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OUR PART IN THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

By the Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

THE late Dr. C. W. Stubbs, Bishop of Truro from 1906 to 1912, wrote a number of poems and carols, and in many of these there are references to towers, spires and bells. The carols were set to music by his son-in-law, the late Dr. T. Tertius Noble, organist of York Minster. One of the outstanding of these is 'The Cornish Bells,' the first verse of eight, in which some 35 towers with bells are mentioned, being:—

O merry ring the Christmas bells
across the Western land,
From Launceston town to Michael's Mount,
from Bude to Sennen Sand.
The joyous echo sweeps along
far spaces by the sea,
And church bells answer church bells with
their 'Gloria Domine!'
O Cornish bells, ring far, ring free,
Ring 'Gloria tibi Domine!'

and another:—

Ring gladsome bells, ring pealing bells,
from Falmouth harbour wide,
To where St. Mary's Minster stands
above the Truro tide.
Ring Christmas bells of Roseland in
your maddest, merriest glee,
From Probus to Penkevil,
from Lamorran to the sea.
O Kenwyn bells, etc.

The Bishop evidently knew his bells in his diocese for the other choruses begin by naming a different ring of eight, except in the case of St. Buryan. No doubt he had heard and been impressed by this unusual but sonorous ring of four, hung in an iron frame in 1901, when a 23½ cwt. tenor was added. They are now unringable.

We must not pretend that Christmas bells are common only to Cornwall. What can happen at Land's End (for the parish of Sennen has six bells) cannot, we know, happen at John o' Groats; but throughout the British Isles we might well add another chorus and join in the singing as well as the ringing:—

'O all ye bells, ring far, ring free,
Ring "Gloria tibi Domine!"'

Christmas is the festival of the family and the home. As there is one great world-wide family of Christian people, so there is the smaller family of the diocese, and the still smaller one of the parish. Whatever our interest in ringing, our first loyalty is to our home tower, although we may sometimes go to cathedral, abbey or secular tower for special enjoyment: more often we go to another parish where it is the task of some members of that family to keep the bells ringing. We cannot judge another family on the

strength of one visit, nor can we expect to change local tradition despite the fact that ours may be a more ideal family. In short, an Englishman's home is his castle. The remarkable thing is the freedom with which we ringers can enter another parochial home—the church and tower—to do practically as we wish, even to the extent of a new type of hush-hush ringing at midnight and in the early hours!

More ringers live in parishes with bells than without them, and there is frequently much more ringing of the bells locally than we sometimes imagine. Most ringers will be staying at home at Christmas, and to the joy of all, many who owe their introduction to the Art at home will be returning from school, college and work away from home, very often with greater knowledge gained, and an enthusiasm deepened because of new experiences and a widened vision. Thus many a family will be reunited and strengthened because of the presents of service all will wish to offer, and which will enhance and beautify the offering of the parochial family in its worship at Christmas. This is, of course, why Christmas bells are what they are or have become to many—something expected, but something different and more lovely than at other times. It may be that as Christmas strikes home its claim upon and call to the souls of men, so too the bells add their challenge as they sound in men's ears. Those who ring the bells know they are expected, and they seek to fulfil that expectation, but to those who ring them they are no different nor more lovely except for the Festival which they proclaim.

As long as Christmas remains our bells will be expected to ring. Because this is so every parish with bells must surely have a place for its ringers in its fellowship. Indeed, the ringers must take their place in the fellowship of the parish. The hope is often expressed that the spirit of Christmas might continue. In a very real sense this spirit can be maintained if the parochial family keeps its bells, which recall the birth of Christ, ringing throughout the year on many occasions and at frequent intervals as a living witness that the ringers are ever active within the family.

We will end with the last verse of our carol, interpreting any local reference as we will to our own inspiration:—

O magic moon! O mystic stars!
O music of the night!
Your 'Gloria in Excelsis' sing,
O praise Him in the Height!
'On earth be Peace, good-will to men!'
It is the Angel's song—
Ring Cornish bells, ring one and all,
come sweep the Hymn along!
Ring Cornish bells o'er land and sea,
Ring 'Gloria tibi Domine!'

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
JOHN HARTLESS Treble	REGINALD A. REED 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*HAROLD P. REED 3	TOM CHAPMAN 8
NELIA M. LEAHY 4	R. ROGER SAVORY 9
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal. First of London Royal on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.	
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	*†JOHN R. JORDAN 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	IRVIN SLACK 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE 8
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	*GORDON H. LANE 9
*PETER M. DAWSON 5	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
HARRY J. GAYLARD Treble	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 5
*ANTHONY R. MANN 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
JOHN R. SMITH 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
†GORDON GAYLARD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First tower bell peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.	
RUTH M. BORDER Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.	
PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.	
*PETER A. SHARPE Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.
In memoriam Rev. A. J. Ison, B.A., Rector of Caythorpe, 1938-1958.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicars'.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
FREDERICK LEECH Treble	JOHN F. BUTLER 5
REGINALD H. NEWTON 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 6
*ALMA GREAVES 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
HAROLD F. WHITE 4	*RICHARD E. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34 cwt.	
GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	PETER BORDER 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	MURIEL REAY 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
RUTH M. BORDER 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.	
*LESLIE L. C. SMITH .. Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
RENEE STURGESS 2	ALAN H. STURGESS 6
DAVID JONES 3	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 7
†PETER RICHARDSON 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal, aged 14 years. † First 'inside.'

