should be of lasting value to the Exercise.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INVADED

On October 19th a strong and determined force of men (and women) from the Silsoe district of Bedfordshire carried out a highly successful raid on the neighbouring county of Northants. Two mechanised columns, led by D. Brazier and C. Mann, penetrated the enemy territory as far as Gayton, with practically no opposition from the natives.

Surprise tactics were used with great success and words like 'London,' 'Norwich' and 'Cambridge' were freely exchanged, presumably to confound the local inhabitants, and not infrequently the insurgents themselves were confused!

After their early success at Gayton, the raiders pressed on to the peaceful village of Green's Norton, and the independent observer felt that a place of such surpassing beauty might have been spared, but the loud ringing of bells (the marauders' normal method of announcing their arrival) soon made it known that the invaders were in occupation.

The conquest of places like Easton Neston, Towcester, Paulerspury, Potterspury and Cosgrove followed in rapid succession, without a shot (or even a ring of bells) being fired. The entire exercise was carried out with such speed and precision that no injury to personnel or damage to property was reported, though, intoxicated by success, the invaders made raids on catering establishments and hostelries, but in all cases peaceful negotiations proved effective. The organisers would like, through the 'neutral channel' of 'The Ringing World,' to express their warm appreciation of the very valuable fifth column work of Frank Eyden, and also the co-operation of local clergy and other non-combatants!

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Letters to the Editor

In Defence of Yorkshire Six-bell Ringers

Dear Sir,—I think my old friend, Mr. Chris Woolley, must have had his tongue in his cheek when he wrote to you propounding his weird and wonderful theory on how the six-bell ringers of the latter part of the last century came to ring their peals of 14 half-extents.

Surely he doesn't expect anyone to believe that those ringers learned fourteen different methods just to make it easy for a conductor not capable of calling a 720, or that they would care two hoots whether the tenors were parted or not. The more likely explanation is that they wished to progress beyond ringing peals in seven methods only, which they had already accomplished, and in which, incidentally, the conductor had had to call the full extent in each method.

Quite naturally they did not want to ring a 10,080 to cover the fourteen methods, which they would have had to do had Dr. Carpenter had his way. I think I prefer Mr. Moxon's description of Dr. Carpenter's suggestion as fatuous to Mr. Woolley's naive; for it was silly rather than unsophisticated.

Whenever the controversy which raged over what should, or should not, constitute a peal of Minor is mentioned, the Yorkshire six-bell ringers are regarded as the villians of the play. They are considered to have been the chief offenders. Yet, from the time the Yorkshire Association was formed in 1875 up to 1896, when matters really came to a head, of the 116 peals of Minor rung by the Association only six were half-extents of fourteen methods, and those six were rung in different towers by different bands

The chief protagonist of the Yorkshire six-bell ringers was George Bolland, of Tong, a very able ringer and conductor, whom I knew well. He fought on principle and not because he had any particular desire to ring the disputed type of peal in fact he rang (and called) only one of those peals.

He objected to the six-bell ringers being dictated to, on what they should or should not ring, by people who were not primarily six-bell ringers and he was supported by most, if not all, of his Minor brethren in Yorkshire.

In June, 1895, George Bolland proposed that the Yorkshire Association should withdraw from the Central Council, but discussion on that proposition was deferred until a meeting held at Rawmarsh on February 8th, 1896, where, although George had the sympathy of the meeting, his motion was not carried.

Mr. Woolley, in his letter, states that in the debate at the Central Council meeting, Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side. Perhaps it was, but was it such a victory? Someone on the Central Council must have felt uneasy because the following annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held at Leeds on January 16th, 1897, saw no less a person there than the president of the Central Council, Mr. A. Percival Heywood (afterwards Sir Arthur), who came to 'appeal strongly for the Association's support in the work the Council had before it, adding that he had great hopes that some compromise on the six-bell question might be reached.' What the compromise was (if any) I do not know, but the Yorkshire six-bell ringers showed their independence and their utter disregard of the dictatorialness of those, who, in their opinion, were not qualified to dictate, by continuing to ring peals of 14 half-extents with increased vigour. In 21 years before the dispute they had rung six such peals; they rang three in the three years that followed!

In order to dispel any misunderstanding there might be of George Bolland, I would state, from personal knowledge and experience, that he was a very likable man, a gentleman in every sense of the world. He was a man of high principles and though he was, at times, somewhat fierce in debates he had a kind and genial nature. He was often referred to as the 'king of six-bell ringers,' but his ringing was by no means confined to Minor. He was not a six-bell bigot.

Up to the time when Mr. Heywood went to the Leeds meeting George had rung 57 peals, 23 of which he conducted. Only 19 of the 57 were Minor; 37 were Major; and one Royal. Shortly afterwards he rang in the first peal of Surprise Major by the Yorkshire Association.

George Bolland was a member of the Central Council for almost thirty years. When he championed the causes of six-bell ringers he did it, not just for the Minor ringers of Yorkshire, but for those of the whole Exercise. —Yours faithfully,

Pudsey, Yorks. WILLIAM BARTON.

Tunes on Handbells

Dear Sir,—May I support others who have asked for articles on tune ringing on handbells. As one who has dabbled in this activity (albeit on a limited scale due to pressure of other ringing activities), I would suggest that the provision of suitable music scores is most needed.

For those intending to go far with tune ringing I recommend getting used to music written in staff notation. Many piano scores may be broken down and adapted, particularly if one has a good range of bells (two or more octaves).

Many tunes in keys other than C will be found to have no sharps or flats when transcribed to the key of C, thus a set of bells in the diatonic scale (no sharps or flats) can be used for a wide range of tunes.

It does not matter what key one's handbells are in. To play a tune in key of C on handbells in key of G (lowest note), call G note C, A note D, B note E, C note F, D note G, E note A, F sharp note B, top G note C, etc. The tune is thus automatically transcribed from one key to another.—Yours etc., N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

Congratulations to other Margaret

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, greet my namesake who rang her first peal at Ormesby, Yorks, on October last.

This afternoon I was greeted with various witticism from people with whom I have stood in peals and who thought the asterisk for 'First peal' was an error.

Congratulations, Margaret. My first was only Bob Minor.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET WILKINSON.

York Minster.

Notices of Meetings

Dear Sir,—May I please suggest to District secretaries and others responsible for organising ringing meetings that longer notice is given of such meetings when advertising in 'The Ringing World.'

I have seen notices which apparently give only one week in which to make arrangements and give notice of attendance.

I consider that a minimum of two weeks' notice should be given when advertising meetings.—Yours faithfully, A. S. PHELIPS.

Littlestone-on-Sea, Kent.

Mr. R. G. Leale's North Wales Tour

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. W Cathrall and the North Wales Association on their adherence to the Association Rules, and hope that more Associations and Guilds take the same attitude.

Mr. Cathrall has exposed a grave weakness in the matter of tours and peal ringing generally. At present it would appear that any party can decide to tour a county or diocese, ring a number of peals and say 'credited to so and so Association or Guild.' and unless the tower captain is at hand to insist upon subscriptions being paid to a particular Association or Guild, and if the Association or Guild does not object, that is the end of that. The situation is anomalous in two respects mainly, therefore:

(a) As the result of a tour a quiet Association or Guild finds at the end of a year it has credited to it several peals of Surprise Major, Triples and so on; its past record having been an average of one, or at most two per year, of Grandsire Doubles.

(b) It can be argued that extreme discourtesy has been shown to an Association or Guild which has not been forewarned of an approaching tour and peal attempts.

Permission to ring from an incumbent is always necessary; peal crediting should receive the same treatment, therefore.

In the case of Mr. R. G. Leale's tour it can be pointed out that Llanbadarn Fawr is not in North Wales, it is in South Wales. (The border is crossed a quarter-of-a-mile north of Glandyfi.) St. Padarn's bells come within the Diocese of St. David's, and the ringers there are members of St. David's Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.

Whoever, therefore, organised Mr. Leale's tour forgot his map, his geography—and his etiquette! —Yours faithfully,

ROBERT PATEMAN (Maj.)

Gwbert-on-Sea, Cardigan.

Guernsey Bells

Dear Sir,—Church guide books often give very odd information about bells, and that at St. Peter-in-the-Wood, Guernsey, is no exception. The treble is not dated 1654, nor anything else, nor was she cast in France, as were the other two; she is a very nice mediæval bell from the Exeter foundry, dating from about 1520. There are coins in the crown—not accurately datable, but early Tudor so the British Museum tells me—and the initial cross is one found at Payhembury and Stoke Abbot.

The bells hang in a massive old frame of very odd design, and have half-wheels. They were put on ball bearings in 1955, as Mr. Cawley says, by the well known French firm of Mears et Stainbank, of Rue de la Chapelle Blanche, E.1, and the work was done by that celebrated denizen of the Montparnasse bistros, Monsieur Guillaume Theobald. —Yours, etc., (Rev.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton Vicarage, Holsworthy.

Tip for Outing Organisers

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest to those who have the task of arranging outings, etc., to other towers, that in writing to secretaries given in association annual reports, the envelopes be endorsed 'For ringing at . . .' or something to that effect.

Quite often the secretaryship has changed hands and the previous secretary may be residing many miles away, possibly overseas, and considerable delay could, in fact does, arise causing inconvenience and, no doubt, irritation —Yours sincerely,

RONALD A. BERRY.

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A SOMERSET RING REVIVED

THE village of Cothelstone, with its scattered houses and farms, nestles under the Western Quantock slopes of the Vale of Taunton Deane. From the hill road, passing steeply downwards between avenues of gnarled beeches, one of the finest panoramas of all Somerset unfolds. On the afternoon of October 26th the scene was set in all the glory of autumn, with the russet tinges of tree and hedgerow blazing brilliantly over the dark greens of mossy banks and fields of kaye. The red sandstone Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, approached by a track through the same arched gateway from which the notorious Judge Jeffreys had two rebels hanged, stood nobly in the weak sunshine. Of the village folk, probably only the Vicar in his home overlooking the vale sensed that the country peacefulness would soon be aroused by the rippling, swelling notes of bells being raised 'in full peal.'

Such an occasion has indeed been rare in Cothelstone's past, as for many years the tenor (a 20 cwt. bell by Mears, 1863) has been virtually unringable. The reason is attributed to the badly designed frame installed by Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, in 1904. The second occupies a small upper deck and, with the five other bells in the lower deck, the tower dimensions were only sufficient to allow for one end beam, at bearing level, in the tenor pit. Consequently the corner posts, at the frame end adjacent to the tower wells, were carried on upwards above wheel level, and here mortised into a beam extending from the upper frame-work. This has proved to be a very unstable structure and one wonders just how long it took for the motion of the bells and the seasoning of the timber, hastened by gale-lashed winter rain cascading through the unlouvred tower openings, to warp the frame-work until eventually the tenor gudgeons became severely clamped. Swing chiming remained just possible and in this way the tenor has been sounded alone as service bell for years past.

One summer evening in 1949 this lack of ringing was broken by ringers from the Taunton and Wellington areas, who spliced a econd tail on to the tenor rope so that the bell could be double-manned. Later, on Easter Monday, 1956, they again rang all six bells; the tenor pit being temporarily jacked open so that the bell could swing more easily. On both occasions a crowd of ringers worthy of a quarterly meeting gathered. More recently, a quarter peal was rung on the front five by a band from Spaxton.

Encouraged by memories of these successes, ringers from the Bridgwater area decided last year to attempt a permanent repair. The Vicar was consulted and his ready co-operation and interest spurred us on. The frame was again jacked apart and now a spacing beam was firmly secured between the uprights, just beyond reach of the tip of the stay. Liberal quantities of oil were used to flush out the the bearings and a preliminary test was made. 'Go' was hard, but certainly possible and it was decided that a 'running in' period of service chiming would be beneficial, since the bearings had probably twisted slightly as the frame was forced apart. Years of chiming had also scored a deep groove in the rope



Photograph by G. Bowsher.

guide whence the rope would suddenly lodge, with disastrous results. This guide was repaired and, at the Vicar's invitation, we rang for morning service on Sunday, May 26th—the first service ringing on all six since the war!

After two unsuccessful quarter peal attempts third time proved lucky on October 26th, when, with the aid of oil drip feeders, kindly lent by Mr. George Burge, the tenor was finally turned in to a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor. Mike Stone, our 'tenor king,' was heartily congratulated on this achievement.

The bells themselves are quite an interesting assortment, the inscriptions being:

Treble.—AN · NO · DO · MI · NI · 1632. R. P.

Second.—G. MEARS AND CO. FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1863.

Third.—IOHN LORD STAWEL. I.P., M.B. 1689.

Fourth.—MEARS AND STAINBANK. FOUNDERS, LONDON. PRO DEO ET REGINA. 1897. M. CAMLIN, I. GIBBS, CHURCHWARDENS. CAST BY T. KINGSTON, 1808.

Fifth.—PEACE, HEALTH AND PLENTY TO THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD. B. AND S. 1752.

Tenor.—G. MEARS AND CO., FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1863.

The inscription on the third and the coat of arms on the waist are badly worn, and the inscription is taken from Ellacombe's 'Church Bells of Somerset.'

It is sincerely hoped that, due to our activities and efforts in the past few weeks, sufficient interest may have been created for a 'home team' to be taught. The idea has already been discussed with the Vicar, so it may well be that before long Cothelstone bells will once more echo the Sunday callings of their neighbouring towers out across the Deane to the distant Brendon Hills.

G. MARCHANT.

TRYING WILTSHIRE TOWERS
'A Day's Hard'

Bells not often heard were included in a visit to 14 South Wiltshire towers by nine keen ringers, including John C. Sawtell and Kingsley C. Jones. This account of the day, which took place on August 24th, they suggest should be called 'A day's hard.'

A start was made at Corsley, and on the 14 cwt. 'six' the standard of the day's ringing was set, with methods up to Cambridge. The sequence of towers was Horningsham, Maiden Bradley, Stourton to Mere, where the 23 cwt. eight were tidily hung in a metal frame by Llewellin and James, of Bristol, some 50 years ago, and in spite of plain bearings provided good ringing and music.

A brief excursion was made into Dorset to ring at Motcombe (6, 8 cwt.), an easy-going ring by Warners, of the last century. The left-handed six at East Knoyle was followed by the heaviest six in the county at Semley, a ring the party was unable to take full advantage of. A broken treble rope was replaced at Donhead St Mary before the Salisbury Guild practice meeting. Tisbury bells, that had not been rung for some years, were a fine ring, hung on two levels by Gillett and Johnston. Fovant bells were unringable as, like Zeals, the tower is unsafe.

After tea came Wylye (some also visited Boyton), Codford St. Peter and finally All Saints', Chitterne, rehung by Mears and Stainbank only last year and deserving of a regular band, which they lack.

WITH EAST DEVON RINGERS

A very wet start was made on November 2nd in the trip to Wiltshire, well organised by Charles and Colin Turner (Ottery St. Mary). With support from Sidmouth and Sidbury, a punctual start was made on the heavy eight at Frome, where we were pleasantly surprised to be joined by Reg Woodley and his wife. John Manley made the long journey from Newport (Mon) to be with us, so we were well blessed with conductors. Some well struck Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round here by Colin Turner.

Over the border into Wilts, a short stop for lunch ('in hand') at Melksham, and we pressed on to Swindon All Saints'. A course of Grandsire Caters was brought through by Cyril Deem, but, alas, subsequent touches did not do justice to this excellent 10.

Returning to Wootton Bassett we were met by that stalwart 'Otter' Louis Wilson. Denying his eighty odd years, we were pleased to have him join us in some good Stedman Triples, ably conducted by Reg Woodley. Louis was delighted to ring again with young George Betts, as they had not met for nearly 30 years.

Somewhat regretfully we set off for Warminster, where the mellow eight were soon going well to Kent Major, with Charles Turner in charge. John Manley was also successful with Plain Bob. Some 30 miles nearer home our last call was the lovely ring at Crewkerne where, after several methods came back into rounds, our ringing was brought to an end with a well struck touch of Oxford Bob Triples.

Our thanks are due to the organisers, incumbents and those who met us so promptly at the towers.

J. H. N.

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KIPPIN'S HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR

ON Saturday, August 31st, two cars left Southampton bound for the small but famous village of Eardisland, carrying Carolyn Vibet, John Faithfull, Maurice Butler, Michael Thomas, Chris Kippin and David House. After a brief halt at Andover, to pick up Hilary Kippin and Peter Joyce, our path led to Purton, Wilts. Here numbers were further increased by Brian Bladon, Ron Marlow and Raymond Haines London and Cambridge were rung on the fine six before we hurried on to Cheltenham to meet Louise Taylor and have lunch. Our first effort on eight at Ruardean, Glos, included Bristol and five-spliced, the party being strengthened by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin. After the sixes at Goodrich, Llangarren and St. Weonards another meal was disposed of in Hereford. At the White Swan, Eardisland, we were warmly welcomed by Leslie Evans. The arrival of Frances Rickard and Tony Davidson from Truro completed the party.

On Sunday morning we were wakened to the sound of a tape-recording of Eardisland bells, thoughtfully put on by the landlord. In the ringing for Sung Eucharist we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway, of Leatherhead, who spent the week-end with us. We were welcomed by the Vicar at the beginning of his sermon and two were even pressed to sing in the choir. Afternoon ringing was at Eye, Kimbolton, Kingsland and Wigmore, and ringing for Evensong at Ludlow. Here we were glad to welcome Kay Moore, of Lichfield.

THE GRAB BEGINS

On Monday the grabbing began in earnest. From the good eight at Ledbury we went on to Eastnor (6) and Colwall (8). Next came Coddington (6) and the beautiful eight at Malvern Link After Mathon (6) and Cradley (6) a break was made for tea. Unfortunately time was limited on the pleasant ten at Leominster. After a brief touch of Grandsire Caters, an excellent course of London Royal was tapped round. Back at the hotel a pleasant evening was spent.

A start was made at Burghill (8) on Tuesday, followed by Pipe and Lyde (6), Lugwardine (8), where a request for Quedgeley was acceded to, and then the first five of the tour, Weston Beggard, where New Bob was the highlight. The noble six at Withington were greatly admired, but the next six, Sutton St. Nicholas, provided a contrast in every way. Two more heavy sixes followed—Marden and Wellington. The last tower of the day was Bodenham, a good Gillett and Johnston six. Tuesday night was a rowdy one, and two of the martyrs who had kindly volunteered to sleep at the cafe across the road were evicted—a tragic event! However, they managed to put up with the hotel for the rest of the week.

Wednesday took us to Leintwardine (8), Clun (6) and Clunbury (8). Knighton (8 bells) was our first tower in Wales, and after lunch we rang on the other eight in Radnorshire, Presteigne. The sixes at New and Old Radnor followed, and after a much-enjoyed meal of faggots, chips and peas at Leominster, a visit was made to the five at Stoke Prior. Here we were joined by the Rev. Arthur Roberts, of Carbis Bay, who was looking after the parish during his holiday. At the end of our ringing here, the total of changes rung was 19,843; unfortunately the record was not kept up till the end of the tour.

YORKSHIRE PEAL LOST

At breakfast on Thursday a knock on the window heralded the arrival of Don and Kay Exell, who joined us for the rest of the tour. Eight of the company attempted a peal of Yorkshire at Eardisland, which was lost after an unfortunate understanding after an hour's good ringing. The rest of the party rang at Dilwyn (6), Weobley (6) and Norton Canon (5). After the party had been reunited ringing followed at Staunton-on-Wye (6) and Holmer (6). The afternoon was spent in Hereford. Ringing at the Cathedral included Yorkshire and London Royal, but those listening outside enjoyed it most. Other towers visited were All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6) and Aymestry (6).

On Friday morning we left our organiser and his girl-friend standing outside the hotel, but his absence was noted at the first tower, Hampton Bishop (6), and a car was sent back for him. Holme Lacey's eight were not greatly admired, the fourth being cracked, but Much Dewchurch's six were pleasant. The eight at Ross-on-Wye were enjoyed by all. Alas! Kings Caple's six were the worst of the tour. We went on to Fownhope (6) and Woolhope (6). Here the church was closed for repair, and on arriving home we found a letter withdrawing permission to ring. The evening was spent at Eardisland practice night, where we were joined by another touring band from Sussex.

On arrival at Glasbury-on-Wye on Saturday we found we were unable to ring. Our thanks are due to Colin Lewis for arranging ringing at Talgarth (6), so we still managed to ring in seven counties. After the five at Clyro, we went to Clifford (8), where a good course of Glasgow and a touch of eight-spliced were rung. Ringing went on at Whitney (5), Eardisley (6), Almeley (6), Kington (6) and Lyonshall (6), then finally on the justly famous five at Pembridge.

The second annual meeting of the party, fondly called 'Kippin's Kreeps,' was held in the public bar of the hotel, and after the election of new members the venue for 1964 was chosen—Derbyshire. A small presentation was made to Chris in appreciation of a great deal of hard work.

On Sunday morning, after farewells nad been said to Charles, Jessie and Hilary Kippin and Peter Joyce, we rang for the last time at Eardisland, and, at Matins, criticised Chris at the organ. Afternoon ringing was at Upton Bishop (6), Linton (6) and Aston Ingham (6), then, after a stop at Gloucester, we reached Swindon in time to ring a course of Cambridge Royal at Christ Church, a fitting end to a wonderful tour.

Three Surprise Royal methods were rung, 10 Surprise Major, as well as five, six and eight spliced and 12 Surprise Minor methods as well as all the usual plain methods.

D. E. H.

OUTINGS

LITTLE ASTON

Although the date for the annual outing was later than usual, Little Aston ringers and friends were favoured with a fine day for their visit to the Cotswolds on October 26th. Bishop's Cleeve, the first tower, proved to have a very pleasant ring of eight, where the local captain joined in a touch of Stedman. Next was the fine Norman church of Elkstone, and New Bob was accomplished on the easy-going five. A hurried sandwich lunch was eaten on the way to Rendcomb (a ground floor ring of six). The bells were difficult to hear (especially while our Vicar was playing the organ!), but London was managed without too much difficulty. Some good fast ringing was enjoyed on the light six at North Cerney (a saddleback tower), before going to Lechlade, our heaviest ring of the day. By this time we were ready for tea at Bourton-on-the-Water, which was followed by a visit to the famous model village, and then a ring on the excellent eight. Bristol was achieved here and Lincolnshire brought the day's ringing to a close.

Our grateful thanks to Mike for the arrangements and those who made it possible for us to ring.

K. M.

BALDOCK, HERTS

Arranged by Mr. E. G. Buck, Baldock ringers and friends had an enjoyable half day outing on October 12th into Essex. Ringing started on the fairly light octave at St. John the Baptist, Woodford, and after a break for tea on the heavy bells of St. Margaret's, Barking. A long drive brought us to Stanford-le-Hope, where the bells are of very good tone, and finally Brentwood for the best ringing of the day on bells that pleased us immensely. Thanks to all who contributed to such an enjoyable outing.

A. C. D. M.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Reporting on the Association committee meeting to the quarterly meeting of the Northern District, held at Felsted on November 16th, the District Ringing Master said he hoped they would consider an addition to the title of the Association incorporating the words 'Chelmsford Diocese,' like 'The Essex Association and Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.' This was to enable towers transferred from Essex to London under the Greater London Act to maintain their connection with the Association.

It was agreed that the annual District meeting would be more central if held at Braintree, Bocking, Halstead and Coggeshall in rotation.

A letter was received from Kelvedon, inviting the District to hold its annual meeting at Kelvedon on the same day as the rededication of the bells. The meeting, in thanking Kelvedon, thought it would be if a separate date was arranged. Dunmow also invited the District, but it was thought it would be better to visit this tower in the early spring. Finally, it was agreed to hold the annual meeting at Coggeshall on January 11th.

The Master closed the meeting with thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Vick) for conducting the service and his welcome, to Peter Wood for playing the organ and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. Ringing, which ranged from call changes to London Surprise, continued until 8 p.m.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.W. Branch

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Vicar of Clawton and chairman of the Branch, preached at the annual meeting of the N.W. Branch, held at Bradworthy on November 9th. The Vicar (Rev. A. Proctor) conducted the service, which was attended by about 35 members and ringing friends from Coombe Martin, Westleigh, Lamerton and Plymouth. The president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, was also present.

Local ladies provided a marvellous tea, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the present officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. J. G. M. Scott; secretary and treasurer, R. G. Pearce; Ringing Master, C. Sangwin; General Committee: R. C. Callocott, H. Stacey and W. H. R. Smale. Next year's meetings will be at Bideford and Northam, July 25th, and Clawton, November 14th. (Will other secretaries, please note!) Good wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed to Mr. Tom Myers, who is in hospital.

Ringing consisted of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. with rounds and call changes for beginners. Lutcombe and Holsworthy towers were also visited during the evening.

R. P.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Sutton-on-Trent has a high reputation for hospitality and this was surely proved by the large number of members and visitors who attended the meeting there on November 16th.

The eight bells were rung during the afternoon and well into the evening to a wide variety of methods, including Surprise Major and Erin Triples, and there was very little need for rounds only, as most of the learners present had progressed to elementary change ringing. During the afternoon a small party visited the church of the Holy Rood, Ossington (6).

A sumptuous tea was prepared in the Church Hall by lady ringers and helpers, and this was preceded by a shortened Evensong, conducted by Canon R. T. Keal. At the business meeting, the District chairman welcomed visitors from the Bingham, Mansfield and Nottingham Districts, and gave a warm vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting such a success.

Next meeting: District annual, Newark, January 18th.

B. N. R.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.

Rung half-muffled

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Collins 1, Miss F. Proctor 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, R. Snack 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (three methods, 1, 3 leading): T. Gilligan 1, J. Cuss 2, H. Palmer (first quarter) 3, A. Keen 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, G. Newman 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. K. Thompson 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, M. D. Barsby 3, R. Wilmore 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. First of Stedman by all the band.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bradfield 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, B. Akerman (first quarter) 6.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—At St. Anne's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Z. Ogilvie 1, Mrs. Rachel Lewis 2, J. M. Payton 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, M. Rose 7, Hilary Griffiths 8.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Richards (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, G. Neilson (first 'inside') 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. Phillimore 6. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Templeman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, T. Phillimore 3, J. Stockbridge 4, C. Beeching 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen 1, J. F. Payne 2, J. H. Payton 3, A. Edwards 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. Bura 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (treble and tenor covering): H. Tocock (first quarter) 1, Margaret Chapple (first quarter) 2, J. Dieppe (first 'inside') 3, Mary Adamson 4, E. Eldridge 5, T. Tocock 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, R. Davis 8.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. Chapman 1, H. Kilby 2, J. J. Morris 3, R. Chapman 4, B. C. Law 5, B. Chapman (cond.) 6.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Andrews 1, V. Tubby 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Berry 4, R. Hornby (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley 1, Rosemary Rich 2, Dorothy Humphris 3, R. A. F. Clark 4, C. W. Bailey 5, S. C. Scott (cond.) 6.

HALLING, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Osenton 1, C. Underdown 2, D. Osenton 3, D. Garrett 4, C. Osenton (cond.) 5, L. White 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Barker 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, J. Heaps 4, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast, Foster Lane, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. J. Dennis (first of Minor) 1, Vivien Rowe 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, R. O. Humphries 4, T. G. Pett 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew's and Grandsire): H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, R. Stubbs 3, J. Parish 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jackson 1, Miss B. Penny 2, Miss L. Brown (cond.) 3, F. Lane 4, W. Cropley 5. First quarter by Naseby's own Sunday band.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss A. Lightfoot 1, Miss K. Pilsbury 2, Miss C. Johnston 3, Miss E. Fearn 4, Miss C. Fernley 5, A. McFall 6, B. Jones 7, J. Gilden (cond.) 8.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. Tallis, Jun. 1, R. E. Tallis, Sen. 2, P. J. Rothera 3, Jennifer M. Cook 4, P. S. Bennett 5, R. G. Morris 6, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes (100th quarter on bells) 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280, Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. F. Bird 4, J. H. Bluff 5, F. T. Boyall 6, B. Harris 7, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, Jane Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, H. DeCombe 4, Mary White 5, K. Tipper 6.

PINNER, MIDDX.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Cartwright (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paull 6, M. Took 7, R. Rattenbury 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Potts (first quarter) 1, A. Lane 2, R. Gale 3, A. Gould 4, Mrs. G. Simmonds 5, R. Way 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. Gale 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Helliwell (first quarter) 1, A. G. Rose 2, P. Sloman 3, L. Beal 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, A. Cansdale (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Cooles 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, B. J. Bull 5, B. H. Coatsworth (first of Kent Major 'inside') 6, D. C. Brookes 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 2. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Kitching (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Thurman (first 'inside') 2, R. Guest 3, M. Kitching 4, G. M. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6.

ST. MELLONS, MONS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Neale 1, N. Crowther 2, Miss S. Lowe (first quarter) 3, L. Hulbert 4, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 5, N. Simon 6. First of Minor 1 and 5.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 2, L. Cooper 3, H. Wittering 4, D. Taplin 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Lawrence 7, W. Munson (covering) 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Valerie Binsted 1, Kathleen S. Fuller 2, Christine M. Fuller (first as cond. in two methods) 3, R. J. Fuller 4, D. R. Fuller 5, W. A. Binstead 6.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND. — 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Elaine Murcott 1, W. L. Gofton 2, Wendy Aird 3, A. Best 4, R. Alder Gofton 5, W. G. Halford 6, R. S. Mallaburn 7, R. A. Gofton (cond.) 8.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—1,320 College Delight Minor: Miss S. Poppleston 1, J. Shonfeld 2, R. A. G. Benfield 3, P. Humphrey 4, S. Humphrey 5, M. Poppleston (cond.) 6. First of Delight for the band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For over 50 years the Cambridge University Guild attempted a peal of Stedman on handbells, but without success. Various bands tried to score such a peal, including E. H. Lewis and the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, and, in more recent years, bands of non-residents have made regular attempts. On Friday, November 15th, Stedman Caters was rung at their first attempt by a band of resident members.

Prittlewell ringers raised £31 10s. towards new lighting in the tower by a rummage sale held on November 2nd.

The Editor acknowledges annual reports of the Chester and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. These reports are most useful in tracing people.

The peal rung at Blewbury on November 9th (see page 787) was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. R. Rainford, who has completed 56 years ringing at Lancaster R.C. Cathedral, was honoured by friends ringing a quarter of Bristol Surprise Major at Scorton on November 3rd.

Mr. W. F. Moreton writes: The method 'Banbury,' rung in the peal at Rotherham on November 9th, is down in Corrigan's Royal Collection as 'Daventry,' but it is not an acceptable extension of Daventry Major and so has been renamed.

By ringing the tenor to a peal of Bob Major at Chobham on November 16th, Mr. D. G. Blows completes the circle in eight peals, and none lost! A straight eight. The band would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wells on the birth of a son, and the Vicar on the birth of his first granddaughter.

Probably other readers have experienced the same difficulty as Mr. A. S. Phelips, of Littlestone, Kent, who writes that while on holiday he had the greatest difficulty in finding details of bells and ringing times from many churches. The only exception was Sidmouth: here, on the main church notice board was a coloured drawing of a bell, together with number of bells, weight of tenor and ringing times on Sundays and practice nights.

Ringers at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, have a dismal prospect ahead of them. Last week the sixth bell became badly cracked during practice. The Church Council express little hope that any money will be available within the next few years for recasting. They also state that they will not give the ringers permission to obtain the money themselves. There will be no further ringing until the situation improves.

In the peal at Checkendon on November 2nd (page 772), it was Barry J. Davies who rang his 50th peal, and not as shown.

For his 100th peal, Mr. A. William Bird rang the same bell at Wrentham, Suffolk, on which he rang his first peal. Mr. Charles Bailey took part in both peals.

A small stone from a piece of jewellery was found recently in the belfry of St. Clement Danes' Church. It will be returned to the owner on application to Mr. E. A. Barnett.

On October 29th five Scouts who had been taught to ring at North Weald, Essex, were examined by Mr. D. Riley and all passed for their certificate to wear the bellringer's badge.

The Essex Association is contemplating a change of name to incorporate the words 'Chelmsford Diocese.' The reason is to maintain connection with towers in the London area which will not be in Essex.

The peal at Burley, Leeds, on November 16th, was rung by members and friends of the Leeds University Union Campanological Society to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Society's first peal and as a birthday compliment to Professor H. Irving.

The annual 'Bellringers' Sunday' at St. Mary's, Sileby, Leicestershire, on November 17th, proved to be a very busy day for the ringers. Besides the normal service ringing, a handbell peal was rung in the belfry during the afternoon and a quarter peal on the tower bells prior to the evening service. Both morning and evening services included hymn tunes rung on the handbells, four members of the team being only 12 or 13 years old. Many of the congregation took the opportunity to see the ringers at work as they rang for half an hour after Evensong.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	Clifford A. Barron	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	John S. Mason	8
Alan F. Thirst	3	George E. Fearn	9
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Trevor N. Bailey	10
George W. Pipe	5	John A. Anderson	11
Peter Border	6	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The conductor has now called 12-bell peals in 50 different towers.

TEN BELL PEALS

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*Frances M. Rickard	*Treble*	†Harry Stacey	6
Margaret A. Bould	2	Frederick E. Day	7
Yvonne C. Porter	3	H. Frederick Myers	8
D. Roy Bould	4	Anthony J. Davidson	9
A. William Myers	5	Walter H. Marks	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Day.
* First peal on ten, and in the method. † First on ten 'inside.'
Rung specially by the band to wish Thomas G. Myers (captain of St. Andrew's) a rapid recovery from his illness and return to the tower.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Denis A. Frith	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	6
Maralyn Gibbs	2	Derek G. Astridge	7
Beryl Cawser	3	Harold Taylor	8
David W. Parkin	4	Denis R. Carlisle	9
*Alan Bridges	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 50th peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Mrs. M. Stimson	*Treble*	John M. Jelley	6
†Arthur J. Stimson	2	Roland H. Cook	7
†Michael T. Stimson	3	Harry Clayton	8
Shirley Burton	4	Peter J. Staniforth	9
Michael D. Staniforth	5	‡Sydney E. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. Shirley Burton's first peal, which was rung at this church on November 8th, 1913.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 4 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

*Malcolm E. Wade	*Treble*	G. Barry Brown	6
William A. Lacey	2	A. Maxwell Lindsay	7
Robert E. Hardy	3	Geoffrey M. Brewin	8
David G. Wilford	4	Alan E. Hartley	9
J. Barry Pickup	5	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by H. O. Wilde. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal on ten bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 18 methods, being 360 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Mirfield, Whitby and Yorkshire, and 240 each of Banbury, Lindsey, London, Marsden, Oakham, Ossett, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Rutland, Selby and York; with 122 changes of method. Tenor 34¼ cwt.

Neil Donovan	*Treble*	Vernon Bottomley	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Gordon Benfield	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	8
Donald H. Niblett	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
J. Henry Fielden	5	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Donald H. Niblett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
Most methods rung to a peal of Royal.
Banbury: 30—30, 14—12—30—14—50—36—70—18. hl 9, lh 2, 1426.
Ossett: —30—16—50—18—14—50—16—30—14. hl 1, lh 2, 1426.
Ranmoor: —30—14—50—16—14—50—16—50—14. hl 1, lh 2, 1426.
These three methods are rung for the first time.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	6
Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	2	I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	3	J. R. Hough (Jesus)	8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath.'s)	4	S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	9
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.
First peal of Cambridge Royal by all the band except the ringers of the treble and tenor.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare).

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Patrick J. Bird	*Treble*	Edward J. Chivers	6
Richard J. Bowden	2	†William F. Slocombe	7
Barbara Wylde	3	Albert M. Tyler	8
*D. John Hunt	4	†Geoffrey Davies	9
Antony R. Kench	5	Brian J. Wylde	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* 250th peal. † First of Stedman Caters.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

Janet K. Secker	*Treble*	Lucy E. E. Smith	6
T. Felicity Webber	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Mary Marshall	3	Frederick J. Sage	8
Jane Foster	4	John Manley	9
Patricia E. Buss	5	John J. Coates	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
First 10-bell peal for the Society.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan.
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

Susan Newman	*Treble*	Derek E. Sibson	6
E. Jane Sibson	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	*Frank J. Matthews	8
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Peter Beresford	9
Edwin A. Barnett	5	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	*Treble*	Albert W. Dyer	5
Mrs. M. M. Godley	2	Nigel J. Maggs	6
*Arthur H. Reed	3	H. E. George Jeanes	7
James E. Brewer	4	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.
* 200th peal for the Association.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Malcolm E. Wade	*Treble*	A. James Poyner	5
A. Maxwell Lindsey	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Divid G. Wilford	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Geoffrey M. Brewin	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Halls and D. Carlisle.
Conducted by Geoffrey M. Brewin.
First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of sixth, and for the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 YIEWSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 348), which is now renamed.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MURIEL TURNER	*Treble*	W. THOMAS TURNER	5
JOHN BAGNALL	2	RAYMOND SUART	6
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	3	A. HEDLEY WOOD	7
JAMES E. BURLES	4	WILLIAM WALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM WALL.
* First peal. First as conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

ROGER E. TALLIS	*Treble*	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
*IAN C. MAYCOCK	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
PETER S. BENNETT	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6). Conducted by R. W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to John H. Fielden.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*I. JOHN	*Treble*	J. EVANS	5
GEO. KERLEY	2	DAVID KERLEY	6
*DES. KERLEY	3	*GEOFFREY KERLEY	7
J. GOODFELLOW	4	L. DARCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID KERLEY.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (November 4th, 1913).

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	EDWARD W. COLLEY	5
FREDERICK ROSS	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
SUSAN FUNNELL	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Rung on the 25th anniversary of the death of Canon F. J. O. Helmore, for 38 years hon. general secretary of this Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER SAYER	5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	*LESLIE F. BAILEY	7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.
A wedding compliment to George H. Moore and Miss Susan M. Cowell, both members of the St. Remigius' company.

YIEWSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
58 4.58—12.38.14—14.5.14—14.5
8ths place L.E. 6ths place bobs.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	JOHN ROBINSON	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	6
DEREK A. ASHTON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
*JOHN F. BARLOW	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal of Bristol. A coming-of-age peal for ringer of tenor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. PARKER	5
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	6
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	3	†PETER ADCOCK	7
†THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. T. E. Spight, of Wymondham.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of every method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	BASIL JONES	6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	FRANK OSBALDISTON	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

PETER BRIDLE	*Treble*	DON C. EXELL	5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	6
*SHIRLEY M. DREW	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 100th peal together.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

PHILIP ROTHERA	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
*MICHAEL J. COWLING	3	†JAMES L. TOWLER	7
IAN R. PANTON	4	‡PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major. † 75th peal. ‡ 200th peal. 50th of Surprise Major as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	DEREK ASHTON	5
JOHN C. BALDWIN	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	3	PHILIP H. D. JONES	7
J. DAVID ATKINSON	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.
First peal in the method for all except treble ringer.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*PATRICIA A. MORRIS	*Treble*	‡JOHN M. JELLEY	5
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	2	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
W. ERNEST RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
†RALPH ELKINGTON	4	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method. ‡ Completed Minor to Maximus on tower bells and 'in hand.' First in the method as conductor on tower bells. First of Major in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

NEIL BENNETT	*Treble*	PETER J. MALLOCH	5
JOHN F. BARLOW	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
RONALD M. EDWARDS ..	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
*JOHN A. BOOTH	4	DEREK A. ASHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 1). Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Surprise.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG.. ..	5
IRIS THOMSON	2	NORMAN ERRINGTON	6
M. ELAINE MURCOTT.. ..	3	GEORGE S. DEAS..	7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

STANLEY ANDERTON	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	2	†BERNARD MOSS..	6
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
*JOHN PARSONS	4	JOHN ASHCROFT..	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal.
In memoriam Mrs. May Windle, member of the Association since 1919.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GORDON H. LANE	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	5
*COLIN LORD	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON.. ..	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	3	*JOHN K. SMITH..	7
*DONALD L. HOOPER	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD W. COLLEY ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUNBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE..	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	5
[illegible] BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
JANE SIBSON	3	DEREK E. SIBSON..	7
NICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

SUNBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.36—14—3.16—36.1
2nds place L.E. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ANTHONY HELLIWELL ..	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
JUDITH WINTERBOTTOM ..	2	ERIC WALL	5
RICHARD PARKER..	3	*ROBERT ARMSTRONG.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD PARKER.
* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Sun., Sept. 10, 1962, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Newborough and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. LLOYD	*Treble*	COLIN A. LEWIS..	4
*ROBIN L. HUGHES	2	JOHN W. HOPE	5
ROBERT A. HATCHER ..	3	DANZEY H. WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.
* First peal 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	*Treble*	CHRISTINE M. KEELER ..	4
*TERRY R. HATCHETT.. ..	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER ..	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal in seven methods.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*STEPHEN F. HIGH	*Treble*	CHARLES BAILEY	4
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	PETER KINDRED	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich, (2 and 3) Beverley, (4 and 5) Surfleet, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

IVAN S. MERRY..	*Treble*	*K. PAUL GILLIVER	4
*MRS. JILL BELCHER	2	LAWRENCE WATKINS.. ..	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal in more than one Surprise method.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in G.

MRS. D. CUBITT..	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	PETER ADCOCK	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
Rung by candlelight.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: 20 of Plain Bob, 14 of Grandsire and four each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's; with four different callings for each method. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*SIMON F. I. RUTTER .. *Treble*		*†RUTH CARR 4	
MICHAEL J. UPHILL 2		GERALD W. REYNOLDS .. 5	
*ROBERT J. COOLES 3		‡J. HOWARD GAZE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First of Doubles as conductor. First in four methods for all the band.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*REGINALD G. POWELL .. *Treble*		*JAMES E. WIGHTMAN 4	
C. WILLIAM NUTT 2		*COLIN SMITH 5	
JAMES WARD 3		PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.

* First peal of Minor in nine methods. First of Minor in nine methods as conductor. Rung for All Saints' Day.

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of London Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

CHRISTINE SANDERS .. *Treble*		DAVID J. ALLEN 4	
MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 2		IAN C. MAYCOCK 5	
*GEOFFREY W. RANDALL .. 3		PETER S. BENNETT .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

* First peal in four methods.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*PETER STANTON .. .. *Treble*		DAVID SWIFT 4	
VALERIE LACEY 2		RON CARTER 5	
CELIA HARRIS 3		TOM HARRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER M. BROWN *Treble*		†MRS. J. RENDER 4	
*JOAN HINGLEY 2		JOHN POTTS 5	
G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 3		ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal attempt. † 50th peal.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A.

ROGER W. SMITH .. .. *Treble*		ALAN A. PAUL 3	
RONALD RUSSELL 2		GEORGE F. ROOME 4	
GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jones on their 25th wedding anniversary.

SELBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents of Stedman and eight each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANCIS W. MITCHELL .. *Treble*		BETTY J. DAYSH 3	
RAMON A. STONE 2		KENNETH G. WALLER 4	
CHARLES E. BASSETT .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. First on the bells. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

DONALD F. MURFET .. .. *Treble*		A. GEORGE ORBELL 4	
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 2		*DAVID W. SWEET 5	
COLIN JOHNSON 3		ALAN M. BARBER .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Johnson.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Old Bob, (2 and 3) Candlesby Slow Course, (4 and 5) St. Nicholas', (6 and 7) Winchendon Place, (8 and 9) Eynsham, (10 and 11) St. Simon's, (12 to 15) St. Martin's, (16 and 17) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (18 to 20) Grandsire, (21 and 22) Southrepps Pleasure, (23 and 24) Clifford's Pleasure, (25 to 28) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (29 to 31) Kennington, (32 to 36) April Day, (37 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

DAVID E. ARCHER .. .. *Treble*		M. ALEC BEAUMONT 4	
EDWIN P. KING 2		MICHAEL KING 5	
ANDREW KING 3		ALEC BEAUMONT .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by MICHAEL KING.

First peal in 15 methods for all.

Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band as a tribute to the Fallen.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. *Treble*		GEORGE CHALLANS 4	
MALCOLM PHIPPS 2		FRANK COOKE 5	
HERBERT T. ROOKE 3		DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTIN WALKER .. .. *Tenor*		JACK BRAY 4	
RONALD CHAFER 2		JOHN HALL 5	
C. AUBREY HARRISON 3		MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Lord and Lady Worsley.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DYE .. .. *Treble*		DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	
ROBERT J. LINDSELL 2		ALAN R. SYDER 5	
JOE E. G. ROAST 3		PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, with five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. *Treble*		*†J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 4	
*MICHAEL G. GODWIN .. 2		BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5	
*ROGER I. KENDRICK 3		B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † 25th peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN F. BOWLER .. .. *Treble*		NOEL R. WAITE 4	
DAVID W. STRUCKETT .. 2		MICHAEL HATCHETT 5	
GEOFFREY RIGLAR 3		HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

HANDBELL PEALS

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At 22, Castleton Grove,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 19 methods in seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Lammas, Steventon, Walsingham and Cromer Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (3) London Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob and Double Court; (4) St. Clement's Bob and College, (5) Single Oxford Bob and Single Court, (6) Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
*Alan R. Patterson .. .. 5—6

* First peal in 19 methods. The greatest number of methods rung 'in hand' for the Association.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brook-Cave variation.

*Enid L. Roberts .. .. 1—2 | †Thomas W. Goodyer .. 5—6
†William D. Watson .. 3—4 | †John J. Cummins .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' † First of Stedman.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. .. .. 1—2 | John M. Jelley .. .. 5—6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3—4 | *Alfred Ballard .. .. 7—8

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method. First in the method to be rung on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
At Wayside Cottage,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Gerald Penney .. .. 1—2 | A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 3—4
†Roger D. R. Brown .. 5—6

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 50th handbell peal. † First peal.
A birthday compliment to Roger D. R. Brown.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Humphrey Perkins School.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in F.

Dan S. Pont .. .. .. 1—2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6
Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 3—4 | Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At 170, Headstone Lane.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 of London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas J. Lock .. .. 1—2 | John R. Mayne .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | *Frank C. Price .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods on handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 5, Moat Close.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 13 in F.

John R. Mayne .. .. .. 1—2 | *S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' pair.

HALF PEALS

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: I. Gocher 1, D. Mullins 2, M. I. Davey 3, D. Smith 4, J. Nelson 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First half peal for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 13th 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Mullins 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, M. Turner (first half peal) 3, D. Smith 4, J. Nelson 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. By Warnham Sunday service band.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wensley 1, W. Marsh 2, H. Purchase 3, H. Attwell 4, F. Paramore (cond.) 5, B. Chivers 6. For the visit of ringer of 3.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: W. W. Ring 1, Violet I. E. Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, G. Stewart 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church on Nov. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Cecilia Newman 1, F. H. Gates 2, Rosemary Jenkins 3, Hilda F. Oakshott 4, R. T. Newman (cond.) 5, P. J. Spice 6, M. F. Oakshott 7, W. J. Rawlings 8. For the Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Rochester.

BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Pickett (cond.) 1, P. Worthy 2, A. Pointon 3, R. M. Bourne 4, W. Bourne 5, R. H. Cumberlidge 6. First quarter 2 and 4. To honour 60 years of ringing at this Church by G. H. Hall.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church on All Souls' Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pratt 1, Miss J. Williams 2, B. Imber 3, G. W. Shanks 4, M. D. Martineau (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. In memory of all deceased members, especially T. W. Taffender, who died recently.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, T. Look 2, Mrs. L. Crocker (first of Triples) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, A. C. Bown 5, F. J. White 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. T. Higgins 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Susan Smith 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Squire Croft 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Privett (first of Triples) 1, Carolyn White 2, T. W. White 3, Patricia J. Laycock 4, Pamela R. Gough 5, D. A. R. May 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, R. J. C. Hagley 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of his funeral in memoriam Robert Henry Hutton, aged 85, a faithful member of Holy Trinity Society of Change Ringers, 1899-1957. R.I.P.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. E. Woodall 1, L. W. Clissett 2, H. Shilvock 3, Molly Tromans 4, M. Irene Ellsmore 5, I. Greenhall 6, A. Bryan Ellsmore (cond.) 7, A. Hackett 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all. A 17th birthday compliment to Michael C. Lashford.

HALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Osenton 1, Gillian F. Parks 2, D. Garrett 3, C. Underdown 4, D. Osenton Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. Osenton 1, (cond.) 5, L. White 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. Osenton 1, D. Osenton (cond.) 2, D. Garrett 3, C. Underdown 4, C. Osenton 5, L. White 6. Rung for the Feast of the Dedication.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Penney (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Durston (first quarter) 2, Mary Hawkins (first as cond.) 3, H. Hawkins 4, B. Hawkins 5, Rev. A. G. Durston (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal since rehanging and augment ng in 1962.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Durham Surprise Minor: Violet I. E. Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, J. V. Richards 3, G. Stewart 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

HORSPATH, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 420 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): F. C. White 1, B. R. White 2, N. H. Leslie 3, D. A. Leslie (cond.) 4, E. R. Venn 5, F. A. White 6. First time bells rung since rehanging.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, Christine Mould 2, G. W. Elmes 3, E. G. Mould 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, A. S. Harrison 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Hambly 1, E. Ford 2, F. Sangwin 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late C. E. B. Scatliff, organist for over 20 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Gardner 1, J. Yeates 2, C. Kortright (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4, H. Hardwidge 5, O. Quint 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arbury 1, E. H. Marks 2, Miss V. Mellish (first of Grandsire) 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, C. C. Turner 5, E. J. Summers 6, R. I. Quick 7, R. T. G. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. William-Powlett.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harvey (first on eight away from cover) 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. J. Bull (100th quarter) 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, D. C. Brookes 7, Christine M. Cobb (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

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MATTHEWS.—On November 18th, 1963, at 29, Fawcett Crescent, Woodley, Reading, to Sheila (nee Blackwell) and Cyril, a son (Neil Christopher), brother for Ann. 3663

DEATHS

DE JONG.—On November 22nd, 1963, at 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Lionel John, husband of Margaret. 3666

SPREADBURY.—On November 20th, 1963, Margaret Joan, of Queensland Avenue, Edmonton, N.18, wife of Alan Spreadbury, c/o 30, Harlech Road, Southgate, N.14. 3664

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HATCHETT, Michael, change of address to Flat 1, Rectory Road, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, no telephone yet. 3644

PERSONAL

'All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness.' (Ecclesiastes vii, 15.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

DORCHESTER, DORSET (ST PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS). — Ringers' Sunday. Branch practice, Saturday, November 30th, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, December 1st: Holy Communion, 8 a.m., ringing 7.30; Morning service, 11, ringing 10 a.m. Tower open for ringing in the afternoon 2.30-6.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—R. H. Duke, Captain. 3603

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. 3636

MARCH ST. WENDREDA'S.—Winter practices: Alteration of time, last Saturday of month, 6.45-8.30 p.m. All welcome. 3659

PAVENHAM, BEDS.—Rededication of the bells (5) on Saturday, November 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing before and after the service. 3643

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—No practice Friday, November 29th. Visitors welcome to Winter Fair in Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. All requests for visits and peal attempts to Philip Mehew, 37, Vaughan Road, Stotfold, Hitchin. 3678

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner will be held in London, on Saturday, January 4th, 1964. All members welcome. Annual tour, August 15th-22nd, based on Ambleside. Further details of both functions from D. C. Exell, Hon. Sec., 12, Randall Road, Cliftonwood, Bristol, 8. 3629

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Open practice at Staveley on November 30th. Bells (8) available 2-4.30 p.m. All welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3671

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Nomination meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn for those who notify Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. Regret no notification no tea. 3585

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. 3631

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Fishtoft, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, at 5 p.m. For tea please notify W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3624

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. 3608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—(V.W.H. and Swindon Branches).—A combined meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Highworth bells (8) available 6-8 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head, Highworth. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3622

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A.G.M. at Lyme Regis, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. S. Morris, 16, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis. 3598

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting, November 30th at Stanton-on-Hine Heath. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. 3679

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea. 3623

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Wingfield (6), Saturday, November 30th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m.—L. E. Last. 3565

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Banstead on Saturday November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—N. Steene, Ass. Sec. 3650

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m. 3647

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Annual general meeting at Elland on Saturday December 7th. Kindly forward names for tea to Paul Birkett, 43, Langdale Street, Elland. —D. Smith, Sec. 3607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting Milverton (8), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Wrington (10), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, December 5th. — D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 3521

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil, December 7th, 1963. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, for which names are required by December 3rd.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3634

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Beds. and Northants. District) Saturday, December 7th, at Willington. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Special method: Double Court. Names for tea to Mr. D. Wooding, Byways, Station Road, Willington, Bedford.—Miss S. Law, F. W. Rivett, Dis. Secs. 3651

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 7th 3 p.m., Tideswell. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3667

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting at Woodbury, Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 3rd to H. J. Briggs, Post Office, Woodbury. 3581

DEVON GUILD.—N. Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Combe Martin, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Gubb, Home Place, Combe Martin. 3665

DOLGELLAU, BRECON.—Rededication of St Mary's, Dolgellau bells, Saturday, December 7th, 2 p.m. We hope for many ringing visitors. Please write Rectory, Dolgellau, if high tea is required, by December 2nd.—E. W. K. Walton. 3582

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on December 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to me by December 4th at latest.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3635

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with Huntingdon District, December 7th at Over. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3673

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — A.G.M., Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mr. D. Field, 42, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve.—E. Mary Bliss. 3668

CLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, December 7th, Watermoor. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Viners Restaurant, 3s. Names by December 5th to Mr. Lewis, Sen., 31, Chester Street, Cirencester. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Parish Church bells 6.30 p.m. if available.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 3653

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Annual general meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6-7 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell. Branch Sec. 3654

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION
Wotton Branch.

Annual meeting at Wotton (8), Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3675

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford on December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford. 3621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—R. G. Bell, for District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea and business 5 p.m.—J. Pilkington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarn Bank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland. 3681

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting at Standish on Saturday December 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 3646

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, December 7th at Belgrave. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. P. Kesterton, 63, June Avenue, Humberston Lane, Leicester, by December 4th. Methods: Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major. N.B.—Annual meeting now on **January 11th** at Aylestone.—A. James Poynor, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3652

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Banham, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3648

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Loddon, December 7th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Raveningham (5) 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mrs. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, Nor 21 W.—N. P. J. C. Branch Sec. 3573

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, December 7th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 4th to Mr. R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley. 3638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Creaton, Saturday, December 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road Long Buckby, Rugby. 3676

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Boughton, Saturday, December 7th. **Please note change of date.** Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Ave., Northampton. 3606

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, December 7th, Rowde. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by December 4th to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3600

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 2.30 till 3 and 3.30 p.m. onwards. Cups of tea available, please bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 3683

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 7th. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4 p.m.; St James, Clerkenwell, 4-5. Tea 5.15. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18, or T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield Herts. 3618

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Annual reunion and dinner at the **'Pitt and Nelson,' Ashton-under-Lyne,** Saturday, December 7th, 1963, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (17/6d.) from Mr. F. Shallcross, 1, Russell Street, Ashton. Ringing at Mottram (nr. Hyde) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Hyde 2-3 p.m. and another tower to be arranged.—W. A. Lacey, Secretary. 3637

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, December 7th, Gedling. Bells (6) 3 p.m Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham, by December 4th. 3632

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Rushmere St. Andrew's, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. G. Pearce, Dis. Sec. 3661

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, December 7th at Bletchingley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon,' Godstone Road, Blechingley, by December 5th.—G. A. W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Meeting at Hartfield (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. 3587

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, December 7th. St. Peter's 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service. St. John's (Surrey Road) 4.50 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall, followed by ringing. Names **essential** by December 5th to Mrs. D. T. Gardiner, 1, Blair Avenue, Parkstone. 3674

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, December 7th Madresfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, at Malvern Link, followed by tea and meeting in Parish Hall (next to church). Bells (8) after meeting. Practice methods. Worcester and Double Norwich. Names for tea by Tuesday, 3rd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcs. 3616

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on December 14th at Horsted Parva (6), 3-4.45 p.m. Tea 5. Maresfield (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 12th to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3669

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashtead on December 14th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey. 3655

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service (choral) 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 11th, to Mrs. C. W. Pipe, 'Easta, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. Suffolk.—A. E. J. L. 3670

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, December 14th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Daventry, by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock. 3658

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Llanelly, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelly, Carms, by December 9th.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 3657

SOCIETY OF WESSEX SCHOLARS

The next meeting of the Society will be on Dec. 14th, 1963, at Overton, Hants. Bells (8) 6 to 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. As this is essentially a teaching Society, beginners will be especially welcomed. Non-members are cordially invited.

A. R. Carter, Hon. Sec., 37, Wharf Hill, Winchester. 3619

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3639

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Heavitree on Saturday, December 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting following. Cathedral practice 6 p.m. —G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 3649

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—The dedication of the two new trebles at All Saints', Marple, Cheshire, will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 21st, 1963, and will be conducted by the Bishop of Chester. Arrangements as follows: 3-4 p.m. (approx.) service. (No ringing before.) 4-5.30 bells available. 6-7.30, hotpot and apple pie supper in Parish Hall. 7.30-8.30 bells available. Tickets for supper obtainable from R. B. Smith, 20, Tytherington Court, Tytherington Park Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, **before** December 14th, price 2s. 6d. All ringers and friends welcome. 3597

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield, were rung half-muffled on Friday evening, within an hour of the news of President Kennedy's death, by the Sheffield University Society and various visiting ringers.

'Can anybody tell me anything about rings of four in Shropshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire? Preferably weights, founders and dates.'—P. R. Johnson, 3, Lansdowne Avenue, Codsall, Staffs.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOC.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Lydney, December 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to J. Tyler, Furnace Lane, Newent. 3684

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, December 7th. Bells 2.30, Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify Miss P. Goddard, Garden Cottage, Longparish. Barton Stacey after tea. 3685

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BELLS OF ABERDEENSHIRE

ATTENTION has been focused on St. Nicholas' Church, Aberdeen, by the recent letter in 'The Ringing World' from Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, calling attention to a peal of Bob Triples of 5,040 changes rung, according to 'Bell's Life of London' of December 4th, 1859, on the Wednesday previous. Until this publication, the College Youth peal rung at Old Steeple, Dundee, in 1873, was considered to be the first recorded peal in Scotland.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has now, in conjunction with the late Dr. F. C. Eeles, published Part III of the concluding part of 'The Church and other Bells of Aberdeenshire,' and this part tells of the considerable research that has taken place in regard to St. Nicholas' Church, Aberdeen—a church wonderfully rich in bell history.

As far back as 1351 there were two large bells in this church, presented by Provost William Leyth—one dedicated to St. Lawrence and the other to St. Mary. In 1634 Lawrence was recast by the well-known Dutch bellfounder Michael Burgerhuys, of Middelburg, and was known as Old Lowrie. This bell remained in use until the fire of 1874, when it was broken in pieces. The inscription on this bell, in Latin, is translated as follows:—

> 'To the only God be glory. Michael Burgerhuys made me in the year of our Lord 1634. Lo, I, the bell, do not proclaim the praise of that which is unholy. I glorify the Creator. I draw away the fear of thunder, I mourn in solemn tones the departed, I tell of the recurrent rites of faith, I move the heart of man that is joyful; behold me, I am Lawrence. In 1351, William Leyth, Provost of Aberdeen, presented this bell to the church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen. Thereafter a cleft having been made in it at the expense of the community it was recast in the year 1634 while Sir Paul Menzies of Kinmundy, Knight, was Provost.'

There were then three bells. In 1794 one of the bells was sent to London to be recast by Thomas Mears I, and he was instructed to cast an additional bell. In 1803 Mears added another, making a ring of five.

A decision to provide Aberdeen with a complete ring of bells was taken in 1857, when two proposals were submitted by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, to a meeting presided over by the Provost. The scheme adopted was to add two trebles and a heavier bell to the existing five for £465. This provided a tenor in E flat slightly over 32 cwt. The treble was the gift of a Leeds banker, John Smith, and through his generosity members of St. Peter's Company of Ringers, Leeds, and others, came to Aberdeen to try out the bells. On August 30th they rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, and afterwards issued a testimonial in the following terms:—

> 'The St. Peter's Company of change-ringers, Leeds, do hereby certify that the peal of eight bells in St. Nicholas' Church, Aberdeen, are for power and richness of tone, the finest peal of bells for their weight in the United Kingdom. They also consider them in perfect tune. Should a company of young men from 18 to 25 years of age come forward and place themselves under the tuition of Mr. Hubbard, there is no doubt of Aberdeen being put in the possession of as good a set of change-ringers as any other town in the Kingdom can boast of.—William Gawkrodger, President of the Company.'

For a time Hubbard was retained as tutor by the town council, and later a Mr. Healey, of Wakefield, became the instructor. Any prospect of Aberdeen becoming a centre for change-ringing ended with the steeple being gutted by fire in 1874. It was not until 1882 that the council decided against a ring of ten bells with a tenor of 30 cwt. for £1,325, submitted by Messrs. Warners. Acting on the advice of the Rev. H. R. Haweis, they selected a carillon of 37 bells from the Louvain foundry of van Aerschodt for £2,690. The bells, however, were stated to be of poor tone. The carillon was entirely recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, in 1952, and in 1954 the same firm added 11 new bells to complete four octaves. It is the heaviest carillon in Great Britain and is the property of the Corporation.

Mr. Clouston has analysed the bellfounders whose work is found in Aberdeenshire. There are only three pre-Reformation bells—a disused bell at Cruden, dated 1519, a bell at Tough, cast by William Culverden, of London, and a bell at Turriff (1556). Of the Continental bells, the largest number came from the Middelburg foundry on Walcheren Island, Holland. The Severin van Aerschodt carillon of 37 bells (largest, 54 cwt.) has, as previously stated, been recast. Naturally there is local interest in the products of the old Aberdeen Foundry, which seems to have operated since 1686, firstly through the Kilgours and afterwards John Mowat and Andrew Lawson. A number of Scottish founders of the last century and their work is also listed. The Whitechapel Foundry have had a market in the county since 1567, and the work of John Taylor and Co. is also well represented. John Warner and Sons and Gillett and Johnston have also specimens from their foundries, the latter recasting and augmenting the carillon.

The work of the authors merits the attention of all interested in bell history and, selling at 3s. post free, bearing in mind its excellent illustrations, indicates an indebtedness to some good friends. These parts have been reprinted from the proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. XCIV, Session 1960–61.

In Memoriam — John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The assassination of the President of the United States of America on November 22nd, 1963, was followed by a manifestation of world-wide sympathy with his widow and the people of the American nation. Throughout Great Britain bells were rung half-muffled on the following Saturday and Sunday to the memory of a great statesman and a ceaseless worker for international peace. Our first instalment of half and quarter peals rung to his memory and in thanksgiving for his life is printed below:

ABERFORD, WEST YORKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Minimus (in five methods): I. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, E. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): N. Stroud 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, Cherry White 3, Diane Street 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, P. G. Stroud 6. First in six methods for 2, 4 and 5.

ASH, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Hawes (first quarter) 1, Joan Reyner (first quarter) 2, C. J. Harwood (first 'inside') 3, Angela Smart 4, S. Russell 5, P. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Bagg 1, Freda Prime 2, Angela French 3, Janice Haggett 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, K. Cavill 6.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Downham 1, W. H. Hulme 2, J. A. Cooper 3, L. A. Dunsmoore 4, R. E. March (cond.) 5.

BATHWICK, BATH. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 1, Miss M. Viner 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, K. Harrison 4, E. Goater 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. E. Ratcliffe 1, Mrs. J. Ling 2, Mrs. W. Rawlings 3, D. G. Brown 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, A. R. Ling 6, P. W. Cave (cond.) 7, P. Balchin 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda R. Harris 1, E. Gosling 2, S. Gibson 3, D. T. Young 4, R. Gotham 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, A. L. Pearson 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. A. Sone (age 12, first quarter) 1, T. E. Sone 2, Miss J. M. Lambert 3, R. E. Lambert 4, M. T. Lambert 5, A. V. Bromley 6, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 7, J. Pocock 8.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET. — On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: R. W. Young 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, G. W. Elmes 4, H. I. Pitman 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janenne Ansell (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. Bradbury 2, Susan J. Devey 3, Shelagh C. Guthrie 4, Margaret A. Guthrie 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, R. D. Baker 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Lanc (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Martin 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, R. W. Hinde 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Hardy 1, J. Britchford 2, P. Woodgyer 3, Josephine Pole 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6.

ESHER, SURREY. — On Nov. 23rd, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: H. G. Andrews 1, R. A. Yeates 2, P. Felton 3, P. Bryan 4, L. Way 5, P. Brand 6, A. Millidge 7, J. R. Ketteringham (comp. and cond.) 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDX. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley M. Fletcher 1, Bridget A. Sanger 2, M. V. White 3, Margaret Twigg (first quarter) 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6, J. D. Duggan (cond.) 7, D. Reeves 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Fellows 1, Jean F. Barnett 2, W. Mallett (cond.) 3, C. Reeves 4, A. Trueman 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Mack 7, J. A. D. Woolford 8. On the back eight.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse and J. Challinor 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5, R. Larkin 6.

HURST, BERKS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, C. A. Eele 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Challinor 1, C. R. Larkin 2, J. T. Burnup (first 'inside') 3, D. Surman 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, J. Dawson 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Smith 1, Pam Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb 5, J. King (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 2, L. Woodburn 3, R. Clayfield 4, I. S. Merry 5, J. L. Merry 6.

KETTERING, NOTHANTS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Bowen 1, R. F. Turner 2, W. Lawrence 3, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, J. Mitchell 6, D. Bowen 7, A. H. Idle 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Corrigan (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Powell 2, P. Treble 3, M. Bew 4, D. Snoswell 5, P. J. Came (cond.) 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Bowring 1, Mrs. P. H. Morgan 2, N. K. Winspear 3, M. Hoult 4, J. Hoult 5, J. E. Morgan 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, P. D. Lawrence 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Adrian Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bradbrook 1, M. Soper 2, T. Pink 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, C. King 6, L. Tubb 7, W. Langley 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. E. Ivings 3, J. Venn 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, R. Benstead 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON. — At St. Andrew's Church on Nov. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, J. W. Perkins 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. Linnington 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. W. Milford 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Newbury 1, Ann Chettle 2, Brenda Dixon 3, R. Coley 4, S. Hodgkins 5, B. Whitworth 6, L. Priestley 7, A. Gibbs 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.) on Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, R. Stalvies (first quarter) 2, J. Chapman 3, M. R. Meadows 4, D. J. Pearson 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6. Rung by the University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers.

SPOFFORTH, WEST YORKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Minimus (in five methods): I Johnson (first quarter on tower bells) 1, R. Aldington (first quarter 'inside' on tower bells) 2, E. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Runham 1, D. Everett 2, Miss K. Baldwin (first 'inside') 3, A. Haines 4, J. Wells (cond.) 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh 7, H. Haynes 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mary White 1, K. G. Waller 2, K. Sansom 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Binsted 1, R. J. Fuller (first in method as cond.) 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, L. F. Tapp (first 'inside') 4, D. R. Fuller 5, W. A. Binsted 6. Also to welcome the Lord Bishop of Chichester to Evensong.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Comber (first on treble) 1, D. A. E. Roberts 2, John Leppard 3, B. W. Parke 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, D. Comber 6.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, C. Stannard 2, J. A. Underwood 3, J. E. Goodwin 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, J. E. Ivings 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The last meeting in the current year was held at Saxilby on November 16th, and was well attended in spite of the fact that there was a Central Branch meeting at nearby Scothern on the same day.

Towers represented were Haxey, Belton, Gainsborough, Lea, Upton, Willingham, Stow and Saxilby, while visitors from the Central Branch, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire were welcomed. The two special methods, Hereward and St. Albans were frequently called for any many other Minor methods were rung, along with Bob Doubles and rounds for the less skilled.

Due to the Vicar being incapacitated the service was conducted by Mr. G. H. Bingham, a lay reader from Willingham-by-Stow, and an excellent tea provided by local ringers, wives and friends followed.

During the business meeting a reminder to peal ringers was given by the Ringing Master, who said when ropes were adjusted in towers they should be put back to their original length before leaving.

It was mentioned that as the annual meeting is to be held at Gainsborough, an eight-bell tower, and as most members are used to six bells, the special methods should not be complicated. Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Major were chosen; ringing to continue until the service at 6 p.m., which will be followed by tea, the business meeting and a social evening.

The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. G. H. Bingham and to the ladies who provided tea. Ringing was resumed until nearly 9 o'clock.

H. C. G.

OTHERS MIGHT FOLLOW

Grundisburgh ringers had a recent Saturday hop, visiting five or six towers, and after enjoying the bells left 5/- in each church as tangible appreciation.

In his letter of thanks one Vicar writes: 'It is very rare in my experience that anyone troubles to say thank you for such use of bells—and rarer still to cap it with a gift. Many thanks.'

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

In spite of the miserable weather the District's first meeting at Killamarsh on November 9th was quite successful, and most of the local company became new members! The tenor proved difficult to set, nevertheless some good ringing took place on the pleasant 11 cwt. six before tea.

At the short business meeting, which followed tea in the Rectory, Mrs. V. Stones and Messrs. A. Parr, E. Morris, J. Jennings, G. Martin, R. Green and C. Fisher (all of the local company) were elected new members.

The Rector (the Rev. G. S. Cheetham), the local company and the ladies for providing such an excellent tea were thanked.

In the evening methods rung on the half-muffled bells included Killamarsh T.B., London S Minor, Spliced St. Clement's and Kent T.B. together with a very good course of Oxford T.B. with each change repeated.

M. P. P.

HIGHCLERE RINGERS' SERVICE

The second annual bellringers' and choir festival of St. Michael's, Highclere, was celebrated on November 24th. Ringing started at 8 a.m. for Holy Communion and again at 10.30 a.m. for Matins. In the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was rung, in which two ringers scored their first on eight bells. At Evensong Mr. G. Dodd, the captain gave a short talk on the choice of the hymn. 'Abide with me.' There was handbell accompaniment to the singing of this hymn, and also to the hymn 'Now the day is over'; the singers being lady members of the choir. Further ringing followed, in which visitors from Tangley, Bucklebury and Thatcham joined the local band.

G. D.

Adelaide Town Hall Bells Ringable Again

By RONALD K. RUSS

COLONEL WILLIAM LIGHT was one of the early explorers of South Australia, and, one day in 1836, while standing on a hill overlooking the sleepy Torrens River, he had a vision of a beautiful city. He decided this was the place to build the state capital, and named it Adelaide, for the wife of William IV. In 1840 it was incorporated as a city, the first in Australia to be so designated.

Today the city has grown into the fourth largest in Australia, with a population of some 565,000, but it continues to reap the benefits of Light's vision, and his careful planning in the form of a square, with wide, tree-lined streets. In the very centre of the city is Victoria Square, with a statue of Queen Victoria and standing sentinel, overlooking the square, is the Albert Tower of the Town Hall, so named after the Queen's Consort.

In recent years the tower has become dwarfed by the adjacent city sky-scrapers, but regained some measure of its former glory when, on Saturday, September 21st, 1963, its eight bells rang out in full peal for the first time in 54 years. Being completed early in 1866, its style is reminiscent of many London towers of this period. First and second stages are built to form arches at street and balcony levels, the third stage forms a square ringing chamber, this being surmounted by a smaller clock chamber, also square. Stage five is octagonal, being a system of louvre-filled arches, housing the bells. This in turn is surmounted by a smaller octagon of open arches supporting a small lantern spire. The tower is 175 feet high.

John Warner was commissioned to cast a ring for the tower in 1865 as it neared completion, and the Albert bells came into being. Their story is now unfolded.

They, of course, figure among the few secular rings of the world, being one of only three town hall rings hung for change ringing. The other trio are at Ballarat, also in Australia, and Manchester. The bells were shipped on a craft called the 'Edinburgh' and arrived on May, 9th, 1866. They formed one of the first, if not the very first ring to be hung in Australia, and the newspaper reports of the time add colour to the story.

'The South Australian Register' for May 10th, 1866, tells us that 'as the bells are stowed in the wake of the pump well, near the main hatchway, the chief officer is of the opinion that they will be discharged at an early date.' 'The Daily Telegraph,' the previous day, said, 'there is now a possibility of their being fixed in time to ring a peal at the opening ceremonies of the Town Hall.' (An unfortunate choice of words, since, in fact, the bells never have been pealed.)

COST £724

'The Register' for Friday, May 24th, 1866, gives some interesting facts and figures:

'A considerable number of spectators gathered near the Albert Tower on Wednesday to see the peal of bells recently imported per "Edinburgh" raised into the tower.

'The diameters, weights and tones of the bells are as follows:

1. 29"	5-3-6	F.	5. 35"	8-2-10	B flat.
2. 29¼"	5-3-7	G.	6. 37"	9-1-23	A.
3. 30¼"	5-3-3	D.	7. 40"	10-3-25	G.
4. 32¼"	6-2-24	C.	8. 44"	13-2-13	F.

'Total weight: 3 tons 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

'Cost and Charges:

Bell Metal £7-4-8 cwt. Total £482-15-3.' Eight Elm Stocks, gunmetal bearings, etc., £66-4-0d. Framework £90. Chiming Apparatus with spring hammers, etc., £45. Shipping expenses, insurance and packing £40-4-0d. Total £724-3-3d.

'It is quite possible the bells will be ready for chiming on the anniversary of the Queen's Accession, June 20th, but we understand the architect does not think it advisable that they should be rung for some time to come.

The newspaper's weights are quite correct, and the third is in fact the lightest bell. Is this unique? The cost figures are in Australian currency, which converted at the present rate totals about £580 sterling, an amount which would not go far in such a scheme nowadays.

Chiming did take place at the opening ceremonies of the Town Hall in June, 1866, and on the following Sunday to fit church service times. In 'The Register' for August 7th, 1866, we read:

'The Lancashire bellringers visited the Town Hall on Monday morning for the purpose of practising on the Albert bells. Several chimes as well as changes were performed on six and eight bells, and the beautiful melody "Home, Sweet Home" was also played, the chiming in general being very correct and of a superior character throughout. It was performed by means of ropes, two bells being allotted to one ringer. A citizen, Mr. S. Pryor, who superintended the fitting up of the bells and who belongs to the Albert Bell Ringers' Society, assisted in two of the closing chimes with considerable skill. It may not be generally known that there are comparatively few airs, either sacred or secular, that can be performed upon eight bells. The conditions are:

1. That the time shall not extend beyond the tonic and its octave.
2. That there shall be no no "accidentals" introduced.

'Among the sacred airs which comply with these conditions are Rousseau's Dream, Mariners, Jerusalem, Arabia and Suffolk, and of secular airs, The Last Rose of Summer, Home Sweet Home, Vilikens and his Dinah. Even such simple airs as Sarah, Old Hundred and National Anthem cannot be played upon eight bells.'

LANCASHIRE BELLINGERS

I wonder who the Lancashire bellringers were, and why they should choose a Monday morning to practise? From the description one could assume there were only three or four of them. Maybe they were immigrants who played a large part in ordering the bells. The Albert Society was in being at this time and its members seem to have gone gay with their chiming in the first few months after installation. Ringing has always had its antagonists, and here was no exception, for within months of installation we have the first nuisance reports, from which one can deduce that the chiming was frequently of a poor standard!

'The Register' of October 1st, 1866, tells us that, 'The talk is that the Albert Bells are becoming a real nuisance. That they break out with a horrible clangour at all hours of the day without any apparent reason: that sometimes they sound as if they were afflicted with St. Vitus' Dance or had taken a drop too much: that this should be reformed, that the bells ought to be rung on only very special occasions and if they are rung for bazaars and such like, familiarity will breed contempt, and we may expect them to break forth into frantic ecstacies because Jones' cow has calved, or Smith's son has recovered from the measles; that the Mayor should direct a "rigorous eye" to this matter.'

A happy medium must have been found for no further reports appeared. For at least a year after hanging the bells were only chimed. This fact is evidence from the only other news item I have been able to trace, which appeared in 'The Register' for Jnly 6th, 1867. From this is appears that despite Mr. Pryor's superintendence at the installation, full circle ringing was impossible!

MR. COLLINGS' ADVICE

The article reads:

'Not long after the Albert Bells had been hung, and the chiming apparatus adjusted, some manifest defects were discovered. But imperfections are more easily detected than remedied. Mr. T. G. Collings, of Franklin St., has, however, effected both of these objects. He was one of the first to point out in what respects the chiming apparatus had been imperfectly adjusted, and the Corporation having confided to his charge the superintendence of the necessary alterations, they have been made to the satisfaction of the city council. He has also effected some important improvements in the hanging of the bells, so as to allow them free scope for swinging whilst they are being rung, by shortening the space between the head of the bells and the axis on which they turn. With respect to the chiming apparatus the principal improvements consist of a careful readjustment of the nuts upon the cylinder so as to secure their regular action upon the steps or levers which communicate motion to the hammers in the belfry.

'Mr. Collings states that his experience has convinced him that the Albert Bells are very superior in tone as compared to their size, and that the effect upon the ear would be very considerably improved by converting the belfry into a sound chamber by closing up the sides with wood and allowing the sound to pass upwards into the higher lantern, and thence to escape into the open air. He says that this alteration would effectually get rid of the humming noise so much complained of, and that the tones of the bells would very much commingle and roll over the city in a rich, delightful swell of harmony.'

It could be that the louvres were put in on Mr. Collings' advice, but if they were in existence at the time of this article, then the council did not take his advice, because the louvres are not boarded up at all.

LAST RUNG IN 1909

The fortunes of the Albert Society are not known, but it was in existence until 1909. Members of the Society opened the ring of six in the Adelaide suburb of Walkerville in 1887, but the general concept of opinion is that they never aspired to anything beyond call changes, and spent much of their time chiming the bells. The bells were last rung in 1909, when the 'Waratah' disappeared off the South African coast with a number of South Australians on board. I would like to think that ringing for such an occasion was muffled, but we found no trace of muffles in the tower. It appears that the ringers were paid for their services and chose this occasion to ask for more money. Instead they got the sack and the bells fell into disuse.

To what extent the chiming apparatus was used during the 54 years of ringing silence is not clear, though in comparatively recent times it was restored, and the original drum made to revolve by electric motor. The bells are currently sounded by this means on Sunday evenings, rounds and queens figuring in the chimes.

To be continued.

COWLEY, OXFORD.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. V. Holloway 1, Miss B. Martin (first of Minor) 2, W. Fern 3, J. Sutton 4, I. H. Gardiner 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. To mark the 25th anniversary of the dedication of St. Luke's (a daughter church of St. James) and in grateful memory of Lord Nuffield, whose generosity made this possible.

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Letters to the Editor

Mr. Woolley Explains

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Chant and Mr. Moxon ('R.W.', November 22nd), I fear my first letter may not have been expressed in clear or full enough terms; but it would be strange indeed if the various elementary points on which they claim to 'correct' me should have escaped my notice. I learned change-ringing on hand-bells, ringing Minor, and was ringing a pair to a number of methods up to Surprise Minor over 40 years ago.

Mr. Moxon is strictly correct in what he says about bobs at H. For sixth's place methods the tenor must be called Out three times, and this produces a 3-course touch; actually the same touch, only started at a different lead. But these calling places correspond for the two types of method, a fact that I considered too well-known to need elaborating.

I am aware that the tenors become parted within the lead during some part of the plain course. This happens in all methods, sometimes very much so. But 'parting the tenors' also means calling them into positions occupied by 3-4 in the course. It was in this sense that I used the term, and I think it was clear from the context.

Were there no other 720's than the well-known 3-part, and its variations, I could understand that talk of 'learning' a 720 might cause amusement. But there are many other 720's, a fact which should be known to a conductor in an essentially 6-bell district. Without wishing to belittle the performance at Cawthorne, in 1883, and similar ones elsewhere, I maintain that it would have been even better had they rung the 14 methods in two separate peals (or one 10,080) in full 720's. And for the conductor a better performance to have called seven distinct 720's, even in one method.

I must say that I deplore the attitude of mind expressed in both letters, which suggests that ringing is divided into two hostile camps—6-bell ringers versus the rest. Mr. Moxon might remember that Minor is rung in many places outside the Barnsley district, and Mr. Chant that if one goes round looking for slights and insults one may often see them where none are intended. Of course, if one throws bricks they may be thrown back. To stress the difficulties in ringing on the various numbers, one against the other, is both unrewarding and futile. I think the most difficult thing the average ringer ever does is to learn to ring in the first place. It certainly was for me.

In conclusion, I would like to send my best wishes to the Barnsley and District Society. I have very happy memories of ringing in Yorkshire during the last war, and much of this was done in that area, where I remember 6-bell ringing of a very high standard. And I must mention my old friend, the late Daniel Smith, a fine ringer and a man I am glad to have known. I do not intend to write again, but should be very glad to hear privately from anyone I met at that time, including, of course, your two correspondents.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts.

P.S.—Having read my friend Mr. Barton's letter, I must say I never intended for one moment to hint that the Yorkshire ringers rang their methods in 360's because they were incapable of ringing or calling full 720's. What an idea! Nor yet because they wanted to make it easier for themselves; though, in fact, I think it *does*. Further, it was E.C.S., not I, who described Dr. Carpenter's suggestion as 'naïve' my first letter was written to suggest that it might have been intended seriously. In view of your heading I must add that I would never dream of *attacking* Yorkshire ringing. I would not want to, and I would not dare! I might twist the lion's tail, but I would not put my head in its mouth.—C. W. W.

The Bells of Finedon, Northants

Dear Sir,—The bells of Finedon have for long been a ring cherished by ringers over a wide area. The eight, with its 21 cwt. tenor, is notable for its fine tone, and for being one of the few comparatively light octaves in the key of D.

The original tenor is said to date back to 1613. The bells were recast in 1825 by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford, when there were six. They were augmented to eight by Taylors of Loughborough in 1897. A mishap to the seventh caused this bell to be recast in 1913 by Gillett and Johnston, along with the third, fourth, fifth and sixth. The ample weights of the sixth and seventh provide a good match for the tenor and go to make up a well-balanced ring.

The bells have been causing considerable concern recently, having had no attention since 1913, and are now in urgent need of re-hanging. A quotation has been made of approximately £480, and the task of raising this sum has been laid on the local ringers, in a parish where £15,000 is already needed for the restoration of the roof of the fine Decorated church.

The band has recently been strengthened by the recruitment of four promising learners, two of whom have just scored their first quarter.

The band has not stood still and £80 has already been raised in a few months. But even so the task is still formidable, and we feel we must appeal to any ringers who have been impressed by this ring in the past to help preserve it in a ringable state. Contributions should be sent to the undersigned and made payable to the Finedon Church Ringers' Maintenance Fund. All contributions, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

We hope it will not be too long before these fine bells are restored, and their go matched with their excellent tone.—Yours faithfully,

NOEL F. PEARSON.

23, Mulso Road, Finedon, Northants.

Thank You, Australia

Dear Sir,—I should like to make known, in the pages of 'The Ringing World,' my warm appreciation of the kindly welcome and generous hospitality shown to me by ringers in Australia during my recent four months' stay there. I shall long remember arriving at Fremantle, when, within minutes of the ship's coming alongside the terminal, the Perth ringers came on board to take me off for a wonderful day's ringing and sightseeing; but this was a foretaste at what was to happen at every other city I visited. Whether at Adelaide, Melbourne or Sydney, where I stayed only a few days in each case, or at Hobart, where I lived for three months, I received a warm and hearty welcome not only in the towers I visited but also in the homes of ringers; moreover, several people gave up a good deal of time to showing me the sights of their city or district. I can assure any ringers thinking of emigrating to Australia that they will meet a friendliness and enthusiasm for ringing unequalled anywhere that I know of. I certainly appreciated it more than I can say.

Thank you, Australia.—Yours sincerely,

SHIRLEY RYMER

Sandown, Isle of Wight.

A Correction

Dear Sir.—With regard to the peal on page 803 of 5,040 Minor rung at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, I would like to point out that the person ringing the fourth was Christine M. Rimmer and not as printed. I would have thought that the national Press had already dealt more than fully with this matter without the pages of 'The Ringing World' having to be sullied as well. I hope this mistake was caused by a slip of the pen at some stage between sending this peal up and printing, combined with inadequate checking at the final stage of printing.

Whoever is responsible for this must surely realise that nothing less than an apology to the five other ringers taking part, the Church, the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, the Exercise as a whole and, last but not least, myself, can rectify this matter.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER.

Park Street,
St. Albans, Herts.

NOTE.—The Editor expresses his sincere apologies to Miss Rimmer at the inadvertent publication of a substituted name in the peal in question.—T. W. W.

Nomenclature

Dear Sir,—Now that the controversy has died down and having no particular axe to grind, I would like to make one or two observations relative to methods.

1. To my mind a method varying only by a few changes from a parent method (e.g., double Kent places instead of a triple dodge) should be called a variation of that parent (Yorkshire, Braunstone variation). From this I would exclude the lead and half-lead variations for they do produce a vastly different 'blue line.' How many people could ring Belgrave Maximus by just knowing that the lead-end was 12ths instead of 2nds?

2. If a method, or variation, is rung for the first time in a peal of spliced then that name should stand. I think that it is about time the Central Council made a ruling on this matter. With all the untapped wealth of methods yet to be rung this 'stealing' is quite unnecessary.

3. When naming a method the conductor should look closely at the Minor methods, and make sure that the name he is giving it is not duplicated in the Minor. For instance, there are Norfolk Minor and Norfolk Major, Ipswich Minor and Major and these do not bear any relationship to each other at all!

4. I should like to see published in place notation some of the better Delight Major methods, and I am sure that this would stimulate interest in this rather sadly neglected field. I myself would like to ring peals of Delight Spliced, but as yet I have seen no compositions.

The title Surprise seems to set a method on a class of its own, anything else makes people think, 'Oh—a Kent type of method.'

May I conclude by saying that these are only observations of mine, and I am not having 'a go' at any person or groups of people.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester. JOHN E. COOK

SUNDAY MORNING BELLS ON LIGHT PROGRAMME

We have received a number of queries from listeners regarding the seeming omission of the bells on Sunday mornings, and would point out that they have never been off. What has happened is that the programme now starts earlier and the bells can be heard at 8.25 a.m., approx.

H. J. SANGER, Convener,
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Another Society has come into being, largely through the initiative of Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, known as the Society of Wessex Scholars. The creation of the Society was prompted by the large number of towers throughout the country in which the bells were never rung because of the absence of ringers.

The main function of the Wessex Scholars is to teach young ringers in their own towers and to take bands of ringers each Sunday to the towers where the bells are never or rarely rung. As it is a teaching Society, qualifications for membership are stiff. It is restricted to males who are 14 years of age and have rung any bell other than a cover bell through a peal of 5,000 or more changes in a standard method, or six or more bells. This condition does not include Doubles. Membership of the board of officers, consisting of a Master, secretary, minutes secretary, treasurer, steward and under steward, is limited to those who have conducted a peal of not less than 5,000 changes in any standard method on not less than eight bells, this condition to include Triples.

The headquarters tower of the Society will be in or near Winchester. District Branches can be formed as the board of officers think necessary. These will be governed by a District Master, District secretary, District treasurer and other officers as may be regarded as necessary.

Life membership fee has been fixed at 10s., and a charge of 3d. per head will be collected from all members and friends attending a general meeting or ringing meeting of the Society.