CHATHAM, KENT.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.	
BENJAMIN F. BAKER Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
WILFRID G. WILSON 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 6
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 3	RONALD E. NORRIS 7
THOMAS BEAUMONT 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

A birthday compliment to K. Norris, daughter of the ringer of the seventh and grand-daughter of the tenor ringer.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.	
*ANDREW M. McVEIGH .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	RALPH BIRD 6
†ISOBEL INMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. 23).
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' First of Surprise Major as conductor. First in method on bells.
Rung in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Festival.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 23 cwt. in D.
RONALD G. BECK Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
VALERIE W. WILLARD 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7
†HOWARD COLLINGS 4	†EDWARD C. WICKHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' † First of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE 5
*MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	W. NORMAN COOKE .. 6
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
ROLAND PARK 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Peter David, infant son of the Vicar (Rev. R. Brown) and Mrs. Brown.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 5
*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 2	†LEONARD GOODALL .. 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* 50th peal of Surprise, and has now 'circled the tower.' † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' First in the method by all except ringers of 4 and 7.

Rung to welcome the arrival of Helen Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rusby.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Comprising 4,224 Plain and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 6
DENNIS C. BOWEN 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 7
CHARLES COLES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in these two methods by all the band and by the Guild.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*DOROTHY CROOK .. Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5
JOHN BAILEY 2	†PETER BARRAND .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN .. 3	ALAN MEADOWS .. 7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL P. ROSE .. Treble	*PETER P. BROWN .. 5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 2	*JOHN R. LEEMING .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. 3	*MARTYN HAWKES .. 7
*DEREK E. SIBSON .. 4	ROGER KEELEY .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Society.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

BRIAN FORD .. Treble	GORDON SMALLWOOD .. 5
CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. 2	CYRIL GRIFFITHS .. 6
ERNEST L. STITCH .. 3	EDWARD G. BOWYER .. 7
JOHN A. RODEN .. 4	ARTHUR WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BOWYER.

Rung to commemorate the combined 154 years' ringing service in this tower by Thomas Hinsall, Jeremiah Bloore and Arthur Roden.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 768 London, 1,472 Bristol, 1,920 Cambridge and 896 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

J. BARRY PICKUP .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
DEREK TAYLOR 3	*NORMAN SMITH .. 7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. No. 9).

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of 4-Spliced and first of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise by all except the ringer of the seventh.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	COLIN A. TESTER .. 5
*RICHARD V. FULLER .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
*STANLEY JENNER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of 4-Spliced 'inside.'

Rung on the occasion of a Rochester diocesan service of thanksgiving in the Royal Festival Hall to mark the successful completion of the ten-year plan for the building of new churches.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge, 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 5
DAVID J. KING 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
IVOR GOULTER 4	LESLIE EVANS .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Sally Barker and David W. Beard on their engagement, and as a birthday compliment to George Davis.

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GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,088 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol and 1,408 Superlative, with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON 5
*RUTH M. BORDER 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

* 100th peal.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	PETER BORDER 5
PAUL J. RIGBY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER 2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 6
*DAVID T. DARBY 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT 7
*JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of Christ the Saviour,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JEAN SCRUTTON Treble	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	HAROLD W. ROGERS 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 4	JOHN EUSTON Tenor

Composed by T. MORRIS.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

First peal of Bob Triples by all.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Paul Corin.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 3 Hours,

At the Campanile of the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5184 TAUNTON COURT MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD HOWES Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	BERT GOOLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,660 Cambridge, 960 Bristol and 864 London, with 108 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*H. GEORGE HART Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	JOHN HILL 7
*ELSIE K. HART 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 32 extents (six callings) and five 240's (two callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ROBERT UNDERWOOD (13) Treble	C. WILFRED LORD 4
JOHN HAWTIN 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 5
†DAVID WALDRUM (15) 3	JAMES A. LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL EDWARDS .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*†JOHN WEST 2	PETER J. EVES 5
MARY DOWSETT 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in 14 methods. † 25th peal.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Saltmarsh, of Danbury.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*MARGARET SMITH .. Treble	WILLIAM SYKES 4
*DEREK INGLEBY 2	*RALPH B. MITCHELL 5
FRANK LINFOOT 3	*J. RICHARD SENIOR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD SENIOR.

* First peal.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, four each of New, Huntspill, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire, and eight of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*MARY SOLOMON Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	*MICHAEL J. STOKES 4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung on the occasion of the presentation of the O.B.E. at Buckingham Palace on this day to Mr. P. W. Mobbs, of Carlton Hall.

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 2	ALBERT W. DYER 5
*GEORGE E. MONCKTON 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

BIBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN S. CAREY Treble	PATRICK A. BARTLETT 4
A. C. MERVYN DAY 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN 5
PETER W. BARTLETT 3	ARTHUR W. BARTLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

First peal by a local Sunday service band.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: two of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*RUTH H. APPLEBY Treble	WILFRED LEE 4
JOHN RHODES 2	PETER M. DAWSON 5
†JOAN M. DAWSON 3	‡ROGER WADDINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in three methods. First as conductor.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a 75th birthday compliment to Sidney Keighley, who has been ringing at Calverley for over 55 years.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*PAULINE A. MURDEN .. Treble	PHILIP D. HOWITT 4
CAROL EUSTACE 2	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 5
*PETER J. HAWCOCK 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal.