Mr. F. C. W. Knight has been elected Master of the Society and Mr. A. R. Carter, of 37, Wharf Hill, Winchester, secretary. Applications for membership, stating qualifications and enclosing the 10s. life membership fee (which is returned if not elected), should be sent to Mr. Carter. We are informed that membership of the Wessex Society is growing fast.

LITTLE ASTON MAKES HISTORY FOR SOCIETY

The resident Sunday service band of Little Aston, Staffs, have provided a landmark for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford by a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods on November 16th. This has taken the Society 80 years to achieve!

The Little Aston ringers were responsible for the first peal of Beverley Surprise Minor for the Society some two years ago, and since then their repertoire has grown considerably. The quarter peal columns of 'The Ringing World' tell of the many new methods they have rung, and the writer can confirm that the standard of ringing has been very high.

The peal is the outcome of many years of training of recruits by the conductor and deputy tower captain, Michael W. Fairey. The girls who rang the treble, second and third are his pupils and are still in their teens. The co-operation and interest of the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Follis, has spurred on the band, and the success of the peal must be to him doubly pleasing as his daughter rang the treble to her first peal. J. H. A.

THE DEVON ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting was held at Diocesan House, Exeter, on Nov. 16th, under the chairmanship of its president, Mr. T. Oatway, when about 40 towers were represented. The meeting was very glad to welcome Mr. Norman Mallett as representative of the Devon Guild of Ringers.

After the usual formalities had been completed, discussion was centred upon arrangements for the 1964 festivals, which were decided as follows: Eight-bell, Chagford, April 18th; six-bell (south), Ermington, May 9th (bells recently rehung); six-bell (north), Monkleigh, May 23rd (about five miles from Bideford on the Holsworthy road); six-bell (final), Christow, June 13th (in the Teign Valley). Judges for these events were also nominated.

Representation on the Central Council was discussed and Mr. Bartlett stated that, to his regret, he thought that he would again find it impossible for himself to attend the meeting at Truro at Whitsun, but Mr. H. Pidler and Mr. T. G. Darch stated that they looked forward to going.

Mr. Bartlett announced that he hoped to once again arrange an invitation six-bell competition on June 27th and as Broad Hempston had offered their tower the festival would be held there—in aid of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. The hope was expressed that the usual support would be forthcoming.

The meeting closed shortly before 5 o'clock after a notice of motion had been given that the competition eight-bell peal should in future be 'Westminster' as a change from 'Queens' as hitherto. B. E. B.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 5th, 1913.—

This issue of 'The Ringing World' is a veritable 'peal number,' for seven-and-a-half of our pages are occupied with the reports of performances of over 5,000 changes. It is a remarkable record for one week, and only once, we believe, have we exceeded this number in a single issue. There seems to be, just at present, quite a boom in peals, and while we doubt if this year's performances in this direction will equal in number the extraordinary figures of 1912, the closing months are, at any rate, producing results which will make up some of the leeway lost in the earlier part of the year. . .

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MR. T. H. TAFFENDER

A TRIBUTE FROM YORKSHIRE

The death of Mr. T. H. Taffender cannot be allowed to pass without comment upon his connection with Yorkshire over a great number of years, a connection occasioned mainly by holidays spent at Scarborough, which echo and re-echo with Mr. Grainger's words of him that 'he gave fully of that encouragement so necessary to the young ringer and conductor.' He did indeed! I recall one August Sunday afternoon when he taught me to ring Stedman, and for that and later encouragement I remember him with gratitude. On the occasion of this visit we met eight at St. Mary's in the morning, but withal one short for Stedman. Accordingly he called me to spend the afternoon with him—during which he explained Stedman so thoroughly that for Evensong, with him on No. 2 and me on the treble, I rang my first courses of Stedman Triples.

At this time he had already been coming to Scarborough, intermittently, for 30 years or more. His visits usually meant two or three peal attempts, and the Y.A.C.R. record his first peal for the Association at St. Marie's, Sheffield, in 1903, Stedman Triples, which he conducted, and his first at Scarborough in 1910, again S.T., conducted by him. There must be many ringers with peals recorded due to T. H. T.'s visits to Yorkshire and I myself recall particularly Caters at Holy Trinity, Hull, and Beverley Minster. His total for the Yorkshire Association was 29, in 15 towers (over a span of 53 years), and at least one more, at Scarborough in 1936, rung for the London County Association. Of the 29 five were rung at St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, one of his favourite Yorkshire towers.

One recalls the friendly discussions he had with other regular visitors, Yorkshire stalwarts J. H. Brothwell, P. J. Johnson and H. Lofthouse for a few; also how he was always ready to welcome provincial ringers to London with visits to some of his towers. This I experienced on several occasions.

With his passing another character has gone, one who will surely be missed from the Yorkshire Coast scene at Bridlington, Scarborough and Whitby, a familiar figure at their practices and at the August meetings of the Beverley and District Society at Bridlington. In Scarborough he held a place of his own; now 'Soon be time for Taff to come' will not, alas, be said again, and his cry 'Up, up, up' no longer heard.

May he and Mrs. Taffender, who was always with him, rest in peace. B. SUTTON.

MR. FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN

Tirley, Gloucestershire, has lost a faithful servant of the church by the sudden death on November 19th of Mr. Frederick Chamberlain, aged 76.

A member of the Tirley band for over 40 years, and also of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he rang regularly for services. For some years he was clerk of the church and for the last few years had been churchwarden.

Four Tirley ringers acted as bearers at the funeral service on November 23rd, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Stanford). Immediately afterwards the bells were rung muffled.

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THE TENOR'S SECRET

By T. A. BEVIS



St. Mary's Church, Dennington, Suffolk

DENNINGTON, an attractive Suffolk village, contains in its few square yards a goodly vision of history and beauty which combine to stimulate the imagination of any who step from the outside world into a peace afforded by ancient, time-honoured acres, wherein sleeps in God's particular space a hero of Agincourt, Sir William Phelip, later Lord Bardolph, who was borne from his manor home to the church in 1441.

St. Mary's Church, at first glance, does not impress the visitor as being a place of exceptional merit. Nevertheless it is a deceptive and commodious fane, well-proportioned, 50 yards long, and it has need of length and breadth for it is full of treasures and curiosities of the past.

Here in retirement is a clock pendulum which regulated the time for 700 years; the skeletal-like timepiece can also be observed at the side of its inseparable companion. An unusual item is a sand-table upon which the illiterate learned to write. It was last used by an elderly resident in 1895.

The church has a legacy or rich woodcarving as well as possessing interesting features carved in stone. The 14th century nave is filled with 15th century benches complete with poppyheads and tracery; on these we see animals and birds, mermaids, angels and a quaint figure known as a Sciapus, a strange race created by medieval imagination and superstition, having tremendous feet which they held over themselves as parasols.

Overlooking this wonderful assortment, admirably illustrative of those weird fantasies conjured from men's minds all those years ago, is a striking three-decker pulpit from which the parson would be able to see any who were 'imprisoned' in those monstrosities called box-pews, one of which has a row of pegs on which the lord of the manor and his sons hung their wigs.

Delicate wooden screens for which Suffolk is famed, and the colour of receded years, the cool vastness of this country church, a tenor bell with a puzzling secret, and the dignified presence of the man who saw Sir Thomas Erpingham throw his truncheon in the air before dashing into battle with Henry V, magnetises those fortunate people known as 'church-grabbers.'

An effigy of Sir William Phelip lies on the right of that of his wife, this reversed arrangement indicating that Sir William inherited his title from the lady.

Mr. (Jack) Daines is leader of the ringers and he and eight other men ensure that the bells are rung each Sunday, with the exception of the period between haysel and harvest, according to custom hereabouts.

The first peal in the tower, conducted by George E. Symonds, was rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. In 1915 the five original bells were rehung from a steel frame, and at the same time a new treble was added, with this inscription: ALFRED BOWELL MADE ME 1915, CAST DURING THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR, this reference placing the bell in an historical setting for future generations.

The second and third are pre-Reformation bells and are dedicated to St. Mary and St. Margaret respectively; the fourth, dedicated to St. Thomas, was recast by Bowell at the time of augmentation. Brands of Norwich cast the fifth bell in 1628, but it is the tenor, one of Bowell's heaviest—if not his heaviest (19 cwt., E flat)—which inspires a profound interest, for a heavy air of mystery surrounds its ample bulk.

Although recast by Alfred Bowell in the dark years of the war the bell, happily, retains its original inscription, devised at a time when the talk of the land was centred on a certain dreadful fire.

1666 ANNO ORBIS INCENDIO REDEMPTI
URBIS PEREMPTAE:
GUIL:BELL : T.P. : VICARIUS
JOHN DARBY MADE ME

It is apparent that Darbie (or Darby) a roving founder of Suffolk origin, made the bell for a parish the Vicar of which was called William Bell. That incumbent certainly did not serve the parish of Dennington, which has always had Rectors.

For which church and parish was the tenor made and under what circumstances did it find its home at Dennington? Perhaps one day the mystery will be solved . . .

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Exhall Delight Minor: D. S. L. Lloyd 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, G. P. Hammond 3, K. F. Gardner 4, D. J. Allen 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first extents ever rung in this method.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods: K. Baker 1, A. Perry 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, M. Heymann 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombes 6. First in eleven methods by all except the conductor.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, HANTS

The bells at Hurstbourne Priors had their first recorded quarter peal rung on them on October 30th. These bells were considered unringable for about 50 years till 1958, when a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on them after restoration work had been carried out by Geoff Dodd. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise was planned for this occasion, being rung at the first attempt.

The front five bells were cast by Henry and Ellis Knight at Reading in 1667. The inscriptions on these follow their well-known pattern:—

I as treble begin.
I as second sing.
I as third ring.
I as fourth sound.
I as tenor hum all round.

A tenor was cast by Henry Bagley, of Witney, in 1745. The frame is massive, the third swinging in a separate frame above the other bells. The wheels on the back bells are about seven feet in diameter, part of the sole of the fifth being completely rotted away due to a leak in the roof, which has now been repaired.

Three of the ropes hang along the north wall and the other three along the south wall. The tenor rope falls in one corner about eight inches from either wall, and is best rung by facing the corner and skinning your knuckles.

The fifth has the garter hole in the wrong place, very little pull at handstroke being possible. The third has a plate on the stay which inadequately holds it together. The others have no peculiarities, apart from being false struck and dropping during ringing!

The band who rang in the 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor were: Arthur Sayers 1, Ronald Christopher 2, Geoffrey Dodd 3, Walter Hunt 4, David Papworth 5, William Butler (conductor) 6.

The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar of Longparish for permission to ring, and to Ron Christopher, who spent most of the previous Saturday greasing, tightening and splicing up the ropes. W. B

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable and well attended meeting at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on November 2nd, when the twelve bells were well used during the afternoon under the able direction of Mrs. Barbara Wylde.

The Rev. Peter Clemett, Cathedral chaplain, took the service, and the organist was Mr. Spooner from Machen. The Cathedral ringers afterwards served tea in St. Woolos' Hall. A collection was taken towards this and the sum of £2 10s. was given to the Cathedral Extension Fund. Mr. Jack Alsop thanked Miss Trowbridge and her helpers; Mrs. B. Wylde thanked Mr. Spooner; and Miss Kathleen Watkins, vice-president, thanked the Rev. Peter Clemett, for his warm welcome.

A special welcome was extended to visitors from Abbot's Leigh, Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. N. Coombs and their son, Mr. C. Coombs. At the business meeting the Misses Gwen Bidgood (Whitchurch), Anne Davies and Anne Humphris (Bedwellty) and Jeanette Paddon (Marshfield) were elected members.

Next meeting: District annual, Swansea, January 25th. J. S. K.

5,184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

By DEREK OGDEN

B	M	W	H	23456
X				35264
	—	2	2	64523
	—			54326
X				42563
		—	—	56423
	—		—	34625
X				42356

Repeat twice.

First rung, to Yorkshire, at Farnworth, October 13th, 1963, commencing the calling at the eighth course.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great, on Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. J. Darvill 1, Miss R. E. M. Gasson 2, P. J. Bryan 3, K. J. Triplow 4, H. E. Bishop 5, R. M. Damerell 6, J. A. Harrison 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 2 and 7. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,376 of Surprise Major Method 0411 (Hudson and McClenahan collection): Miss L. R. H. Smith 1, Miss R. E. M. Gasson 2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3, K. J. Darvill 4, C. H. Rogers 5, K. J. Triplow 6, I. M. Smith 7, J. A. Harrison 8. First quarter ever rung in the method.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Carol Wickens (first quarter) 1, J. Ede 2, A. Bull 3, W. Dunn 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, W. King 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Knapp, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, whose funeral was this day.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): T. Hodgkinson 1, S. Hall 2, M. Harrod 3, E. R. Stockwell 4, C. W. Hall 5, F. Chambers (cond.) 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Astridge (first quarter) 1, Janet M. Besant 2, Sally M. Hooper 3, Rosemary A. Chapman (first 'inside') 4, D. G. Herschell 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 7, G. W. Stevens 8. For Confirmation.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Boyd 1, F. Mitchell 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, J. Gunstone 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. W. C. Stevenson 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge Superlative, 21 changes of method): Hilary Martin 1, Jean Lavender 2, R. Hinde 3, W. Deason 4, F. Darby (cond.) 5, R. Talbot 6, R. Finch 7, S. Kimber 8. A welcome to Andrew Edward, a son born to Jeanette and Roy Finch on Nov. 13th.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Wills 1, R. T. Somerton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, J. G. Shellard 6. Birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst and W. J. Chester. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, A. Wills (first in the method) 2, C. E. Truman (cond.) 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Dowse and J. Challinor 1, M. W. Harrison and R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, J. Heaps 4, G. Dawson and M. W. Harrison 5, R. Larkin 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and R. Blackshaw. For Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela Grainger 1, H. W. Brown 2, J. R. Norris (first 'inside' in the method) 3, Frances P. Gilbert (first in the method) 4, A. M. Humphrey (first in the method) 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Harry Richardson, still an active member of the band, on his 91st birthday.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Adams (first 'away' from a cover) 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, W. C. Perry 3, W. O. Haythorne 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland 6. Rung for evening service and as a tribute to Mr. C. B. Scott, chairman of the parish council, who this day completed 50 years' service as vicar's warden.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Nov. 16th, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: Margaret Field 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Philippa Stratton 3, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 4, P. A. Wakeman 5, M. J. Marriott 6. Rung for birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Cubitt 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, M. Cubitt 3, A. G. Bason 4, R. Duesbury (cond.) 5, D. P. Mortlock 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, F. Vickers 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, J. Linnell 5, A. Thatcher (first quarter) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Croxton (first 'away' from tenor) 1, Anne White 2, Felicity Webber 3, Jennifer Cook 4, Eunice Lewis 5, Jane Foster 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Chick 1, E. Brice 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. G. Taylor 6. For the conductor's birthday. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Chick 1, E. Brice 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, W. Stevens (cond.) 5, F. C. Taylor 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Tooze.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Nita West (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Mrs. Carlisle 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Carlisle 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by 2, 3 and 4.

STANMORE, MIDDX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Emmet (first quarter) 1, Miss S. White 2, A. Kett 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, B. Burrough 5, L. North 6, B. Matthews (cond.) 7, Miss L. Petchey 8. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Gray 1, J. Foster (first 'inside') 2, G. Drew 3, K. Kitchen (first as cond.) 4, P. Teal 5, N. Castle 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Waterworth 1, R. Forbes 2, J. Gray 3, G. Drew (cond.) 4 C. Hunt 5, N. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Comber (first quarter peal) 1, D. A. E. Roberts 2, J. Leppard 3, B. W. Parke 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, S. Comber (first quarter) 6. First quarter by an all local band. For parish communion.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS. — On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. F. Cowlin 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, A. G. Payne (first in the method) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, R. H. Daw 6, F. T. Boyall 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Hollowell.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. England (first quarter) 1, L. G. Pullin 2, H. A. Price 3, G. Prescott (cond.) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, S. G. Smith 6, E. T. Lee 7, J. Brain 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Peter's, Tiverton, Change Ringing Society when they visited Milverton on November 23rd were met by that grand old stalwart, Claude Tarr. He was persuaded to take part in 180 of Grandsire, his first half-pull changes since his serious illness. The bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to President Kennedy, and also to a former Rector, who had died that week. Ringing also took place at Wiveliscombe.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley, will be pleased to send notations of any of the 41 methods rung in the peal at Cawthorne on November 23rd.

Will Mr. A. N. Stubbs, formerly of 29, Sutherland Place, London, W.2, inform the Editor of his new address for his 'Ringing Worlds.'

When the organiser of the recent Bolsover outing, Alan Keller, presented his itinerary to the coach driver, the latter asked him if he had booked a helicopter!—'Belfry News.

Miss Carole Sone was congratulated by her grandfather, and the rest of the band, after ringing her first quarter at Brenchley on November 24th. She started ringing last Christmas, and, although only 12, has made many ringing friends, especially in Kent.

There is friendly rivalry amongst the lady ringers at St. John's, Cardiff, over ringing the tenor. The first lady ringer ever to ring this bell to a quarter peal is Miss Glenys Evans. We think her triumph will be very short lived as several other lady members are in strict training for the same honour!

After a lapse of a number of years, Mr. Reginald Beale, of Taunton, is back again conducting with a fast but good peal of Plain Bob Minor at Curry Mallett. He expresses his thanks to all the band, especially to 'Turner Tenor.'

The quarter peal rung at Warnford, Hants, as a mark of respect to President Kennedy, on the evening of his death, was rung immediately after the normal weekly practice and came round at 9.45 p.m. Was this the first touch to be rung for the occasion by the Exercise?

With the peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung at Lenham, Kent, on November 17th. Mr. T. E. Sone informs us that the Original has now been rung 375 times for the Kent County Association since its formation in 1880. There have been 58 conductors, of whom at least 47 have passed on. The peal has twice been rung for the K.C.A. non-conducted—at Aylesford on April 30th, 1892, and Tonbridge, July 16th, 1930.

A promising pupil is Miss Margaret Twigg, of Enfield, who, in her first quarter peal at Enfield, rung after President Kennedy's funeral, rang her first touch of Grandsire from the fourth.

Mr. Tom Myers, who is still in hospital at Plymouth, is making progress. He is very touched by the many letters and good wishes he has had from friends in the Exercise, but is, as yet, unable to get down to answering them as he tires very easily.

The St. Andrews University Guild, formed recently, held its last meeting of the term on November 26th. Rapid progress has been maintained during the first eight weeks of the Guild's existence, and it is now hoped that a start on change-ringing will be made after Christmas.

The conductor of the local band peal of seven Surprise Minor at Little Aston congratulates the three young ladies who took part on their performances. The band would like the name of Andrew J. Strathdee to be associated with this peal as he was a member of the band which first attempted it earlier this year, before he left the district to start work at Welwyn, Herts.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Edenbridge to mark the retirement of the Rev. E. A. Graham, after 25 years as Vicar, was originally attempted on November 2nd, when he was still living in the parish, but unfortunately this came to grief after about 1¼ hours' good ringing due to a miscall. However, this made the band the more determined to achieve success, and their efforts were well rewarded by the final result on November 16th.

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BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
A PEAL OF 5056 CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE	2	GORDON W. LAND	6
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	4	*BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* 150th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	5
YVONNE C. PORTER	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	6
FRANK D. MACK	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
ALAN F. LEE	4	WILLIAM J. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER
First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the front octave. Rung half-muffled.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

IAN M. HOLLAND	*Treble*	RICHARD M. FARNSWORTH	5
AMBURN WILSON	2	JOHN S. SEAGER	6
ANGELA M. TRUELOVE	3	JOHN CHETTLEBURGH	7
*DEREK PEERS	4	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal 'inside.'

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 704 of Bristol, 480 each of Ealing, Knebworth, London, Rutland, Watford and Wembley, and 288 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 137 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
*JOHN HILL	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung half-muffled.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

IAN R. PANTON	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	JAMES L. TOWLER	6
PETER J. EVES	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*TERENCE C. HOLLAND	*Treble*	‡MALCOLM M. POWELL	5
DENNIS B. BROWN	2	ANTHONY R. CARTER	6
BRIAN B. HULLAH	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
†JOHN H. TAYLOR	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.
* First peal on more than six bells and away from a 'cover' bell.
† First peal on more than six bells.
‡ Twenty-fifth peal.
Rung half-muffled.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*DAVID BURBIDGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
†GRAHAM C. PAUL	2	JAMES LINNELL	6
*MARGARET A. WILSON	3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	7
*BARRY R. EGLESFIELD	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major and 50th peal. First in the method as conductor. Half-muffled.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

RICHARD C. STEVENS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
ANDREW J. CORBY	2	ANDREW M. MACVE	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH	7
ROYDON DAVIES	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
Rung with the bells half-muffled. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society).
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of 41 methods in the following seven extents:—(1) Queen Bess, York Delight, Hoylandswaine, Tankersley and Flouch Delight; (2) Darton Victory, York Minster, Penistone, Bolton Abbey, Nelson's Victory and Walsh's Victory Treble Bob; (3) South Kirby, Barnsley, Felkirk, Havercroft, Norcroft Treble Bob and Kirkthorpe Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby and Charlwood Delight; (5) Killamarsh, Kent and Trinity Sunday Treble Bob, Pontefract and Donottar Delight; (6) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (7) London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob.
Extents arranged by HAROLD CHANT and J. W. PARKER. Tenor 9 cwt.

ELIZABETH PEACE	*Treble*	*HERMAN RUSBY	4
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON	2	TREVOR TARBATT	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	*NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* 50th peal together. Greatest number of Treble Bob methods to a peal on tower bells for the Association.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JACK C. MARLOW	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. HOLBROOK	5
†DENBY MURDUCK	2	PHILIP G. MURDUCK	6
PAUL G. HOLMES	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major 'inside.'

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5300 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 38 lb. in D.

NEIL BENNETT (Aberystwyth)	*Treble*	DONALD R. MARSHALL (Bangor)	6
*BARRY J. COUZENS (Swansea)	2	W. GWYN THOMAS (Aberystwyth)	7
*CHRISTOPHER L. R. BAINHAM (Lampeter)	3	ROGER G. HAVARD (Cardiff)	8
*COLIN A. LEWIS (Aberystwyth)	4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN (Cardiff)	9
JOHN G. PUSEY (Bangor)	5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Swansea)	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORCROFT TREBLE BOB
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 16. L.E. 12.
KIRKTHORPE DELIGHT
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 36. L.E. 12.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	RICHARD A. SHECKLETON..	7
ALAN J. BROWN	3	BASIL JONES	8
ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN.. ..	5
MRS. P. HARRIS	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	6
MRS. J. THOMAS..	3	RALPH HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William J. Newman.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

DEREK A. ASHTON	*Treble*	*FRED JACKSON	5
IVOR JENKINS	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
*IRIS LEMARE	3	*JOHN ROBINSON	7
*ALAN G. KIRK	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 24 cwt.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES..	*Treble*	†ANTHONY H. SMITH.. ..	5
†YVONNE EDWARDS	2	ROGER POWELL	6
ROSEMARY RICH	3	JOHN C. EISEL	7
†PAULINE FENNELL	4	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN C. EISEL.
* First peal of Surpise Major. † First in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
*ROGER D. BAILEY	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	6
*DENIS WOODS	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	7
*RAYMOND H. DAW	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
('The Cannon Peal.')
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*ANDREW TAYLOR	*Treble*	ANTHONY R. CARTER.. ..	5
MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK ..	2	JACK WEAVER	6
G. PHILIP MURDUCK ..	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ..	7
PAUL G. HOLMES	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on eight bells.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELPER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. ARNOLD MORLEY ..	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	2	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
JOHN F. MURFIN..	3	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
DAVID J. MARSHALL	4	DAVID W. FRIEND ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 100th peal together. Method rung for first time.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*THOMAS T. YEOMANS ..	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLIFT	5
JACQUELINE S. KING.. ..	2	DAVID J. KING	6
*ROGER G. HAVARD	3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON ..	7
JOHN OWEN	4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to John Phillips, a former Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, on his election as Master of The Ancient Society of College Youths.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*ROY COLLINS	*Treble*	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY ..	5
JAMES W. PRIEST	2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY ..	6
JILL M. MAY	3	*E. JOHN WELLS..	7
CHRISTOPHER K. HILL ..	4	DENNIS G. BLOWS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* 50th peal together. The treble ringer has 'circled the tower' twice. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Priest on their 30th wedding anniversary; also to the Rev. O. R. Acworth on completing 15 years as Vicar.

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.. ..	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ANN JENNER..	2	STANLEY JENNER	6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	3	JOHN R. COOPER..	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by STANLEY JENNER. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*J. MARTIN HOLLYMAN ..	*Treble*	*GRAHAM S. E. WINTER ..	5
JOHN E. WARNER	2	*DAVID J. M. COX	6
EDWARD C. LEIGH	3	BRIAN E. JEFFREY	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	*LESLIE J. FOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN E. JEFFREY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung by members of the Sunday Service band to the Glory of God: also in thanksgiving for the work of the Rev. E. A. Graham who retired on October 31st, after completing 25 years as Vicar of Edenbridge.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. D. M. ANDREWS ..	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	5
*JENNIFER M. ANDREWS ..	2	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD..	6
H. FRANK PIKE	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
*CLIVE HUGHES	4	†ADRIAN SEMKEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † 25th peal.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS, HALEY HILL.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT ..	*Treble*	LEONARD GOODALL	5
IRIS LEMARE	2	DAVID SMITH	6
*J. NEVILLE PARKIN	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	7
ARLENE FLATHER	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of London.

BELPER SURPRISE
36 x 56, 14, 58 x 58, 36, 14 x 14, 58 x 34, 56, 18
L.E. 18674523. 4th place bob.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

FRED C. PUGH	*Treble*	RAYMOND SMITH	5
*WALTER H. RAXTER	2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	7
MICHAEL G. SELBY	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor's 200th peal, and together with the ringer of the third.

HIGHAM-FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

MRS. G. E. WATSON	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	2	*RAYMOND H. DORE	6
MURRAY A. COLEMAN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
†PETER M. FLECKNEY	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	2	PETER J. COLES	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
*BERNARD L. MARKS	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ALLEN TWYMAN	*Treble*	FRANCES FAIRBANK	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	WILLIAM W. BRADBURY	6
*DINAH M. BLOW	3	JOHN M. GOW	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	COLIN MCCARTNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal of Major, and first 'inside.'
In memoriam Jasper Whitfield Snowdon (founder and first president of the Yorkshire Association); June 18th, 1844—November 16th, 1885.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*ADRIAN KNIGHTS	*Treble*	STEPHEN F. HIGH	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
LEONARD M. RAPHAEL	3	A. WILLIAM BIRD	7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES LINNELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	6
BARRY SAUNDERS	3	*BARRY R. EGLESFIELD	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
A wedding compliment to Eileen Rimell and Ernest Lines, married this day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE HAMMOND	*Treble*	RAYMOND D. HART	4
ROY D. HAYNE	2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5
HAROLD FOLWELL	3	GEOFFREY PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*PEGGY TAYLOR	*Treble*	R. IAN VAUGHAN	4
†ANGELA M. WRIGHT	2	BERNARD J. STONE	5
CATHERINE M. POWELL	3	BERNARD G. NORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD G. NORTH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung to the Glory of God and also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.
Rung by St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Brighton.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Nov. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt.

*†DAVID OLIVER	*Treble*	†LEONARD PORTER	3
ROY H. JONES	2	NOEL D. DEAM	4
†PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.
* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method.
Rung for All Saints' Day.

TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN UPTON	*Treble*	ALAN J. COLLINGS	4
†ROSEMARY TAILBY	2	KINGSLEY C. JONES	5
CHRISTOPHER S. NOKES	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal. † First of Minor and 'inside.'

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*FRANCES PROCTOR	*Treble*	GORDON W. LIMMER	4
†DAVID P. HILLING	2	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* First peal at first attempt. † 50th peal together.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*CYNTHIA M. FOLLIS	*Treble*	EDWARD W. COLLEY	4
D. KAY MOORE	2	P. GEORGE GOLDER	5
MARILYN C. SMITH	3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.
* First peal. First of seven Surprise Minor by all except the ringer of the fourth, on the bells, and for the Society. Rung by members of the local band.

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LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores and eight twelve-scores each of Morris' and Pitman's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Philip R. Miles (15)	*Treble*	Diane M. Mullins (17)	4
Irene Gocher (16)	2	David D. Smith (18)	5
Martin Turner (16)	3	Andrew Southwood (19)	*Tenor*

Conducted by David D. Smith.

First peal attempt by all the band. First of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. First of Doubles for 37 years. First conducted by a member of the local band for 37 years.

Youngest ever band to ring a peal for the Sussex County Association.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Wilfrid and Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B., and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

David Vincent	*Treble*	Brian Schofield	4
John Ryder	2	Ernest Pimlott	5
Martin Jones	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Union, St. Faith, St. Julian, Candlesby Slow Course, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Shipway's Place.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	Roger W. Smith	3
George F. Roome	2	Alan A. Paul	4
		Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in 21 methods on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Alan A. Paul.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE WITH SARRE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 or 21 cwt. in E.

*Michael G. Foster	*Treble*	†Tony Lewis	4
Katharine M. Guy	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Barbara J. Leigh	3	Giles B. Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'

Birthday compliments to Shelagh M. Coyne, of Marple, Cheshire, and Goldsmith's College; and Andrew M. Macve.

WARNFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Guild of Our Lady of Warnford).
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, St. Vedast Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius Bob, St. Osmund Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Maureen J. White	*Treble*	Kenneth G. Waller	4
Ramon A. Stone	2	*Charles E. Bassett	5
Mary E. White	3	Thomas White	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* 100th peal. Most methods to a peal by all and the first peal by a Service band.

A birthday compliment to Mary White, tower captain.

SYDMONTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Bradley Murduck	*Treble*	Philip G. Murduck	4
†Eddie Cox	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Denby Murduck	3	Michael G. Holbrook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. † First on a working bell.

Rung on the fifth anniversary of the first peal on the bells, November 16th, 1958, the bells being totally unringable previous to this.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHIPWAY'S PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight different callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*Geoffrey Beech	*Treble*	John Hoult	4
Michael Hoult	2	William F. Scudamore	5
N. Kenneth Winspear	3	Peter D. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. David J. Bick, A.L.C.D., who was recently inducted into the living of Blaisdon with Flaxley.

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. All singles. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Thomas J. Locke	*Treble*	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Reginald Beale	5
Albert W. Dyer	3	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Beale.

Rung on the eve of the Bishop's visit to dedicate the second chasuble.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Roger D. Bailey	*Treble*	*John B. E. Moore	4
Alan G. Payne	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Frank Taylor	3	Keith R. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan G. Payne.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Roy Whitworth	*Treble*	Margaret E. Chilton	4
Maurice W. Harrison	2	Sydney Adams	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	David Oliver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sydney Adams.

* First peal attempt.

A 21st birthday compliment to Roy Whitworth; also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Chilton.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*Harold P. Thompson	*Treble*	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	4
Norman Errington	2	Kenneth Arthur	5
William Tyson	3	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. E. Wright, Vicar of this parish, who died suddenly on November 18th.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Howard Scott	*Treble*	Harold Wagstaff	4
W. Eric Critchley	2	John L. White	5
*T. David Spencer	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal on tower bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 52 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Nelson Treble Bob, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Netherseale Surprise, (5) Westminster and Allendale Surprise, (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Pontefract and Donottar Delight; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; with 131 changes of method and a plain lead of each included. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land .. .. 1—2 | Brian Bladon .. .. .. 3—4
Anthony R. Peake .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street.
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Gerald Penney .. .. .. 1—2 | Geoffrey Dodds .. .. 5—6
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 3—4 | Joyce Dodds .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First handbell peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association. Tenor size 11 in G.

SUTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At Turnpike Farm.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Sheila I. Smith.. .. .. 1—2 | Alan S. Smith .. .. .. 3—4
Martin Major .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Martin Major.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19 in F.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At M7, Whewell's Court, Trinity College,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 5—6
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 3—4 | A. S. Hudson (Clare) .. 7—8
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

First peal of Stedman 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild. Rung at the first attempt, and rung in memoriam E. H. Lewis (Trinity), secretary 1902–4.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At 57, Holloways Lane,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank C. Price .. .. .. 1—2 Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3—4 Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7—8

Composed by T. Chapman. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

Malcolm D. Barsby.. .. 1—2 | B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

Rung as part of the programme for Ringers' Sunday at this church.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the American School, Bushey Hall.
A PEAL OF 5056 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. .. .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | Anthony R. Mann .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

First peal in the method by all, and first in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Olliver 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, Joan Hanning 3, W. Dunn 4, F. W. Bird 5, V. Griggs 6, A. T. Shelton 7, J. Burgess 8 For Evensong and as a farewell to Jim Burgess, after 34 years in this tower.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Reavell (first quarter) 1, A. Munnings 2, J. Harris 3, P. Harris 4, N. F. Whittell 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Roger L. K. Whittell.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. W. T. Riddleston 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, Angela M. Wright 3, B. G. North (cond.) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, D. P. Snoswell 6, P. J. Came 7, D. P. Treble 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, B. J. Stone 10. First of Royal 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss N. Davies (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hannington 2, N. Crowther 3, W. Dare 4, T. Yeomans 5, J. Pryor (cond.) 6, Miss G. Evans 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen 1, J. E. Clark 2, M. J. Fuller 3, J. H. Payton 4, J. F. Payne (cond.) 5, M. J. Bura 6. For J. E. Clark's birthday.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lloyd 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, R. D. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, E. G. Jones 2, J. Linnell 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. C. Clarke 5. Rung strictly non-conducted.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Foster 1, N. Bearn (first 'inside') 2, Felicity Webber 3, M. Cowling (cond.) 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6. A compliment to Jill Wilkinson and Robert Corbishley, married here on July 23rd.

EDMONTON, MIDDX. — On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Cave 1, Beryl Platt 2, Sheila Moore 3, Audrey Beauchamp 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, J. Towers 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, R. Haden 2, E. Curson 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, L. Whitby 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, J. Collins 8. A 75th birthday compliment to W. Wheeler, tower master.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Chad, Far Headingley, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dinah M. Blow 1, T. O'Sheard 2, Linda E. F. Jones 3, P. Laine (first quarter) 4, A. Johnson 5, J. M. Gow (cond.) 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Joan Hingley 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, W. Stoker 3, R. R. Warford (cond.) 4, G. Burt 5, G. F. Terry 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung for 8 a.m. Holy Communion, at which the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford celebrated.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Susan Newman 2, Judith Geiringer 3, M. Bangham 4, N. Waite 5, D. Leach 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, W. Jackson 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Starbuck 1, R. K. Mason 2, S. H. Harrison 3, M. E. Wade 4, I. Fraser 5, G. W. Mason 6, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of those who gave their lives in two wars.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian M. Parker 1, Susan Muirhead 2, R. E. Hardy 3, D. McLeod 4, J. B. Pickup 5, Sara E. Mallett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung by the University of Leicester Society after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

NORTH WEALD ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: I. McKinley (first quarter) 1, C. Willmington 2, W. Aley 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Hewitt 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. Rung at the dedication of the restored Lady Chapel.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Christine Steward 1, Marie I. Goodship 2, E. Lockwood 3, G. R. Goodship 4, Mrs. D. Lockwood 5, Sandra L. Goodship (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by 1 and 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Vivien Barnes 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. Harris 5, C. B. Longmore 6, W. J. Newman 7, A. J. Brazier 8, P. Harris 9, J. E. Newman 10. Rung in memoriam John Thomas, on the Hinton band's annual visit.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela Osbourne 1, H. Gummer 2, C. Hillier 3, S. Cottle 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Abbott 6. First of Stedman by all except the 2nd.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Scott 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, J. Thorley 3, E. Dalingwater 4, E. Short 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Graham 7, E. C. Stacey 8. First quarter on the new bells.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Miller 1, R. E. Lester 2, F. Ruffles 3, H. F. Whittell 4, G. E. Symonds 5, W. Ruffles 6, L. G. Brett 7, H. Leather 8, W. J. Button 9, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to F. Ruffles.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Clark 1, Mrs. I. Belcher 2, Valerie Watts 3, G. Pickering 4, C. Sturgess 5, L. Pickering (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pottinger (first quarter) 1, Margaret Womack 2, J. A. Coates 3, D. A. Whetton 4, J. M. Gow (cond.) 5. For the Feast of Michaelmas.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. Zass (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Rodrigues (first as cond.) 2, Miss R. Rawlings 3, Miss J. Geiringer 4, G. Reynolds 5, A. Bagworth 6. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Miss V. Rodrigues 1, Miss J. Geiringer 2, Miss R. Rawlings 3, Mrs. S. Newman 4, A. Bagworth 5, G. Reynolds (first 'inside') 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. For Confirmation.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Myrtle A. Williams 1, B. B. Hullah 2, C. W. Daws 3, M. J. Best 4, W. G. Young 5, A. R. Carter 6, D. J. Forder 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight to mark the christening of Julie, daughter of Dennis B. Brown, captain of the Cathedral ringers, and his wife, Mary, a sister for Martin.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting for Saturday, Dec. 7th, cancelled.—Ian Maycock. 3717

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Beds. and Northants. District) Saturday, December 7th, at Willington. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Special method: Double Court. Names for tea to Mr. D. Wooding, Byways, Station Road, Willington, Bedford.—Miss S. Law, F. W. Rivett, Dis. Secs. 3651

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 7th 3 p.m., Tideswell. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3667

DEVON GUILD.—N. Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Combe Martin, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Gubb, Home Place, Combe Martin. 3665

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on December 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to me.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3635

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th. St. John's, Newcastle, 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Mary's, Gateshead, 6 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3718

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Huntingdon District, December 7th at Over. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3673

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3708

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford on December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford. 3621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—R. G. Bell, for District Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Banham, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3648

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, December 7th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley. 3638

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 2.30 till 3 and 3.30 p.m. onwards. Cups of tea available, please bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 3683

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 7th. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4 p.m.; St James, Clerkenwell, 4-5. Tea 5.15. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 3618

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Hartfield (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex 3587

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, December 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify Miss P. Goddard, Garden Cottage, Longparish, Barton Stacey after tea. 3685

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Saturday, Dec. 14th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Road, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 3703

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Monthly practice, Axbridge (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3693

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th.—Notify for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 10th.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3710

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SOCIETY OF WESSEX SCHOLARS

The next meeting of the Society will be on Dec. 14th, 1963, at Overton, Hants. Bells (8) 6 to 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. As this is essentially a teaching Society, beginners will be especially welcomed. Non-members are cordially invited.

A. R. Carter, Hon. Sec., 37, Wharf Hill, Winchester. 3619

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Laxton (6), on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. only. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to Mr. D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, Newark. Tuxford bells after tea.—H. Denman. 3691

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Winter meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford, 4.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dist. Sec. 3719

LATE NEWS

An 'Alan' peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at Portsmouth Cathedral in 3 hours 32 minutes on Nov. 30th, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

LATE NOTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices: Dec. 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral: Dec. 17th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Dec. 31st, Southwark Cathedral. There will be no practice on Dec. 24th.—John Chilcott.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 5.30 to 8 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 3724

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Evening, West Tarring (6). Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 3728

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MIDDLESEX AND ESSEX JOINT MEETING

Although the weather was in one of its best moods for the time of the year the attendance did not come up to expectations at the joint meeting of the Middlesex Association (N. and E. District) and Essex Association (S.W. District) on November 16th, when ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. John at Hackney.

The service was held at the Parish Church of St. John and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. A. S. Pink. Following severe damage by fire in 1955 the interior of this 18th century church was redesigned, a prominent feature being the presence of the high altar in the centre of a circular sanctuary. The delicate colouring chosen for the redecoration gives this beautiful church a feeling of light and spaciousness.

The Rector joined the company at tea, so ably provided by the local ringers and church workers, following which the District secretary extended a welcome to the members of the Essex Association, expressing the opinion that joint meetings were of great benefit to the Exercise, giving great opportunities for new friendships in the belfry to be made. Mr. C. Willmington replied on behalf of the Essex Association and endorsed the view that joint meetings were most helpful and enjoyable.

Mr. H. G. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. A. S. Pink for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the Rev. A. Lesson for accompanying at the organ and to Messrs. Hinkley and Errington, of the local band, for having everything in readiness. Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. Trevor Southgate, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. E. H. K.

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TRYING THE YORKSHIRE STYLE

NO! This is not an attempt to renew the oft-repeated arguments about Minor ringing in methods with irregular lead-ends and/or with closed handstroke leads. (Since I agree with one and not the other I may be presumed neutral.) The same area of Yorkshire which is the stronghold of these two ideas is also the home of a third variation—ropes with an extra 'sally' on the tail-end. Unlike the other two, this third idea has provoked little discussion and may in fact be little known in much of England.

In the early summer of last year, when our old ropes were more splice than original, the suggestion was put forward that we should try Yorkshire style ropes. The nearest tower with them is only 20 miles away, but only two of our band had rung on them.

The merits and demerits of a change were fully discussed. They would undoubtedly cost more (not very much, it transpired), but the relations between us and the incumbent and P.C.C. are so good and the ringers do so many 'odd jobs' for the church that this caused us no worry. More serious was the question of holding two sallies at handstroke. Would our young (some very young) ringers be able to do this? Someone pointed out that young people do learn to ring in Yorkshire, and anything they can do we can do better (to save argument, we will leave out cricket!). Learning to tie figure-of-eight knots presented no difficulty since the Ringing Master is also a scoutmaster.

The main points in favour were the easier handling, especially during peals (although many of our ringers ring very few peals), and that it would make us different from all nearby towers. It will, I suppose, never be known how much influence this had in producing the unanimous decision to order one as a trial.

The question of colour provoked a long discussion. The four colours red, white, blue and green can be used singly; there are four 'three-colour' combinations and 12 on the lines of 'two strands green, one white.' (Luckily we were not having four-strand ropes!) Any of these 20 for the main sally could be combined with any of them on the tail. Total possibilities, 400! Old sallies were untwisted and remade, and gradually five likely combinations emerged. A complicated secret vote (five points for first choice, four for second, etc.) resulted in a narrow victory for green sallies with red tails (a choice we have never regretted). In due course the trial rope arrived and was installed on the tenor, making it a more popular bell than ever. A few weeks later a unanimous vote was passed to order the other seven.

Now, after a full year of service and practice ringing, a meeting, many peals and two striking competitions, a fair assessment of the results of this experiment can be made. Nearly all comment from ringers who have visited us has been either favourable or facetious (usually both!). Even young ringers (and our youngest is only nine) have found little difficulty with the 'double sally' at handstroke. After a few touches they have been quite at home with these unfamiliar ropes. The blister crop amongst 'first pealers'—and others—has been considerably reduced.

One may conclude that the main obstacle to the wider use of Yorkshire style ropes is the innate conservatism of the ringing Exercise. We have certainly not regretted the experiment. Should any other tower be bold enough to try one rope, the following points should prove helpful.

DO have the sally and tail of distinctly different colours. It helps to avoid confusion between handstroke and backstroke.

DO err on the short side in working out the distance between sally and tail. This part of the rope stretches just like the top part. Neglect of this may mean having permanent knots in some of the ropes.

DO ring a short touch, not just a few rounds, before starting a peal on such ropes. They are a little more difficult to adjust correctly. Too long a tail will result in the 'back-enders' getting on to the single rope when 'cutting in' to hunt down.

DON'T allow too much tying and untying of knots. Set the ropes a little high and rely on the use of boxes for the smaller ringers. A range of sizes is more important than a large number. Our ringers range from a small nine-year-old to a young giant, but we manage quite well with two each of nine-, six- and three-inch boxes plus an extra two-inch one.