Rung on St. Andrew's Eve.

FENITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK PARR Treble	JOSEPH BROADHURST 4
LESLIE MORRELL 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
DONALD SALTER 3	CYRIL JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GILBERT PARK Treble	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 4
THOMAS D. METCALFE .. 2	JAMES DICKINSON 5
FRANK ANDERTON 3	ALEX EDGAR Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

BARBARA FOSTER Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4
*BARRY J. WILD 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 3	GORDON ROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*TOM F. GILLOTT Treble	STANLEY A. BROWN 3
ARTHUR E. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

* First peal.

SANDAL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Violet, Woodbine, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal and Kent T.B., and 720 Oxford, Kingston and London Scholars' T.B., spliced. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. MOXON Treble	*E. GEORGE H. MAYNARD .. 4
GEORGE CUTT 2	GRAHAM SMITH 5
CHRISTOPHER P. MORRIS .. 1	
*CHRISTOPHER MAYNARD .. 3	JOHN CUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CUTT.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Treble	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 4
ERIC J. HITCHINS 2	HARRY HEATH 5
L. MICHAEL NOAD 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* 100th peal together.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Ely District.)

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Beverley and Surlfleet; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Annable's London; (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

ARTHUR YARROW Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. Ginn, the conductor's father.

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TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B. and 2,160 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

BRUCE McKIE Treble	DAVID S. HARRIS 4
ROBERT A. COCHRANE .. 2	WILLIAM T. HOLMES .. 5
AUDREY M. BAILEY 3	ERIC EDMONDSON Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE McKIE.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of William T. Holmes at Skelton-in-Cleveland, Yorks.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Advent Sunday, Nov. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ANTHONY LEWIS Treble	JAMES LEWIS 4
*ROLAND G. DAVIS 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 5
*BARRY E. A. CLEMENTS .. 3	*HENRY W. HITCHINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT 22, PORTUGAL STREET,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 864 Plain Bob, 384 each of Reverse Bob and Double Bob, 648 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 192 each of C.C. Collection Nos. 258 and 259, 144 each of Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 288 of Crayford Little Court and 720 of Little Bob, with 467 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall) 1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6
*P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) .. 3—4	†D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 7—8

Arranged by G. E. FEIRN. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal of Spliced. † First on handbells. This is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE,

TWO PEALS OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Tenor size 17 in E.

*P. HODSON (Emmanuel) Treble	*P. HODSON (Emmanuel) Treble
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 2
M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall) 3	M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall) 3
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 4
P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) .. 5	P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) .. 5
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. Tenor	D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

Conducted by D. J. ROAF.

Umpire: J. SCHOFIELD.

Umpire: P. F. WINDLEY.

First peal as conductor.

* First peals.

These two peals were rung simultaneously.

HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 5½ Minutes,

AT 72, WORLD'S END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 1—2	†CLIVE M. SMITH 3—4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells. † First of Minor on handbells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE 1—2	BERNARD GROVES 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, G. Atkins 4, J. Linnell 5.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Harbott (first quarter) 1, Catherine M. Powell (first of Plain Bob) 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, B. Piper (first of Major 'inside') 4, M. W. Harbott 5, P. Jackson 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, H. M. Williamson 8.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Bees (first quarter) 1, T. G. Phillips 2, Monica Horseman 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6, D. Cobb (cond.) 7, J. Lott 8. For the patronal festival.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June Dear (first quarter) 1, J. Bray 2, L. Hughes 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, A. Leggett 6, J. Dear 7, J. Varney 8. For Advent Sunday.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. Lee 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, R. Broadley (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Meads 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, E. Edmondson 2, S. Huckle 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, R. Castledine 5, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 6, G. Penney 7, D. C. Price 8, W. Ayre 9, R. A. Cochran 10. Rung after a failure of a peal attempt to mark the 400th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I., who was living at Hatfield Palace.—Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pettitt 1, J. Knight 2, J. T. Kentish 3, R. A. Cochran 4, W. Ayre (cond.) 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle 7, E. C. Chambers 8. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to morning service.

BORDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Patricia Robinson 1, J. Grensted 2, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3, A. J. Dunk 4, E. C. Barton 5, B. Collins 6, Michael Nolar (first quarter) 7, K. Williamson 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey Williamson, sister of the tenor ringer. Rung for Advent Sunday.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Manning 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy (first as cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, T. Kerslake Fice 6.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Avery 1, F. J. Lambert 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, G. King 5, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 6, J. Harris 7, A. B. Allcorn 8.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. T. Clark (first quarter) 1, B. Gillian Schofield 2, K. Rushworth (first quarter) 3, J. D. Nixon 4, J. W. Gibson 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Kenneth Rushworth.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. L. Slincock 2, G. W. King 3, G. Scott 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, J. Cragg (cond.) 7, J. Pheasant 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. A. J. Ison, Rector for 20 years and a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, interred here the same day.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, A. G. Grant 3, Joan Cheney 4, R. Harris 5, J. R. Robinson 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, Marian H. Mills 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, A. E. Leggett 5, E. E. Davey 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Palfrey 4, C. Brown (first touch in the method) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. K. Dodd 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Surprise Major for 2, 4 and 5.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Murrel 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, Miss A. Millam 3, F. Godmark 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. V. Johnson 6, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Apps and Miss Grace Stenning and as a birthday compliment to Horace Lilley and Miss A. Millam.—Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (8 covering): Miss D. Murrel 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, F. Godmark 3, J. Jeffery 4, J. Herbecq 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6, E. Brett 8. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thomas 1, W. White 2, H. K. White 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, D. Jordan 5, G. W. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss G. Bishop and Mr. Arthur Churchman.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, J. Maybrey 2, H. Colcomb 3, Rev. E. Bugden 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. For St. Nicholas' Day Evensong.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford): J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. Just for a ring by all who rang for service on Sunday.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rogers 1, J. Linnell 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