R. L.

ADELAIDE TOWN HALL BELLS RINGABLE AGAIN

By RONALD K. RUSS

(Continued from page 811)

EVER since the revival of ringing in South Australia occasioned by the installation of the 41 cwt. octave at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, it has been in the minds of South Australian ringers to investigate the possibility of a restoration at the Town Hall. The Australian Broadcasting Commission use the Hall for broadcasts and have built a sound mixing room in what was the old ringing chamber, thus leading many to believe that the bells would never be rung again. No ringers had ascended the tower to investigate, having been refused permission in earlier days. Fred Smeaton it was who, following correspondence with the authorities, arranged the first inspection of the bells and, after further correspondence, the Council gave permission for some work of an exploratory nature to be done to determine what might be involved in restoration. This exploratory work developed into a challenging onslaught and has put the tower back on the map.

It was found that between the ceiling of the mixing room and that of the old ringing chamber there was a room aboue seven feet high, lit by one small window. Three-quarters of it had been divided off by a chain-link partition to form a store for electrical goods, the racks round the walls being stacked with floodlights. Three or four ancient ropes with huge thick sallies were draped at odd angles into a corner. The remaining quarter of the chamber forms a passageway from the vertical access ladder to steps leading to the clock chamber. The existing rope holes formed a good circle but the treble, seven and tenor were very near the shelving. The second hole was immediately about the chain link partitition and three and four were uncomfortably close to it in the passageway.

The clock chamber is a mass of wood beams which support the works of the three-faced clock and, above that, the bell frame. It revealed that to form a good circle the ropes of treble and tenor were guided at acute angles and enclosed in drainpipes; the remainder fell at lesser angles but without any guides through the 15 feet or so of fall. None fell straight.

FIFTY YEARS' NEGLECT

Conditions in the bell chamber were consistent with 50 years of virtual neglect, and overall it was a gloomy picture. The chamber was piled high with pigeon droppings and twigs, some sliders were missing and the tenor was being clocked. The clocking rope was promptly removed

It was considered that if the tenor could be raised then there was a good chance of the other seven, too. Hence the first working party began on the tenor, tightening up, cleaning bearings and freeing caked pulleys, etc. With a rope brought from the Cathedral the bell was raised to frame height, but a kink in its down pipe prevented further progress. The party retired and reinforced its ranks, while the authorities were persuaded to replace the down pipe and clear most of the foreign matter.

On July 6th we started in earnest with a thorough inspection of the bell chamber. The frame is basically iron but is supported on wood at both its upper and lower levels. It was found to be in good condition but for a desperate need of tightening up; some nuts could be turned with the fingers! The climate has quite low humidity and iron is not so prone to rust as in England. Well-seasoned wood has stood the test of time, the floor under the bells being some two inches thick. Wood here is fortunately not subject to the ravages of boring beetles to the degree experienced in our English belfries! Once tightened up, we considered the frame would be quite safe and, this done, we turned our attention back to the tenor. She sits in the middle at the base of the frame, surrounded by the treble, 5, 6 and 7: 2, 3 and 4 are on the upper level above treble and 5. All bear the Warner crest and are inscribed simply: 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1865.' When we tried to raise the tenor again, as soon as the sally began to bob, it stuck above the pulley on the clock chamber floor. The hole in the floor was too small to take the sally comfortably, and similar trouble was experienced with all the others. When the bells were rung from the original level the sallies never rose this far. We descended on the hole with padsaws and rasps, and the first bell was raised, though none too easily, and without a slider. Three sliders were missing but later searches revealed all but the one for the fifth.

ALL STAYS ORIGINAL!

The treble was the only other bell with a down pipe, so we tackled her next, striking the same trouble with the sally. Her headstock was cracked, as was that of the second, and emitted an ominous creak. We got rid of this by tightening the bell on its stock and putting a U-bolt right round the stock for extra strength in each case. The cause of the cracks was obvious—the stays are made of jarrah, the hardest Australian wood, second only to teak for its strength. All stays appear to be the originals! Replacement with the best substitute for English ash is planned if ringing continues.

The third refused to go up at back, and we found the slider was jamming. Careful reshaping of the stay, and a precisely-driven nail to stop the slider twisting, cured the trouble. The bell was first rung from the clock chamber since despite enlargement of the hole in the floor it proved impossible to ring from below —the 15 feet of unguided rope just snaked. Brian Cox, who led the party so ably throughout the work, and who successfully took over liaison with the authorities, decided that rope-fall problems could be tackled later, so many of the bells were first rung from the clock chamber.

Although the fourth's wheel is very badly warped, and when first rung it would not go up at hand, this was trased to the hope catching between the main frame pulley wheel and its block. The wheel was badly worn but we cured the trouble by simply turning it through 180 degrees. Bearings in general were caked with filth despite tight covers, and some were caked so solid they had to be chiselled out before we reached the brasses. What we removed seemed more like solid resin than ancient grease. We used lengths of plastic tubing to blow the bearings clean as we progressed, and penetrating oil to finish up before greasing them. Many of the pulleys were badly worn and could not be made to run very freely. Alas, one of several examples we found of sad neglect in the past.

NOVEL FITTING

The fifth had a very loose wheel and no slider. A temporary one was cut from the spokes of a spare half-wheel available, and it worked so well it has now become permanent! The sixth has a very tight pit due to its position against a side of the octagonal chamber, and the corners of the frame have had to be rounded off. The result is that a conventional stay and slider mechanism cannot be fitted; the stay would never clear the frame. To overcome the problem John Warner used a most ingenious device which may well be unique. He fitted what looks like an extra gudgeon on the top edge of the headstock. This engages on a small vertically hinged metal bar moving in a slot in the frame a few inches below the bearing, doing the work of a slider. We felt that hard bumps might do considerable damage and even cause the bell to jump from its bearings, but the device has so far stood the test of time. The bell does not go well and has to be created with great respect.

So we came to the seventh, and last, in our programme. Here we met trouble. The tower is adorned with flag poles, and three of these protrude horizontally at bell chamber level. The pole by this bell has its base supported in the angle of the frame below the bearing, and it protruded enough to foul the path of the headstock. We cut it back as far as we dared, and wired it to prevent movement. We were worried in case frame movement when all the bells were going would be sufficient to dislodge the pole and send it crashing into the street. The seventh wheel was warped, too, and when we tried to raise the bell the rims rubbed so badly on the frame as to appear incurable without a major remake of the wheel. Evidently they had rubbed in the past and been worn down then, but further warping during the inactive period made the bell impossible to keep up. Undaunted, we removed parts of the rims and shaved them down even further, also taking a slice off a bolthead on the frame, which was causing some of the trouble. After much trial and error, the rub was eliminated, though at one point the inside wheel rim is reduced to nothing! Fortunately the bell shows no tendency to slip wheel and now goes as well as any.

At this stage all the bells had been raised, but we still had a long way to go. Extension lights borrowed from the Cathedral received so much use that the lamps keep blowing, plunging their users into semi-darkness. Soon it became a standing joke as to 'How many are going to go this week? The City Council will be thinking we eat them!'

Having rechecked tightness of the frame, various combinations of the bells were tried while the effect on the frame was observed and decided to be satisfactory. This quickly dispelled any doubts in our minds about the safety of the structure. Such stories go round for every unusable ring it seems. The tower certainly oscillates, but so do they all.

CLAPPERS AND PULLEYS

The clappers hang from simple crown staples cast into the crows of the bells, by means of a metal strap bushed into leather and specially shaped woods to prevent lateral movement. Their condition was consistent with complete neglect. Lateral movement in the tenor was well over a foot, and we had to replace several bolts and two woods before refitting each clapper. We then turned our attention to the lower floors and rope-fall problems.

Pulleys on the clock chamber ceiling proved difficult to reach and gave rise to ringers behaving more like steeplejacks, perched in precarious positions, pursuing their cause! Experimental guide holes were fitted but little improvement was noticed in the rope-fall. Sheer weight of rope falling at an angle through the clock chamber was just too much for efficient control from the seven-foot ringing chamber. Holes in the clock chamber floor were then blanked off and repositioned to give straighter fall, also avoiding obstructions downstairs. Permanent guides were fitted at various levels in the clock chamber but still the sallies caught up without a long, hard pull at backstroke. Some members of the team began to despair of ever solving the problem, but then an idea of Austin Adams completely eliminated the trouble. He designed, manufactured and fitted a number of tin funnels, about 15 inches high, nine inches across the tip, tapering to a 2½ inch hole at the base. These were fitted just above the pulley blocks on three metal legs, bolted to the funnels and screwed to the floor. The erring sallies never strayed after this, and we even found we could dispense with some of the pulley blocks. The repositioned holes have upset the former good circle but have made the bells easier to ring and steered all except the tenors clear of obstruction below.

(To be continued.

'RABBITS IN THE REEDS'

This is not our heading, but that supplied by the scribe to describe the happening of St. Margaret's Guild of Change Ringers, Warnham, when they spent a ringing week-end in Norfolk.

Their headquarters was a cottage on a game reserve at Serlingham. First excitement was after crossing the River Yare by motor launch to ring at Blofield, the launch would not start. The consequence was that they had to row across and arrived late at Lodden, where they were met by Mr. Barrett, who fulfilled the role of guide that day.

Other towers visited were Raveningham, Beccles, Bungay, Brooke and, in the evening, St. George's, Colegate. The day finished with a barbecue arranged by their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hoare.

Sunday's ringing was at St. Peter Mancroft, St Miles' and Giles', Norwich, and on the way home at Hatfield. Thanks are given to Mr. and Mrs. Hoare, Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. J. D. Nelson (who arranged the outing).

M. T.

FIRST RINGING STAGES AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

MR. RICHARD S. DIRKSEN, Bellmaster of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., reports that with what the band retained of Mr. Harry Parkes' fine tutelage they were making some progress and would seen be ringing plain hunt.

The first meeting of those interested in the Exercise took place in the choir room of the Cathedral on October 12th, with the Bellmaster presiding. Mr. Dirksen gave an introductory talk on good and safe ringing helped by the Central Council's Beginners' Handbook. After a discussion on the nomenclature of the bell and its mounting the party began the long climb to the ringing chamber in the tower.

There they were met by Mr. Harry Parkes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who took them into the bell chamber to see the bells. The sixth bell was raised to the balance by Mr. Parke, who had descended into the ringing room. 'It was a sight,' writes our correspondent, 'that those assembled will never forget, for better than anything else it showed them what force and power there was to be controlled in a rocking bell.'

'Preliminary ringing instruction in handling followed. A near accident occurred when a student pulled too hard at backstroke and broke the stay, the rope disappearing through the ceiling. Fortunately he let go in time, but the lesson was most impressive to all.

'During those weeks with Mr. Parkes so many stays were broken that for financial reasons it was necessary to replace the ash stays with less expensive pine. However, during the past 10 hours of ringing no stays have been broken despite a number of very forceful attempts!

'On the week-end of October 20th, we were privileged to be host to the band from Groton School, Massachusetts, who with the assistance of their Master, Mr. Russell Young, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Warren Sturgis, of New York, and Mr. Philip Gray, of Bristol, proceeded to put our bells through their paces for the purposes of seismographic and audio testing. When the testing (in which mostly rounds and Queens were rung on the ten bells) was completed, the Groton band, directed by Mr. Young, rang a plain course of Stedman Doubles as well as touches of Plain Bob

'The time came for Mr. Parkes to leave us, and it was with the greatest regret that we watched him board his plane. For his superb teaching ability and for his boundless patience with such a group of novices as ourselves we shall ever be most grateful.

'Since his departure progress, though slow, has been steady and most of us are beginning to acquire some feel for our bells. (By this I mean that we are able to stand on command about seven out of ten times.) Progress is also being made on the handbells and, having mastered, more or less, the intricacies of plain hunt, we are now commencing Bob Doubles. Once our ringers have mastered these two simple changes, and once they have gained a reasonable control over their ropes, our progress should pick up immensely.'

R. S. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the foggy day, seven towers were represented at the Bingham District meeting at Whatton-in-the-Vale on November 9th and there were also visitors from Nottingham and Loughborough.

The Rev. G. H. Miles conducted Evensong, and tea, in the Village Hall, was prepared by local ringers. The meeting at Shelford was confirmed for December 14th and Bingham proposed for January 11th. Dinner and social, Friday, December 20th at Whatton. R. B.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 12



JAMES POYNER,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

For the third time in this series the Leicester Diocesan Guild is represented. On this occasion it is by a brilliant young ringer who was born on December 22nd, 1943, at Blaby, Leicester.

James Poyner, who started work in September 1960, in the accounts department of a well known printing firm, was educated at Granby Road Infant and Junior Schools, Aylestone, and the City of Leicester Boys' Grammar School to fifth year.

James started to ring at the age of 13 and was taught to handle a bell at Aylestone by the Rev. P. R. Blackman, then assistant curate. It was not long before James was making rapid progress in method ringing under the watchful eye of R. S. Morris, and his first peal took place at Ratby on January 11th, 1958, when he rang the treble to Grandsire Triples, the conductor being Brian G. Warwick. Within four years of ringing his first peal he achieved a remarkable record by completing the alphabet to Surprise Royal methods. Only two other ringers have claim to such an achievement.

James, who has rung some 290 peals (about 50 of which he has conducted), is now Ringing Master at Aylestone Parish Church, where a very high standard of ringing is maintained. A variety of methods up to London and Bristol Surprise are rung for Sunday service. His first peal as conductor was one of Doubles in three methods at Kirby Muxloe, with a band whose average age was 15 years and two months.

On many occasions when James was travelling from place to place for ringing he was accompanied by the late Ernest Morris, and the many tales the latter told of his youth and the peals he had taken part in were much enjoyed and will never be forgotten.

Apart from Sunday service ringing and ringing peals, James takes an active part in the affairs of the Guild by being secretary of the Leicester District, an office he has held since January, 1961.

Included in his very interesting collection of peals—which no doubt will be published in 'The Ringing World' in the very near future when his total reaches 300—are over 40 of Surprise Royal in 34 different methods and over 73 of Surprise Major in 27 different methods. James' ambition in ringing is to complete the alphabet in Surprise Major methods. Congratulations and good hunting.

NORVING.

CANON THURLOW TO RETURN TO NORWICH

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, who has been vicar of Yarmouth since 1955, has been appointed to the Residentiary Canonry of Norwich Cathedral in succession to the new Bishop of Thetford (the Rt. Rev. Eric Cordingley). He will be installed at the Cathedral on April 11th.

His work at Yarmouth has been conspicuous for the energetic lead he gave to rebuilding of St. Nicholas' Church, which was left in ruins after an air raid in 1942. The rebuilding cost £350,000 and with the restoration the church was provided with a ring of 12 bells. Before going to Yarmouth he was precentor at Norwich Cathedral.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 12th, 1913.—

On Saturday, December 6th, 1913:—

In 2 hours 12 mins. a peal of Stedman Triples, in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

In 2 hours 10 mins. a peal of Grandsire Triples, at King Edward VI Grammar School

In 2 hours 17 mins. a peal of Bob Major, at King Edward VI Grammar School

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1—2, Alfred H. Pulling 3—4, Frank I. Hairs 5—6, Frank Blondell 7—8. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

This is the first time three peals have been rung on handbells in a day, and the first time a lady has rung three peals in a day...

WOLLATON WENT WEST

Wollaton ringers' first annual outing, on September 28th, was to Derbyshire and Staffordshire. We were privileged to have with us, in addition to one or two non-ringers, Julie Lethbridge and Elizabeth Smith, from Aspley, Mrs. M. Paling and Mr. F. Salter, from Nottingham St. Peter's, and, in their car, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, from Shelford. At one tower we joined forces with Shepshed ringers and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

Some of the ringing was quite good, and a variety of methods were rung. Towers visited were Breadsall (6), Duffield (10), Osmaston-by-Ashbourne (6), Rocester (8), Alton (8), Mayfield (6), Belper (8) and Horsley (6). The best rings of bells we thought were at Alton, Staffordshire—a majestic new Taylor set, and Horsley, Derbyshire—surely the loveliest-toned set in the area. Belper and Breadsall sounded well, also. However, at Duffield we were disappointed at only ringing the back eight, as earlier visitors that day had snapped the treble rope and there was no time to repair it. Sandwiches were taken for lunch and a cooked meal was arranged in Ashbourne about 6 p.m., although a meeting prevented ringing there.

To my mind the best touches came from the awkward six at Mayfield (College Exercise Minor), Alton (Cambridge Major, and where Mr. Salter's splicing of Plain, Little and St. Clements Bob Major was successful) and Belper (Cambridge again). M. P.

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Letters to the Editor

Bells and the P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if some knowledgeable person will explain the extent to which a Parochial Church Council has jurisdiction over the bells and activities of ringers. Being at a Cathedral, I am rather ignorant of the affairs of parishes, but was under the impression that the bells and ringers were the direct concern of the incumbent.

On page 794, G. H. says that it is **hoped** the P.C.C. will **allow** an alteration of the shuttering of High Wycombe bells, which has been found too effective. On page 800, Rickmansworth P.C.C. is said to have refused the ringers permission to raise money for repair to a cracked bell, which they themselves express little hope of affording over a period of some years.

What is to stop some willing organisation (perhaps the local Guild) from collecting a sum (conditional on the work being done within a specified time) sufficient to cover the cost, and then nominating some memorable event or person to whom the repair shall be a memorial?—Yours, etc.,

W. O. CAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

Conductor's Integrity

Dear Sir,—If your correspondent who writes under the initials W.J., of Oxfordshire (R.W. 15.11.63), is a ringer of any experience, he will know that the question of the standard of ringing acceptable in a touch of any length, be it 210 or 21,000, depends on the standards and integrity of the individual conductor.—Yours faithfully,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

Settling down to Long Lengths

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, W. J., I would like to say, as an umpire of and participator in a few record peals, that in general I have found that a higher standard of ringing is expected and attained during a long length than during a mere 5,000-odd.

As to the band not settling down after seven courses, I don't think this is to be expected on all 10 at the foundry by a band unused in the main to the bells. Had they got the peal anyway it would have been morally inferior to the 16,920 rung at Worsley, two years ago.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles.

Tisbury Bells

Dear Sir,—An article on page 797 of the 'R.W.' states that these bells have not been rung for some years. I am afraid that this is not quite true as I rang there last June, and I believe others have done so. When I went we had difficulty with the clock hammer, and perhaps similar trouble led the writer to believe they had not been rung for some years. I would dispute the fact that they are a fine ring. The tenor, by William Corr, of Aldbourne, used to be given as 21 cwt. in D, but when Gilletts rehung them she was found to be only 16 cwt. in D! At the best of times the Aldbourne foundry never cast very musical bells and though a beautiful casting, this is certainly a failure tonally.

Incidentally in Tisbury market place, over a greengrocer's shop, is still a faded painted trade sign the trader describing himself as 'Whitesmith and Bellhanger.' His name escapes me.—Yours sincerely,

TONY CLAYTON.

Tooting Graveney, S.W.

Tune Ringing and Extra Bells

Dear Sir,—The arrangement of tunes for handbell ringing is a specialised subject, and one which might well appeal to those ringers who 'double' as choirmen. Owing to the restricted range of notes it is often impossible to apply the conventional rules of harmony, particularly as to completeness and correct inversion of chords, let along to maintain a melodic bass line. Fortunately the medium is tolerant of such failings, and also of the modal peculiarities which must sometimes be introduced to overcome the shortage or absence of chromatic notes. There are nevertheless situations in which harmony of any kind is impracticable; one may then make a virtue of necessity, for the contrast between unaccompanied melody and even two-part harmony is pronounced, and compensates to some extent for an inherent lack of dynamics.

A set of handbells intended primarily for change ringing, and therefore consisting of a diatonic scale, may be used to ring many simple tunes: but the repertoire may be extended greatly is one or two chromatic bells are added. It is important to choose them carefully. Those near the bottom of the scale are of very little use, besides being the most expensive. Given a change ringing set of 12, the most useful additions are a sharpened second and a flattened sixth. In the scale of C (for example) the set now becomes as follows:

C Tenor. D 11, E 10. F 9, G 8, A 7, B flat New bell, B 6, C 5, D 4, E 3, F 2, F sharp New bell, G Treble.

and modulation is possible into the related keys of G and F: the (ascending) scale of G minor is also complete.

I agree with your correspondent that it is essential to use proper musical notation for all but the very simplest tunes. This is because it indicates complicated rhythms precisely. It is not at all difficult to learn sufficient of staff notation for handbell ringing. A technique which I have successfully used is to reproduce my full arrangements in red ink on a spirit duplicator, and then mark on each ringer's copy in black ink the appearances of his bell. This minimises copying errors and enables each ringer to see what the other bells should be doing, so that he does not have to count his rests.

The publication of collections has no doubt been discouraged by the high cost of engraving or photographing staff notation. To overcome this I suggest a modified form of sol-fa, using one line for each ringer and substituting bell numbers for the notes of the scale. Bells sounding together would be grouped vertically, and the advantage of accurate time representation would be preserved.—Yours truly,

M. D. MORGAN.

Northleigh, Oxon.

Bristol Surprise Adaptation

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Ivin's letter ('R.W.' October 18th, 1963) and to see the composition of 5,120 Bristol as rung at Eaton Socon on April 14th, 1962.

Perhaps to avoid any possible misunderstanding to your readers it may be well to mention that the original composition, a two-part 5,056, published in April, 1955, did not contain any calls at 4ths and In—the tenors being together throughout.

May I thank Mr. Ivin for the information which he has supplied.—Yours truly,

ERNEST BENNETT.

Preston, Lancs.

North Wales Peal Tour

Dear Sir,—I have no intention of entering into any controversy over this matter, primarily because none exists except in Mr. Pateman's fertile imagination. I shall only say that, firstly, my own and my touring companions' relationship with Mr. Cathrall and the North Wales Association is entirely amicable and has no reason to be otherwise, and, secondly, I consider Mr. Pateman's suggestion that we did not intend to pay our subscriptions to be extremely offensive.—Yours faithfully.

R. G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

In Defence of Grandsire

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to detract from Mr. A. S. Hudson's valuable work on Surprise Major methods, I feel that the unwarranted slur on Grandsire contained in his article should not go unanswered. This strikes me as ringing snobbery of the worst order.

The need for Grandsire is obvious. On heavy bells a local band is frequently unable to ring even-bell methods, either from lack of numbers or lack of a competent tenor ringer (or both). There are not many well known Triples methods and in practice, with beginners, the choice is limited to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Of the two, Grandsire has better music and is more interesting; also a plain course requires only five 'inside' ringers. I agree that little can be said for Grandsire Doubles, except that it has more callings than other Doubles methods; but Grandsire Caters has great musical potential.

Not every eight-bell tower has a Surprise Major band, and surely even Mr. Hudson prefers well-struck Triples to indifferent Major! —Yours faithfully,

RICHARD HOUGH.

Jesus College, Cambridge.

First Peal in Scotland

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter of November 1st, and the letter from Mr. P. Dale, of November 15th, regarding the first peal in Scotland, rung at St. Nicholas', Aberdeen, in 1859.

R. H. Dove's excellent Guide has a list of existing rings of bells, and his chapter on losses and transfers of ringing peals deals only with recent cases. A full list of losses and transfers would be extremely difficult to compile, and would need a very much enlarged Guide.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(No. 46)

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

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Rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, on August 10th, 1963, conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

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REMINISCENCES OF THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE

By A. C. HAZELDEN

It must have been either late in 1895 or early in 1896 when I first met Tom Groombridge. We (my family) were then living near Sundridge Church, where a recently appointed Rector had the church left open every day. With this freedom, I went in one day and, finding the belfry door open, went up to the ringing floor and into the bell loft. I was interested at once and soon began to appear at the ringers' weekly practice. They were not very enthusiastic either about ringing or about me, but I did get a show sometimes. One evening a stranger came in who at once changed the atmosphere—Tom Groombridge, who had come to live at Sevenoaks.

To say that Tom was an enthusiastic ringer would be an understatement, facing thinly veiled hostility on the part of some ringers, together with hostility on the Rector's part to the Kent County Association, combined with the decrepit condition of the bells to make the situation distinctly explosive.

It was said at the time that the Rector's hostility to the Association arose from a dispute between himself and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. It is, of course, well known that in 1891 both the Rev. T. S. Curteis and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had been nominated for the position of secretary, and that Helmore was elected by a narrow majority. I always thought that there was possibly an element of professional rivalry between these two very able men.

Groombridge tackled the situation directly with characteristic energy and, it must be said, considerable wisdom. He first made himself acceptable to the existing ringers, by regular attendance, and with them ringing what they could ring, at the same time gently persuading them that there was something better which they could learn. In this effort he was joined early in 1898 by Messrs. James Stevens and H. J. Ford.

As a result of Tom's continuous urge, and to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign, some work was done on the Sevenoaks bells. I never knew the complete details, but the tenor bell was, I believe, recast, and the Cambridge quarter chimes added to the clock. I was present on the evening when the new work was tried out; also other visitors from Westerham. Tom had discreetly warned us that we would get no ringing: we all kept ourselves in the background. I suppose discerning dimly that we were witnesses of a turning point, the dawn of a new day at Sevenoaks.

LATER NOTE: MAY, 1962.

To assess the position in 1891 between Revs. T. S. Curteis and F. J. O. Helmore it is wise to light up the background of the two accomplished men. T. S. Curteis was a grandson of Thomas Sackville Curteis, who was succeeded as Rector by his son, Thomas Curteis: his son, T. S., was born in December, 1851, and somehow obtained ordination on December 21st, 1871, and in 1873, aged 22, a very young priest, took on the Rectory at Sevenoaks. All this took place near the time of my parents' marriage and my own appearance. There is much more to this, but, I fear, to you rather a bore.

AN ECHO FROM THE PAST

Way back in the early April of 1938, I went with an organised party from the West Midlands to see the international soccer match, England v Scotland, at the Wembley Stadium.

We travelled up to London early on the Saturday morning and stayed to the following Sunday afternoon; this was, I considered, a good opportunity to go over to St. Paul's on the Sunday morning to hear the ringing there. One of our party who was interested in churches and famous buildings went along with me.

On our arrival at St. Paul's the bells were already ringing, and, not knowing the 'runs,' so to speak, we spent some time walking around looking for what all ringers seek on such occasions, the 'magic place of entry'; for after all, considering we came from the West Midlands, and this being my first visit to St. Paul's, I thought it just possible we might get the chance of a peep into this famous belfry.

Making our way alongside some iron railings skirting the churchyard we came to a large door and side opening, where could be seen some ascending stone steps: a man, who was obviously a verger, or of some similar office, was seated on a chair at the foot of these steps. He informed us that on no account could we go up to the belfry while ringing was in progress.

I turned away feeling very disconsolate and not a little perplexed by the situation. Retracing our steps to the outside causeway, we halted and held a conference, my friend of course being quite unused to what might be the correct procedure in such circumstances. We stood a few more minutes listening to the bells tripping off the Stedman Cinques changes. 'Let us try again,' I said, turning to my friend, who dutifully followed as we again approached the custodian of the steps. 'Look now,' I parried, 'I am a bellringer and promise to go up very quietly and not enter the belfry unless invited.' He took from a side pocket a large silver watch on a long leather thong, he held the watch in the palm of his hand and slowly ribbed his thumb end around the edge of the watch as if contemplating what to do. 'All right,' he said at last, still looking at his timepiece, 'you can go up now.'

We literally crept up those steps. Coming at last to a turning where the ringers came into view, we halted and at that moment the bells ran into rounds: the time killing tactics of old 'Silver Watch' had certainly paid off, I thought.

The backenders had, by now, stepped down off their boxes, and I noticed one particular ringer was donning his jacket at the same time coming over in our direction. 'Are you ringers?' was his greeting. On my explanation he immediately apologised and explained the position about ringing at St. Paul's, at the same time beckoning us to follow him down the steps. 'I have a quarter of Grandsire Caters on at London Bridge,' he told me, 'would you care to come along?'

On our arrival at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr we found the band already assembled in the belfry: several of the ringers appeared to be the same age as myself, in the late twenties, the rest being in their late teens. Our friend from St. Paul's had a few words of advice to a young ringer, who was obviously to do the conducting, we took our positions, and the quarter started. Our St. Paul's friend was content to sit it out.

I gathered it must have been a decent effort, for our friend looked more than pleased as he talked with the younger ringers, then, after a few more words to the conductor, who had by now collected by name, we made our way once more to the streets below.

He lead us off to a quiet inn, whose doors stood in the shadow of the famous Monument, erected in the year 1677 to commemorate the 'Great Fire of London.' Here we talked about most of the well known ringers of the Midland Counties Association—Arthur Knights, Ernest Morris, William Willson, Fred Dexter and many more. I mentioned John Austin, of Gloucester, with whom I had recently rung a peal. He knew them all.

The time to go our various ways had arrived when we were joined by a young man who looked slightly older than myself, 'You must tell us your name,' I asked of our St. Paul's friend, whereupon the younger man interposed and said, 'Yes, let me introduce you to my father, Thomas H. Taffender.'

When I read the appreciations of the late Mr. T. H. Taffender I realised that my interesting experience on that lovely spring morning long ago was but one of many such episodes in the life of this great ringer.

WEST MIDLANDER.

OBITUARY

MR. G. W. STEEL

The sudden death of Mr. George Wm. Steel, at his home at Rothwell, Leeds, at the age of 87 on November 16th, came as a great shock to all who knew him. Right up to the end he had been in full control of his faculties and in perfect health.

He learned to ring at Rothwell in 1893 at the age of 17 and rang there all his life. In 1894 he joined the Yorkshire Association and the following year rang his first peal. Among his peals was 8,448 Oxford T.B. Major rung in 1903 which at the time was the longest length in this method for the Yorkshire Association. Another peal worthy of mention was 5,600 College Exercise Major, the first and only peal in this method for the Yorkshire Association. This method was rung by the local band at that time as practice for Cambridge!

George rang his 100th peal in 1927 and became the first Rothwell ringer to accomplish this. His last peal was rung in 1959 and this brought his total to 181, of which he had conducted 14.

Throughout his life he had been a very keen Sunday service ringer. It was very rarely he missed a service on Sunday—usually cycling or walking the two-and-a-half miles from his home at Woodlesford. However, the last two years we had seen less of him, due to minor ailments. The last time he rang was for Evensong in September.

A short service was held in the Chapel at Cottingley Crematorium, Leeds, prior to committal and was attended by friends and relatives and several of the Rothwell ringers. I. N.

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In Memoriam Quarter Peals to John Fitzgerald Kennedy

President of United States of America: Assassinated Nov. 22nd, 1963

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET. — On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Rosemary A. Woodward 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Half-muffled.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Carol Cousins 1, R. Rayfield 2, E. Godfrey 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Bragg 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, E. J. Bragg 3, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell 4, W. Viggers 5, T. Page 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, D. Cox 8. Half-muffled.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. White 1, G. Holifield 2, N. Leslie 3, D. Leslie 4, F. C. White 5, B. R. White (cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, H. White 8. Half-muffled.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Hull 1, P. Wright 2, G. Massey 3, R. Baker 4, E. Naylor 5, E. Chivers 6, V. G. Roberts (cond.) 7, E. Skipsey 8. Half-muffled.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 26th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Payne (first on eight) 1, Miss A. Callum (first on eight) 2, J. Butterfield 3, C. Forsyth (first 'inside') 4, B. Forsyth 5, J. Boustead 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, B. V. Porter 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS. — On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Suffolk 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, J. E. Lloyd 3, G. A. Bell 4, Miss C. L. Mason 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. Draycott (cond.) 7, Miss M. Mason 8. Half-muffled.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory on Nov. 25th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. A. Crampton 1, K. Derham 2, W. Freeman 3, H. Harrison 4, G. W. Scragg 5, R. Ingham 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, B. Wright 8, F. Southwood 9, R. Edwards 10. Half-muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, J. Jeffrey 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, S. Upton 4, E. Packam 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Half-muffled.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. D. Spencer 1, Miss M. Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, G. Graham 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, A. Staveley 8.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss K. Todhunter 2, C. George 3, G. Ruck 4, G. Gray 5, J. Walker (cond.) 6, M. Godfrey 7, D. Bishop 8.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): D. Oakshott 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, W. Parrott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, D. Herschell 5, R. Fentiman 6. Half-muffled.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, A. Hicks 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Half-muffled.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Thornley 1, C. Lomax (first in method) 2, D. Vincent 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, G. Fothergill 5, B. Moss 6, I. Munro 7, J. Ashcroft 8. Half-muffled.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mann 1, G. Barnard (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. Half-muffled.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Muriel Clarke 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Woodman 3, H. W. Badger 4, P. Heritage 5, R. Rivers (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled, also in memory of C. S. Lewis—author and theologian, who died at Headington on Nov. 24th.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Sell 1, D. M. Morton 2, Audrey M. Gladwell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. C. Sherwood 5, T. Wood 6, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 7, K. S. W. Morton 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 5 and 8. Half-muffled.

SECOND INSTALMENT

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Timms 1, R. Newton 2, J. Barton 3, J. Young 4, A. Newton 5, D. Francis 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, G. Harrison 8. Half-muffled.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Stowe (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell (cond.) 2, Thelma Bowcutt 3, J. Green (first 'inside') 4, N. Stowe 5. Half-muffled.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Miss D. K. Moore 1, Miss C. M. Follis (first of T.B. 'inside') 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, M. W. Fairey 4, E. W. Colley 5, P. G. Golder (cond.) 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Crowe 1, G. W. Howlett 2, B. S. Thompson 3, L. Raphael 4, R. W. Coates 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, E. R. Goate (cond.) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Christine Rimmer 1, Sheila Smith 2, Audrey Alexander 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. R. Agg 5, D. Saunderson 6, A. S. Smith 7, G. E. Penney 8, C. M. Orme 9, P. Mehew (cond.) 10.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 Plain Bob): D. Lilley 1, D. Feek 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. Half-muffled.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nona Davies (first on six bells) 1, Louise Taylor 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. Crowther 4, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 5, M. J. Pryor 6. Half-muffled.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 27th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica E. Collins 1, I. Page 2, Helen J. Henderson 3, Anne E. Cowling 4, G. W. Heyes 6, H. McDonald (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Elsmore 1, Miss V. M. Edge 2, H. Griffiths 3, J. E. Fox 4, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, L. Evans 6. Half-muffled.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,440 laminated Kent and Oxford: S. Lawrence 1, L. Gascoyne 2, G. Newman 3, D. Culling 4, Irene Lawrence 5, C. J. Hughes (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston 1, W. Hollowell 2, J. Parker 3, R. J. Warwick 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6. Half-muffled.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Long 1, A. Lane 2, R. Gale 3, A. Gould 4, Mrs. G. Simmonds 5, F. Sandy 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. Gale 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Maggs 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, Miss A. Sadoloska 4, H. Webb 5, G. Drew 6, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 7, M. Maggs. Half-muffled.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, L. W. Allen 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, A. R. Millidge 5, D. C. Brookes 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, B. J. Bull 8. Half-muffled.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Tessa Hollis 1, Susan Chaddock 2, Margaret Burns 3, P. E. North 4, N. Donovan 5, D. Nichols 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 behind): Lesley Lilley 1, J. D. Chamberlain 2, G. H. Foster 3, G. T. Ridgway 4, F. Kirk (cond.) 5, D. Walsh 6, R. J. Bedford 7, E. H. Chambers 8. Half-muffled.

SARRATT, HERTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, Deborah Wilson (cond.) 2, June Chilton 3, Marion Petts 4, C. Alban 5. Half-muffled.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, J. Thorley 2, H. Scott 3, E. Short 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Graham 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

STOTFOLD, BEDS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Goodwin 1, Audrey Alexander 2, D. Saunderson 3, Jean Sanderson 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, Carol Brown 6. Rung half-muffled.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's original): G. Westwood 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, A. D. Fellows 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, E. W. Penn 6, M. D. Fellows 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled; also for C. Rowberry, a member of this church for many years.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Cooke 1, R. Spray (cond.) 2, G. Stock 3, J. Perkins 4, T. Griffiths 5, D. Perkins 6. Half-muffled.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): D. Williamson (first of Minor) 1, Susan Moxon (first 'inside') 2, H. Hawcroft 3, A. Parsons 4, D. Parsons 5, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 6, Katharine Burchnall 7, R. Beresford 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, R. Beresford (first of Triples) 2, Lavina Mumford 3, D. Parsons (first of Triples) 4, Eleanor Rose 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, H. Hawcroft 7, N. Moxon 8. Both rung half-muffled.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Osborne 1, P. Warboys cond.) 2, C. Warboys 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Worboys (first on 'working' bell) 1, Miss M. Pine (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Saunderson 3, L. Hatchett 4, T. R. Hatchett (cond.) 5, E. Ward 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Sweet 1, C. Clarke (cond.) 2, Miss M. Beale (first 'inside') 3, B. Wylde 4, M. Stone 5, G. Hucker 6. Half-muffled.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, Jenny Coombs 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, M. J. Best 2, A. M. Cox 3, D. T. Gardiner 4, F. L. Harris 5, F. Price 6, J. E. Daniels 7, J. Hartless 8, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 9, L. F. Cobb 10.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Nov. 24th, 1,280 Bristol S Major: Miss D. Gough 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss V. Rodrigues 3, Mrs. S. Newman 4, A. Bishop 5, Miss J. Geiringer 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. First for all the band except the conductor, and first as conductor.

WINFORD, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): Gladys Bishop 1, C. York 2, Ruth R. Ball 3, G. Talbot 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Half-muffled. Also in memoriam L. John de Jong, of Salford.

WOODFORD, ESSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cousins (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, A. Crowson 3, T. Sharp 4, P. Gould 5, A. Faulkner 6, J. Waugh (cond.) 7, T. Ingles 8. First in method 3, 4, 5 and 8. First quarter by a local Sunday Service band since 1939. Half-muffled.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Whiting (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. M. Law 3, S. J. Wooler 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6.

YORK.—At St. Stephen's, Acomb, on Nov. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Johnson (first of Doubles) 1, G. Pluckrose 2, M. King (cond.) 3, P. Thompson 4, R. Aldington (first of Doubles 'inside') 5, H. Griffiths (first in the method) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS. — On Nov. 16th, at the Church of St. Nicolas, 1,260 Spliced Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. G. Clubley 1, J. R. Rowson (first 'inside') 2, Anne M. Rowson 3, Philippa J. P. Dixon 4, M. C. E. Hodge (first in two methods) 5, C. I. Rowson (cond., first in two Minor methods) 6. Rung by members of the Abingdon School Campanological Society, with the help of two members of the Abingdon band, as a compliment to the ringer of 3 on her engagement to David H. Carpenter.

BADWORTH, NOTTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Dutton 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Helen Bloomfield 3, Mary Poyner 4, R. Bloomfield 5, D. L. Chambers 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung for the opening of Mission Week.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Arkwell (first quarter) 1, Catherine Rooke (first Major 'inside') 2, Jacqueline Stewart 3, Diane Slaney 4, H. T. Rooke 5, D. Cooper 6, A. Keller (cond.) 7, M. Phipps 8. Rung to mark the 18th birthday of ringer of 3.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Martin 1, Miss J. Walker 2, J. H. Payton 3, R. E. Walker 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, N. Lambert 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Lucy Moore, a member of the band.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Tubbs 1, Mary White 2, Ann Cox 3, A. Bishop 4, B. Walton 5, D. Hughes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, G. Sansom 8. First Stedman Triples for 2 5, 6 and 7. A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Wilds of Farnham.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. A. Thow (first quarter) 1, J. Hart 2, W. Davidson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, N. Elliott (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. T. A. Thow (first quarter) 1, W. A. Thow (first 'inside') 2, J. Hart 3, W. Davidson 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, N. Elliott 6.

GT. BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Culpin (first quarter) 1, A. Rolfe 2, L. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, R. Fordham 5, M. Rose 6. A birthday compliment to L. Nice.

QUARTER PEALS

GT. TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mann 1, Maureen E. Barber (first quarter) 2, G. W. Barber 3, W. Mills 4, E. J. Shynn (cond.) 5, I. R. Panton 6. Birthday compliment to Maureen Barber and Michael Everitt.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Leppard 1, Valerie I. Howard 2, C. Jane Smart 3, D. Slater 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First quarter in method by all.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. Sansom 1, F. Bowden 2, R. Corke 3, Mary White 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, Ann Cox 6, P. Tubbs 7, B. Walton 8, D. Hughes 9, A. Bishop (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 8 and 9.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. Gould 1, R. Newton 2, Joyce Barton 3, D. Cornwall 4, A. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, Meryl Newton 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Harris 1, P. R. Harris 2, R. Steward 3 N. F. Whittell 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. For Matins.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Sherratt 1, Miss C. Birks (first quarter) 2, N. Sherratt (cond.) 3, H. Dowler 4, P. Gay 5, P. J. Atkins 6.

LEIGH, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. R. Clisby 1, J. Hitchcock 2, D. J. Pankhurst 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, N. S. Butcher 5, B. W. Pankhurst 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Cowlin 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, J. M. Roffe 3, W. R. Barker 4, B. Harris 5, J. F. Bird 6, F. T. Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,232 Little Bob Major: F. T. Boyall 1, F. E. Coales (first in the method) 2, R. H. Daw 3, Wendy Hollowell 4, J. F. Bird 5, P. M. Fleckney 6, G. S. Bush 7, J. H. Bluff (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong on Hospital Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. T. Boyall 1, H. Goakes (first in the method) 2, Dorothy Chamberlain 3, Wendy Hollowell 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, R. H. Daw 6, B. Harris 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Anderton 1, Jean Pailing 2, Betty Faunch 3, Maryl Crossthwaite 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, E. Bennett 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, J. H. Pailing 8. First in method 1, 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr. R. Rainford on completing 56 years' ringing at Lancaster R.C. Cathedral.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Trudy Newcombe 1 Mrs. M. J. Medley 2, M. J. Medley 3, L. G. Gates 4 H. J. Hazell 5, Joan Spreadbury 6, Monica Moore 7, T. Hawkins 8, T. J. Lock (cond.) 9, W. Wainwright 10. First of Caters 2, 4 and 6. For Confirmation Service at which Helen Davey, a member of the band, was confirmed.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,344 Doubles (12 methods): Carol L. Norman 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, A. R. Mildred 4 K. H. Mildred 5, A. B. Stevens 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Carol I. V. Corton 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, N. W. Grassby 4, K. H. Mildred 5. For Festal Evensong. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): June E. Wood 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, D. W. Stenson 3, A. R. Mildred 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, N. R. May 6. For Evensong.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: D. M. Hughes 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, D. J. Tubbs 4, W. Savill 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except the conductor.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cooper (first quarter) 1, J. Waterworth 2, J. Gray 3, G. Drew (cond.) 4, S. Wight 5, N. Castle 6. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Teal 1, E. Haynes 2, G. Drew 3, J. Gray 4, J. Hobson 5, H. Gibson (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Within two months of his 35 years as secretary of Burstow, Surrey, band Mr. Leslie W. Penfold has resigned to get a younger man in office. He had a surprise at the annual meeting when he was elected captain. Burstow has a keen young band of 20 members some of whom are just starting.

The peal at Dorney on November 24th was David P. Hilling's 75th peal. His first peal was at Stoke Poges on November 30th, 1960.

After 22 months of hard work by D. Roy Fuller, Wrotham have at last managed to ring a quarter peal with an entirely local band.

Now 89 years of age, Mr. Charles Marven has completed 60 years as church clerk at Tendring, Essex. The anniversary on Advent Sunday was commemorated by a peal.

The band who rang in the peal of Rutland at Ripponden, Yorkshire, on November 26th were proud to have with them on the treble 13-year-old A. William Kirkby. He rang well and scarcely made a mistake.

For the 60th anniversary peal at Wymondham Abbey, the method and composition was the same as that rung in the first peal. Mr. Peter Adcock, who rang the seventh, has 'circled the tower' in eight peals.

With the peal by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Walsall on November 30th. Miss Joyce M. Gurnhill and Mr. Edmund Malin complete the Cambridge family from Minor to Maximus.

At the St. Albans meeting in November a carved bracelet was found in the belfry. If the owner will apply to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Mile House Lane, St. Albans, it will be sent, post free, to any address in the United Kingdom.

For many years a pair of handbells has featured in the ceremonial opening of Nottingham Goose Fair, being used by the Lord Mayor to signal the actual opening. The bells were lent by a showman who has now given them to the Corporation and, at the donor's request, it has been agreed that the bells should be preserved should at any future date the holding of the Fair or the use of the bells be discontinued!

The peal of Stedman Triples at East Budleigh was a great achievement for John Quick and George Retter, who have had well over 40 attempts together for a peal in this method, without success. The peal should also be credited to the Society of Friends of the Exercise as an 89th birthday compliment to Winston S. Churchill.

Congratulations to Howard Oglesby on ringing his 100th peal. This was at Amersham on November 23rd.

With the peal rung on November 23rd. Mr. James Thorley became the first to 'complete the circle' at Belton, North Lincs., the tower where he acted as instructor when the bells were augmented from four to six.

The quarter peal rung for the funeral of President Kennedy at St. Michael's, St. Albans, was the first quarter on all eight bells to be rung by a local band. It is hoped that the band will soon be advanced enough to turn all eight in to a quarter.

Shepshed, Leicestershire, have reason to be proud of their ringers; no less than nine of them are aged 15 or under, and all are in various stages of change ringing. Two of them, Stephen Hall and Michael Roberts, both aged 12, rang their first peal of Major recently. They both rang 'inside' bells, and are to be congratulated in putting up a performance in which they can well be pleased.

The first ever peal by an all local band has been rung at Lympne, Kent. This has taken three-and-a-half years to achieve, when method ringing was started, and there have been quite a few failures. Thanks are due to friends at Burwash and Folkestone towers for their help and above all to Mr. R. P. Brotherston who has trained and led the band.

The band who rang the peal at Batheaston on November 25th would like to associate it with the Vicar (Rev. L. Evans) for whom the peal had originally been arranged, as he was made Prebendary in Wells Cathedral on this day. Also to associate the name of John de Jong of Corston who passed away on November 22nd.

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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

ARTHUR W. RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	†BERNARD G. NORTH ..	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	‡CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	7
FRANK H. HICKS	3	§JOHN A. HOWARD	8
*DAVID S. OSENTON	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ First of Royal. § First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	DAVID S. OSENTON	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON	6
MARTIN L. HOWE	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
*BERNARD G. NORTH.. ..	4	ARTHUR W. RIDDINGTON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung half-muffled.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

MARY BROWNE	*Treble*	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT ..	5
DAVID J. BAKER	2	JOHN C. BALDWIN	6
*PHILIP H. D. JONES ..	3	KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW ..	7
JANET WARWICK	4	JOHN H. SOANES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

YVONNE EDWARDS	*Treble*	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH ..	5
PAULINE FENNELL	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	6
E. JANE SIBSON	3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.. ..	7
*MARY S. TAYLOR	4	ALAN J. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by D. KNOX. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
Rung half-muffled.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY ..	*Treble*	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	6
RAYMOND BANFIELD	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY ..	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	5
*ALAN KELLER	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER OSENTON ..	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	6
ANDREW J. CORBY	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

AMERSHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

GORDON W. LIMMER ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	4
WILFRID G. WILSON ..	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	5
*HOWARD OGLESBY	3	DAVID P. HILLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
* 100th peal.
Rung half-muffled.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1961 C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

MELVYN A. ROSE	*Treble*	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD ..	4
ALAN SHEPPARD	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
JOHN POTTS	3	JAMES THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	*Treble*	†ERIC RIGG..	4
*DOUGLAS MALLETT	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
FRANK BIRKETT	3	ERIC BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal attempt. † First in three methods.
Rung with bells fully-muffled.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, three of Grandsire and 19 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BRUCE A. KNIGHT	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL BISHOP	4
*WILLIAM J. BEDDOW ..	2	†PETER A. SHARP	5
ANTHONY D. SANSOM ..	3	ROBERT G. OAKLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.
* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. First peal by a Culham College band.
Rung half-muffled.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MALCOLM A. PHILLIPS ..	*Treble*	NIGEL K. LAMPING	4
HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH..	2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER ..	5
RICHARD S. STARKIE.. ..	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.
* First peal. First of Minor by the Society.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	COLIN W. REED	8
JOAN BERESFORD	3	FRANK J. MATHEWS	9
BERYL N. REED	4	JAMES W. RAITHBY	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	*EDMUND MALIN	11
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS-COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

MAURICE C. HUGHES	*Treble*	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
KENNETH J. HESKETH	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	7
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	ERNEST R. GOWER	8
*JENNIFER M. COOK	4	*DAVID J. ALLEN	9
*GEOFFREY W. RANDALL	5	†PHILIP J. ROTHERA	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALAN D. STEELE	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
*GEOFFREY C. BEECH	2	PETER J. BARKER	7
G. ARNOLD MOORE	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	8
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
*DENNIS J. PITSTOW	5	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Composed by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung to welcome a daughter born to Mrs. Craig, wife of the Rev. A. S. Craig, curate at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Treble*	EDWARD W. COLLEY	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	DAVID J. PURNELL	8
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

JEAN M. PAILING	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
ERNEST BENNETT	2	†JOHN H. OWENS	7
*BETTY FAUNCH	3	FRANK STEAD	8
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	4	JAMES H. PAILING	9
STANLEY WALMESLEY	5	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

ALAN R. MILLIDGE	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	6
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	‡ALAN S. SCOTT	8
ALAN F. LEE	4	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	9
†ALAN R. BALDOCK	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob. First 'Alan' peal of Plain Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	JOHN C. SLATER	5
DENIS R. MORRIS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	HUGH NEILL	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.
First peal of Surprise on this octave.
Rung by members of the Cathedral band as a wedding compliment to George E. Evenden and Miss Janet Hoare.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP J. ROTHERA	*Treble*	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
JENNIFER M. COOK	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	KENNETH J. HESKETH	7
GEOFFREY W. RANDALL	4	IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

MADRON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANCES M. RICKARD	*Treble*	ANTHONY LOCKE	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	*DENIS STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Composed by CYRIL E. LANXON. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	V. DAVID JENNER	5
THOMAS W. HESKETH	2	*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
*DENIS MADDOCK	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JOHN COATES	*Treble*	*DAVID A. WHETTON	5
*FLORENCE CHESTER	2	DAVID G. FRENCH	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	RICHARD HOBBS	7
HARRY POYNER	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal on eight bells.
In memoriam Arnold Hill, a ringer at this tower.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

COLIN JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
HADLEY HUNTER	2	ALAN M. BARBER	6
*KEITH J. TRIPLOW	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
DONALD F. MURFET	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	BERNARD MOSS	5
JAMES CUNLIFFE	2	IAN MUNRO	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
The ringer of third has now 'circled the tower.' First peal in the method for all the band, and on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Thomas W. Smith, of Westhoughton.

LENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
ALEXANDER C. WADDINGTON	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	PERCY M. TOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
First peal on the bells since restoration.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mannering.
The composition and method are the same as for the first peal after the previous restoration which was rung on December 17th, 1898.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

*DEREK J. JONES	*Treble*	*RAYMOND H. DAW	5
*DENIS WOODS	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
*ROGER D. BAILEY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 992 Rutland, 832 Lindum, and 800 each of Lincolnshire, New Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with all the work of each method for each bell, and 121 changes of method.

JANET WARWICK	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5
JOHN H. SOANES	2	†PHILIP H. D. JONES	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	7
*DAVID J. BAKER	4	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods as conductor. Tenor 78 cwt. 95 lb. in E.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David and Margaret James, two members of the Guild who have recently taken up residence in the U.S.A.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	LESLIE BAILEY	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	CHARLES GOODMAN	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	PETER ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ in G.

ROGER J. LUMLEY	*Treble*	LEONARD GOODALL	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	ROBERT PYGOTT	6
A. WILLIAM KIRKBY (13)	3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	7
SHIRLEY A. MUDD	4	BARRY SULLIVAN	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being nine methods, viz:—1,280 London, 960 each of Rutland and Cambridge and 320 each of Cray, Superlative, Yorkshire, Wembley, New Gloucester and Bristol, 140 changes of method.

ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	5
DAVID G. WILFORD	2	ROLAND H. COOK	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	R. KINGSLEY MASON	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
First peal in nine Surprise Major methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 8¼ cwt. (approx.).

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	*JOHN OWEN	5
ROGER KING	2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	6
MARY E. PRYOR	3	*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.
Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
* First peal of Major in the method. First of Surprise on the octave. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment for Doris Smith, a local ringer.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 BURSLEM DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Treble*	J. DAVID CLARKE	5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	2	*COLIN W. REED	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	HARRY POYNER	7
*BERYL N. REED	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Delight Major for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor. First of Major in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn)	*Treble*	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5
*RITA E. M. GASSON (Girton)	2	V. NUTTON (Selwyn)	6
K. J. DARVILL (St. Cath.'s)	3	I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse)	7
K. J. TRIPLOW (Selwyn)	4	C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by IAN M. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*MRS. RAYMOND SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
†RAYMOND SMITH	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
†GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Lincolnshire.
The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT	*Treble*	JOHN H. NAPPER	5
PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	3	ARTHUR SAYERS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOC.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*COLIN F. GATES	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN.	5
JAMES E. DICKINSON	2	BRIAN STREET	6
JAMES E. BURLES	3	HAROLD WILSON	7
JAMES BLACKBURN	4	THOMAS F. METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.
* First peal of Major.

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HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Irene Ellesmore	*Treble*	Geoffrey Westwood	5
Michael G. Selby	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
†A. Bryan Ellesmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton.
Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major. The conductor's 75th tower for a peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. T. Davies on the birth of a daughter.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol and Cambridge, and 1,248 Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	5
George E. Fearn	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Charles A. S. Webb	4	Frederick Ross	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*E. Marion Key	*Treble*	*Philip J. Evans	5
*Peter Morris	2	*Richard E. Morris	6
Howard Howell	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
*Charles Eyre	4	Barnabas G. Key	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Morris, of Hodnet.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Martin Major	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Pearson	5
Martin Press	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
Alan M. Barber	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 200th peal. 25th of Major as conductor.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

James E. Daniels	*Treble*	John Hartless	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	†Lewis F. Cobb	6
*Ann M. Cox	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Michael J. Best	4	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Bristol. † First of Bristol 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 720 and two 2,160's (C.C. Collection).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

George Challans	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
*Mary Poyner	2	*Harry Poyner	5
*John Coates	3	Ernest Preston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Preston.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Frederick Derry	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Margaret Chilton	2	James H. Musson	5
Philip C. Pitchford	3	J. Edward Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day; also a tribute to the conductor's parents.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being four six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 Grandsire and 12 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. (approx.).

*Richard Goodliffe	*Treble*	†Gerald Skelly	4
Victor James	2	Michael Horseman	5
*Brian Goodliffe	3	*Ralph Haskins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael Horseman.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First on the bells since 1907.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

D. Kay Adkins	*Treble*	Peter Pearce	4
*James F. List	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter G. Holden	3	Bertram J. Coggins	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal 'inside.'

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, (2) Ipswich, (3) Bourne, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6 and 7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Brian L. Burrows	4
Mrs. Jill Belcher	2	John Vernon	5
K. Paul Gilliver	3	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Richard J. Lloyd	*Treble*	†Frederick R. Harris	4
*W. John Clayton	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	3	‡John W. Hope	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Hope.
* First peal of Minor. † 150th for the Guild. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Janice M. Smith	*Treble*	Clive W. Longden	4
Peter Fenney	2	Jeffrey J. Fox	5
Sam Scattergood	3	C. Barrie Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung after meeting short for Major, Barbara E. M. Fox kindly standing down.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Katherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Alan M. Barber	*Treble*	Keith J. Triplow	4
Colin Johnson	2	Martin Major	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Martin Press	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

LYMPNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents Wychbold, four Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four Southrepps, three April Day, 11 Plain Bob and 16 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. TODD	*Treble*	*H. P. YATES	4
*MYRTLE J. COOK	2	†G. NEILSON	5
†R. P. BROTHERSTON	3	*M. MALCOMSON	*Tenor*

Jointly Conducted by G. NEILSON and R. P. BROTHERSTON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*PAUL MELLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
†A. CATHERINE ROOKE	2	FRANK COOKE	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	MALCOLM FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'
Birthday compliments to F. Cooke, H. T. Rooke, G. Challans and J. T. Rooke, all ringers at this tower.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Advent Sunday, Dec. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	FREDERICK A. HARVEY	5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
Rung to mark the completion by Charles Marven of 60 years as church clerk.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 11 in G.
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
DAN S. PONT 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 13 in E.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL	1—2	HADLEY HUNTER	5—6
S. CLARKE WALTERS	3—4	ANDREW S. HUDSON	7—8
		*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	9—10

Arranged and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' First of Stedman 'in hand' as conductor, and first of Stedman 'in hand' for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,600 of London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	†JOHN R. MAYNE	7—8

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major. † First of 10-Spliced on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BURNLEY, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gayle Ryan 1, R. J. Parker 2, Mary J. Smith 3, Judith P. Winterbottom 4, R. Bolt 5, J. Collier 6, N. Smith 7, E. J. F. Wall (cond.) 8. First on eight for 1 and 4.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Carter 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Olivia A. Marshall 3, W. Lee 4, P. M. Dawson 5, R. A. Appleby 6. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Waddington 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Olivia A. Marshall 3, R. A. Appleby 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson 7, R. Waddington 8. For Harvest Festival.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Kay Exell 1, P. Bridle 2, Jennifer M. Taylor 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. Brain 5, D. C. Exell 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Skelton (first of Triples) 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, R. N. Marlow 3, J. Baverstock 4, E. C. Read 5, J. Mussell 6, L. A. Page (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. A welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. Mr. Evening).

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Osborne 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Cunliffe, 3, C. Lomax (first in the method) 4, B. Moss 5, D. Vincent 6, J. Ashcroft (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Forsythe 8. In memoriam Henry Moss of St. George's, Bolton, passed away at the age of 94.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Thelwall and Double Bob): D. Bedford (first in method) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, D. J. Goodman (first of Thelwell) 3, P. Harper 4, R. J. Picton (first of Thelwell) 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. J. Goodman 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, P. Harper 4, K. Waples 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 4, 5 and 6 and first by local band.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: T. Bush 1, W. Cousins 2, I. W. Houghton 3, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 4, F. Wigmore 5, R. Newson 6, L. Bush 7, R. Reed 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding 10. In honour the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast, E.C., on Oct. 27th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. J. Dennis (first quarter) 1, Barbara Dale 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Rosemary Rich 4, R. W. Powell (cond.) 5, Anne Horseford 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Avril Ivin 1, F. W. Rivett 2, R. J. Sharpe 3, K. H. Fleming 4, R. Churchill 5, C. E. Jeffries 6, S. Ivin (cond.) 7, A. Murphy 8. Rung after Remembrance Sunday Evensong as a farewell tribute to the Rev. H. R. Cousins on leaving Maulden to take a living at Lewsey, Luton. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): C. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, M. J. Lockey 2, R. J. Sharpe (cond.) 3, A. Murphy 4, K. H. Fleming 5, G. C. Kirby 6.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 1, N. J. Osborn (first 'inside') 2, G. Waterman 3, Frances Smith 4, Gillian Brown 5, M. W. Wildney 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Walker (first quarter) 1, I. G. White 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, J. A. Sturrock 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. C. E. Shears 6. Rung by the Royal Grammar School Society after the school's Founder's Day Service.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Burleigh (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, T. G. Hull 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Miss C. George (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders 6, M. Took 7, R. Rattenbury 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Miss J. Hatchet 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders 6, R. Rattenbury 7, M. Took 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Miss H. Jefferson (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paull 6, M. Took 7, R. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Douglas (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Hollis (first of Royal) 2, N. Donovan 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, A. Holroyd 5, D. Nichols 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, G. Lee 8, S. Armeson 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Thurman (first quarter) 1, M. Kitching (first as cond.) 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. Guest 4, P. Plowright 5, S. Holt 6. For Harvest Festival.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Whitehouse (first quarter) 1, M. White 2, L. Lovett (cond.) 3, T. Dexter 4, W. Draper 5, J. Preston 6. For Bellringers' Evensong.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. V. Richards 1, Violet I. E. Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, G. Stewart 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

THORNECOMBE, DORSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. O. Jordan 1, A. Parris 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, C. W. Powell 4, A. S. Atyeo 5, H. Bonfield 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, G. Farley 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 6 and 8. First quarter of Triples on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Field (first of Triples) 1, Miss K. A. Rivett 2, R. F. Law 3, Miss P. M. Stratton (first of Triples 'inside') 4, P. M. Wakeman 5, J. B. Long 6, M. J. Marriott (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Ames (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except ringer of 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Dench (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, H. Taysom 3, B. W. Metcalfe 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith (first quarter) 6. An engagement compliment to Gloria Newton and Terry Wiltshire.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods): Elizabeth Cherry 1, A. King 2, D. E. Archer 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Wardhaugh 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, J. Crowther 5. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Wardhaugh 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, M. Maughan 4, J. Crowther (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. A. Thow 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. First in two Doubles methods for 1, 2 and 4.

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LATCHFORD.—On December 2nd. 1963, at Bottisham, Cambs, to Pamela (nee Martin) and Derek Latchford, a second son, Paul. 3751

ENGAGEMENT

BLACKLER—TUFFIN.—The engagement is announced between Royston, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blackler, of Torquay, and Jane, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tuffin, of Dorchester, Dorset. 3732

DEATH

TALBOT.—On December 4th, 1963, very suddenly, Edward George (Ted), of 151, Croydon Road, Beddington, husband of Dora and father of Elizabeth and Raymond. 3741

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The new address of Pauline and David Holland is 32, Hall Orchards Avenue, York Road, Wetherby, Yorks. Telephone Wetherby 3295. We have already made new friends in Yorkshire and look forward to renewing old friendships when we have chance to circulate our former 'stamping grounds.' 3750

PERSONAL

'Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.' (Romans xv, 13.)

We have had sent to us a number of 'Ringing Worlds' for Miss Alex Frost, P.O. Box 75, Nairobi, Kenya, marked 'Address Unknown.' We will forward same upon receipt of address.

Will Mr. R. Preston, 4, Lammerton Place, St. Mary's Church, Torquay, Devon, inform the Editor of his new address. His 'R.W.' of November 29th has been returned 'undelivered.'

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MAJOR PRACTICE at Shalford on Thursday, December 19th. Methods: Double Norwich, Bristol, Ealing, London, Superlative. 3748

MASONIC RINGERS' MEETING.—This annual reunion will be held in Oxford on May 30th, 1964. Dinner at Masonic Hall at 7 p.m. Details of ringing later.—H. Badger, 53, Ridgeway Road, Headington, Oxon. 3744

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual district meeting at Old Whittington on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good attendance PLEASE as new District officers require election. Names for tea to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3705

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.00. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3701

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 5.30 to 8 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 3724

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashtead on December 14th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey. 3655

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 3677

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Radstock on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Carter, 31, New Bath Road, Radstock, Bath, Som.—H. Kingcott. 3686

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Oxford, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 3700

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5 bells), Saturday, December 14th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 3712

SOCIETY OF WESSEX SCHOLARS

The next meeting of the Society will be on Dec. 14th, 1963, at Overton, Hants. Bells (8) 6 to 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. As this is essentially a teaching Society, beginners will be especially welcomed. Non-members are cordially invited.

A. R. Carter, Hon. Sec., 37, Wharf Hill, Winchester. 3619

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting Shelford on Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Sec.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Evening, West Tarring (6). Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 3728

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford, December 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Corner Cafe. Names for tea to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 3731

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Winter meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford, 4.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dist. Sec. 3719

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Neston. December 21st. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Heavitree on Saturday, December 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting following. Cathedral practice 6 p.m. —G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 3649

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Blackwell, December 21st. Bells 5.30 to 9 p.m.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Barnet, December 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing 6-8 p.m. S.M.: Bristol.—M. A. Coburn. 3739

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, December 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3747

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual general meetin at Writtle, Saturday, January 4th, 1964. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, must be received by Wednesday, January 1st. **No name no tea.** 3690

CHRISTMAS PRESS DAYS

From now onwards until Christmas Day readers are asked to post AT ONCE any communications for the issues of December 20th and 27th. If in any doubt 'phone Guildford 5028.

For the issue of December 20th, Notices must be received in this office by first post Monday, December 16th.

The issue of December 27th will go to press on Saturday, December 21st, and will be dispatched on Monday, December 23rd, in the hope that most copies will be received on or before December 27th. The importance of early posting cannot be over emphasised as postal delays are unavoidable.

SOUTH DERBYS AND NORTH LEICS ASSOCIATION—A.G.M. will be held at Diseworth on January 18th, 1964, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fletcher, 18, St. Clement's Gate, Diseworth. Nominations for committee to the undersigned before December 22nd.—E. H. Willows, Sec., 17, Sinfin Avenue, Allerton, Derby. 3735

EAST SUFFOLK EDUCATION COMMITTEE and SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS

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LATE NEWS

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. R. G. Williams, of Portishead, and Mr. Harry Stalham (91), of Brighton.

The ringers of Manchester Cathedral announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Burley Walshaw on Thursday, December 5th, aged 75 years. Mr. Walshaw was formerly of Penistone, Yorkshire. To Mrs. Walshaw and Mary, they offer their sincere condolences.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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Christmas Greetings

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE, the Editor, Mr. Jeater and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all at home, and in far away places.—J. S. ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 3730

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—From A. E. AUSTIN, 'Sunny View,' Woodditton Road, Newmarket. 3737

To all ringing friends everywhere, at home and abroad, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year is the sincere wish of Jim BENNETT, Grundisburgh. 3709

EMMANUEL CHURCH RINGERS, PLYMOUTH, send hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for 1964 to all friends at home and abroad, and best wishes to those ringers indisposed, especially Tom Myers, for a speedy recovery. 3725

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas and for good health and happiness throughout 1964 to all our friends.—From David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, at Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. 3740

There will be more Christmas and New Year messages of goodwill in our issue of December 20th. Price 4/- for 36 words.

A happy Christmas to all ringers, and a special one to remaining members of 'Great Adventure Party.'—C. SHARPLES, Kenmore Private Hotel, 649, South Promenade, Blackpool, Lancs. 3715

Hearty good wishes with sincere greetings for Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringers, young and elderly, everywhere, and to 'The Ringing World' continued success.—William SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 3746

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD extend good wishes to all ringing friends for a happy Christmas, and peace, prosperity and good health in 1964.—Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire. 3743

To all our ringing friends, old and new, **everywhere,** now too numerous to mention individually, my many Guilds and Associations, especially my Parent Guild, the Railwaymen's, **our** 'Ringing World'—**look after it**—the Editor, Mr. White, and staff, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New and succeeding years. Our grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years; **good ringing.**—Frank and Ada STENSON, Crewe. 3722

WISBOROUGH GREEN RINGERS wish all ringers a very happy Christmas and New Year, especially members of the Sussex County Association, who have been of such help to our tower. 3726

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

All but four of the District towers were represented at the Farnham District nominations meeting held at Aldershot on November 23rd. Ringing before the service was slightly delayed by a wedding, but soon got under way under the able direction of Mr. Tom Page.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. H. Dart, after which the company retired to the Church Hall with great expectations. These were fully justified by the excellent tea prepared by the Aldershot ladies.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. D. A. R. May, was elected to take the chair for the business meeting, and finally the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.

A. D. E.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Despite foggy conditions, no less than 104 members and friends of the Society sat down to another successful Annual Dinner on November 9th, at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock.

The chair was taken by the president, the Ven Basil Stratton (Archdeacon of Stafford) and on completion of the meal he proposed the loyal toast. The toast, 'Church and State,' was proposed by Mr. W. Evans of Gnosall. To this the Vicar of Penn (Rev. R. A. Gaskell), suitably replied, and reminding us that ringing of church bells was not only for religious reasons, but also on great national occasions.

To provide a light interval during the speeches the company were entertained to a demonstration of 'lapping' eight handbells to Plain Bob Major by the Penn Handbell Ringers.

The toast to the society was proposed by the Rev. R. B. Robertshaw, who said that it was a great pleasure to him to see the obvious healthy state it was in. Mr. R. Hawkswoth, Ringing Master at Brewood, replied.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. P. Barker of the Cannock company, and he stressed the importance of visiting other towers on practice nights to foster fellowship and a higher standard of ringing. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. W. Watkin, of Swynnerton, North Staffs. said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than ringing with the Society and he was prepared to ring at any time with its members.

A lively entertainment followed, a highlight being a performance of tunes on handbells by the Brewood handbell ringers, accompanied by Mrs. B. G. Key on the piano.

Sincere thanks are accorded to the Cannock ringers and Mr. B. G. Key for organising the evening, and to the incumbents of Cannock, Penkridge and Shareshill, for allowing ringing at their towers during the afternoon.

C. M. S.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The general meeting of the University of London Society was held on October 19th, in the vestry of St. Olave's, Hart Street. Ringing during the afternoon took place at St. George's, Borough, St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate and St. Olave's, Hart Street. Fifty two members and friends were present at the meeting and 8 new members were elected. Concern was expressed at the number of overdue subscriptions.

The chief matter under discussion was ways of attracting undergraduates on society tours as recent tours had been composed almost entirely of graduate members. A wide variety of graduate and undergraduate opinion was expressed. It was finally decided to leave the organisation of next year's tour in the hands of the committee who should suggest two types of accommodation suitable for graduates and undergraduates respectively. The area gaining most support at the meeting was Herefordshire and South Wales, with early July as the date. The organisation of the Whit tour was also left in the hands of the committee. It was felt that better publicity of tours in London would lead to greater undergraduate support.

After the votes of thanks Douglas May showed films of previous tours and Marcus Barton showed slides. The following morning the Corporate Communion of the society was held at St. Olave's.

D. M. L.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Goodwin 1, Verna Rix 2, Audrey Alexander (cond.) 3, K. Barnes 4, D. Saunderson 5, P. Mchew 6. Rung to welcome to Evensong the Bedfordshire delegate to the Toronto Conference. Also on Remembrance Day: 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Saunderson 1, G. Goodwin 2, P. Mchew (cond.) 3, Verna Rix 4, Audrey Alexander 5, Carol Brown 6. Rung half-muffled.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. N. Stubbs 1, B. Clare Webster 2, I. M. Smith 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, C. Simpson (has circled tower on working bells) 6. A farewell to Clive Simpson.

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CHRISTMAS

By GILBERT THURLOW

'MAKE yourselves at home!' What magic words these are! You are perhaps having friends or relatives to tea or dinner today. How pleasant to say to them: 'Make yourselves at home.' If you are yourself a guest, how pleasant to hear these words said to you. Perhaps you have lately been bereaved, so that your own home seems empty. Then these words will sound with even more than their usual welcome, as you enter the home of a friend. And if we were not living in rich and easy England but were in the mountains, the desert or the Arctic, these words might make all the difference to us, between life and death.

'Make yourselves at home!' These are the words which the Power behind the universe said to men at Christmas! For Christmas means quite simply God making His home with men, to make men feel at home with Him. What is God like? This is life's greatest question, and on the answer hangs our whole outlook on life. There's no question whether there **is** a God or not. The dictionary tells you that the word God, in its origin, simply means 'The ruler of the universe.' And you are free, if you like, to suppose the ruler of the universe is nothing but blind, impersonal force—gravity, electricity, splitting atoms, and so forth.

Now, if that is your god, if you like to feel there is nothing more behind the universe, life is much easier. You need have no moral standard, you need have no loyalty to anyone. But you have a heavy price to pay, also. For if your god is nothing but blind, impersonal force, then you cannot as a thinking being feel at home in the universe. You cannot be anything more than an intruder; you can have no lasting part to play; the universe can get on as well or better without you.

There are many people whose god is nothing more than this. They are the kind of people who hold expensive commissions to try and find out why bad people are bad. They hope against hope that money and education and health and comfort will make people good. Their hopes are constantly dashed.

But there have also always been people who felt there must be something more behind life than blind force—people who looked for signs which would make them feel at home in the world. The whole of the Old Testament is about how the Ruler of the Universe was leading men to feel at home with Him.

But the magic words 'make yourselves at home' never fully ring out in the Old Testament. The best the Old Testament prophets can be is to be like signposts pointing the way home. As the Epistle for Christmas Day says, in the New English Bible: 'When in former times, God spoke to our forefathers, he spoke in fragmentary and varied fashion through the prophets.' The New Testament message, in one sentence, is that at Christmas the Ruler of the Universe made Himself at home with us, to make us feel at home with Him. Henceforth man need no longer feel a stranger. He knows he came forth from the Ruler of all things. He knows he belongs to this Ruler. He knows he will return to Him. But further, man knows that the Ruler of the Universe is not just like an average man, subject to hate as well as love. Christmas and all that follows it show that God is like **perfect man**, and He comes to lift us from the darkness of average life into the light of His perfect life.

But the words 'make yourselves at home' do not complete the Christmas message. One of England's stately homes bears a notice signed by its owner; it runs: 'You are my guests. It is my duty to make my guests feel at home. It is your duty to know you are not.' That notice has something to say about the Christmas message. God came here to make us feel at home. But He only came here for a time. The world can only last for a time. We can never be fully at home here. That's obvious, isn't it? We never feel we quite fit, in this world; we never make a complete and lasting success of anything, here. Christmas looks forward to Easter and Ascension. Without these, Christmas would have been the sad beginning of a futile life. And to man, who is only temporarily a creature of the body but is eternally a creature of the spirit, this world can at best be a 'home from home.' In the Christmas Crib, the straw and the donkey and the sheep are the temporal part of Christmas. But the lasting part is the angel, the message from the true life, which time cannot destroy. Easter and Ascension complete the message of Christmas: they tell us that we are not only **guests** of God in this world, we are also **sons** of God for ever.

A brilliant non-ringing clergyman in a recent after-dinner speech, said: 'I, too, am a ringer of bells—front door bells of every kind, which I am constantly ringing in my parish. And what a joy it is when the door opens and I am invited into the home to which it leads.' And one might add 'what a joy it is when the gong rings for supper, and the host bids his guests make themselves at home at his table.'

Let our Christmas bells ring with this double message. Let them be the instrument of the sincere seekers after truth, seeking whether they can find themselves to be at home in the universe. Let them simulate the voice of God, replying: 'Let those that seek, find; come, and make yourselves at home, in this life, around My Table to which My bells are calling; and in the infinitely richer, fuller life to which I call you in due time, when you will be for ever at home with Me.'

For the God Who came to us at Christmas will never let us go. Beneath the material sphere, we are His children for evermore.

FINEST ACHIEVEMENT IN SIX BELL RINGING

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Congratulations to Anthony R. Peake and his band who on December 2nd at Castle Eaton, Wiltshire, rang a peal of 5,040 Spliced Minor in 143 methods. This great achievement was the result, as one of the band describes it, of eighteen months hard labour.

Left to right: Peter T. Hurcombe, Shirley M. Drew, Geoffrey R. Drew, Cyril A. Wratten, Anthony R. Peake (cond.) Brian Bladon.

THE band was formed in early June, 1962, and the first peal attempted was 59 methods at Cranham on June 9th. No luck there, so we tried for a less ambitious 54 methods at North Cerney, which we scored. It was agreed that in future we should each stick to the same bell throughout the series, which proved to make life a lot easier as the numbers grew higher.

On September 6th at North Cerney we discovered that we couldn't ring 65 methods, but at Haresfield on September 15th we all thought we could: we shall never know, as a clapper broke. After one more abortive attempt for 65 at Meysey Hampton, on September 26th, it was rung at Castle Eaton on October 6th. The next Saturday we made it two in a row by scoring 70 at Hardwicke; then we tried for the hat-trick on October 31st at North Cerney, but failed to ring 75 methods. So we decided to jump over 75 and try 85, and started out for this peal at Hatherop on November 14th, but this soon degenerated into a practice. Eighty-five was scored at the second attempt at Lydiard Millicent on December 1st.

There followed a long gap, partly due to the icy weather, partly because we kept getting embrangled in 100 methods. When the snow went and our brains thawed out, we went to two towers on March 16th, 1963: the effort at Lyneham in the morning fired out, and at West Overton in the afternoon a thunderstorm and a leaky belfry forced us to bale out. At Great Witcombe on April 27th, omens seemed bad with a broken stay on the third, nevertheless it was here that we finally broke the 100 barrier; and in the afternoon, to prove it was no fluke, did it again at Tirley with a well-struck peal of 105 methods. One hundred and eleven next Saturday at Hatherop made it three in a row, and success inspired us to put in a new extent to make 113 at Broad Hinton in the afternoon, but this proved to be too ambitious.

The next step was 122 methods, and the first attempt at North Cerney, on May 29th, turned out to be a practice, so we decided to go to Castle Eaton on June 12th and call it a practice from the outset. In the next few attempts for 122 we rang the new extent fairly confidently, but tripped up in those we should have known. So we blamed the 'muggy' weather, the bells and various other factors, and at the sixth attempt scored 122 at North Cerney on August 14th. The next and final peal was to be 143 methods, with so many new methods to be learned we expected a series of false starts. The first attempt never got off the ground, owing to a misunderstanding concerning the key of Rendcombe tower. Two of the band demonstrated that by climbing a long ladder, left by some builders, it was possible to get on to the roof of the church, and from there (in theory) into the tower via another ladder, but the other four chose not to take this suggestion seriously. So we went home.

No less than eight attempts came and went, and at some time or another we lost the peal in each of the extents, until December 2nd, at Castle Eaton, when we finally rang a good peal in 143 methods. The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Harrison) kindly revived us afterwards with some of his home-made mead, which was so good that the amateur wine-makers among us were taken with large inferiority complexes. In fact our thanks are due to many local incumbents, particularly those at Hatherop, North Cerney and Castle Eaton, for making their bells available for peal attempts and for listening so patiently to involved explanations of what we were trying to achieve.

G. R. D.

During the peal series we had 36 peal attempts and only three practices. We rang a total of 7 different extents, containing 164 methods and the total number of miles travelled by the band came to approximately 8,124 miles.

A. R. P.

The Band

Peter T. Hurcombe (Treble).—Age 23, an electrical engineer with the Midland Electricity Board. Learnt to ring at St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, in 1953, and now rings at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. Rang his first peal when 15, and has now rung 102, conducted 14. Has rung 54 Minor methods 'inside.' and taken part in the first peal to contain all the 41 regular Surprise Minor methods (10,080).

Shirley M. Drew (Second).— Started to ring at Cheltenham in 1953, when she moved there from Havant, Hants, and rang her first peal (Stedman Triples) at Bishop's Cleeve in January, 1955. Was Shirley Parsons in those days, married Geoffrey R. Drew in March, 1962. Her peal total is now 187, including 175 on tower bells and 12 'in hand.' She has rung 102 with Geoff.

Geoffrey R. Drew (Third).—Started ringing at Great Ryburgh, Norfolk, in 1953, and rang his first peal at Sculthorpe in June, 1955. Had a break from ringing while in Singapore with the R.A.F., in 1957-58, but took it up again when he returned to Norfolk. He moved to Cheltenham to work at S. Smith and Son, at the end of 1960. He now rings at Bishop's Cleeve, and his peal total is 201, of which he has conducted 67, and rung 2 on handbells.

Cyril A. Wratten (Fourth).—Age 28, a civil servant in the Foreign Office at Cheltenham. Learnt to ring at Saltwood, Kent, in 1949, and is now tower captain at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. He has rung 262 peals, his first when 16, and conducted 76. He is treasurer for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and their representative on the Central Council.

Anthony R. Peake (Fifth).—Age 30. Learnt to ring at Blunsdon, Wilts, under Mr. W. H. Trueman and Mr. J. Vincent, and is now tower captain at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts. Rang his first peal when 15 and has now rung 214, conducted 115, with 35 on handbells. Conducted the first peal of Doubles in 100 methods, and the first peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Spliced Triples, Surprise Minor in 45 methods, and on handbells Association firsts of Surprise, 52 Minor methods and Treble Bob in 48 methods.

Brian Bladon (Tenor).—Age 29. Learnt to ring with the conductor at Blunsdon, Wilts, and was later at Stamford Hill, Tottenham, where he helped to train a band up to London S. Major standard. Returning to Swindon, in 1958, he is now the Ringing Master of the Swindon Branch, Salisbury Guild. The most experienced ringer of the band, he has rung just over 400 peals, including the first of Scientific Triples, 14,560 of Yorkshire, over 60 different Surprise methods, and conducted the first peals of London and Bristol S. Major for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

FIRST ON THE BELLS AT LLANBLETHIAN

Ringers of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llanblethian, near Cowbridge, Glamorgan, on December 4th, were pleasurably surprised to learn, on enquiry afterwards, from Mr. M. J Pryor, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, that he had no record of any previous peal on these bells. It is therefore claimed as 'first on the bells.'

These are by no means a new ring. The tenor is a late 17th century bell donated under the will of Sir Leoline Jenkins, a local man and Principal Secretary of State to King Charles II. The fifth is an Evans Bros. (Chepstow) bell of 1726: the fourth is dated 1746. The front three date from 1769, though the treble was recast by Carr's of Smethwick in 1907.

The bells go very roughly and have not been regularly rung for a number of years.

The band was the same as that which tried unsuccessfully for a peal on these bells in June last. Three of the band, Gareth Jones, Ellis Thomas, and Paul Evans, are senior pupils at Cowbridge Grammar School. They put in some hard work to get the bells into a ringable condition for the peal, as they had done for the June attempt. They also fitted ropes, borrowed from Cowbridge where they (and the ringers of the treble and tenor) are members of the tower. The conductor was a good friend and neighbour from Bridgend, Mr. Tom Petty.

I. D. D.

RINGERS DINE AT WINDSOR

TO the sound of the bells of Windsor Castle, ringing for St. Andrew's Day, a few yards away the ringers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assembled for their second annual dinner at the Thames Hotel, Windsor. The success of the inaugural dinner last autumn, when an attendance of 90 proved the sponsors correct, prompted the Branch to try making this an annual event. Their optimism was rewarded with an attendance of 122.

The Branch president (Rt. Rev. Gordon Savage, Bishop of Buckingham) was unable to be present, but Mrs. Savage deputised for him. Also present were Canon Eliot Wigg (Master of the Guild), Canon Eric Perkins (Branch chairman), Rev. L. Badham (Vicar of Windsor), Rev. M. Ware (Vicar of Boyne Hill), Rev. S. W. Doran (Vicar of Bray), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer, O.D.G.) and Mr. W. G. Wilson (Master of the London County Association and vice-president of the O.D.G.). Following the dinner Canon Perkins welcomed members and wives, and the special guests, and proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Queen.'

The Vicar of Windsor, in proposing the toast of 'Our Church Bell Ringers,' expressed his joy at being among ringers. He said he was impressed by their passion, their skill and the art which they devoted to their ringing, and that gathering was a demonstration that it was being continued. In the life of the Church it was easy to pick out someone as being a member of the Mothers' Union or of the C.E.M.S., but one could hardly identify a member of the belfry! When he was in the R.A.F. he found the good, the bad and the bellringers. He recalled a certain celebration, at the close of which he found a ringer sitting in the snow after a party, and said, 'Tom, what would **you** say if you saw **me** in this condition?' Tom replied, 'Not a word, Padre; not a word!'

Bellringing, he said, had always been a concomitant of religious worship. In Norman times bells were used as a curfew. In Windsor they had served as a clock since as early as 1400. Their bells had given warnings of national dangers, and of triumphs, on land and on the sea. For centuries they had regulated their lives and working hours. The bells presided over all the joys and also the solemnities of our national life. The whole community was unified by the sound of the bells, and on Sundays all our worship was hallowed by the tintinnabulation of the bells. The Church was deeply indebted to its bellringers, and he could not adequately express the love and the gratitude of the clergy for their ringers.

WINDSOR RINGERS THANKED

The Vicar paid a tribute to the hours of voluntary work done by his own ringers at Windsor in designing, having constructed and fitted a brace to tie the bell frame, and in cleaning and decorating the belfry and installing a new window. When they would give such service to their church, it seemed a pity that ringers should leave the building as soon as the service had begun. Having summoned them to the feast, they quietly stole away! The way this tradition of loyal service and the art of ringing maintained was a wonderful thing, and the Church was truly grateful for the ringers' voluntary service.

In his reply Mr. W. G. Wilson thanked Mr. Badham for his appreciation of the work done by bellringers and for the interest of the clergy in their activities. He referred to a vicar whose interest extended to inquiring of his captain how his new young band was progressing. 'Oh, we're making good progress,' he replied, 'but it is rather slow, they are now beginning to pull together much better.' 'Yes, that's what I was thinking,' said the Vicar, 'as I listened when I came through the churchyard!'

Mr. Wilson quoted some lines from a lecture given at a clerical meeting as recently as 1859—only just over 100 years ago! 'Neither should any excuse whatever obtain permission for ringing on a Sunday. Many, even clergymen, are not aware of the generic distinction between ringing and chiming. . . . I, for my part, would quite as soon sanction football or cricket in the churchyard on Sunday as ringing properly so-called, and I would as soon give up the belfry to prize-fighting on a Sunday as to prize ringing. . . . Ringing is an intellectual and scientific enjoyment, as much so as chess or violin playing, and in the opinion of some, more so, when done as it should be: and we know what view we should take of Sunday chess players or Sunday concerts! Let us therefore implore every clergyman to exercise his authority and put an extinguisher on all Sunday ringing.' So said the Rev. Robert Waller at Sutton Bonnington, Notts., on June 26th, 1859.

It was only due to the work of the ringing guilds that the Vicar of Windsor was able to say what he had about bellringers. They had themselves brought about the reforms which gave ringers their present status in the eyes of the Church.

The Master, Canon Wigg, expressed his pleasure at having been invited to this dinner in a wonderful Branch of a wonderful Guild. He had just come from a meeting of Branch secretaries, and after a day's serious deliberations, it was most pleasant to be able to relax so enjoyably afterwards.

There was music throughout the meal, and the band played for dancing after the speeches.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Banstead is always a good venue for a Northern District meeting and November 30th proved to be no exception. Ringing was under the direction of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, and the service was conducted by the Vicar.

At the business meeting nominations were made for the District officers to be elected at the annual general meeting at Kingston-upon-Thames on January 25th.

A progress report was received on the Courses in Elementary Change Ringing which are being pioneered by the Association. The object is to provide special practices, with qualified ringers in attendance, to would-be-change ringers. The project has been enthusiastically supported and many of the learners have shown considerable improvement, which they could not have achieved so quickly without the help of the Association. A similar programme is being arranged for the early part of next year.

After the usual notes of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies who had prepared the much needed tea on a cold afternoon, the company returned to the tower.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 19th, 1913.—

The Spitalfields Foundry Guild have succeeded in ringing the first peal on ten bells by a foundry band, and we hear that they will not be satisfied until Cinques and Maximus have been rung. Appropriately enough the peal of Caters was rung upon Shoreditch bells, which have so recently been restored by the firm. This and other similar performances go to prove that modern founders are fully alive to the value of having practical ringers to do their work wherever possible.

DEDICATION

St. Clement's, Hastings

The new ring of eight at St. Clement's Church, Hastings, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chichester at a service held on Sunday, November 24th. The large congregation of over 500 included the Mayor and Mayoress, aldermen, councillors and chief officers of the county borough of Hastings, donors of the bells or their representatives, including four visitors from Hastings, New Zealand, a representative of John Taylor and Co., and many visiting ringers. The service was most impressive and at the end the local ringers rang a few rounds after which visiting ringers rang short touches.