HARBORNE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Blackstaff 1, Miss E. M. Fletcher (cond.) 2, Miss R. C. Russell 3, J. T. Atkins 4, E. G. Fletcher 5, T. Russell 6, C. Blundell 7, W. Roper 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 5 and 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Clark 1, R. Parish (first in method) 2, F. Whitby 3, R. Hayden 4, J. Collins (first in method) 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

LLANELLY HILL, BRECONS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Saunders (first quarter) 1, G. Ward 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, W. H. Saunders 4, B. Johns (first as cond.) 5, R. C. Horsington 6. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells and augmenting to six.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Boucher 1, R. Hill 2, J. Sangwin 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. T. Humphery 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, S. Boulden 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burgess, Vulcan Cottages, Lydd.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. Aley 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, G. Blake 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung half-muffled before a memorial service to Miss E. Goff, who was verger at this church and a member of the local band.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. Martin (cond.) 3, W. Chandler 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. Wellard 6. Conducting shared. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Bryant 1, W. Chandler 2, A. Berry 3, A. Jackson 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, F. Prue (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss S. Toye (first quarter) 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, B. Taylor 3, J. W. Wallace 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, Miss Y. Harding 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss P. U. Llewellyn, a ringer at Penarth, on her engagement to Mr. J. P. Salvage.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): Sylvia Watson (first quarter) 1, G. Perry 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. Corben 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. L. and Dr. C. A. G. Ward.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. J. Hart 1, F. H. Hicks 2, G. Francis 3, E. W. Keys 4, F. W. Rogers 5, W. A. Riddington 6, W. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. T. Beeson 8. First in method for 1 and 3. A 10th birthday compliment to Andrew John Corby.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sharratt 1, T. Pendlebury (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. H. Joyner 5, C. A. Brass 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Sear.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. V. Frost 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, T. J. Southam 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, W. Little 7, G. W. Debenham 8, G. Penney 9, W. A. Nicholls 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Bernard H. Swinson, who died suddenly at his home in Jersey and was buried at St. Saviour's Church, Jersey, earlier this day.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Chalkley 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. Harris 3, L. Runnacles 4, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe (50th quarter, aged 13) 2, E. J. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, H. Howson 6, F. Gilbert 7, L. Green 8. A farewell to Brian Bladon.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. S. Crossman 1, A. R. Crawford 2, C. R. C. Coumssmaker 3, M. B. Kemp 4, J. G. Pusey (first as cond.) 5, J. D. Orme 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Cann 1, R. Pearce 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stickler, also Father Kingdon, Vicar of Bridgegule for over 70 years. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Cann (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Bissat 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Heard 8. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. W. Euston (cond.) 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, R. Wright (first of Major) 6, H. M. Williamson 7, R. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Cooke (first quarter), I. H. Prout 2, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung as a 13th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. F. Pratt 1, R. G. Smith 2, R. G. Bell 3, A. J. Hickson (first quarter) 4, E. H. Durrant 5, W. G. Paul (cond.) 6, D. Laud 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

WESTONZOYLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Freda Phillips 1, Mrs. D. Gay (first 'inside') 2, D. Kent 3, D. Gay 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Miles 1, S. White 2, S. Walter 3, H. R. French 4, B. J. Luck (cond.) 5, E. Wood 6. Rung for the patronal festival and a farewell for the Rector.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Spliced (448 Yorkshire, 576 Cambridge, 256 Superlative): W. J. Button 1, F. Ruffles 2, P. M. Clarke 3, M. R. Page 4, L. G. Brett (cond.) 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. Ruffles 7, W. W. Miller 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, H. Floyd 3, M. Journeax 4, D. Woodward 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, A. W. Franklin 8. Rung to thank the people of Woodstock, who gave the money to buy a new set of ropes.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, T. A. Price (14½ years, first 'inside') 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, J. Brain 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8.

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Congratulations to Mr. Ernest Morris. He rang his 1,800th peal at Loughborough Foundry on December 8th, his 1,500th tower bell peal at Croft on December 6th, and his 300th handbell peal at Barrow on December 12th. He informs us that his next book, 'Tinnabula,' is now in the press and all illustrations passed. It should be on sale early in the New Year.

Advent Sunday at Britford, Wiltshire, was marked by four first peals of Grandsire Doubles. The band deserve peal cards for the occasion.

When the Bishop of Malmesbury rang after the rededication of Bristol Cathedral bells the question arose, 'How many ringing bishops are there?' The writer has rung with two, but are there any more?