The ring of bells is the third ring in the history of the church. The first bell was hung in 1607 and this was added to through the years until in 1717 a ring of six was completed. About the year 1800 these bells were disposed of and a ring of eight cast steel bells was installed instead of the traditional bronze bells. These bells over the years became worn and dangerous because of their poor quality.

In October, 1961, an appeal was launched for the sum of £3,500 to meet the cost of eight new bells which it was hoped to achieve in time for the bells to be rung to join in the town's celebrations in 1966 of the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. Such was the response to the appeal that the amount was subscribed and the fund closed within two years of launching the appeal.

The new bells were cast by John Taylor and Co., and were hung with complete new fittings in the existing Sussex oak frame of 1739 and they bear the following inscriptions:

Treble.—The Hastleons. Donors, The Hastings and St. Leonards Operatic and Dramatic Society.

No. 2.—Donors, Sir Ralf and Lady Emerson, Rev. Jack L. Napier, B.A., and Miss Kathleen Napier.

No. 3.—In memory of Alderman F. W. and Mrs. Morgan from their children.

No. 4.—Donated by the citizens of Hastings, New Zealand.

No. 5.—The Hastings Grammar School. Given by the governors, masters, old boys and pupils.

No. 6.—In memory of Jack Shirley. Given by the Nalgo Players.

No. 7.—In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips from their children.

Tenor.—The Corporation Bell. Donors, past Mayors, Aldermen, Councillors and Chief Officers of the County Borough of Hastings.

The weight of the tenor bell is 15 cwt. A bronze tablet recording the historical event has been placed on the wall beneath the south window in the tower.

St. Clement's ringers wish to thank Tony Jackson, of Blacklands, for the use of their bells for practices during the past months.

MEMORIAL RING OF EIGHT FOR CANBERRA

Canberra, the capital of Australia, is to have a ring of eight bells. The Governor-General, Lord De L'Isle, has offered to present a ring of eight bells to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Canberra, as a memorial to his wife, who died in Canberra late last year.

The Rector of St. John's, Archdeacon F. M. Hill, and his vestry have accepted the gift. The bells will be cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. A spokesman at Government House, Canberra, told 'The Sydney Morning Herald' that it was hoped the bells would be delivered within six months.

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Letters to the Editor

Attempt for 21,600 Minor in 60 Methods

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 21,600 Minor at Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, December 28th, 1963, commencing at 9 a.m.

The arrangement of the extents will be as follows:

1 London and Wells S.
2 Lincoln and Coldstream S.
3 Rossendale and Stamford S.
4 Lightfoot and Wearmouth S.
5 Westminster and Allendale S.
6 York and Durham S.
7 Beverley and Surfleet S.
8 Cambridge and Ipswich S.
9 Wath and Carisbrooke D.
10 Pontefract and Donottar D.
11 Oswald and Barham D.
12 Dover and Balmoral D.
13 Chepstow and Skipton D.
14 Balmoral and Fotheringay D.
15 Ely and Wilmslow D.
16 Rostherne and Knutsford D.
17 Wilmslow and Bogedone.
18 St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Crowland, Combermere and Abbeyville D.
19 St. Werburgh and Vale Royal D.
20 Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree D.
21 Wragby and St. Albans D.
22 Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate and Marple D.
23 Willesden and Old Oxford D.
24 Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star T.B.
25 Norbury and College Exercise T.B.
26 Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.
27 Kingston, London Scholars' Pl., Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B.
28 Kingston, London Sch. Pl. and Oxford T.B.
29 Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B.
30 Oxford and Kent T.B.
(60 methods)

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Swansea.

The Original and Deptford

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Belfry Gossip' of December 6th (page 816), I feel that the name of St. John's, Deptford, S.E.4. should be associated with Mr. Sone's comment about the number of time the 'Original' has been rung for the Kent County Association.

I have not been able to go back to 1875 (five years before the K.C.A. formation), when the bells were hung, because of lack of time and, above all, records, but from the records at my disposal I would put the number of peals of the 'Original' having been rung at Deptford for the K.C.A. as high as 15-20 per cent.

I would be grateful, and I am sure other members of the Exercise would be as well, to learn the exact number. The belfry walls at Deptford are full of peals of Grandsire, but these boards finish in the late 1920's as do the volumes of bound 'Ringing Worlds.'

May I through your columns inquire if anyone rung a peal of Plain Bob Triples on these bells. If not, the band who rang one for the London County Association on October 19th would like to claim a 'first on the bells.'—Yours sincerely,

BARRY R. HOLLISS.

Bromley, Kent.

Attempt for Long Length of Yorkshire Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I hereby give notice that, by kind permission of the Rev. G. John, it is the intention of the undermentioned eight ringers to meet at St. Leonard's Church, Clent, Worcestershire, on Boxing Day next, December 26th, at 10 a.m. and attempt to ring a peal of 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

If successful, the peal will be credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The band will consist of: P. L. Bill (Stourbridge), P. J. Brown (Stourbridge), J. C. Eisel (Stourbridge), M. D. Fellows (Stourbridge), M. J. Fellows (Stourbridge), G. C. Hemming (Evesham), A. V. Pearson (Wombourn), J. G. Pusey (Malvern).

The ringing will be conducted by A. V. Pearson, and the composition to be used is appended.—Yours faithfully,

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

11,520 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by JOHN SEGAR

234567	5ths	Out	M	W	4ths	H
352764					In	3
573624		X				
237465	2			—	X	
246537		In	—			
365247	—				X	
235647				—		
456237	—				X	

Four times repeated.
(Adapted from Mr. Segar's 15,520.)

Thousand Peal Ringers

Dear Sir,—As a matter of personal interest I wonder if you or any reader could give me the following information:

1. The names and order of people ringing a thousand peals.
2. The most peals as conductor.
3. People who have rung two tower bells to a peal.
4. The youngest person to conduct a peal.

—Yours sincerely,

GEO FRY.

Tonbridge, Kent.

Standard in Long Length Peals

Dear Sir,—I have been hoping to see an answer to the point raised by 'W.J.' a few weeks back in regard to a record length attempt at Loughborough. It seems quite inconsistent to ring half a normal peal before deciding that the standard of ringing was not sufficiently high, and to follow up the proceedings with two normal peals with the same band.

If the band was badly placed, surely a course at the most would be needed for the conductor to decide what rearrangement of the band was required. Or do we have an implicit assumption that the standard of ringing for a long peal should be higher than that acceptable for a normal length? I really do feel that the conductor or organiser owes us a slightly fuller explanation.—Yours faithfully,

S. I.

Beds.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On Dec. 1st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Davidge 1, Miss S. Little 2, M. Penney 3, W. Merritt (first of Triples) 4, G. Wells 5, M. Stanley 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. For Evensong.

Origin of Method Names

Dear Sir,—A correspondent recently inquired about the origin of the names given to changes on different numbers of bells. Since I have seen no reply to this interesting point, may I report the results of a discussion with some members of the University Guild at a practice the other day?

Firstly, as far as even bell methods are concerned, it was generally agreed that in the early days of change ringing eight and six bell methods were the only two sorts in common practice and it was reasonable to refer to them as 'major' and 'minor,' entirely with reference to 'size.' Ten bell ringing was rare and was considered (in those days) the 'ultimate' in campanology. For this reason ten bell methods reigned supreme as 'royal.' Thinking along the same lines (and this is almost certainly true) the number ten bell in rings of royal were referred to as the tenth or 'tenor' a term which came to refer to the bell with the lowest note on any ring of bells, and whilst it had no musical connotations the word treble probably did have at the other end in opposition to the musical meaning of 'tenor.' A logical extension of the sequence . . . minor, major . . . required 'minimus' for four bells and with the advent of twelve bells 'maximus' was invoked.

Secondly, odd bell method terminology clearly refers to the number of pairs of bells that can be changed at a time. On five bells the maximum is 'two pairs,' hence 'doubles.' A logical extension requires 'triples' for seven bells. 'Quadruples' and 'quintuples' were too much of a mouthful so corrupted French versions 'caters' and 'cinques' were introduced, although 'sextuples' is tolerated for thirteen bells. Perhaps 'ceases' would be a suitable corruption here to discourage anyone from going further.

This shows how nomenclature was adopted for one or two numbers of bells and the process of evolution extended it to other numbers. An anomaly exists in the case of 'singles' which should refer to three bells, but some authors, notably Jasper Snowdon (cf. 'Ropesight'), use this for four bell methods. Perhaps he would have used 'mini-minor' for three bells, or shouldn't that be two?

I have good reason to believe the above is for the most part true, but I hope at least that it will satisfy your correspondent's friends.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK H KING.

Magdalene College,
Cambridge.

North Tidworth Bells

Dear Sir,—I would like to give a few facts regarding the bells of North Tidworth, mentioned in the article on Wiltshire bells in the issue of November 1st.

Three of the bells date from 1619, one from 1700 and the other from 1809. They require rehanging in a metal frame, with new wheels and in some cases clappers. For this purpose £1,500 to £2,000 is required. It is doubtful, however, if this amount will be raised for some while yet, and in the meantime local ringers are attempting to make the back three chimable or even ringable if this is found possible.

If any of your readers feel that they would like to help get these bells ringing again, any donations, large or small, would be gratefully accepted. Cheques or postal orders should be made payable to: 'North Tidworth Bell Fund,' and sent either to Mr. R. J. Vockins, 4, Mill Hill Avenue, Tidworth, Hants, or The Manager, Lloyds Bank Ltd., Tidworth, Hants.—Yours faithfully,

G. K. BEADLE.

Tidworth, Hants.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Marlborough Branch

The Marlborough branch held its annual meeting at Marlborough on November 30th, when there was a fair attendance which included visitors from Warminster, Burghclere, Kingsclere and Devizes (St. Mary's).

St. Mary's mellow-toned six were rung in rounds and changes until the Guild service which was conducted by Canon F. B. Browne (Rector), assisted by the newly-appointed curate (Rev. Roger Keeley) who read the lesson and gave a short address. Mr. J. W. Pomfret was organist.

Tea was taken at a nearby café and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. George Newman (chairman) presided and he was supported by Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) and Capt. Mansfield-Robinson (branch representative).

A report on the past year, read by Mr. Palmer, revealed a slight drop in membership. Nine meetings had been held with an average attendance of 18. One full peal and several quarter peals had been scored, and on the whole the position was reasonably satisfactory.

Although expressing the opinion that the office should circulate among the members, Mr. Newman was prevailed upon to continue as chairman and Mr. Palmer was unanimously re-elected secretary. Mr. A. Johnson did not wish to continue as vice-chairman and this office was left vacant, it being decided that should the chairman be unable to attend a branch meeting, one should be elected pro. tem, from members present.

In order to lighten the secretary's burden (he has now held office for 29 years) Mr. George Brown (Marlborough St. Mary's) was unanimously elected assistant secretary. This was particularly timely as the annual festival of the Salisbury Guild is due to be held in Marlborough next year, and Mr. Brown's help and advice will be invaluable.

The Rev. Roger Keeley was unanimously elected Ringing Master (a post previously held by Mr. Palmer) and it was a source of great satisfaction when he consented to serve. Another cause for congratulation was the election of 18 new members, 12 of whom were from Overton with East Kennett, including the Vicar (Rev. F. Smedley). There were also three from Aldbourne and three from Chisledon.

W. A. E.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
Andover District

Over 40 ringers attended the popular meeting of the Andover District at Longparish, on December 7th, when ringing during the afternoon reached Cambridge Surprise. The Rev. S. N. Agg Lage conducted the service, which was followed by a good spread in the Parish Room, arranged by Mrs. Dobson and Miss Goddard.

At the business meeting, with Mr. A. W. Alliston in the chair, Miss Jenkins was elected a member, and Whitchurch selected for the annual meeting on January 11th.

Evening ringing was at Longparish, Barton Stacey and Hurstbourne Priors.

G. K. D.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

With the help of visitors who were made very welcome, an enjoyable day of ringing was held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on November 30th, when the Southern District held its annual meeting. During the evening a tired party from the University of Wales Society presented themselves, but soon lost their tiredness and took part in the ringing.

The curate, the Rev. Edward Hunt, conducted the service, and as it was St. Andrew's Day the theme of the address by Canon H. C. Williams (the Vicar) was based on the patron saint of Scotland. Tea followed in the vestry hall and the Vicar thanked those responsible for the excellent meal.

As Canon Williams was unable to stay the Rev. E. Hunt was voted to the chair. Mr. J. A. Hoare was re-elected honorary District secretary and Mr. T. M. Roderick honarary District auditor. After various suggestions, Devynock, Brecon, was selected for the next quarterly meeting on March 7th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the curate and Mr. J. Davies, the organist.

J. A. H.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION
Western Branch

Fog cut the attendance at the quarterly meeting, held at Swaffham on November 30th. Ringers were present from Caston, Holme Hale, North Creake, Wells, King's Lynn, in the Branch, and welcome friends from Hockwold, Southend and Norwich.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Burridge, with Branch chairman Rev. G. Galley at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Rooms. At the business meeting three new members were elected. King's Lynn was confirmed as the venue for the annual meeting and Caston was provisionally approved for the May meeting.

In the afternoon and evening the bells were rung to a variety of methods, but with an emphasis on helping the less experienced ringers.

J. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of the St. Albans district at St. Michael's, St. Albans, on November 16th, ringing up to six spliced was attempted. Practically nothing, however, in the evening at any rate, came round except a short touch of Grandsire Triples, though on the other hand some reasonable striking was achieved between the fire-ups.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Harpur, and Mr. A. T. Hawkins played the organ. The local band are very grateful to the Misses Brearley and Williams, from Wheathampstead and Hemel Hempstead, who made the tea, St. Michael's being an almost womanless tower.

At the top table the Irish Vicar kept the officers in fits of laughter. On complaining to one of the tea pourers of the service, he was told that it was better than some of his!

A profit on the tea of £1 4s. was given to the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Next meeting Barnet, December 21st, special method. Bristol.

J. D. C.

OBITUARY

HENRY CHARLES STALHAM
17th March, 1871—29th November, 1963

Harry came to a practice on Wednesday evening and on Thursday evening he quietly left us for good. He had been coming to practise at St. Nicholas', Brighton, longer than all the band put together; he had in fact been a ringer for 80 years.

On Saturday, December 7th, upwards of 40 ringers from 14 towers, including the President of the Sussex Association, gathered at St. Nicholas' to pay their last respects. The bright winter sun shone from a cloudless sky, and passers-by paused to listen to the bells being rung half-muffled to Stedman Caters. The vicar met the cortege at the porch, and as the casket was borne into church, the bells stood —silent.

With moving sincerity, Father Walker turned to us and said 'Harry—cap, stick, and a pipe; rounded shoulders, and half-closed eyes that missed nothing. A perfectionist whom we must forgive, for when he found us to be less than perfect, he said so. No greater tribute (he concluded) could be paid than that, 'He laid his blow, and kept his place.'

With impressive symbolism Harry passed from our midst, from the dim church through the dark porch, and out into the brilliant sunshine to pause a moment below the tower as the bells began their farewell peal. We laid him to rest high on the Sussex downs to the old familiar sound of the handbells ringing Grandsire Triples, and from afar St. Nicholas' golden vane gleamed in the winter's sun.

Floral tributes came from the Sussex Association; the Ancient Society of College Youths; St. Peter's, Brighton; Hurstpierpoint; Shoreham and Wivelsfield towers, and the St. Nicholas' band. Handbells were rung by Mr. Hairs 1—2, Angela Grainger 3—4, Frank Hairs 5—6, Victor Sheppard 7—8. The tower peal was lost after 2¼ hours.

Harry joined the Sussex Association in 1893 at St. Paul's, Brighton, and rang his first peal on January 23rd, 1896. The last of his 234 peals was on May 19th, 1962.

A. V. S.

MR. R. G. WILLIAMS

We regret to record the death of Mr. R. G. Williams of Portishead, who had a life-long association with Portishead Church, first as a choir-boy and then for more than 50 years as a ringer, including 15 years as captain.

Mr. Williams rang a few peals, mostly of Grandsire Triples, the first being at Portishead in 1911, but he always placed Sunday service ringing as a priority. The keynotes of his long ringing career were 'regularity,' 'punctuality' and 'precision.' Until being taken ill about a year ago, Mr. Williams rarely missed any Sunday service ringing or weekly practice and he was never late. He always laid great stress on good striking and rhythm and took the view that it was better to ring a simple method well than a more complicated one badly.

A number of his ringing colleagues attended the funeral service, conducted by Rev. R. O. Fry, and he was interred near the tower he had served so faithfully. The Portishead ringers paid their final tribute by ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, during the evening following the funeral.

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ADELAIDE BELLS

By RONALD K. RUSS

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Throughout the work the bells had, of course, been tied, and not more than five had been pulled together. We had no idea what problems would arise regarding sound or oddstruckness. Soon all was ready for the first open ringing, and Brian Cox obtained verbal permission for it to take place on September 21st, which in fact coincided with 'British Week' in Adelaide. Every successive Saturday afternoon since July 6th we had spent in the tower, logging 15—20 man hours on each occasion. The great day arrived, but the caretaker refused to let us in. He had nothing in writing. Our hearts sank to our boots, but the timely arrival of Brian smoothed things over.

THE BELLS ARE RUNG

We raised the bells singly, none going up wrong. Then the ringers took their places, peering at each other like monkeys through the cage work, and the men on the tenors contriving to dodge with the floodlights. With tape recorders on, the first tentative rounds rang out over Victoria Square, the first for over half a century. It was a wonderful sound to our ears, and everyone was agreeably surprised at the tone of the bells. They rank among the best Warner rings I have rung on—they are right outside the 'saucer' class! But beauty of tone is not complemented by easy handling. The trebles could not be heard very well; the fourth dropped unpredictably at hand, the fifth was sadly offstruck and the sixth needs more strength than any other to keep it up. The tenors responded well, though, and by the end of the afternoon we had brought round a course of Cambridge Minor and 180 Stedman Doubles on the back six. We had no band for change ringing on the eight and indeed will find it hard to produce one in the immediate future. South Australia is not well off for ringers, and these are not learners' bells. Ringers at St. Peter's Cathedral and Walkerville are not used to plain bearings. We wondered whether our change hinging was in fact the first on the bells, since it is thought the old Albert Society never aspired to change ringing.

With later visits to the belfry, we readjusted all the chiming hammers and rigged up devices for their release. The fourth's trouble was traced to the pulley wheel, which had been put back the wrong way when all the pulleys were greased. We attempted to correct the oddstruck fifth by adjusting the bell on the stock, but improvement was negligible. We felt we could do nothing with the sixth but set out to tackle the problem of the muted trebles. A four-inch sound pipe was fitted with a sound box on the top, made from a biscuit tin! The base of the pipe falls to a hole in the ceiling between treble and second ropes. The result, when we rang the bells again on October 12th, exceeded our wildest expectations. Plain hunting on seven was aspired to on this occasion. Our set of ropes was made up of old ones from the Cathedral and Walkerville, together with two 1 brought from St. Mary's, Reading. Bill Pitcher has spent hours splicing up the set.

As the only English ringer in the restoration team. I feel bound to comment on the tremendous enthusiasm displayed by my Australian colleagues throughout the work, which has been far from straightforward. Brian Cox, David Bleby, Austin Adams, Bill Pitcher and myself composed the team, with occasional help from others, including Richard Jolley, from Walkerville.

And so another unringable tower is back on the map though the future of ringing here seems a bit uncertain. This is due to our difficulties in assembling a band capable of striking the bells reasonably well (we must do it better than the chiming apparatus!) and the apparent indifference of the Town Hall authorities now the bells are in order.

Brian met with a cool reception at his interview with the authorities, but later contact by Bill looks more hopeful. A detailed report of the work done has been submitted, with suggestions for future ringing occasions, and a reply is awaited.

Concluded

AN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM OF PLACE NOTATION

Being one of those people who cannot make any headway with the present system of place notation I venture to put forward this alternative method.

There are sufficient letters in the alphabet to give every row of figures in the half lead of Treble Bob or Surprise from Minor to Maximus a separate and distinct reference letter to show by a letter and figures. in which place the places in the notation are started or completed in.

The diagram is the first lead of Cambridge Surprise Major to illustrate the working of the system. The numbers in the places are those of the bells that make the places when ringing this lead. You will notice that on the left are letters in alphabetical order, starting with **A at rounds** and finishing with Q at the second blow of the treble's lie behind. As you know, the half lead should show all the places made and reverse true to itself to make the full lead. Therefore it should only be necessary to give the notation for a half lead.

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  (12------)
A 12345678
B -14----7
C 1-4----7
D 21-4----
E 2-14----
F 62-18--5
G 621-8--5
H --41-8--
I --4-18--
J 2--4-1--
K 2--41---
L ----81-3
M ----8-13
N 7----8-1
O 7----81-
P ------31 Q
Q ------31 P
  4----61- O
  4----6-1 N
  ----6-13 M
  ----61-3 L
  5--71--- K
  5--7-1-- J
  --7-16-- I
  --71-6-- H
  851-6--2 G
  85-16--2 F
  5-17---- E
  51-7---- D
  1-7----4 C
  -17----4 B
  15------ A
  15------
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Here is the notation for the half lead, giving the last blow of the places made.

A 2/C 3, 8/E 1. 4/G 1, 2. 5, 8/I 3. 6/K 1. 4/
M 5, 8/O 1. 6/Q 7.

Add the information as to which place the bob is made, and the lead end, and that is all that need be given. For this method, the bob is A 4, lead end is 1538264. When sending the notation for publication you will help the ringer who is working out the lead from your notation if you add the lead end as he can check and make sure his work is correct.

Now let us suppose that you are working out a lead from a notation given on this system and that you have worked as far as Q 7. You now need to reverse your work to get the second half. Now take a look at the letters on the right. They are simply the letters on the left reversed with A **at the handstroke lead of the treble.** Now look at places O 1, 6 in the first half lead. They **end** on row O, while places O 1. 6 in the second half lead **begin** on row O. So what you have to do to reverse your work is: Reverse your **letters,** reverse your **notation,** and reverse the method of making the places. So here is your notation for the whole lead:

A 2/C 3. 8/E 1. 4/G 1, 2. 5, 8/I 3. 6/K 1. 4/
M 5. 8/O 1, 6/Q 7.
O 1, 6/M 5. 8/K 1, 4/I 3. 6/G 1, 2. 5. 8/
E 1, 4/C 3. 8/A 2.

Bob A. Lead end 1538264.

In actual practice you can, if you like, put all your letters on the right with the figures just like the calling of a touch or peal, and then fill in your rows (I made out the diagram with the letters on both sides for clarity), but if you do so, be careful to label the row P (handstroke of the lie behind), PQ and row Q (backstroke of the lie behind), QP. The reason why this care is necessary can be seen if you look at London. The last three places in the half lead notation are N 1, 6/P 1. 6/Q 5. If you look at the diagram you will see that the row labelled P on the left is Q on the right. So as place **ending** on PQ must commence on QP when the notation is reversed. So the places while the treble is in 7/8 would read N 1. 6/P Q 1, 6/Q 1, 5/Q P 1. 6/ N 1. 6.

Finally, here are the notations of two well known methods:

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

A 2/B 3, 6/D 3, 6/E 1. 4/G 1. 2/I 3. 6/
J 1. 4/L 1. 4/M 3.

Bob A 4. Lead end 142635.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

A 2/C 3. 0/E 1. 4/G 5. 0/I 1. 6/K 1. 2. 7, 0/
M 3. 8/O 1. 4/Q 5. 0/R 1. 6/U 9/.

Bob A 4. Lead end 1573920486.

A. H. KEMP.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

A very pleasant and successful meeting was held on November 23rd at Sutton-in-Ashfield, when the Mansfield District joined forces with the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association. Before commencing the business meeting a short silence was observed while those present joined people the world over in remembering John F. Kennedy, President of the U.S.A., who had died so tragically the previous day. Mr. J. L. Parker of Teversall was elected a Guild member and following the meeting ringing continued in a variety of methods until 8 p.m. when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting—District Annual at Mansfield.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central and Kent Districts held a joint meeting at St. John's, Leytonstone, on November 30th, when some 30 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening. Ringing ranging from call changes to Bristol Surprise was included, thereby catering for all stages of ability of those present. Also included was a touch of Plain Bob Major by an all-ladies' band.

A short service, led by the choirboys and organist of St. John's, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. de Lande Jones. In welcoming the Guild, he spoke of the message of the bells as being equally pertinent to those who hear them as well as to the ringers themselves.

A sumptuous tea in the Church Hall was provided by Mrs. C. Willmington and lady helpers, all arrangements being kindly made by Mr. C. Willmington. The company showed by vigorous applause their thanks and appreciation to all concerned for the success and enjoyment of this meeting.

K. M. L.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting o the Oxford University Society held on December 3rd, in St. Peter's College the following officers were elected: Master, M. R. Ashmore (Oriel); secretaries, Miss Hilary F. Pardoe (St. Anne's) and J. W. Thorp (St. John's); treasurer, P. H. B. Harris (New College); steeplekeepers, P. J. Crane (St. Catherine's) and J. M. Preston (Wadham).

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM. — On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintzou 2, W. Shute (Dorset) 3, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Rayfield (first of Surprise) 1, C. H. Macve (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Margaret Godfrey (first of Surprise) 3, E. Godfrey (first of T.B.) 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Eves 1, C. A. Critchley 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, B. L. Marks 4, G. W. Critchley 5, F. J. Robinson 6. For Evensong.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. Moore 1, Jenifer Dye 2, P. Le Count 3, H. Moore 4, P. Laurence 5, A. Syder 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. A farewell compliment to the Dean and Mrs. Bowen.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Nov. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: P. N. Tubbs 1, D. T. Gardiner 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, A. M. Cox 4, J. Hartless 5, R. N. Marlow 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, L. F. Cobb 8.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Vardy 1, J. W. Rose 2, E. Goringe 3, G. Goringe 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, N. Trot 6.

COLATON RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Edbrooke 1, Jane Hurrell (first quarter) 2, H. Crisp 3, G. Eyles 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, J. D. Walker 6. For Advent Sunday.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Grantham 1, I. Perry 2, A. Leeves 3, G. Piper 4, M. Legg (first as cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. First quarter for all the band except conductor. First by a local band as far as records can be traced.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: G. W. Pipe 1, Diana M. Pipe 2, Brenda E. Downing 3, C. R. Lovett 4, N. J. Goodman 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. F. Downing 7, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Jean Lee 1, D. A. Burt 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, D. J. Barnett 4, J. Newman (first of Minor) 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to D. A. Burt.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Hazeldine (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. M. Godfrey 2, A. Monks 3, C. M. Godfrey 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5. For Sung Eucharist.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harris 1, E. Lloyd 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, Miss C. Hiscock 4, W. G. Thomas 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, C. A. Lewis 7, J. Wilson (first quarter) 8. Rung to welcome the Chancellor of the University of Wales, H.R.H. Prince Philip, to Aberystwyth, and for the opening of the third annual Aberystwyth Arts Festival.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Hawkins 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, R. D. Hughes 4, F. Chambers (cond.) 5, L. Layton (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. F. Basford 1, E. J. Boffey 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, H. G. Smith 4, F. Barnard 5, A. Merrill 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. Rung to mark the installation as Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral of the Rector, Canon E. M. B. Southwell, also the 390th anniversary of Sir Edmund Wright's christening, also the 250th anniversary of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th bells.

OXTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Minimus (three methods): Miss J. Challinor 1, R. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4. Believed first on the bells.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier (first of Minor 'away' from treble) 3, H. Gummer 4, D. Powney 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. First of Minor '1 and 2. A farewell compliment to Rev. C. Y. Pooley.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Medley 1, E. J. Rowe 2, W. Wainwright 3, T. Bailey (cond.) 4, M. J. Medley 5, L. Green 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Margaret Spreadbury.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Carol L. Norman (first of T.B.) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, D. W. Stenson 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, D. W. Stenson 5, Carol I. V. Corton 6, M. G. Wood 7, K. H. Mildred 8. A welcome to the Dean of Windsor, the Very Rev. R. W. Woods (a former Vicar).

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Ellmore (first 'away' from tenor) 1, Miss H. Weedon 2, J. Sheldrick 3, H. Weedon (cond.) 4, L. Fox 5, C. Ellmore 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all.

TACKLEY, OXON. —On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Hall 1, B. J. Coggins 2, P. Pearce 3, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 4, T. W. Timms 5, W. J. Dixon 6.

TADCASTER, YORKS. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Banton 1—2, W. Hick 3—4, S. Burnett 5—6. First in three Doubles methods for all.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Louth 1, Janice M. Smith 2, Sheila A. Chinnery 3, R. H. Dove 4, M. Metcalfe 5, P. Fenney 6, C. W. Longden 7, C. B. Dove (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 3.

UPTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,272 Minimus (two methods): J. Dawson 1, R. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4. Believed first on the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Morning Star T.B. Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: P. Mellor 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): R. Sheppard 1, Christine Mould 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. First in two Minor methods for all the band. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To our list of correspondents we add the name of Mr. John Sutton, of Didlington, Thetford, who because he is a spastic is unable to ring. This disability does not prevent John from taking a keen and informed interest in ringing and 'The Ringing World.' At ringing meetings of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, writes the secretary, he is welcomed as one of them and is an inspiration to all. The meeting report in this issue comes from John, who is an honorary member of the Association.

Mr. T. H. Radford of 35, High Street, Tibshelf, is the new hon. secretary of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association.

The ringers who took part in the two peals at Newick and West Hoathly on Nov. 30th would like to associate the peals with the passing of Harry Stalham (91), of Brighton, who died the night before.

On December 1st, 1923, William Rogers, who now lives at Hildenborough, Kent, rang his first peal at Buxted, Sussex. He celebrated the 40th anniversary by ringing a peal at Swanscombe, Kent, on November 30th, 1963.

Andrew Corby, who was 15 on November 27th, celebrated his birthday by ringing peals at Erith and Swanscombe on November 29th and 30th, bringing his peal total to 38. A happy birthday!

The peal at Knebworth on November 16th was rung as a farewell to Bernard Marks, who has been tower secretary for the past ten years and has played a big part in ensuring that the bells have been rung regularly for Sunday service. He is now moving to Brabourne in Kent, taking with him the best wishes of his friends in Hertfordshire.

The quarter peal on the back eight at Exeter Cathedral, published in the December 6th issue, was also rung to the memory of H. Corry, who died in November and had been a member of the Exeter Cathedral band for 10 years. The conductor was N. Mallett and not as printed. It is believed to be the first occasion that the tenor had been turned in single handed to a quarter on the back eight (tenor 72½ cwt.).

After many years' service, the 77 cwt. Bourdon bell at the R.C. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree, Exeter, is being rung for services. The bell was cast by John Taylor in 1931, and is a superb bell with impressive tone. Only 100 yards from the octave at Heavitree Parish Church, it is the same note as the tenor, and local ringers look forward to hearing Heavitree bells and the Bourdon ring together.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has 'circled' the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile to peals for the 20th time. Can any other 'circlers' go one better?

Handbell ringers from St. John's College, York, raised the sum of £40 13s. 8d. for Famine Relief and Refugee Aid work in King's Square on December 7th. Carols, call changes and touches of Plain Bob Minor were rung between 2 and 5 p.m.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Morris was duly celebrated by a peal of Little Bob Major at his own tower, Hodnet. Afterwards the band adjourned to a local hostelry where a family party had gathered to celebrate the event.

At the dinner held at Windsor on November 30th by the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, a detached piece of diamanté jewellery was picked up. Will the loser please contact Miss Doreen Hague, Branch Secretary (Tel. Slough 23321—during working hours).

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Rotherham Parish Church on November 30th as a tribute to Mrs. D. M. Pearce, a teacher at Kimberworth Secondary School, who recently died. Six former pupils and one master were in the band, the pupils being Mrs. Elsie Chaddock, Stuart Armeson (conductor and former school captain), Neil Donovan (former captain), John Bruce, Richard Lindsey and David Nichols. Mr. Norman Chaddock, a brother of Mrs. Pearce, is a member of the teaching staff. Also remembered was Miss M. L. Humphries, former headmistress, who is living at Cheltenham and recently had her 90 birthday.

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On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN W. G. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	ANDREW KETT	5
SUSAN M. WHITE	2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH	6
CLIVE W. SIMPSON	3	LEONARD J. NORTH	7
LORNA E. SIMPSON	4	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by D. J. HUNT. Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Five course block. Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	HAROLD C. LONYON	7
PETER HORNE	2	ALAN J. BROWN	8
EILEEN FEARNE	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
CAROL FEARNLEY	4	BASIL JONES	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	11
JOHN WORTH	6	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung half-muffled.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID P. HILLING	*Treble*	EDWARD S. T. FARR	4
MONICA BLAGROVE	2	A. JAMES GLASS	5
J. KEITH WARD	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
Rung half-muffled by the Slough Society and the Windsor Youths.

BATHEASTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JULIAN NEWMAN	*Treble*	PETER M. GILES	4
†DAVID A. BURT	2	‡HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal. 50th as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	7
JOYCE M. GURNHILL	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
DELIA E. SMITH	4	H. LESLIE PARK	10
JOHN FREEMAN	5	GEOFFREY PAUL	11
GEORGE E. FEIRN	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung half-muffled. Tenor 24 cwt.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	*DEREK J. JONES	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	*RAYMOND H. DAW	6
*ROGER D. BAILEY	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*DENIS WOODS	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DEREK M. SAWYER	*Treble*	C. MARTIN FOSTER	5
JANET D. PHILLIPS	2	DEREK B. WILLIAMS	6
*DIANA M. CHAPMAN	3	IAN C. MAYCOCK	7
JUDITH M. ATKINSON	4	ANTONY R. KENCH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt.

JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Treble*	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
JOHN F. BARLOW	2	GORDON BENFIELD	8
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	3	BASIL JONES	9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	4	NEIL BENNETT	10
DEREK A. ASHTON	5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	11
JOHN ROBINSON	6	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by D E. PARSONS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	*BRIAN R. WHITE	7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	2	DAVID T. DARBY	8
*EDWARD R. VENN	3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	9
*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	4	F. JOHN NELSON	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	*FRANCIS A. WHITE	11
ANDREW N. STUBBS	6	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
Ringers of the odd bells are members of the Oxford Society; of the even bells Oxford University Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, Brighton, Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt.

ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS P. SNOSWELL	6
CATHERINE M. POWELL	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
*PEGGY E. TAYLOR	3	*D. PAUL TREBLE	8
ANGELA M. WRIGHT	4	BERNARD J. STONE	9
ALBERT W. BOND	5	BERNARD G. NORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.
Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung to the respected memory of Henry C. Stalham by a St. Peter's service band.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*ANTHONY R. TRICKETT	*Treble*	§RAYMOND J. BALLARD	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	§PAUL ATKINS	7
†MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY	3	BARRY CORBISHLEY	8
FRANK R. MORTON	4	ROY WORRALL	9
‡GEORGE A. PACKER	5	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Royal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. § First of Treble Bob Royal. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells. Tenor 20 cwt.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

ROBERT J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	*PHILIP H. D. JONES	6
*MARY BROWNE	2	JOHN C. BALDWIN	7
*DAVID J. BAKER	3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	8
†DENNIS LATHAM	4	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	9
KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW	5	JOHN H. SOANES	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire. First of Caters as conductor. Tenor 27 cwt. 90 lb. in D.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mary Browne; also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Bryant, of St. Leonards-on-Sea.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*BARBARA M. GOODSPEED	*Treble*	MICHAEL C. ORME	6
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	7
JOYCE DODDS	3	MICHAEL D. FROST	8
†JULIA A. FELLOWS	4	GERALD PENNEY	9
GEOFFREY DODDS'	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Sheila Staley	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	5
*Geoffrey E. Watson	2	Ronald C. Noon	6
*Michael Staley	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Murray A. Coleman	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of London.
Rung for the wedding this day of Freda Patricia Curtis and Michael Bennett.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield	Treble	Peter Scholfield	5
Colin Milthorp	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Geoffrey Cheetham	3	Harold B. Schofield	7
Norman Smith	4	Philip J. H. Hudson	Tenor

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip J. H. Hudson.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

Hubert E. Ashley	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
Hubert G. Summers	2	John W. T. Taylor	6
*Ian D. Thompson	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
†David J. Allen	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by R. F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Murray A. Coleman	Treble	†Frank E. Coales	5
*Mary Bloxam	2	George Wright	6
Wendy Hollowell	3	Peter M. Fleckney	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of the conductor with Miss Susan Youngman.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Faith.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
*Alan M. Barber	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
†Martin Major	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Martin Press	4	‡George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First of Surprise as conductor. † First of Surprise. ‡ 25th English county for a peal.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bishopwearmouth.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Gillian Douglas	Treble	†William G. Wilson	5
†M. Elaine Murcott	2	David J. Marshall	6
†John E. Anderson	3	†George S. Deas	7
†Michael Maughan	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by A. R. Patterson.
* First peal of Treble Bob. †† First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Cynidr and Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

John W. Hope	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Colin A. Lewis	2	*Malcolm T. Johns	6
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	3	W. Gwyn Thomas	7
Barry J. Couzens	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun, Nov. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	David J. Allen	5
*Ian C. Maycock	2	*Peter S. Bennett	6
Susan Funnell	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Norman J. Goodman	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

William Clover	Treble	Leslie Bailey	5
F. Nolan Golden	2	Henry Tooke	6
George Sayer	3	Peter Adcock	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Clifford Bird	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bulwer. Conducted by William Clover.
For thanksgiving Sunday; also the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Roger E. Tallis	2	Ian C. Maycock	6
Susan Funnell	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
David J. Allen	4	Norman J. Goodman	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Maurice C. Hughes.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung with a fourths place bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	George B. Collins	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Andrew M. Macve	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
David S. Osenton	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Arranged by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method by all the band except the conductor, on the bells, and with a fourths place bob, for the Association.

RIPPONDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

A. William Kirkby (13)	Treble	Peter A. Kirkby	5
J. Henry Fielden	2	Roger J. Lumley	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Harold B. Schofield	7
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	Leonard Goodall	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Roger J. Lumley	Treble	*Harold B. Schofield	5
James S. Webb	2	Peter M. Dawson	6
*Barry Sullivan	3	Leonard Goodall	7
*Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	*H. David Holland	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
First peal of Oxford T.B. Major.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Martyn L. J. Jordan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
David W. Friend	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Keith Jordan	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	7
*Robert N. Harris	4	Christopher W. Woolley	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 89th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	LEWIS F. COBB	6
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
IRENE MARSHALL	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
*DAVID E. COLLINS	3	JOHN S. DEAN	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by JOHN S. DEAN.
* First peal.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MARTIN PRESS	*Treble*	ANTHONY H. SMITH	5
ALAN M. BARBER	2	DONALD F. MURFET	6
KEITH J. TRIPLOW	3	MARTIN MAJOR	7
COLIN JOHNSON	4	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

JOHN E. DREWITT	*Treble*	JOHN H. NAPPER	5
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	6
PETER J. HERITAGE	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
FREDERICK W. SODEN	4	EDWARD R. VENN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*F. GEORGE FORRESTER	*Treble*	ROY FORSTER	5
*GERALD PARSONS	2	JOHN RYDER	6
MICHAEL THOMSON	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
ERNEST PIMLOTT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as birthday compliments to Sir Winston Churchill and Mrs. E. Ryder, mother of the ringer of the sixth.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	*GEORGE RETTER	5
CYRIL SAVAGE	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
*R. JOHN QUICK	4	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Treble*	DAVID PEARSON	5
DAVID SHEPPARD	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	6
MARGARET E. WILKINSON	3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	7
*CHRISTOPHER GROOME	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 2lb. in E.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	PETER BRIDLE	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	GORDON W. LAND	6
GEORGE E. THODAY	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	*BRIAN M. BARKER	6
WALTER AYRE	3	†REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	7
HOWARD COLLINGS	4	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.
Rung for the wedding of David E. Upton and Miss Susan E. M. Bignall, which took place at this church prior to the peal.
The band would also like to associate the peal with the 89th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*PETER G. BROWN	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	PETER J. EVES	6
†MICHAEL J. COWLING	3	JAMES L. TOWLER	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	IAN R. PANTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 5). Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal. † First in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*JOHN BYATT (15)	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
MICHAEL DANIELS	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	6
DIANA M. PIPE	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
*WILLIAM E. E. PYE (14)	4	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
* First peal.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	†GRAHAM C. PAUL	5
JAMES LINNELL	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
*ROGER W. SMITH	3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	7
*ALAN A. PAUL	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, being five extents each of New Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt.

Allan Colcombe	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe ..	4
Michael V. Powell	2	Thomas J. Gundy	5
Reginald G. Powell ..	3	Alfred J. Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. A. Porter, on retirement after 43 years as Vicar at Ewyas Harold, and to Mrs. Porter.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (4) Bourne and Netherseale; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich; (6) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet; (7) Norwich; with 90 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	†Ronald F. Diserens ..	4
*E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	5
†Edgar R. Rapley	3	†W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 25th peal together. † First in 14 Surprise Minor methods.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 methods/variations: Three extents of Winchendon Place, two each of St. Miles', St. Nicholas', St. Giles', three of St. Andrew's, two each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Paul's, Mileham, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, three each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Raymond D. Hart	*Treble*	David J. Allen	3
Keith F. Gardner	2	Ian P. Unsworth	4
William A. Stote	*Tenor*		

Conducted by David J. Allen.

First peal in 18 methods by all the band.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Peter M. Adcock	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	4
*Leslie F. Bailey	2	Paul Cattermole	5
William Clover	3	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

* First peal in seven methods.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	M. John Halliwell	4
*Philip S. Woods	2	Anthony Helliwell ..	5
John T. Parsons	3	Eric J. F. Wall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal 'inside.'

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Nelson's Victory, Arnold's Victory, Darton Victory, Royal Sovereign, Oxford, Violet and Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Brian Heppenstall	*Treble*	Elizabeth Peace	4
Christopher Moxon	2	Noel F. Moxon	5
Susan Peace	3	Trevor Tarbatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor Tarbatt.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	*Treble*	James E. Dickinson	4
Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	2	John Bagnall	5
Alan Capstick	3	Nicholas M. Newby ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 5 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

Derek Slater	*Treble*	Thos. J. Barlow	4
Herbert W. Woolven ..	2	John A. Howard	5
Ian V. J. Smith	3	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

First peal in the method by the band, in the county, and for the Association.

TREDUNNOCK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.-
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents and one 240 (Pitman's) of Grandsire, and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Brian S. Neale	*Treble*	David L. Taylor	4
W. James Goodfellow ..	2	David Pike	5
Geoffrey R. Marchant	3	*Russell J. Waters	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Marchant.

* First peal attempt. First as conductor. First peal on the bells for 16 years and since being restored to ringing order in October, 1962.

Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being 143 methods in the following seven spliced extents:

(1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Wrentham, Calverleigh, Snodland, Swanscombe and Hever Alliance, St. Lawrence Little, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods, by C. Kenneth Lewis);

(2) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham and Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Morland, Bodenham, Felkirk, Crofton, Kirkthorpe and Kippax Special Alliance, Bastow Little Court (17 methods, by Harold Chant);

(3) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Wavertree, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Carisbrooke, Donottar and Alderbourne Delight (26 methods, by Harold Chant);

(4) Benington, Freiston, Langton, Frampton, Candlesby, Butterwick, Alford, Tattershall, Chelford, Poynton, Sutton, Denton, Saltwood, Burmarsh and Witcombe Special Alliance, Finchley and Minchinhampton Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Double Oxford, London Bob, College, Wavertree and Double Court, Cripplegate and Cornhill Special Little, Bastow Little Court (28 methods, by Harold Chant, arranged by C. A. Wratten);

(5) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Beckford, Hayes, Iver, Ellacombe, Buxton, Sharnbrook, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Winchcombe, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods, by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten);

(6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Campanulla, York Minster, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth and Bolton Abbey Treble Bob, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Danbury, Stisted and Pebmarsh Delight (25 methods, by Harold Chant);

(7) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods, by A. G. Driver);

with 259 changes of method, and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Peter T. Hurcombe ..	*Treble*	*Cyril A. Wratten	4
Shirley M. Drew	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
*Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 50th peal together.

Minchinhampton Alliance:	x 16 x 123 x 12 x 3 l.e. 16.
Saltwood Special Alliance	x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5 l.e. 12.
Burmarsh Special Alliance	x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5 l.e. 12.
Witcombe Special Alliance:	x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3 l.e. 16.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, in the following extents: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*DEREK SLATER	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	4
FRANK H. HICKS	2	*THOS. J. BARLOW	5
JOHN A. HOWARD	3	IAN V. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First of Minor in four methods as conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

*MARY C. KNIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN G. MALLETT	4
ANN HARRIS	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	5
*ROBERT C. WOODWARD	3	PETER WOOLLVEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER WOOLLVEN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

BERNARD MOSS	*Treble*	*FRANK BENTHAM	4
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	2	†LESTER BRIERS	5
*PETER ASHCROFT	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT M7, WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 14 in E flat.

A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	1—2	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5—6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	3—4	S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	7—8
		*J. W. MCCLENAHAN (Christ's)	9—10

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 45, SCOTT HOUSE, ARLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

SHIRLEY M. DREW	1—2	*HUGH EVANS	3—4
GEOFFREY R. DREW	5—6		

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal 'in hand.' First as conductor 'in hand,' and 200th peal. First on the bells.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	WALTER AYRE	5—6
MARTIN A. JORDON	3—4	MICHAEL D. FROST	7—8

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for pleasure; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Robinson, sister of the conductor. Tenor size 22 in C.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT S9, MEMORIAL COURT, CLARE COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	1—2	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5—6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	3—4	A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	7—8
		V. NUTTON (Selwyn)	9—10

Composed and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

QUARTER PEALS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): L. Cooksey (first quarter) 1, R. Fuller 2, C. E. Verdon 3, J. Carr 4, J. M. Swift 5, D. Laffar (first quarter) 6, A. Hicks (cond.) 7, C. F. Pilbeam 8. For Confirmation service, and also as a thankoffering for the success of the parish Christmas Fair held the previous day, at which over £1,400 was raised.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, W. Weller 2, Hannah Penfold 3, Alice Ward 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, W. Weller 2, Hannah Penfold 3, A. Harman (cond.) 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. Rung with every good wish to Mr. and Mrs. Harman.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen 1, M. D. Fuller 2, M. J. Bura (first 'inside') 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, J. F. Payne 5, R. W. Meadows 6. Rung after the wedding of Alan Edwards, a member of the band.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Davis 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, Miss V. Parsons (first quarter) 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, F. Battin (first 'away' from tenor) 5, A. F. Butt 6.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. D. Mack 1, M. Board 2, J. Salway 3, C. C. Deem 4, G. Ellett 5, G. West 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, F. Snow 8. First of Triples 2 and 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Remembrance Sunday a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: C. W. Rigby 1, Mrs. A. Brangwyn 2, H. Cashmore 3, W. F. Eyden 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, W. A. Denny 6, G. Shellard 7, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Byatt 1, W. Pye 2, E. Hayes 3, L. Pitstow 4, J. Negus (cond.)/5, E. Pye 6. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. J. Griffith Thomas as Rural Dean.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hill 1, F. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, J. T. Locke 4, R. J. Dean 5, F. Jennings 6. A birthday compliment to F. Welch.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Moore 1, J. Thomson 2, D. Appleton 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5, R. Ellaway 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4, possibly first quarter by Sunday service band on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. W. E. Wright, Vicar of Lanchester, died Nov. 18th.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Advent Sunday, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. Hipkiss (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss D. K. Moore 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, J. H. Allen 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6. For Evensong.

MODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 31st, 1,260 P.B. Minor: J. P. Coad 1, P. J. Daniel 2, D. J. Etchells 3, C. G. J. Head 4, R. J. Gay (cond.) 5, J. L. Queen 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Brain (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Marjorie Martin 1, D. Shrubsall 2, S. Coutts 3, J. Cuthbert 4, D. Gillespie (cond.) 5, Jean Cross (first quarter) 6. For St. Andrew's Day.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, A. J. Bull 2, A. Cheasley 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For the christening of the daughter of Mr. John Hicks.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, H. De Combe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Queen 4, K. Tipper 5, Comdr. Jackson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Parker's One Part): Miss R. J. Marks 1, D. Linnington 2, F. E. Day (cond.) 3, J. W. Perkins 4, H. F. Myers 5, H. W. Milford 6, A. W. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival and anniversary of the rededication.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Shedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. W. Rose 1, R. Sturmey 2, E. H. Amey 3, G. Abbott 4, J. Vardy (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, Miss B. Marsh 2, G. H. Perry 3, W. E. Watson 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. Cornick 6. For St. Andrew's Day, and to congratulate the tower captain, Mr. H. Corben, on completing 50 years as a ringer at Preston.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Nancy Kempsell 1, Freda Streeter 2, A. Streeter 3, A. J. Bull 4, W. Dunn 5, C. H. B. Cook 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Rowland 1, S. Croucher 2, J. Stephenson 3, D. Heath 4, E. Williams (cond.) 5, W. Poolman 6, H. Perry cover. First of Minor 1 and 4.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. H. Aley 4, A. A. Livings 5, G. E. C. Blake 6. A farewell to Rev. W. D. Kerr.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At Sacred Trinity, on Nov. 24th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 1, Jean A. Allen 2, Janet Warwick 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, D. J. Baker 6. First in method by all the band (Manchester University Guild). For Evensong.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS. — On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl E. Jessop 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, John H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lewis A. Wadsworth 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. For Choir Sunday.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: C. Haylings 1, M. Hawkes 2, Joan Gainey 3, B. Spiers (cond.) 4, W. Williams 5, A. Hallings 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. McCrave 1, D. Whitaker 2, Miss J. Spreadbury 3, W. Vince 4, Miss M. M. Moore (cond.) 5, W. Wainwright 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Margaret J. Spreadbury.

KENNEDY QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On November 24th, 780 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Bob Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Katherine Gorvin 2, Margaret Fisher 3, Susan Waterhouse 4, Valerie Mepham (cond.) 5, D. Hibbett 6. Half-muffled.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Barnes 1, G. Pullinger 2, Judy Bowen 3, Janet Percy 4, T. M. Barlow 5, A. R. Baldock (25th of Grandsire) 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, G. O. Prodger 8. Half-muffled.

BUSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, N. Fovargue 2, A. Freeston 3, W. B. Dawson 4, P. Reynolds 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8. Half-muffled.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,000 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, E. Deakin 4, D. Eames 5. Half-muffled.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Valerie J. Howard 1, Diana J. Butcher 2, C. Jane Smart 3, D. Slater 4, M. P. Howard 5, E. H. Knapp 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Half-muffled.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Osbon 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Diane J. Butcher 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, C. Jane Smart 5, F. H. Hicks 6, J. A. Howard (cond.) 7, C. A. Osbon 8. Half-muffled.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, W. Woods 2, E. Greenacre 3, C. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, E. Shipp (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): H. W. Farnsworth 1, D. W. Camm (cond.) 2, D. J. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, G. Faulks 5, F. Garbett (first quarter) 6, M. Camm 7, D. W. Bannister 8. Half-muffled.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): E. Player 1, J. E. Billings 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, J. Mace 4, L. K. Grey 5, P. Paginton 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, R. Woodward 8. Half-muffled.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. A. Sturrock 1, A. G. Craddock 2, Miss S. Scott 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, M. Lincoln 5, A. R. Patterson 6, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 7, P. R. Martin 8. First in method for all. Rung half-muffled. Also for Evensong.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mawdsley 1, E. A. Flint 2, P. S. Flint 3, D. Bennett 4, D. Burgess 5, K. Edwards 6. Half-muffled.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Bissell 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Miss A. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Wincomb (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, R. Lister (first 'inside') 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, D. Wight 5, A. C. Tovey 6.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Groves 1, R. Sheppard 2, A. Matthews 3, E. Mould 4, C. E. Burt 5, G. C. Grant 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8. Half-muffled.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. Lovell 1, J. Lampard 2, G. Prescott (cond.) 3, S. Lewis 4, R. Ballam 5, G. Kingdon 6.

LATE NOTICES

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting will be held at Tong on December 28th. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. —E. Morris. 3791

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 1st (late notifications will not be received) to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3790

BLABY, LEICS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. H. Wale 1, B. C. Law 2, R. A. Cobley 3, R. Chapman 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BURFORD, OXON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Holton 1, W. J. Dixon 2, B. J. Hall 3, F. W. Soden (cond.) 4, J. W. Dixon 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, T. W. Timms 7, Miss L. Westmacott 8. For Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Dorchester.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Long 1, R. Goodliffe 2, V. James 3, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, G. Skelly 5, R. Saye 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Nov. 30th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: P. W. Cave 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss J. Lavender 3, R. C. Stevens 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. J. Talbot 6, K. Taber 7, D. G. Brown 8, M. F. Oakshett 9, J. W. Smith 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, R. G. Abbott 12. First on twelve bells 4, 6, 7. A farewell to the Rev. P. W. Simpson, senior curate, leaves on preferment to Foleshill, Coventry, on Dec. 9th.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Moore 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, Teresa Langdon 3, J. Towers 4, H. Howson 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. First attempt Stedman 1 and 3. For Advent Sunday.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacky Hedges 1, Anne Luxon 2, Margaret Twigg 3, M. Gilbey 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Gloria Simpson 6. Rung by the Edmonton County Grammar School Guild of Ringers. First for the Guild, 2, 4, and 6. Rung in appreciation for all the help given to the Guild by the Enfield and Edmonton towers.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Wood 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, P. Mills 3, J. Newman 4, E. Roper (first of Major) 5, F. Roper 6, E. Webb (first of Major) 7, P. Wood (cond.) 8. Rung following the Baptism of Josephine Helen Wood, daughter of the ringers of 1 and 8.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Leney 1, G. T. Cousins 2, P. D. Sell (first as cond.) 3, R. Poston 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, T. Grant 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gooding 1, C. Muncey 2, M. Carter 3, A. Carpenter 4, H. Foster (cond.) 5, S. Brown 6. For annual gift day service proceeds this year and next to the bell fund, for recasting the bells.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia M. Samuel (first of Treble Bob) 1, G. K. Smith (first of Surprise) 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, I. C. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival, and to congratulate the ringer of the fourth on his 25th wedding anniversary. For Evensong.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: R. Poston 1, P. D. Sell 2, J. Turney 3, J. J. Webb 4, L. Edwards 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. First in the method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, P. Gardner 2, Mr. Blake 3, L. Berrick 4, J. Everard 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, C. Underwood 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung for Evensong to mark the retirement from office of Lay Reader Mr. P. F. Gibbs (30 years) and Churchwarden Mr. J. H. Haynes (26 years).

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Parish Church on Dec. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, T. Grice 3, T. Cross 4, T. Sone 5, B. Groves 6, F. Hogan 7, G. Collins 8, T. Cullingworth 9, M. Smith 10. For Evensong.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Gale (first quarter) 1, A. J. Gould 2, R. G. Gale 3, V. James 4, Mrs. G. Simmonds 5, R. G. Way 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. Gale 8. Rung half-muffled, in memorium Mr. R. G. Williams, a Portishead ringer for over 50 years and a former captain of the band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Gillian Coman 1, Helen Dadswell 2, Mrs. E. Coman (first quarter) 3, Gwen Fellows (first 'inside') 4, A. Hoad 5, Angela Rudd 6, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. For Evensong service, Harvest Festival.

SPEEN, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Gosling (first attempt for Minor) 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, H. Lawrenson 4, F. Gosling (first attempt for Minor 'inside') 5, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 6.

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Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers, especially members of the Winchester and Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds. Thanks to all who welcomed me at their meetings.—S. J. HARDING, Catherington, Portsmouth. 3782

Christmas greetings and good luck in the New Year to all ringing friends.—J. Arthur HOARE, Swansea, Glam. 3761

Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time those who are ill and those no longer able to ring.—From Reg JOHNSON. 3755

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Will peal conductors please note that, as Mr. P. C. Wright has left Somerset, all correspondence relating to peals and peal booking fees should now be sent direct to the General Secretary—G. Salmon, 9 Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 1st, 1964, at 8 p.m. in Jesus College. Tickets and full details later.—J. W. Thorp, St. John's College. 3762

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—Will visitors please note that there will be no practice on Saturday, December 21st.—D. E. Cobb 3773

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Derby St. Peter's (8). Sat., Dec. 21st. Ringing 3—4.30 p.m., 6—8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to District Sec., M. R. Blore, 67, Park Grove, Derby. 3754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Barnet, December 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing 6-8 p.m. S.M.: Bristol.—M. A. Coburn. 3739

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden on Sat., Dec. 21st. Bells from 3. Cups of tea in school at 5.—J. Porter. 3781

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, December 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples. Names for tea to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting Sapcote, Sat., Dec. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea followed by business meeting in the Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Dec. 26th to Michael E. Brown, 2a, Leicester Road, Sapcote. Tel: Sapcote 397.—M. Vernon, Dist. Sec. 3774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sat., Dec. 28th, Fulmer (6 bells). Ringing 5.30—8 p.m. Special methods St. Simon's, St. Martin's and London Surprise.—Miss Hague. 3734

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual general meetin at Writtle, Saturday, January 4th, 1964. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, must be received by Wednesday, January 1st. **No name no tea.** 3690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 4th, at Colchester. Service St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Leonard's (6) and All Saints', Shrub End (6), before and after the meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30—4 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street. 3779

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting at Hailsham on Sat., Jan. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to: Miss C. Fuller, Droslyn, High Street, Westham, Pevensey. 3787

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks. Branch.—Monthly practice Fenny Stratford, Sat., Jan. 4th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Raunds, Sat., Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous please to Peter Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 3780

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting Selby Abbey, Sat., Jan. 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before Jan. 2nd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3777

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Sat., Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 3769

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Please reserve following dates: Nominations meeting, Sat., Jan. 11th; Annual general meeting, social evening, Sat., Jan. 25th: Dinner, Sat., Feb. 29th. Details later.—Miss Powell. Tel: Kelvin 2390. 3776

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Sat., Jan. 18th. Bells afternoon until 5.45. Followed by service and tea 6.30 (for those who notify me by previous Tuesday). The film 'Ringers Required' will be shown after the business meeting.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 3786

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A RECORD OF LONG AGO

ON December 27th, 1904, 59 years ago, William Willson conducted at South Wigston, Leicester, a peal of 17,104 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and so put an end to a period of growing rivalry in the method. For nearly twenty years there had been a rising tide of progression and the Wigston exploit marked the culminating roller. In 1882 the famous Burton band rang 7,200 at Beeston ; in 1885, 8,064 changes were rung at Leiston ; and Appleton responded in 1888 with 10,080. In March 1894, the Cumberlands went for the extent with the tenors together at Brentwood, and suffered the cruel ordeal of having the treble rope break after ringing 13,072 changes. Within a month the same band met, and George Newson succeeded in calling the 13,440 at Romford.

Five years later there came two great achievements, accompanied by what still remains as probably the greatest and bitterest controversy since the old Norwich quarrels of the 18th century. In April, 1899, William Pye called at Erith 15,072 of Double Norwich Major, and just over a month later Washbrook's band rang at Kidlington a record length of 17,024. The ensuing dispute, as revealed in the current correspondence, makes interesting reading. One of the vigorous parakers in this verbal warfare was Leicester's redoubtable controversialist, William Willson, and five years later, he succeeded, by only a narrow margin indeed, in exceeding the Kidlington performance.

A striking feature of these twenty years of Double Norwich enterprise is the list of famous names associated with the successive long lengths. Jasper Snowdon, William Wakley, Edwin Barnett, Henry Dains, George Newson, William Pye, James Washbrook, F. E. Robinson and William Willson—these are but a few of the leading exponents of this lovely little method in the days when its popularity had not been impaired by the growth of Surprise ringing.

We are fortunate in having a complete and very satisfying account of the South Wigston peal, written by William Willson immediately after his triumph. He tells us of his early ambitions, his participation in a number of long lengths, and the gradual and careful approach to the great task of ringing the record length. The penultimate test was a peal of 11,008 at St. Thomas's, on April 9th, rung, so Willson tells us, without a hitch. And that night, the chronicle says, a group of elated ringers might have been seen in Leicester market place at midnight, toasting each other from bottles and urging the putting on of 'the long 'un.'

Preparations for an attempt for 21,024 were made immediately. Strict training was the order and no smoking was allowed. Willson himself commenced his self-discipline by swimming in the open river every morning, and this he did for four months. This, together with a fortnight's course of Phosferine, made him, so he says, ten years younger.

On Boxing Day the seven Midland gentlemen were joined by Mr. T. H. Taffender from London, and the great attempt began soon after 7 a.m. The peal ran a reasonably smooth course until the approach to 17,000, and here came a dramatic change. Willson describes it in a memorable and exciting passage.

> 'One member of the band . . . . was hanging out signals of distress. I believe I saw them long before the band was aware of the position. The pallor of his face made me feel uncomfortable, and conductors know what that means. Our intention was not to stop at less than 18,000 if it could be helped, but when our comrade leaned back to the wall for support, and with a face as white as chalk said " Bring 'em home," I don't mind confessing that it required all the resolution I possess to concentrate my thoughts on my calling. In such a crisis the bob-caller's life is not a happy one. I had passed one of the "landmarks " in the peal and had called the bob at one. The sixth was now coursing the seventh, and at the fourth lead I asked our friend " What is it to be ? " meaning should I go on. He shook his head. I called the bob at five and the sixth was home. Shortly after, noticing that the excitement was affecting the striking, he appeared to rally. But the die was cast, and when we came round I was not sorry, for I was afraid he might drop his rope and lose all.'

17,104 changes had been rung and the Kidlington peal exceeded in length, and this number remains as the record for the method. The band stood as follows : Josiah Morris 1, Thos. H. Taffender 2, Chas. H. Fowler 3, Thos. R. Hensher 4, Jas. Houghton 5, Wm. H. Inglesant 6, Arthur H. Aldham 7, Wm. Willson 8.

William Willson was a fiery controversialist, a formidable opponent in argument, and a bonny fighter even in a lost cause. But his heart was kindly and his gestures generous; and nowhere is this more clearly shown than in his declaration, at his moment of triumph, that Kidlington still held the palm for weight of metal and would remain a monument of ability.

E. C. S.

A YORKSHIRE SIX RESTORED

Fourteen miles west of York is the small village of Hunsingore. The church is sited on the crest of a low hill with a few houses and farms grouped around and below. A mile further west the thundering traffic of the A.1 north of Wetherby fails to disturb this little village. The parish church of St. John the Baptist with its white magnesian limestone spire makes a prominent landmark. Erected in only 11 months in 1869 the church received a ring of six bells cast by Warners, the gift of the Rector, Canon J. Dent. The bells were hung in a wooden frame and soon the villagers of Hunsingore were able to be proud of their ringers and bells, even if the standard reached was not very high.

In 1939 the bells became silent, and after the war no local team could be raised, and thus they were not rung. In the mid 1950s a party of South Yorkshire ringers paid a fleeting visit and found the bells almost unmanageable.

In June, 1961, these bells were inspected by the author and the frame was covered with pigeon dirt and sticks, the louvres were unwired, the ringing chamber was extremely filthy, and the ropes were very poor.

A year later the committee members of the St. John's College Bellringers' Society resolved to visit the tower and try to restore the bells. The Rector was contacted and permission was given . On Wednesday, October 30th, ten College ringers duly arrived at the church. The Rector and his sexton had had the louvres rewired and the ringing chamber cleaned. An extension lamp was fitted and three paraffin lamps were lit (there was no electricity in the tower). Over 20 sacks of dirt and rubbish were filled and removed from the belfry. The rope chest in the ringing chamber provided two new ropes and one in need of splicing, and these three ropes were fitted to replace three of the ropes which were unusable. The rims of bells five and six were strengthened by extra screws.

The bells were then raised singly and rung to call changes for five minutes when the fifth repeatedly began to slip the wheel. Upon investigation it was found that over half the rim had been ripped off as it had been rubbing against the sides of the tower wall. Thus the initial effort had, in a way, been a failure.

A further visit was made to the tower on November 30th, and the rims of bells fifth and sixth were repaired with specially made wooden replacement strips, and on raising the bells these rims were found to be holding. Unfortunately the rope-pulley of the tenor was not functioning correctly with the result that the rope became jammed on setting the bell. Thus with two ringers pulling the 10¼ cwt. tenor off the bells were rung for 20 minutes to call-changes, and plain courses of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Thus the ring had been restored to a ringable state but it seems unlikely that a team of regular ringers will be formed. Any ringers organising a tour should bear it in mind that the bells are still very awkward to ring, especially three, five and six, and that only an hour's ringing is advisable at the present moment because of the weakening rims on most of the wheels which, although seemingly sound at the moment, may easily be weakened as a result of prolonged ringing. However the Rector would be most pleased if any band of ringers can visit the church to try these difficult but now ringable bells. I. J.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, on December 14th, 13 towers were represented. Mr. H. Dransfield responded to the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Christopher Moxon, and said he had completed 50 years as a ringer at Earlsheaton and was always pleased to have visitors. Another warm welcome was from the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Baldwin), who presided. An excellent tea was provided by local ladies.

Next meeting, A.G.M., at Barnsley on January 11th.

GRANTLEY HALL, 1963

ONE hundred years ago Lord Grantley gave a sum of one guinea to the Ripon Cathedral ringers whenever they rang for his return to the family seat at Grantley Hall, some five miles from Ripon city. This Georgian residence is now used as a centre for adult education and a company of some 30 ringers assembled at this pleasant place during an October weekend to take part in the fourth annual course on bells and bellringing.

In accordance with the established custom at Grantley two courses were in progress at the same time. We found ourselves in company with Gilbert and Sullivan lovers who were making a special study of The Gondoliers and The Yeomen of the Guard: strangely enough the ringing party included Gilbert and Sullivan addicts and the operatic party included two or three Surprise ringers.

Friday evening was spent in assembling the party, dining and hearing a lecture by Edward Hudson, of the Ripon Cathedral ringers, concerning the history of ringing in Yorkshire. In the course of his lecture he expressed the hope that some student of history would undertake the preparation of a full-scale history of ringing in the county—there is an abundant wealth of material available.

We had a comprehensive selection of students, including many beginners: they came mainly from Yorkshire towers but enthusiasts came also from the Home Counties: a blind ringer evoked much praise for his skill in handbell ringing and in operating the tape recorder.

THE LECTURERS

In the spacious library of the Hall, Harold Chant arranged a fascinating collection of old and rare ringing books and manuscripts. In dealing with the history and practice of six bell ringing he covered a wide range of study and compressed a great amount of material into his admirable lectures.

With his customary skill and enthusiasm Norman Chaddock, using many ingenious visual aids and useful hand-outs, dealt with many matters: he has the rare ability of being able to teach others how to teach. Wilfrid Moreton came along and taught those who would venture into the field of handbell ringing: his contribution to the success of the course was invaluable. From Lincoln John Freeman brought the greetings of the Central Council, and taught the art of conducting.

Saturday morning and evening were given up to lectures and handbell ringing. Saturday afternoon was devoted to practical sessions at Ripon Cathedral and at the nearby church of Saint Andrew, Kirkby Malzeard, which has a grand-toned heavy six. A feature of the ringing at Ripon was a touch of Stedman Triples with the calls made almost simultaneously by seven potential conductors.

The ten bells of Ripon Cathedral were heard in their full beauty when they were lowered in peal almost perfectly.

The standard of catering at Grantley Hall is excellent and the assistance given to us by all members of the resident staff added considerably to the success of the course.

On Saturday evening the tape recorder was used until a very late hour. Particularly interesting was a tape recording of a six bell ringing contest in which competing bands varied in their use of open and closed leads: needless to write, the question of which is the more desirable was not finally settled when the company adjourned.

We were joined by our Gilbert and Sullivan colleagues for a short service, which included a handbell course of Grandsire Caters on Sunday morning.

In attempting to assess the value of the course it can truthfully be stated that everyone attending went away better equipped to ring and to teach others than when he or she arrived at the delightful College of Grantley Hall and that the joys of good fellowship were always in evidence. E. H.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. C. Walters (cond.) 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Rita E. M. Gasson 3, C. H. Roger 4, H. E. Bishop 5, J. A. Harrison 6, V. Nutton 7, J. M. H. Hunter 8. Arranged from Holt's Original and rung for St. Andrew's Day.

MALMESBURY'S SIX TOWERS

What a wonderful year this has been for outings by Malmesbury ringers, no fewer than six having been enjoyed.

The first, a car journey to Appleton for the 4th of March celebrations, whilst the snow was still on the ground. In April a trip was arranged to the All England Rally at Coventry Cathedral when the writer was fortunate to ring at the following towers:—Tysoe, Butlers Marsden, Harbury, Berkswell, Kenilworth, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon. Good bells and pleasant company were found on this day's outing.

During May an outing took place to Wednesbury St. Bartholomew (10 bells), where we were met by Rev. J. Blacker, son of Mr. H. Blacker, who is assisting at this church. On the way Kemsey bells were enjoyed and Halsowen's good bells were found rather difficult to handle, no doubt due to the inexperience of the younger members of the party. Wednesbury St. Paul was next visited, then to Selly Oak where Stedman Triples and Grandsire was enjoyed. Here we had to say goodbye to a former Malmesbury ringer, Mr. R. Terry of Church Eaton.

The next outing took place in July to Somerset and Devon with ringing at Stoke-under-Ham and Ottery St. Mary, where the bells are first-class. Seaton, followed after a near miss with the coach in the narrow Devon lanes, then to Wanstrow's light six for a ring on the way home.

In September with friends from Warminster, a Saturday afternoon trip into Oxfordshire was enjoyed. Ringing at Great Tew, Hook Norton, Banbury and the light ring at Home Farm, Balcoste, was really an enjoyable outing.

The October outing covered Salisbury and Southampton, with ringing at Wilton, and St. Paul's, Salisbury, before getting to Romsey, where the Abbey bells were rung in touches of Stedman and Bob Minor. St. Michael's, Southampton, was the next tower: these bells are heard very clearly, and a cup for striking was noticed in this tower. St. Thomas', Salisbury, provided the last ring of the day.

The writer would like to express his thanks to Mr. H. G. Blanchard for making these outings so successful: also to Mr. J. Billings for driving his car on the Appleton, Coventry and Oxfordshire trips.

H. H.

THIS IS ALL

Three hours of ringing and without a trip
A peal of Grandsire well within their grip:
Outside as pigeons 'neath the coping lodge,
Inside each ringer watches for his dodge.
Above all.

Like many methods in the Exercise,
This one demands a tenor's drumming cries:
As rhythm beating rounds the melody,
Advantage is it for this chap to be
Strong and tall.

To mark endeavour whilst his skill enhance,
Catch as catch can, eight sallies choose to dance;
About falls each his puppet on a string,
While up above his bell in circle swing.
High: then call.

A feeling which in turn each member sense
The final call is but a few leads hence;
To keep the changes all true as a die,
Where others would not: pealers always try
Stand or fall.

All what this complicated art implies,
Determination of the will defies:
But once decided there are bells misplaced,
In earnest the conductor, and in haste,
Stand! would call.

It little profits ringers not to ring
In their career a peal of anything:
Hope springs eternal as this call is passed
For each one knows it is the welcomed last
To install.

Which stood for pleasure, stood as well for gain,
Reward is reached now that the course is plain;
Queens, tittums, tintinnabulating sounds
Resolving changes back to final rounds.
This is all. S. M.

100 Years' Service by Claverley Veterans

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Claverley, Shropshire, on November 30th to commemorate the completion of 50 years' ringing service at the Church of All Saints by two of the best-known ringing personalities in the county.

Ernest Drew and Joe Marsh both started ringing in 1913 and their attendance at Sunday service ringing since has been impeccable.

In September a dinner was given in recognition of the valuable service that they have contributed both to ringing and as members of the choir. A presentation was made in the form of silver tankards suitably inscribed.

Those ringers who know the hospitality of Claverley will agree with the phrase of a very well-known 'Tenor King,' 'What a community!': and it was with a band of ringers who have in the past known such hospitality that the peal was arranged. A. V. P.

(For commemoration peal see Page 886).



MR. JOE MARSH MR. ERNEST DREW

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold Branch

Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, secretary of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, told the annual meeting of the Branch that membership had fallen slightly, but with new members from Broadwell and Moreton-in-the-Marsh the figures would correspond with those of the record for 1962.

He added that a new band had been formed at Broadwell and that assistance was being given there by ringers from Longborough and Stow-on-the-Wold.

Five meetings were held during the year, two of which were evening meetings: the most successful was that at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, when some 30 ringers attended.

During September a ringing outing took place, when visits were paid to the towers at Ascott-under-Wychwood, Leafield, Taynton and Great Barrington.

The Rev. L. W. Potter was re-elected chairman for the fourth year, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell was reappointed secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. W. Wright was elected Ringing Master and Mr. J. L. Joynes, of Longborough, was elected his deputy. The Ringing Master was also elected on the Association's committee.

A short service was conducted by the Rector of Stow (the Rev. I. C. Heron).

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and amongst the 20 ringers present were visitors from the Coventry, Oxford and Worcestershire Associations. L. C. D.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Glover (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Newman 2, F. Leach 3, M. Wycherley 4, F. Cattel 5, T. Beddow (cond.) 6, R. Newton 7, F. Mason 8. Half-muffled.

RINGING IN LONDON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Richmond and Twickenham Music Festival (chairman, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith) includes in its competitions for 1964 both tower- and handbells. The tower bells contest will take place at Isleworth Parish Church on March 14th, with Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson as adjudicator. The test is no less than 250 changes in Major or Triples, and the winners receive a challenge shield presented by the chairman.

Dr. Neal Smith has also presented a second challenge shield for change ringing on handbells for eight bells or upwards (Triples or Caters will be accepted). This will be held on Thursday evening, March 5th. There is another class for tune ringing.

Copies of the syllabus and entry forms will be forwarded by Mrs. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, on receipt of names and addresses and 2½d. stamp for postage.

MR. ERNEST WEATHERBY

In sending his best wishes to all ringers, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of North Figueroa, Los Angeles (formerly Shropshire and Guildford), now 92, informs us that he is well and has a morning walk of an hour every day.

He has been collecting information of his family and has a record from 453 A.D., when a Saxon knight, named Wedrebi, came with Hengist and Horsa to Britain to help the British King, Vortegan, force the Irish and Scots back to their own countries.

'I have a complete list to 1799, when John Weatherby settled at Market Drayton, my birthplace. They were bellringers at Atcham in 1795, and on May 23rd, 1827, four of my ancestors rang 720 Bob Minor at Atcham. I rang Stedman and Grandsire Doubles there in 1954, when we visited England.'

HOLT'S ORIGINAL IN KENT

We mentioned recently in a paragraph in Belfry Gossip that Holt's Original had been rung 375 times for the Kent County Association, with the peal at Lenham on November 17th.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Brenchley, sends us the following list of 58 conductors (in order of publication), who have called the Original for the K.C.A. since its foundation in 1880 and the number of times they have called it.

G. Stancombe 2, A. Moorcraft 4, G. Pawley 1 and 1 non-conducted, F. G. Newman 4, H. Pearce 1, A. E. Nunn 1, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 11, H. G. Fairbrass 3, A. Palmer 6 and 1 n.c., E. E. Richards 4, T. Manning 4 and 1 n.c., E. Barnett, sen., 12, E. Price 1, W. Pope 4 and 1 n.c., E. Pope 2, G. Lindoff 3 and 1 n.c., J. H. Cheeseman 2, T. Card 13, C. Willshire 15, G. A. Card 3, F. J. French 3 and 1 n.c., G. Durling 1, H. Warnett, sen., 16, G. A. Ransom 2, W. French 1, E. R. J. Dunk 1, D. Wright 2, J. Preston 3, W. H. Fussell 2, H. Barton 17, H. P. Harman 2, G. H. Daynes 21 and 1 n.c., W. Spice 2, F. A. Holden 8, F. Bennett 1, R. Brett 4, R. Baldwin 1, W. J. Jefferies 49 and 1 n.c., S. T. Binfield 1, E. Trendell 4, L. Head 40, F. W. Richardson 14 and 1 n.c., W. E. Pitman 5 and 1 n.c., E. B. Crowder 12 and 1 n.c., T. E. Sone 46 and 1 n.c., S. Marshall 1, J. Bennett 1, G. Billenness 1, F. Leason 2, J. Dafters 5, B. F. Baker 1, E. A. Barnett 1, C. F. Winney 1, F. G. Huckstepp 1, Miss B. U. Slack 1.

Handbells.—C. F. Winney 1, J. E. Spice 3, A. H. Pulling 2, J. Thomas 1.

T. Card, C. Willshire, H. Barton and T. E. Sone called the Original from each of the eight bells. Of the 368 tower bells peals, 149 were called from the seventh and 41 from the fourth, and only 12 from the tenor.

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Letters to the Editor

Tenors Together

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. C. W. Woolley's explanations. I note that he does not intend to write again on this subject so I will try to be as fair as possible to avoid being accused of taking unfair advantage. For this reason I will confine my remarks to his statements about parting the tenors which, if I may be allowed to say so, were far from 'clear from the context.'

Of course, 'tenors become parted within the lead during some part of the plain course,' but with a regular method this is not recognised as being a deviation from the coursing order as, no matter how widely separated they may have been within the lead, they are always 'together' at the lead-ends (and lead-heads).

This simplifies correction during ringing and makes 'checking' to a conductor who knows his onions, as, for instance, Mr. Woolley undoubtedly does, a comparatively simple matter.

With an 'irregular' method this system of correcting and checking falls completely to pieces.

Why this is so may be seen from examination of the two following sets of figures which are the plain course lead-heads and lead-ends of a regular and an irregular method.

Regular	Irregular
23456	23456
24365	25634
42635	52364
46253	56423
64253	65243
65432	64352
56342	46532
53624	43265
35264	34625
32546	32546
23456	23456

It will be seen that in the irregular method the tenors do in fact fall 'into the position occupied by 3-4 in the (plain) course,' and that without a call being made! There is no guarantee that having started the plain course with the tenors together they will be still coursing even at the end of the first lead. There is, apparently, no means of checking whether a 'shift' has been made until the course-end comes up again. The incidence of the tenors drawing together as they do at the end of the 2nd and 4th leads varies from one irregular method to another.

There are, of course, various guides and signposts, but in order to keep track good Minor conductors would 'see' the complete blocks of rows as a pattern as the leads unfolded.

Mr. Woolley mentioned Dan Smith and has probably seen him at work. There was no question when Dan was at his best of 'Who's on the front?' or Who's doing a 6-5-6?' etc., but a complete list of instructions as necessary to all and sundry was given with authority. It wasn't a question of waiting to check up: ringers just weren't allowed to go wrong. Whether the method was irregular made not one jot of difference.

Incidentally, Dan usually employed the standard three-part if the 720's were different methods, but had a goodly stock of other callings up his sleeve in either Plain or Treble Bob.—Yours, etc.,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

First Ringing for President Kennedy's Death

Dear Sir,—The quarter peal rung at Warnford and mentioned in Belfry Gossip, p. 816, was not the first touch to be rung for the death of President Kennedy.

We had met in the belfry at Arundel for the usual practice and were just about to start ringing when one of the churchwardens came up and told us that he had just heard the news of the President's death given out by the B.B.C. After a short discussion we decided to suspend the practice, we put the muffles on and rang the bells half-muffled for half-an-hour, starting at 8 o'clock.—Yours faithfully, R. WAKE.

Sidlesham, Chichester.

Dear Sir.—On occasions such as the death of President J. F. Kennedy, and how quickly we pay our tributes, much depends upon such factors as a tower's practice night, and or the the number of ringers with telephones and cars. However Stotfold, Beds, should be considered if early starts are the topic.

The news was broken to me when I arrived, the bells were then half-muffled. As only six were present it was decided to attempt a quarter, and the bells were in changes before 8 o'clock.—Yours sincerely,

J. SANDERSON.

Letchworth, Herts.

Adelaide's Town Hall Bells

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. Ronald K. Russ on his fine article about the bells of Adelaide (R.W., p. 826). He may be interested to know that the novel fitting on the sixth at the Town Hall there is, in fact, far from unique. The device he describes is known technically, I believe, as a horizontal stay and vertical slider. All the bells at Mentmore, Bucks, and St. Michael's, Winchester, Hants, possess these fittings—though both are 17th century rings and in a poor state of repair. At Adelaide, Warners seem simply to have borrowed an old bellhangers' technique to suit a tight situation.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN B. HULLAH.

Watford, Herts.

Wessex Scholars' Society

Dear Sir,—I would have thought that the officers of the newly-founded 'Society of Wessex Scholars' could at least have the good manners to arrange their meetings on a day when their own district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is not holding a meeting.

Furthermore, I should be interested to find out the real reason for the founding of this Society, for at the moment I can see nothing in its aims which could not be done by the existing Diocesan Guild, probably reflecting greater credit on the Exercise. Surely nobody is naive enough to think that the payment of ten shillings and being dragged through a peal qualifies one as a teacher, any more than having called a peal of Bob Major makes one a good secretary. The gift of being able to teach is not necessarily coupled with the possession of knowledge, and the fruits of bad teaching can be seen in belfries all over the country.

The founding of a new Society merely complicates the issue and hinders the work being done by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, besides being blatantly insulting to that Society. —Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

Southampton.

Yorkshire Tail Ends Condemned

Dear Sir.—May I raise a very strong objection to the opinions about Yorkshire tail-ends made by 'R.L.' He is, of course, entitled to his opinions, and if he and his band choose Yorkshire ends in their tower, that is entirely their business. But if any other band in the country is thinking of trying them, my advice is a very definite 'DON'T.'

'R.L.' gives two points in favour of these ends: easier handling and to be different from nearby towers. The first of these points is, I am certain, not true. When the two sallies are new and thick many people find it difficult to get a proper grip at handstroke, that is with all the fingers round the main sally. A common result is that the handstroke is rung with one hand, the other making a negligible contribution to the work at that time. Further, however exactly the rope is adjusted, whether by knots or boxes, it is nothing like so easy to alter for quicker or slower blows as the more usual end. Again, on a heavyish bell it is extremely likely that one will have to move off the tail-end sally on to the single rope when, apart from the discomfort and poor grip, the tail-end tends to swing about.

There is moreover a tendency for the rope to twist when it is only single below the main sally, a tendency I have not noticed when the rope is doubled back for a few feet. And what almost invariably happens in a tower where there are Yorkshire ends is an undignified single bell practice before each touch. I'm all for adjusting tail-ends or using boxes if it is necessary, but right against this pre-touch length testing which seems (and mostly is) necessary with these abominable ends.—Yours sincerely, WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield, Yorks.

Methods or Variations

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read John Cook's letter. It is, I feel, a good thing for people to write letters merely to prompt others to air their views, for, who knows, a useful idea may appear at some time.

First of all I must point out Jack's obvious error in quoting 'Belgrave as Yorkshire without 2nds'; it is, of course, 1st in place of penultimate at the half-lead. Yorkshire with 2nds (at leadhead-end) is Woodstock.

Secondly, the question of variations. My own view is that a **method** is something having a unique (hunt-controlled) plain course. To group things together into families and call them variations of a method has many pitfalls. An example of this will suffice to illustrate my point: Kent Treble Bob Minor is quite easy to ring, Oxford is rather more difficult; they have the same structure except for the 1-2 section. Distinct methods or variations on an idea? One can carry this further: Ring Oxford Treble Bob until the treble lies behind, instead of 1sts have 5ths; result, Sandal Treble Bob—exactly the same changes, only five transits different in each course—yet it's a different method—everybody says so. Yet Kent and Oxford are 30 transits different and few changes alike in each course!

Depending on how you ring—be it by 'blueline,' place notation or black magic, you have different ideas of what is a method and what is a variation. I should like to hear other people's views on this.

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, Mrs. D. Chamberlain 2, C. Matthews 3, J. R. Nichols 4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For evening service, and a farewell to J. R. Nichols who is leaving the town to live in the south of England after 44 years as a ringer at All Saints' Church.

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34256 St. Lawrence Little
45623 Wa'singham
52364 Penshurst
64235 St. Lawrence Little
35426 Lammas
26543 Olney
43652 St. Lawrence Little
35264 Steventon
56342 Tibenham
64523 St. Lawrence Little
23456

(2) 19 Methods by HAROLD CHANT

23456 Morland Alliance
53642 Bastow Little Court
65342 Bastow Little Court
36254 Bastow Little Court
23465 Bastow Little Court
42365 Bastow Little Court
34256 Waterford T.B.
45632 Bastow Little Court
64532 Bastow Little Court
56243 Bastow Little Court
25634 Pembroke Delight
34562 Waterford T.B.
46325 Edinburgh Delight
62453 Oswald Delight
25364 Bastow Little Court
32564 Bastow Little Court
53246 Oswald Delight
34652 Bastow Little Court
63452 Bastow Little Court
46235 Bastow Little Court
24563 Bastow Little Court
52463 Bastow Little Court
45236 Berkeley Delight
36524 Kentish Delight
62345 Oswald Delight
24653 Berwyn T.B.
53462 Barham Delight
36245 Pencombe Alliance
45623 Kirkthorpe Alliance
23564 Morland Alliance
64352 Felkirk Alliance
52436 Morland Alliance
23645 Barham Delight
45362 Berkeley Delight
56234 Eardisley Alliance
63542 Bodenham Alliance
34625 Crofton Alliance
42356 Bodenham Alliance
25463 Kippax Alliance
56342 Kippax Alliance
64523 Crofton Alliance
42635 Morland Alliance
35264 Kippax Alliance
56423 Edinburgh Delight
62534 Oswald Delight
23456

(3) 26 Methods by HAROLD CHANT

23456 Mendlesham Alliance

42635 Childwall
64523 Horsmonden
35642 Horsmonden
63254 Thelwall
26435 St. Clement's
42563 Donottar Delight
54326 St. Clement's
63542 Horsmonden
56234 College
42356 College
63425 Wavertree
54263 Pontefract Delight
25346 St. Clement's
32654 Killarney
46253 St. Clement's
25463 Pontefract Delight
34256 College
62534 Killarney
45362 Wath Delight
23645 Lytham
56423 Mendlesham Alliance
34562 Carisbrooke Delight
25634 London Bob
46325 College
53246 Tonbridge Alliance
62453 Childwall
43625 Reverse Bob
32456 Fulbeck
56234 Frodsham
64532 Plain Bob
64325 Plain Bob
64253 Plain Bob
45632 Canterbury Pleasure
53426 Canterbury Pleasure
32645 Reverse Bob
24356 Cumberland
56432 Frodsham
63524 Belvedere Little Bob
63245 Belvedere Little Bob
63452 Belvedere Little Bob
35624 Canterbury Pleasure
52346 Ennerdale
24635 Canterbury Pleasure
43256 Double Bob
56324 Windermere
62543 Plain Bob
62435 Plain Bob
62354 Plain Bob
25643 Ennerdale
54236 Fulbeck
34625 Killarney
56342 St. Clement's
35264 Alderbourne Delight
23456

(4) 28 Methods by HAROLD CHANT
Arranged by C. A. WRATTEN

23456 Chelford Alliance
64523 Benington Alliance
56342 Frieston Alliance
35264 Langton Alliance
42635 London Bob
56432 Bastow Little Court
45263 Bastow Little Court
24356 Bastow Little Court
32645 Bastow Little Court
63245 Bastow Little Court
26534 College
45326 Minchinhampton Alliance
63452 Bastow Little Court
46325 Cripplegate Little
53246 Darrington Alliance
25634 Frampton
62453 Candlesby Alliance
34562 London Bob
25346 London Bob
63425 Butterwick Alliance
46532 Saltwood Alliance
54263 Adwick Alliance
32654 Poynton Alliance
46532 Minchinhampton Alliance
23546 College
65234 Bastow Little Court
26453 Bastow Little Court
42365 Finchley Alliance
53642 Bastow Little Court
65342 Bastow Little Court
36524 Tattershall Alliance
45236 Sutton Alliance
24653 Double Oxford
62345 Witcombe Alliance
53462 Tattershall Alliance
24536 Thrybergh Alliance
65324 Denton Alliance
36452 Cornhill Little
43265 Poynton Alliance
52643 Tattershall Alliance
36542 Bastow Little Court
53264 Wavertree
42653 Bastow Little Court
64253 Double Court
53426 Double Court
26345 Double Court
45632 Double Court
32564 Double Court
64532 Bastow Little Court
56423 London Bob
34256 Frampton Alliance
23645 Burmarsh Alliance
62534 Alford

(6) 25 Methods by HAROLD CHANT

23456 Sandal Treble Bob
56423 Sandal Treble Bob
23645 Skipton Delight
45362 London Scholars' T.B.
62534 Campanulla T.B.
35426 Duke of Norfolk T.B.
64235 Knutsford Delight
52364 College Exercise T.B.
43652 Rostherne Delight
26543 York Minster T.B.