Further to the recent correspondence concerning Stedman Cinques in the Whittingtons, we are informed that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Newport on November 22nd contained nine courses in the Whittingtons. Is this the first time that this has been done in a peal of Grandsire Cinques?

Carlton Colville, Suffolk, bells were rung to a peal on November 25th to mark the decoration that day at Buckingham Palace of Mr. P. W. Mobbs, of Carlton Hall, with the O.B.E. Unfortunately his son-in-law, Mr. J. Garrod, the tower captain, was unable to participate in the peal.

Three ringers with 154 years of Sunday service ringing at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, behind them were commemorated by a peal on the bells on November 29th: Tom Hinsall, the verger, was for many years treasurer of the belfry fund, Jeremiah Bloore was a former secretary, as also was Arthur Roden. These tributes by fellow ringers make pleasant reading.

BELFRY GOSSIP

* Cambridge University Guild have set Oxford University Society something to emulate. Six ringers rang two handbell peals of Minor simultaneously. There were, naturally, two conductors and also two umpires. We congratulate them on their powers of concentration.

Two letters have reached us this week addressed to 'The Ringing World,' Woking. Since 1942 our address has been at Guildford. Both were from correspondents of long standing.

We hope our readers will enjoy 'Our Christmas Quiz.' Even if you cannot find all the answers have a shot. Even with the many profound students in the Exercise we do not expect an all-correct entry.

We regret to hear that the 93-year-old veteran, Mr. Frank Sinkins, is in Belgrave Ward, Grove Hospital, Tooting, S.W.17. He will miss his ringing for Christmas for the first time since he started at the age of 11. To his many friends he sends his best wishes, which we are sure are fully reciprocated.

Paul Webb is chairman of the Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers in more ways than one. He went to ring the treble at Hagley and found that he was catching 'hand-stroke' well above the sally, so he lengthened the rope's end, pulled up a chair, and rang a quarter peal of Bob Minor sitting down.

The former captain of Chelsfield, Kent, ringers, Mr. John Parker, and Miss Jennifer George were married at Chelsfield on December 6th. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom rang in a touch of Grandsire Doubles with the best man, Mr. D. Parker, ringing the treble. This was followed by a quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung by Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss V. Colt 2, J. Parnell 3, R. Martin 4, D. Manger 5, C. Rowe 6.

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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL'S RING OF EIGHT REDEDICATED



IN the presence of a large congregation, the bells of the bombed Temple Church, now rehung in the north-west tower of Bristol Cathedral, were rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury (the Rt. Rev. E. J. K. Roberts) on Tuesday, December 2nd. Among those attending the service were the Dean of Bristol (Dr. D. E. W. Harrison), the Archdeacon (Ven. P. G. Reddick), the trustees of Temple Church, and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. W. H. Trueman).

Following the prayer of rededication which was said at the foot of the tower steps, the Bishop formally presented the bells to the Dean, saying: 'Receive these bells, which have been solemnly rededicated, as a sacred trust committed unto thee, as Dean of this Cathedral Church; and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

A red pilot light in the ringing chamber then flashed its warning to a waiting band made up of senior members of the various city towers, who pulled the bells off and rang rounds for two minutes. At the conclusion of the service it was most appropriate and a great honour for those present that the Bishop of Malmesbury was able to join them for a few moments and take part in the ringing of one of the first touches.

The remainder of the evening's ringing was, at the express wish of the Dean, limited to some 20 or so selected members of the City and Rural Branches, representative of as many towers as possible. Methods rung were Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and the care which the Ringing Master (Mr. F. D. Mack) took in placing his bands for touches was rewarded by some quite good ringing, despite the dazzling power of specially installed photographic lighting equipment and a camera-man flitting through the circle of ropes taking 'close-ups' of various ringers in action. Needless to say, of the many classic profiles photographed only very few appeared in a disappointingly brief item in the B.B.C.'s television programme 'View on the South West.'

The tone and 'go' of the new bells are very pleasing, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. (who were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler) are to be

The band that rang during the service of rededication of the bells of Bristol Cathedral. Left to right: A. V. Bennett, E. Abrahams, F. C. Mogford, F. G. Leaker, H. S. Gregory, E. J. Brown, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, A. A. Hilliar.

[Photo by courtesy of 'Bristol Evening World.'

congratulated on a fine job. A word of praise must also go to Messrs. Joseph Bryant, who donated an excellent set of ropes complete with royal blue sallows.

THE BELLS

Treble.—2ft. 9½in., 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., Bilbie (1726).

Second.—2ft. 9½in., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., Bilbie (1726).

Third.—2ft. 10½in., 8 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb., Purdue (1658).

Fourth.—3ft. 0½in., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., Bilbie (1740).

Fifth.—3ft. 2½in., 10 cwt. 1 qr., Taylor (1887).

Sixth.—3ft. 3½in., 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., Taylor (1887).

Seventh.—3ft. 7½in., 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., Taylor (1887).

Tenor.—4ft. 1in., 21 cwt. 1 lb., Taylor (1887).

At the entrance to the belfry a tablet will be placed with the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God for the benefit of His Church and the citizens of Bristol, and as a permanent testimony to the love and devotion of Matilda Strickland, the life-time friend and helper of Dame Violet Wills, D.B.E. The bells of the Temple or Holy Cross Church in this city, destroyed on November 24th, 1940, were renovated and hung in this tower, November, 1958.'

R. J. BOWDEN.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUNG RINGER

Show your appreciation of the promising young ringer in your tower by the Christmas gift of a subscription to 'The Ringing World.'

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TWO LONDON SOCIETIES HOLD JOINT MEETING

Another very pleasant annual gathering took place in London on December 6th, when the joint meeting between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held. Members and friends totalling over 70 from all the Home Counties appeared in the towers during the afternoon or evening, and by their countenances all seemed satisfied.

The ringing, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, in the afternoon, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in the evening, was also well up to standard for such an occasion. A highlight of the day was, of course, tea in the Fan Makers' Hall, which was prepared and served by Mrs. Davis and other prominent helpers, who again showed how sympathetic and understanding they are towards the needs of man—the young and the not-so-young, as it was noticed several 'veterans' were there feeling at home in more senses than one.

Although there was no business to transact, one recent sad event, in the death of Geoffrey Carter (a member of both ringing Societies) was referred to by Mr. W. H. Coles, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of a late friend. Mr. T. J. Lock then extended a welcome to all members of the Cumberland Youths (a formal gesture which is taken in turns), and to everyone else present who were not members of the Middlesex County Association. Mr. F. J. Cullum replied, and looked forward to the pleasure of many similar occasions. He added, with appreciation, the fact that his Society had been permitted to ring a peal at Hillingdon, and offered reciprocation.

A vote of thanks, by Mr. Coles, was accorded to the two incumbents for the use of the bells and hall, to the tower-keepers, and to Mrs. Davis and the several other ladies. He also mentioned that the peal of Erin Caters at Hillingdon referred to was a very good one and contained some excellent striking.

The ringing was in charge of Messrs. Butler and Cullum, and all tastes were catered for by courses and touches of a variety of odd- and even-bell methods.

THE BELLRINGER'S NIGHTMARE

(Death-watch beetles, etc., cause havoc in St. Martin's Tower, Brasted, Kent.)

Our captain, Fred, was quite a normal chap who seldom got into a flap, But hearing of the tower's danger, his conduct had become much stranger. He muttered to himself at lot—of death-watch beetles and wet rot, And it was easily discerned that Fred was very much concerned. He was a coleopterist and eke a campanologist, And his concern with bug and bell led to the following sequel.

The night was dark, the wind was cold as up came our bell-ringer bold, He hurried through the entrance gate because he thought he might be late. Straight up the belfry steps he ran, as only good bell-ringers can, But why he'd come he could not tell, unless it was to ring the bell. 'As sure,' he said, 'as my name's Fred, I really should have stayed in bed.' It came to him as quite a shock when midnight chimed out from the clock. He climbed up to the belfry floor and tried the switch inside the door, It wouldn't work!—In consternation, Fred cried out: 'Oh, botheration!' His language always was refined, quite parliamentarily inclined; You see, he'd been to public school and self-control was there the rule. As in the dark he fumbled round, he heard a deathly ticking sound, And nearly bolted down below when up above, a ghostly glow Emanating from the beams, threw phosphorescent, fitful gleams Which spread around an eerie light, enough to show a creepy sight, For death-watch beetles in great hordes, crawled out from holes in beams and boards. He stood and watched them, petrified, and couldn't move howe'er he tried As on they came in serried ranks indulging in the queerest pranks, Of which, the strangest thing they did, was form into a pyramid, Reaching up to where there swung, the ropes by which the bells were rung. Upon it somehow all took hold and the bells they wildly tolled. This, being in the dead of night, gave the village quite a fright. The Rector scrambled out of bed and very soon joined up with Fred; The two churchwardens also came and the treasurer did the same. The architect sent word to say he couldn't get there till next day. The hon. sec. with an anxious look, arrived complete with minute book, The builder, showing great goodwill, came in his car from Crockham Hill; They stared aghast at what they saw, and with one voice they cried 'Oh lor!' Nor knew what else to do or say but stood there as the floor gave way; And down they went with startled yells—men, beetles, floorboards and the bells.

But fortunate they were, you see, below there stood a Christmas tree Erected on the tower floor, which broke their fall, and what is more, They, like a lot of presents lay, snug in the branches, on display. The Rector as he clambered down, was heard to say, with ne'er a frown, But not with any sign of glee: 'I'll have to tell the P.C.C. That certainly life's not all honey, for now we'll need a lot more money.'

And if you ask concerning Fred—he woke, and found himself in bed. J. P. H.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Melton District Dinner

The annual dinner of the Melton District was held this year at the Midland Woodworks Canteen in Melton Mowbray (by kind permission of the management). Eighty-eight ringers and wives and friends sat down to a sumptuous spread, which had been prepared by the canteen manageress and her staff.

Amongst the guests were the Vicar of Melton (Canon C. M. S. Clarke) and the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Vicar of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, The president (Mr. Paul L. Taylor), Mrs. Taylor and friend, vice-president (Mr. E. C. Turner) and Mrs. Turner, the peal secretary (Mr. Shirley Burton) and Mrs. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams were also present.