34256 Chepstow Delight
56234 Chepstow Delight
34625 Fotheringay Delight
25463 Kingston T.B.
63542 Gladstone T.B.
45236 Bogedone Delight

(5) 19 Methods by A. G. DRIVER.
Arranged by C. A. WRATTEN.

23456	Stonehouse All.	Iver All.	Winchcombe All.
42635	Bramfield All.	Hayes All.	Harmondsworth All.
64523	Harmondsworth All.	Bramfield All.	Sharnbrook All.
56342	Stonehouse All.	Harmondsworth All.	Bramfield All.
32564	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
45632	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
26345	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
53426	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
26435	Lamberhurst All.	Ellacombe All.	Wordsley All.
54326	Wordsley All.	Lamberhurst All.	Stanhoe All.
63254	Blaxhall All.	Mitcham All.	Stratton All.
42563	Blaxhall All.	Mitcham All.	Stratton All.
35462	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
62543	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
43256	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
56324	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
24635	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
35642	Ringstead All.	Harmondsworth All.	Bramfield All.
62354	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
45362	Ringstead All.	Beckford All.	Buxton All.

34256

62345 Norbury Treble Bob
53462 Norbury Treble Bob
24653 Wilmslow Delight
36524 Royston Treble Bob

42356 Capel Treble Bob
56342 Capel Treble Bob
42635 Balmoral Delight
35264 Danbury Delight
64523 Hemsworth T.B.
25346 Ockley Treble Bob
63425 Ockley Treble Bob
54263 Stisted Delight
32654 Pebmarsh Delight
46532 Bolton Abbey

23456

(7) 15 Methods by A. G. DRIVER

23456 Old Oxford Delight
42635 Marple Delight
35642 Old Oxford Delight
63254 College Bob IV Delight
26435 Willesden Delight
42563 Newdigate Delight
54326 Old Oxford Delight
63542 Humber Delight
42356 Old Oxford Delight
34625 Braintree Delight
25634 Braintree Delight
34562 Braintree Delight
62453 Braintree Delight
53246 Humber Delight
46325 Braintree Delight
25346 Clarence Delight
63425 St. Albans Delight
54263 Wragby Delight
32654 Charlwood Delight
46532 Neasden Delight
25463 Neasden Delight
34256 Clarence Delight
62534 Marple Delight
45362 Neasden Delight
23645 Taxal Delight
56423 Morning Star Treble Bob
56234 Morning Star Treble Bob
56342 Morning Star Treble Bob
64523 Marple Delight
35264 Elston Delight

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Ancient Bells of the Norfolk Clackclose Hundred

By TREVOR A. BEVIS

THE Clackclose Hundred consists of a small portion of Norfolk and forms the west boundary of that county. Its area is similarly shaped as a diamond, the upper point terminating at Wormegay, near King's Lynn, in width extending from Upwell, near Wisbech, to Stoke Ferry, and the lower point resting on the Fenland village of Southery. Downham Market is the principal town.

With the area outlined are 40 parishes and almost as many churches, a few of which are, unfortunately, in ruins. The Clackclose Hundred, so called from Saxon times, is one of about 14 such areas in Norfolk known as 'Hundred,' and it contains a varied and interesting assortment of ancient bells, some undated, some without inscription, some suspended within church towers and a few hanging from bell turrets. Many are still in use, a few unused, and some have unaccountably disappeared.

The area has been generously patronised by a number of old-time bell founders and long ago had its own foundry business at Downham Market under the name of Osborn and Dobson. This particular enterprise naturally experienced a brisk trade, notably in the Fens and West Norfolk, between the years 1785 and 1827.

'Imported' bells were received by Clackclose churches over a lengthy period of years from the foundries of the following craftsmen: John Draper, Christopher Gray, John Stevens, Joseph Eayre, Pack and Chapman, C. and G. Mears, Edward Arnold, Charles Newman, Joseph Mallows, Thomas Norris, John Saunders, John Darbie and Thomas Newman.

The following is a compilation of the churches of Clackclose Hundred possessing or having possessed bells of ancient origin:

ST. ANDREW'S, BARTON BENDISH.

(1) T. B., E. B. 1663. C. W.: (2) John Draper Made Me. 1626: (3) John Draper Made Me. 1632.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BARTON BENDISH.

Turret bell dated 1695 (unknown founder).

There were originally three churches at Barton Bendish and one, dedicated to All Saints, was demolished in 1788, the year after the living was consolidated with that of St. Mary's: the material of the former church was used for the building of a new church and for the making of a new road. A faculty was granted to sell three bells weighing altogether 22 cwt., the money arising from the sale being applied to the repair of St. Mary's Church. The bells in question were purchased and hung in Whitwell Church, and they are inscribed: (1) + Vox Augustini Sonet In Aure Dei: (2) + Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis; (3) Sit Nomen Domini Benedistum. Each bell bears two shields, two keys in saltire between a dolphin embowered, a wheatsheaf, a lamp and a bell, and a quadrangular cross florette.



S.S. PETER & PAUL, WATLINGTON.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BEECHAMWELL.

Two bells (uninscribed).

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, DEXWELL.

One bell. Magister Johannes Riston Me Fecit.

The upper compartment of the tower has circular windows beneath the belfry, this said to have been added when a bell weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. was sold in 1730 for £17 12s. 9d. to a churchwarden of Downham Market, that money expended on repairs to the church.

ALL SAINTS', ROUGHTON.

(1 and 2) John Draper Made Me. 1627; (3) (by Dobson) Francis Woods Ch. Warden. A.D. 1807.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, CRIMPLESHAM.

(1, 2 and 3) Wm. Dobson Founder Fecit. 1798; (4) Wm. Dobson Founder. 1798; (5) W. Dobson Fecit. 1798.

According to the parish register 'the small bell' was purchased by the inhabitants in 1599 and in 1651 Richard Ward gave a treble bell of 3¼ cwt. to the town ('Be it recorded in ye surviving memory of ye living ye memorable act of Mr. Rich. Ward, gent., then inhabitant of ye town of Crimplesham, who gave a treble bell of three hundred and fifty weight to ye sayd town in ye year of our Lord 1651. May she be heard beyond ye bounds of ingratitude is ye wish of Thom. Wardner, Minis.').

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, DENVER.

(1) Coronation, 1902; (2) C. G. 1680. Recast 1902; (3) C. G. Made Me. 1680; (4) Wm. Dobson, Founder, Downham, Norfolk. 1825; (5) John Stought[illegible], Peter Jex, C.W. 1721 (cast by Johns Stephens, of Bracondale); (6) Thos. Norburn and William Butterham, C.W. 1825.

The cost of supplying a new iron bell frame, the recasting of one bell and adding another in 1902 amounted to £215. A medallion showing the heads, in profile, of the King and Queen appears on the treble: this bell also having inscribed on the margin 'King Edward VII, Queen Alexandra.'

ST. ANDREW'S, WEST DEREHAM.

(1, 3, 4 uninscribed): (2) T. Osborne Fecit. Percute Dulce Cano: (5) T. Osborn Fecit. 1785.

ST. EDMUND, K. & M., DOWNHAM MARKET.

(1) T. Osborn. 1787: (2) Cum Vogo Venite. J. Eayre Fecit. 1771: (3) Bell Raised by Subscription. 1766: (4) Osborn and Arnold, St. Neots, Fecit. 1774: (5) Joseph Eayre, St. Neots. 1769: (6) Ditto: (7) Pack and Chapman, of London, Fecit. 1771: (8) Arnold and Osborn, St. Neots, Fecit. 1773.

ST. MARY'S, FINCHAM.

Six bells inscribed: C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. 1844.

At one time there were four very old bells, the treble of which was inscribed Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis, and the tenor Viventis Misere Pater Omnipitens Misereres. The latter was known as the 'Soul' bell.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, FORDHAM.

One turret bell inscribed: + Ave Gra Plena (unknown founder).

ALL SAINTS', HILGAY.

Eight bells: (1, 3, 4, 5) Thos. Osborn, Downham, Fecit. 1779: (2) uninscribed: (6) In Gratiam Juventutis Dedit Nichs. Spencer. 1686. Recast 1716. Thomas Osborn Fecit. 1779: (7) 1825, by Dobson: (8) Recast 1798. T. Osborn.

In 1534 John None gave 6s. 8d. 'unto the makyn of ye lytel bell.' There were five bells in 1760, these being augmented to eight in 1768.



ST. EDMUND'S, DOWNHAM MARKET.

ST. JAMES', HOLME-NEXT-RUNCTON.

Three bells inscribed: Wm. Dobson. 1810.

HOLY TRINITY, MARHAM.

Six bells: (1) Thomas Osborn Fecit, Downham Market, Norfolk. 1802: (2) The Lord to Praise my Voice I'll Raise: (3) Peace and Good Neighbourhood. Thomas Osborn Fecit. 1802: (4) Long Live King George the Third: (5) Our Voices Shall with Joyful Sound make Hills and Valleys Echo Round: (6) I to the Church the Living Call. And to the Grave do Summon All. 1802.

ST. CLEMENT'S, OUTWELL.

Six bells: (1) The Gift of the Commissioners. Osborn and Arnold Fecit. 1778: (2) Edward Arnold, St. Neots, Fecit (date has been erased and word 'Fatrin' cut over it: (3) Osborn and Arnold, St. Neots. 1778: (4) William Dobson. Founder, Norfolk. MDCCCXXVII: (5) Arnold and Osborn Cast This Peal of Six, April, 1778: (6) Osborn and Arnold, St. Neots, Fecit. 1778.

One turret bell: C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. 1845.

The church was considerably restored in 1839, and during reconstruction an ancient bell-metal Pax, also known as Tabula Pacis, Osculatorium or Osculare, representing the Crucifixion, was discovered in fine preservation. As common practice in the 11th and 12th centuries the instrument was first kissed by the priest, then the clerk, and finally by the people as a token of the 'joyful peace which is betwixt God and man's conscience.'

ST. MICHAEL'S, RYSTON.

One bell: Percute Dulce Cano. T. Osborn Fecit. 1789.

An account of 1677 states that the churchwardens were cited, inter alia, that they had new run the split bell. A gentleman, William Barnwell, appeared and answered 'that about two years since, the town had an order from Mr. Roberts and Mr. Tenison, to sell the bell and repayre the Church.'

ALL SAINTS', SHOULDHAM.

(1) Edmund Morriss, John Harplye, Churchwardens I.B. 1652: (2) Lennard Chambers, Roger Erish, I.B. 1652: (3) + Austen Bracker mad Me Anno Domini M (several letters inverted, four shields, two charged with a rayed rose, and two with England ancient): (4) Margaret Dunham, Peter Gage: John Skinner, I.B. 1652. This ancient ring was increased to six in 1871 by John Warner and Sons.

Clackclose Hundred—cont.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SHOULDHAM MARKET.

Tower containing three bells collapsed in 1724. Present turret bell by Taylors, 1856.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SOUTHERY.

Church erected 1858; tower contains one bell dated 1774.

ALL SAINTS', STOKE FERRY.

One bell dated 1766. The church was severely damaged in the latter half of the 18th century by the fall of the steeple. On January 8th, 1765, a faculty was granted to sell two bells, the money undoubtedly expended on the repairs of the church.

HOLY TRINITY, STOKE FERRY.

(1) Joseph Eayre Fecit; (2) Joseph Earyes, St. Neots. 1767; (3) Non Verbo Sed Voce Resonabo Domini Laudum, 1601 (Brasyer's shield between the letters T.N.); (4) Osborn and Arnold, St. Neots, Fecit. 1775; (5) This bell Recast at the expense of Thomas Hare Esq. 1809 (by Dobson); (6) Caeloram Christi Placeat Tibi Rex Sono Iste. 1612.

This ring was later augmented to eight by Warner.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, STRADSETT.

(1) Osborn and Arnold, St. Neots, Fecit. 1774; (2) Charles Newman made me. 1700; (3) H. Tomson C.W. Charles Newman made me. 1700.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, TOTTENHILL.

There were no bells in this tower during the mid-19th century. About that time a faculty was granted for the sale of the lead, the erection of a new roof and the purchasing of a secondhand bell of not less than 5 cwt., or a new bell of not less than 4 cwt. The following memorandum is taken from the Inventory of Edward VI: 'That the bells in the Steeple were stolen on Seynt Valentynes even the xiii daye of February. Ao Vto E. vjto y.'

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, UPWELL.

(1) Jos. Mallows Fecit. 1760; (2) Jos. Mallows, East Dereham. 1760; (3) nhoJ Draper Made Me 1613; (4) John Draper Made Me. 1627; (5) Thomas Norris Made Me. 1634; (6) C. and G. Mears, London. 1856.

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, WATLINGTON.

(1 and 2) Osborn and Arnold. St. Neots, Hunts. Fecit. 1774; (3) Jos. Eayre, St. Neots. Fecit. 1762; (4) +I.S. Sancta Anno Ora Pro Nobis (between the I and S. is an impression of the reverse of a silver penny); (5) I.S. Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.

These bells have the same capital letters as have appeared on old bells at Snave in Romney Marsh, and Holy Cross, Canterbury, cast either by Stephen Norton, of Kent, also a London founder, and John Saunders, of Reading (1539-59).

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, WELNEY.

Turret bell: John Clarke Made Me. 1613.

ST. MARGARET'S, WEREHAM.

Iohn Darbie Made Me. 1664.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, WIMBOTSHAM.

(1)+Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis (on crown, three male crowned heads); (2) Celesti Manna Tua Proles Vos Cibet Anna (on crown, three shields; Brasyer); (3) Thomas Newman Made Me. 1726.

ST. MICHAEL'S, WORMEGAY.

John Draper Made Me. 1636.

ALL SAINTS' WRETTON.

(1) Hec Fit Scorum Campa Laude Bonorum; (2) +Celi Regina . Michi Semper . Sit Medicina (on crown three small shields).

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. D. Chapman 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, C. R. Smith 3, T. G. Pett 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, D. Ellison (cond.) 7, D. A. Hewitt 8. For Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

OBITUARY

REV. T. N. GUNNER

The death on December 4th of the Rev. T. N. Gunner, until two years ago Vicar of Woburn, is deeply regretted by Bedfordshire ringers. During his 15 years at Woburn he proved himself not only a good priest but a friend of ringers. He loved bells, and Woburn were about the only bells that rang on Easter Eve. This was his wish and ringers used to come from far and wide to ring them.

The funeral took place at Arundel on December 9th and on the following Wednesday a Requiem was held at Woburn Parish Church at which a large number of people were present. This was followed by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled.

MR. PERCIVAL WOODS

A member of the Debenham Company for many years, Mr. Percival Woods died on November 11th, aged 80. He was a regular service ringer over the years and a first-rate striker, usually ringing the third. 'Cil,' as he was locally known, was the last of the fine Debenham band that rang at the beginning of the century—the Grimes, Grooms, Rumseys, etc. He had rung 27 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and nine for the Suffolk Guild. A carpenter and wheelwright by trade, he served with the R.A.S.C. during World War I. L. G. B.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.— At St. Mary's Church on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Miss W. Hollowell 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, R. Spencer 3, G. Cowlin 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. W. Philipson, one time assistant priest at this church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, ringers were recently given the job of entertaining the other members of the church for an evening. They did this by giving a talk on the history of the bells and change ringing, lapping and tune ringing on handbells. There was also a Ringer's ABC by B. J. L., which greatly amused the ringers present, and which we hope to publish shortly.

Congratulations to Mr. Trevor A. Cross on ringing his 400th peal. This took place at Westerham on December 14th.

It was friends from Burmarsh and not Burwash that Lympne ringers desired to express their thanks to in a Belfry Gossip paragraph on page 832.

Mr. A. Bishop, of 12, Worple Avenue, London, S.W.19, asks for the notation of Tankerley Delight, Darton Victory and Walsh's Victory Treble Bob.

The choir and organist of St. Leonard's Hythe, Colchester, added much to the enjoyment of a carol service at a meeting of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild, recently held at Grundisburgh.

St. Albans continues to be in the news. This week we received a postcard posted at St. Albans containing the report of a quarter peal rung on December 8th. Will the unknown writer please let the Editor know where this performance took place.

After a successful quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Wittersham on December 10th, the ringers were refreshed with coffee and biscuits in the belfry. All concerned would like to thank Miss Anne Funge-Smith for this very kind thought. Also thanks to Lloyd Sweatman for standing in at very short notice.

According to 'Belfry News,' the ringers at Derby Cathedral propose to redecorate their drab belfry. The walls will be painted white emulsion at the top and pale blue gloss below. Two large modern lights are being supplied, the cost being met from 'the box,' which receives a steady supply of contributions from ringers who fail to set their bell at the call of 'Stand.'

H. J. C., of Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, writes expressing his appreciation and thanks to the Rougham ringers and to Mr. A. M. Rolfe (Whipstead) for their efforts in trying to teach him to ring. 'I have just rung my first quarter,' he concludes. 'I wonder who was the prouder—my tutors or myself.' He also thanks Mr. L. Wright, chairman N.W. District, Suffolk Guild, for the wonderful outings he organised.

The quarter peal rung at Hewington, Somerset, and reported in our issue of November 29th, was not the first on the restored ring, one having be completed earlier in the summer.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, the general secretary of the Devon Guild, is now convalescing at home. He is very grateful for prayers, visits and letters during his seven weeks stay in hospital.

The Bor Dearvud expresses his many thanks to Alan B. Andrews for standing out and offering him his rope at Gt. Holland, thus after 37 years, ringing another peal for the Essex Association.

Four Corbys took part in a quarter peal at Sevenoaks on December 15th. Judith, together with Anne Rainey, rang their first quarter; Andrew calling it—his first quarter as conductor. Father and mother also took part.

This issue is the last of 1963. The telltale of peal performances will, as usual, be published as soon as data is available. Will those who rang 25 peals or over send totals of peals rung on tower- and handbells, and the number conducted of each in brackets.

After 15 weeks in the Royal Free Hospital Mr. A. A. Hughes is now back home. Bodily he is feeling first rate, but he has a long way to go before he can use his leg with comfort, as he underwent a major operation. A long course of physiotherapy is ahead of him.

This is the last number of 1963. Do you realise that for £1 8s. you can have a second copy posted to you during 1964, making only £3 3s. for the two copies, including postage? Why not one for the tower? Send remittance at once to J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	Edward W. Colley	7
Muriel Reay	2	*Peter S. Bennett	8
Frederick Ross	3	†David J. Allen	9
Susan Funnell	4	Roderick W. Pipe	10
Geoffrey Davies	5	George E. Fearn	11
Norman J. Goodman	6	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 22 lb. in D.

Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	*Treble*	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	7
B. Clare Webster (Girton)	2	L. R. H. Smith (Queens')	8
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	3	I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	9
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	4	J. R. Hough (Jesus)	10
A. S. Hudson (Clare)	5	S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	11
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath.'s)	6	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter. Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Alan A. Potts	7
Harold C. Lonyon	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Basil Jones	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	9
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John Worth	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. M. B. Smith and Peter Laflin; also for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Yates, of Hyde.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C sharp.

*Richard Lindsay	*Treble*	Norman Chaddock	6
†John Bruce	2	Stuart Armeson	7
Elsie Chaddock	3	George S. Lee	8
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
David Nichols	5	Philip Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	Jack P. Kesterton	6
*Robert Hardy	2	Shirley Burton	7
Brian S. Chapman	3	E. Alan Jacques	8
†David Wilford	4	Alan E. Hartley	9
*J. Barry Pickup	5	John J. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Russell, former Lord Mayor of Leicester, whose memorial service was held earlier this day in the Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Davies	6
*Susan Funnell	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
*Martin D. Fellows	3	*Frank E. Haynes	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	9
*Edward W. Colley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 2).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 18 methods, being 360 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Mirfield, Whitby and Yorkshire, and 240 each of Banbury, Lindsey, London, Marsden, Oakham, Ossett, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Rutland, Selby and York; with 122 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

James Thorley	*Treble*	J. Henry Fielden	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	Gordon Benfield	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	S. Barry Schofield	8
Vernon Bottomley	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Jeanne E. Bottomley	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Donald H. Niblett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Patricia Rogers	*Treble*	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Squire Croft	7
S. Clarke Walters	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Hadley Hunter	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Kenneth J. Darvill	5	Charles T. Richards	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter (No. 2).

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

*Ann Bateson	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Peter A. Sharp	7
Joyce M. Gurnhill	3	James W. Raithby	8
*Margaret E. Chiltern	4	John Walden	9
Geoffrey Paul	5	Harold Stevenson	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Malcolm M. Powell	*Treble*	Peter J. Joyce	5
Jessie M. Kippin	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
David J. Forder	3	R. Roger Savory	7
John R. Faithfull	4	David E. House	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by David E. House.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNOR.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 1lb in F.

Ivor Goulter	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	5
*Brian Bladon	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
David W. Beard	3	*†Peter T. Hurcombe	7
*Cyril A. Wratten	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of London Major. † 100th peal.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov., 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Elizabeth Roberts	*Treble*	Harold Roberts	5
Tony White	2	William G. Talbot	6
Albert H. Lawton	3	Harold White	7
E. Marion Key	4	Barnabas G. Key	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A farewell compliment to Tony White, of Market Drayton, who leaves for Middlesbrough in the New Year. Also a 21st. wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. H. White.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5152 AYLESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Patricia E. A. Morris	*Treble*	David G. Farrar	5
Russell S. Morris	2	Ralph Elkington	6
David Staples	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Sandra E. Chesterton	4	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
First peal in the method by all the band. Fastest peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov., 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes*,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Michael J. Fellows	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
Rung in recognition of 50 years of ringing service in this tower by Ernest Drew and Joe Marsh, who have also been choristers for over 50 years.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*.
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Paul Birkett	*Treble*	Leonard Goodall	5
Iris Lemare	2	Albert W. Bond	6
Arthur Rogers	3	David Smith	7
Arlene Flather	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*Edna F. Basford	*Treble*	George A. Packer	5
Frank R. Morton	2	Roy Worrall	6
John E. Brough	3	Herbert Sutton	7
Frederick S. Sutton	4	*Wilfrid Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by John E. Brough.
* First peal on eight bells. Seventh ringer 'completed the circle.'
Rung to mark the installation as Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral of the Rector, Canon E. M. B. Southwell; also the 250th anniversary of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes*,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Lindum, Wembley, Eastcote and Uxbridge; with 149 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Jeffrey Kershaw	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Vernon Bottomley	6
Howard Scott	3	Norman Smith	7
Donald H. Niblett	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville	*Treble*	C. William Hall	5
*Stephen Hall	2	John Manners	6
Celia Harris	3	Roland Beniston	7
*Michael Roberts	4	Tom Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Tom Harris.
* First peal of Major, both aged 12 years.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5088 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Gordon W. Land	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	5
Brian Bladon	2	D. John Hunt	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	Peter Bridle	7
*Michael J. Hobbs	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 50th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes*,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

George Fry	*Treble*	George J. Butcher	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Richard O. Humphries	*Treble*	Nicholas J. Davies	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	John Armstrong	6
E. Jane Sibson	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Mary S. Taylor	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the tenor, and for the Society.
Rung to mark the birth of a son, Timothy John, to Judith and David Robinson.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

Wilfred S. Palin	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Kathryn A. Todhunter	2	Brian Jemmett	6
Godfrey F. Gray	3	George E. Ruck	7
*G. Michael Godfrey	4	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Ruck.
* First peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	Arthur W. Riddington	5
Robert T. Lambert	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
In memory of Henry Stalham, of St. Nicholas', Brighton.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes*,
At the Church of the Decollation of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

D. John Hunt	*Treble*	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Peter Bridle	2	*†Victor Griffin	6
*Brian Bladon	3	†Gordon W. Land	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Jeremy A. M. Salter	*Treble*	Nicholas J. Davies	5
Diana M. Lawless	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	Alan J. Frost	7
E. Jane Sibson	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the sixth and tenor, and for the Society.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes*,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Raymond Benfield	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
*Ann Harris	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Derek P. Jones	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells, 'inside,' and of Surprise.
Rung to welcome the infant son of Mr. Benjamin Worthington, president of the Guild, and Mrs. Worthington.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes*,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Ian Foster	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
James L. Towler	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Joe E. G. Roast	3	*Philip J. Rothera	7
*Ian R. Panton	4	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Rutland. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Jane Symonds and the conductor.

ALTARNON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONNA.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	5
*FRANCES M. RICKARD	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
ARTHUR F. BURLEY	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
ANTHONY LOCKE	4	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal 'inside.'

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Treble*	†RICHARD C. STEVENS	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
*ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
PERCY J. SPICE	4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* 200th peal for the Kent County Association. † First peal of Stedman.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BERYL N. REED	*Treble*	*CHARLES V. CADE	5
*WALTER TOMLINSON	2	*W. STANLEY SMITH	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	*COLIN W. REED	7
*ANGUS DIXON	4	†GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Oxford Major.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	5
JOHN C. EISEL	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	7
JOHN N. DISERENS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ALFRED H. WEBB	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
GEORGE W. BISHOP	2	JOHN H. NAPPER	6
*CHARLOTTE A. BENNETT	3	MICHAEL BISHOP	7
JOHN H. HIBBERT	4	LEONARD F. COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL BISHOP.
* First peal on eight bells. First in method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
EDWARD E. DAVEY	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	PETER J. HERITAGE	5
JENNIFER SCEENY	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	7
CHARLES COLES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
,n four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

EDWARD F. FOSBERY	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	RONALD F. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	5
*ANTHONY HOWELL	2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	6
*ROGER HOWELL	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
E. MARION KEY	4	JOHN W. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to the Rev. D. Mann, who is leaving Rocester to take up duties at Gnosall.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON	5
*EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	DAVID P. HILLING	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	7
MICHAEL HATCHETT	4	A. JAMES GLASS	*Tenor*

Rung non-conducted and silent.
* 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND BENFIELD	5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal together. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' for the 20th time, and this is the 500th peal he has called for the Guild.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PAMELA DENNIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. GILDEN	5
CHRISTINE JOHNSON	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
KATHLEEN PILSBURY	3	BASIL JONES	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 5).
Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. R. Selwood, and his family.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Roger Fry	*Treble*	Gordon W. Land	4
Victor Griffin	2	*Michael J. Stanley	5
Brian Bladon	3	*Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	John K. Smith	4
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William H. Curson	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 250th peal.

MONK SHERBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Four callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Bradley Murduck	*Treble*	Philip G. Murduck	3
†Eddie Cox	2	Denby P. Murduck	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles on a working bell. First peal on the bells since 1937, and only the second rung.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Simon's Bob, April Day Bob and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*H. Jillian Pike	*Treble*	Tony G. Price	3
Roger B. Pike	2	Ann Raby	4
David L. Wilcox	*Tenor*		

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
* First peal attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John F. Kennedy.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin	*Treble*	E. Marion Key	4
*Anthony Howell	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
William G. Talbot	3	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. A. E. Beech as Vicar of this parish.

LLANBLETHIAN, near COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bleiddian.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

Iolo D. Davies	*Treble*	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Paul M. Evans	2	Gareth H. Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	W. J. Lewis Groom	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley Mogford, M.A., recently inducted as Rector of Llanblethian-with-Cowbridge.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

William A. Holmes	*Treble*	Harvey E. Burrell	4
James H. Musson	2	David Baxter	5
Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Anthony Sheard	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	4
Peter Fenney	2	John Gow	5
†Ronald H. Dove	3	†C. Barrie Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon W. H. S. Purcell, on his departure to become Vicar of Epsom.

FARNBOROUGH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Richard H. Mills	*Treble*	Peter J. Joyce	4
Hilary N. Kippin	2	W. John Couperthwaite	5
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rector, Canon Ben Hutchinson, and Mrs. Hutchinson.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 27 extents Plain Bob, ten of St. Martin's, five of St. Simon's. Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*Michael G. Foster	*Treble*	*Katharine M. Guy	3
*Tony Lewis	2	*Barbara J. Leigh	4
Andrew M. Macve	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Miss P. Halliwell	*Treble*	David E. Belcham	4
Bernard C. Sadler	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Michael J. Hallett	3	Philip J. Rothera	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Derek J. Jones	*Treble*	*Roger D. Bailey	4
Keith R. Davey	2	Albert E. Flatters	5
Harold Barsley	3	Alan G. Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being 120 each of St. Nicholas', All Saints, Dedworth, Wychbold, 360 each of Kennington, April Day, Southrepps, Clifford's, 720 each of Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury, and 1,680 of Grandsire, 30 changesof method. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.) in C.

David G. Oliver	*Treble*	Roy H. Jones	3
*F. Marilyn Bird	2	Noel D. Deam	4
Alec Gammon	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal in 11 methods.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also as a compliment to Rt. Rev. Gordon Savage on becoming Bishop-designate of Southwell.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Dec. 7. 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN A. PAUL .. .. .. *Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 3
PERCY AMOS 2	ROGER W. SMITH 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ROGER W. SMITH.

First peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL.. *Treble*	‡JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4
†SHIRLEY WASHBROOK .. 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	§RICHARD J. PARKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* 25th peal. † First peal. ‡ 150th peal for the Association. § 25th peal on the bells. 25th peal together for 4 and 5.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. .. .. *Treble*	*PETER W. HARPER 4
SUSAN E. WILLIAMS 2	BRIAN M. BARKER 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. Conductor's 475th peal for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Kelso, Norfolk, Chester, Cunecastre, Rossendale, Northumberland and Primrose.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

D. PAUL SMITH .. .. .. *Treble*	RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
KATHARINE M. GUY 2	*IAN H. ORAM 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 3	ANDREW M. MACVE.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 300th peal for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest John Slater, grandfather of the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL D. FROST .. .. 1—2	WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 5—6
GERALD PENNEY .. .. .. 3—4	*ROGER R. D. BROWN .. 7—8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major.
A birthday peal for the conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 4,976 of Plain Bob and 40 of Little Bob; with ten changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 1—2	*DAN S. PONT .. .. .. 5—6
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 3—4	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE.

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Double Oxford Minor: D. Lewsey 1, R. Rayfield 2, E. Godfrey 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Preston 1, B. Shingler 2, W. Lavers 3, J. Perkins 4, D. Roberts 5, G. Roberts 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints and as a farewell to R. Preston. First quarter on the bells since re-hanging and believed to be the first quarter on the bells in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Original Major: J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, P. D. Lawrence 3, K. J. Triplow 4, R. M. Damerell 5, C. R. F. Muncey 6, S. C. Walters 7, C. H. Rogers 8. First in the principle for all. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Muncey 1, C. R. F. Muncey 2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, R. M. Damerell 5, C. H. Rogers 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, H. Foster 8. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,265 Stedman Triples: J. W. R. Quinney 1, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 2, C. R. F. Muncey 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, P. J. Bergdahl 5, K. J. Darvill 6, C. H. Rogers 7, J. A. Harrison 8. Also at St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 8th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. H. Jones 1, Rita E. M. Gasson (first in method) 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, F. C. Hobson 4, Patricia Rogers 5, S. P. Darvill 6, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. W. Rogers 8.

EGREMONT, CUMB.—On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Street (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Watson 2, A. Eilbeck 3, B. W. C. Street 4, C. F. Gates 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): R. W. Playford 1, P. D. Harrison (first quarter) 2, E. G. Baker (first 'inside') 3, W. Gorringe 4, L. W. Javis 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, B. W. Stevens 8. For the Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Dover.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Weever (13) 1, Jennifer Durston 2, Mary Hawkins (cond.) 3, H. Hawkins 4, R. Hawkins 5, R. Weever 6. First quarter peal for 1 and 6. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Penney 1, J. Durston 2, M. Hawkins (cond.) 3, H. Hawkins 4, R. Hawkins 5, M. Perkins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Linnell (cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, C. E. Truman 3, B. Saunders 4, J. G. Shellard 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh (first quarter) 1, R. Marsh (first as cond.) 2, R. Blackshaw 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A first birthday compliment to Karen Longley. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Barker 1, G. Dawson 2, J. Douse 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and All Saints): H. Sydes 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. G. Wright 4, W. T. Hill 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jones, faithful member of the church and a friend of the ringers.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. Garrod 1, Miss M. F. Clevendon 2, A. R. Bridges 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. W. Steward 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Newby 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby (first quarter) 2, Rev. C. E. Whitaker (first quarter) 3, N. M. Newby (cond.) 4, G. Carroll (first quarter) 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 7th, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: P. Chapman 1, Miss S. Staley 2, R. H. Daw 3, M. Coleman 4, Miss S. Collins 5, M. Staley 6, A. Gibbs 7, J. Bluff 8, P. Flecksey 9, G. Watson (cond.) 10. First on ten bells 2 and 3.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Evans 1, W. H. Williams 2, Miss D. I. Hulbert (cond.) 3, M. Pilgrim 4, L. I. Hulbert 5, J. A. G. Sherwood 6.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Betty J. Daysh 1, D. G. Papworth 2, R. Sherwood 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, D. R. Millier (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roberta Edwards (first quarter) 1, E. Eade 2, Jean Pike 3, F. Howe (cond.) 4, R. Challen 5, C. Painter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Stalham.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Bourne, Cambridge): A. P. Law 1, R. T. Wakefield 2, V. Griffin 3, B. Bladon 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. Rung after losing a peal to be associated with the annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Bould 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung for Patronal Festival.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, G. Stewart 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, M. W. Marshall 8. For Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wm. A. Hughes 1, J. E. Cannell 2, R. Bird 3, R. G. Crosland 4, J. D. Faircloth (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. Rung for the Institution and Induction of the Rev. A. K. W. Wright, as Rector of West Wickham.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Kingston (first quarter) 1, O. Burbidge 2, G. Kingston 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5.

WONERSH, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Horsman 1, W. Enticknap 2, Mrs. Pamela Hunter 3, L. C. W. Hunter 4, G. D. Enticknap 5, A. E. Hunter 6, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 7, A. Rooke 8. For Evensong, also as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 7 leaving for Warnham, Sussex.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. J. Stanier 1, H. Neill 2, Anne Bullard 3, R. G. Morris 4, T. W. Lewis 5, G. E. Evenden 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8, J. C. Slater 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung on St. Andrew's Eve. Also on Dec. 1st, at All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Lewis 1, D. R. Morris 2, H. Neill (cond.) 3, J. Hinton 4, J. J. Stanier 5, D. Beacham 6, J. C. Slater 7, P. D. Warren 8. A compliment to the Rev. D. J. Walters on his retirement as Rector.

DATE TOUCH

TWERTON, BATH.—On Dec. 7th, 1,963 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, D. A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee 4, D. J. Barnett 5, S. A. Read 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, J. R. C. Tiley 8. Composed by J. Topp. An 80th birthday compliment to Edmund E. King, a regular Twerton ringer.

BARKING, SUFFOLK. On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and P[illegible]): E. J. Lockwood 1, Miss C. Steward (first of Kent 'inside') 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, R. F. Taylor 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Garrod 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, J. J. Prentice 4, N. F. Whittell 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For visit of Bishop of Dunwich to dedicate electrical installation. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford): R. E. Lester 1, E. J. Lockwood (first of Oxford 'inside') 2, R. F. Taylor 3, N. F. Whittell 4, A. Honeywood 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Russell 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, H. Luck 4, A. Hinkley 5, F. Carter (cond.) 6. Jennifer Shields (cover). A farewell to the conducter who is leaving the district.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, T. Harris 2, R. Short 3, H. A. Usher 4, S. G. Atwell 5, G. Salmon 6, V. G. Roberts (cond.) 7, E. Coombes 8. First in method 2, 4 and 8.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Diana Wareham 1, J. Strawford 2, J. Pearce (cond.) 3, R. Miles (first 'inside') 4, F. Whipp 5, J. Moore 6, F. Carter 7, A. Carter 8. A compliment to the treble ringer on birth of second daughter.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Robotham 1, L. Tubb 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, F. Barker 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Confirmation.

HEENE, SUSSEX. On Dec. 8th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. Fromm 1, Patricia Diserens 2, J. R. Wilson (first in method) 3, E. Rapley 4, H. C. Weaver (first in method) 5, B. Luff 6, R. Diserens (cond.) 7, R. P. Wood 8. In memoriam Henry Stalham.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Tonks (first quarter at first attempt, aged 14) 1, J. Thomson 2, R. Ellaway 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. Appleton 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Stevens 1, Miss M. Moore 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, P. Chapman 4, D. S. Hewett 5, A. De S. J. Boyack 6, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 7, R. J. Abbott 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes on Nov. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. E. J. Sibson 1, Miss E. T. Birmingham 2, Miss Y. Edwards 3, Miss R. Rich 4, Miss D. M. Lawless 5, T. G. Pett 6, R. O. Humphries 7, A. H. Smith 8, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 9, R. W. Powell 10. First of Caters for 4, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Evensong.

MANSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: M. J. Young 1, G. W. Elmes 2, A. S. Harrison 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5. First in the method by all.

QUARTER PEALS

MALDON, ESSEX. — On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): A. Hubble 1, G. M. Rouse 2, I. V. Foster 3, F. White 4, J. H. Clarke 5, J. L. Towler (cond.) 6, R. E. Rouse (covering, first quarter) 7. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. V. Foster 1, J. L. Towler 2, G. M. Rouse 3, F. White 4, J. H. Clarke 5, E. Johnson 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, R. E. Rouse 8. A birthday compliment to Mary Englesakis, daughter of conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Welsh 1, S. A. Turner 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, J. Cornelius 4, F. J. White 5, A. W. Dyer 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. C. Bown 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 5 and 8.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Bowen (first quarter) 1, Lucy Smith 2, A. E. Dutton (first 'inside' and in the method) 3, L. Monk 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, C. T. Collins (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, A. D. Leach 2, J. King 3, H. Colcombe 4, R. L. Caporn 5. For morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): J. E. Price 1, R. Cooles 2, D. Tipler 3, I. W. Allen 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Cooles 1, Alison M. Mann 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, C. W. Ottley 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Millidge 8. For Evensong.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, A. J. Dunk 5, P. Summat 6, W. Hollands 7, P. Thomas 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Clifford.

RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,360 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Stevinson 1, A. Bishop (cond.) 2, Pamela Gough 3, Diane Street 4, Valerie Menham 5, D. Hughes 6. First in method for all but the conductor. First quarter on the recast bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. A. Corby 1, Judith M. Corby (first quarter) 2, Anne Rainey (first quarter) 3, Isabel M. Pearce 4, Janet H. Buss 5, A. J. Corby (first quarter as cond.) 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. V. Fuller 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. At 14, Poplar Road on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): M. D. Fellows 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, F. V. Nicholls 5—6.

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,272 Minimus (eight methods): I. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, G. Pluckrose 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First of Minimus for the St. John College Bellringers Society.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. Haskins (first of Triples) 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, R. Fry 4, V. Griffin 5, F. L. Jones (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. C. Kippin (first of Bob Triples) 7, Miss P. Lansley 8. For Family Communion.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. E. Hawthorne 1, R. L. Caporn 2, Kathleen M. Higgins 3, D. W. Lambert 4, A. D. Leach (cond.) 5, C. A. Rogers 6. For Evensong on St. Nicholas' Day, the Patronal Festival.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by H. W. Wilde): A. F. Lee (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Hobbs 2, E. King 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, J. R. Hobbs 7, P. R. Young 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Dec. 11th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: Glenys Wild 1, Sally Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, Susan Secker 4, M. V. White 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8, D. E. Cobb 9, P. D. Chapman 10. For Confirmation service, at which H. Duncan and Elizabeth Duncan, members of the local band, were confirmed.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Hewitt 1, A. Boyack 2, P. Chapman 3, M. Sinden (first quarter of Royal) 4, F. Gant 5, Miss N. M. Moore 6, A. Salisbury 7, P. Rothera 8, M. Hallett 9, A. House (cond.) 10.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Huddleston 1, Mrs. O. Costella 2, R. Huddleston 3, J. A. Bennett 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, E. George 6. First quarter 2 and 6. For the baptism of Belinda May, daughter of the conductor.

WITTERSHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Lloyd Sweatman (first of Treble Bob) 1, Violet I. E. Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. M. Burns 1, J. D. Umpleby 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, A. J. Dunn 4, H. Byrom 5, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (15 methods): Julie A. V. Caligari 1, P. D. S. Caligari 2, P. D. Sell 3, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 4, G. T. Cousins 5, K. V. Caligari (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

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'R.W.' December 26th, 1913.—

Dear Sir,—In reference to the footnote to the peal rang on Saturday, December 13th, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, I beg to point out that a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on February 10th, 1888, which I conducted. My late father, my brother (Edmund Denison) and myself, together with seven of our employees, took part in this.—Your very truly,

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 4th, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's, Broad Street (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells (10) after tea. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by January 1st.—Alan Lee, Sec. 3694

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, January 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Definitely **no name no tea** by Wednesday, January 1st.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater. 3766

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Sawley (8), Saturday, January 4th. Bells available 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Long Eaton (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. A special welcome to members of Society of Sherwood Youths. Names for tea to Mr. D. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 3794

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Social function Chester-le-Street, Sat., January 4th. Ringing 2.30—5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by carols and games. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual general meeting at Writtle, Saturday, January 4th, 1964. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, must be received by Wednesday, January 1st. **No name no tea.** 3690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 4th, at Colchester. Service St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Leonard's (6) and All Saints', Shrub End (6), before and after the meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30—4 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street. 3779

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting at Kington on Saturday, January 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Mrs. E. Chandler, Beechgrove, Kington. 3764

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Annual meeting at Baldock, January 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcomed.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3801

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 1st (late notifications will not be received) to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3790

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting at Hailsham on Sat., Jan. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to: Miss C. Fuller, Droslyn, High Street, Westham, Pevensey. 3787

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Annual general meeting at Accrington on January 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Names for tea (moderate charge) to R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—J. Pilkington. 3784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Syston January 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting in Red Cross Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, by January 1st.—Raymond R. Brown, Sec. 3800

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice Fenny Stratford, Sat., Jan. 4th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting, January 4th. St. Martin's bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 3799

SALISBURY GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Annual meeting at Melksham, January 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Holt and Seend available 6.30 p.m. Names essential by January 1st to Mr. S. Cockie, 19, Craybourne Road, Forrest, Melksham. 3601

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 8th, to Mr. C. Turner, Starling Leee Cottage, Feeringbury, Kelvedon. 3788

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Annual meeting at Barking, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thurs., January 9th to A. W. Beard, 159 Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 3803

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Z. Jesney, 93, Abbey Road, Chertsey. 3792

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23456	3	—		3	

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