Mr. Williams proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' and Mr. Paul Taylor very suitably replied. The chairman (Mr. J. H. Cook) gave a welcome and proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' also one to a very popular lady ringer on her birthday.

Mr. E. C. Turner replied for the visitors, and the whole company rose and sang 'Happy Birthday.'

A very good evening's entertainment followed, given by Ken Burton and his quartet, and a very fine demonstration by trick-cyclist Jack Skinner. There were also games and dancing.

Northern District

The Northern District held its December meeting at Stevenage—a bad day with fog and damp making things more dismal than they really were. To visit a church on its patronal festival is a great honour, but it's sad to relate that the District did not respond to this meeting. After tea the fog really came down and kept away those who would have made the trip if the weather had been reasonable.

Ringings commenced at 3.45, followed by a short service and tea. Mr. Fred Plummer took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary informed the members that the C.C. census was going along very well and so far everyone had been very quick in their replies.

The meeting was very concerned about the great increase in the cost of the annual report. It was proposed that this be put on the agenda for the District A.G.M., to be held at Hitchin on January 3rd.

Further ringing continued until 8.40, when some very good striking was obtained.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Triples to Cambridge Major.

OUR CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Mr. C. Wilkinson, of Hambleden, near Henley, Oxon, supplies our Christmas Quiz. A book token prize will be awarded to the best attempt received not later than January 12th, 1959. Address envelope 'Christmas Quiz,' 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

1. Queen Elizabeth I is said to have greeted a deputation of 18 craftsmen with the cryptic remark 'God save ye, gentlemen both!' What lay behind the royal quip?

2. In the famous poem, 'Curfew must not ring tonight!'—where, and on which bell?

3. Why does the treble bell at Liverpool Cathedral carry two texts although all the larger bells, including the Bourdon, carry only one?

4. Where does one stroke on a bell bring despondency but two strokes joy and relief?

5. When the ship's bell is struck 16 times what is the time?

6. Who was killed by phantom sleigh bells?

7. 'Ring out wild bells to the wild sky!' Which bells are said to be those referred to?

8. Where do eight 'ancient youths' perform royally behind the face of a one-handed clock?

9. Which bell-founder is remembered for an epic ride?

10. Which bells, recently recast, were so made and hung that in theory they could be turned to a new clapper position by slackening a single nut?

11. 'From its uncommon size and unusual sound it is extremely dangerous and may prove fatal to those affected with sickness.' Which 'dangerous' bell is referred to?

12. If a ringing friend pointed to a dabchick and ejaculated 'Cor!', what might be the reason?

13. One ring of bells has crossed the Atlantic Ocean five times. Where is it now?

14. Where does King Edward VIII's name appear upon the tenor bell of a church?

15. Where may one have the 'pleasure' of ringing a Rudhall ring from a raft?

16. In the Bible one bell inscription is authorised. Which is it?

17. A record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Fenchurch St. Paul's. Do you think it will be accepted by the Central Council?

18. Occasionally, through some mischance, a bell causes the death of some person. This could happen twice with the same bell nowadays but would have been virtually impossible before 1846—why?

19. The Mears family had a long connection with the Whitechapel Foundry. Can you name the first bell with which they were concerned?

20. Which church has a tenor bell presented by Queen Victoria to mark the fact that the church stood in an ancient royal forest?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The warden of Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset, which is a College for Adult Education, run by the Somerset Education Committee, has suggested that a short residential course for ringers should be held there, and has put forward for consideration the period Monday evening, April 6th, to Friday morning, April 10th, 1959 (i.e., shortly after Easter).

Whether such a course was organised would depend on the degree of support likely to be forthcoming, and I should be glad if anyone interested would let me know by not later than January 10th.

It is at present proposed that the course should consist of lectures, discussions and visits to neighbouring towers. The fee would be seven guineas per student, which covers board and accommodation and any transport required by students for visits to towers.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary, The Central Council.

'EXCELLENT GOOD SENSE'

Dear Sir,—I have just read the letter from Lucile M. Corby ('R.W.', December 5th), and my immediate thoughts were, What excellent good sense!

What a change from the letters of some gentlemen, who squabble and fuss, and even haggle over a difference of a few pounds in the reported weights of tenor bells!

A most refreshing and thoughtful letter, and I wholeheartedly support her last sentence.—Yours sincerely,

JACQUELINE S. KING.

Chepstow.

'GOLDHANGER COLLEGE BOB MAJOR'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of 'Goldhanger College Bob Major,' published on page 771 of your issue of November 28th. This is method No. 282 contained in the Collection of Plain Major methods, and I shall be glad if the authors of this book can say if it has been correctly named as a college method, or should it be recorded as Goldhanger Imperial Bob Major, having regard to the contiguous places in 1-2?—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

THE PRIZE RING OF CARRS

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. G. Wilson wonders (page 793) what happened to the prize ring of six by Carrs, of Smethwick.

They are the back six of the eight at Pensnett, near Dudley, Staffs.

The late Tom Miller had a wonderful yarn about how he tuned the 'tribbles' after having apparently found they were all the same note to begin with.

Other ringers may comment on the quality of the bells.—Yours sincerely,

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY.

Smethwick.

BELFRY CUSTOMS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The item in recent Belfry Gossip concerning Guy Fawkes' Day ringing prompts me to write this note, for I am now embarking upon a task that I have long since hoped to undertake.

It is my intention to compile a list of belfry customs currently observed in Warwickshire (including the cities of Birmingham and Coventry), and to this end I have prepared a questionnaire which, I hope, ringing captains will complete for me at towers that I am unable to visit personally. As far as I am aware, the last survey was prior to 1900, the results appearing in the admirable 'Church Bells of Warwickshire' in 1910. Since then, ringing customs must have undergone drastic changes, but to what extent? I hope to find out, and am sure that my many ringing friends in the county will co-operate.

If any Warwickshire ringers care to drop me a line I shall be most grateful. I hope to visit a good many towers during the next four weeks in search of belfry customs.

The questions I shall ask concern *all* Sunday service ringing (even single bells for early services and weekday celebrations, etc.) and 'traditional' uses such as the curfew, Guy Fawkes ringing, Easter Vestry, and so on. Naturally, this list could be greatly extended, but space does not permit the inclusion of all the occasions on which bells might be rung.

I am particularly anxious to discover whether the 'Passing Bell' has died out—it was last rung at Knowle only a few months ago, when on the customary payment of 1s., the age of the deceased was rung in twenties.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY A. UPTON.

Knowle, Warwickshire.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I have just noticed in your issue of September 5th (page 579) a letter from Mr. Robert Yendall querying the advantage of employing 'numbers' rather than 'musical letters' in writing handbell music; yet Mr. Yendall states that he has been ringing handbells for 74 years. The main advantage of numbers is that the 'music' is then independent of any key to which a set of bells may be tuned.

It should be remembered that the 'Morse code' system which I had advocated was intended for schools, youth clubs and the like, whose simple sets of bells may be variously tuned. Not long ago I was asked to judge a competition between four schools, each of which had their own lettered music for the key of their own ring for the same tune. The tunes were simple and numbering would have enabled each school to use the same set of music without any of the transposition to which Mr. Yendall takes exception.

As I have already pointed out, the system is not intended for the more elaborate sets of bells apparently used by Messrs. Yendall and Chant, nor for advanced musical compositions. For these many well-tried methods exist, and they are not here in question.—Yours faithfully,

M. D. BELL (Col.).

Ashted, Surrey.

MR. IVIN'S QUIP RESENTED

Dear Sir,—I consider the remarks from Stephen Iviv in last week's Belfry Gossip in extremely poor taste, and I think he owes me a public apology. I have rung ten peals with him, and have no particular wish to ring any more. He is far too unreliable and temperamental.—Yours sincerely,

A. PAT CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—I would rather ring seven peals in a day with Mr. Cannon than 120 of Bob Doubles with Mr. Iviv, even if the latter behaved himself in an adult manner, which is in itself highly improbable.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

P.S.—If Mr. Iviv wants his hat back he can have it for half-a-crown as it is four sizes too big for me.—R. G. L.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stephen Iviv's unfavourable comments in Belfry Gossip (page 792) are typical of this brilliant but temperamental young ringer.

When Stephen has travelled half the miles that Pat Cannon has to give young ringers their first peal of Plain Bob Doubles, Minor or Major, he can consider himself as being of some real use to the Exercise as a ringer.

There is too much of this type of backbiting amongst the ringing fraternity of today, which does no good to anyone; alas, we seem to have our fair share in this area.

Knowing them both personally I suggest that Stephen try to adopt Pat's gift for taking a joke against himself before making any further remarks of this type.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Highclere.

P.S.—We can probably find a spare rope in the next seven-in-a-day attempt if you are interested.—G. K. D.

TOM TOLLADAY'S 12,000

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's notes on 'Campanology' (page 793), there is a reference to Tom Tolladay's 12,000, and a bound volume of 'Campanology' in the belfry bookcase of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Being a member of St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, in the '90's, I well remember W. (Bill) Truss singing the song of Tom Tolladay's 12,000 Grandsire Caters, which was rung at Fulham. The first verse was (I quote from memory)—

Tom Tolladay ahold of the treble he took,
And at his brother ringers so serious did look.
He bade them now all get their ropes and be ready,

And when they were ready, he shouted, 'Now steady.'

Chorus:—

So ring away, pull away, ring my boys ring,
As this long peal has been rung we'll merrily sing.

The other verses had the names of all the ringers. Probably the whole song is in existence today.—Yours, etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

(Correspondence continued page 828)

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LETTERS—Continued

HESTON'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—Without detracting from the very fine efforts of the ringers at Heston in ringing not only 14 quarter peals for Sunday services this year, but also achieving two on one day with different bands, I do rather wonder how many of those 18 regular Sunday service ringers attend the practice night with any degree of regularity. I believe very few. Some, I know, are not able to; but if the four recruits Mr. Webb mentions are ever to ring anything more than rounds they must have the help of experienced ringers.

There has, I regret to say, grown up over the last few years an idea amongst some of the older members of our towers that when young learners are introduced into their belfries, they are no longer needed, and in some cases not wanted. *Nothing* is further from the truth. They are the people who can teach our learners more from their wealth of experience than any of the people in their late 20's and early 30's.

Let us have less of this apathy and boasting of individual and collective achievements, good as the effort may be, and get on with the job of teaching the learners how to ring, coupled with good handling and striking; for without them our bells will not be rung on Sundays in the future, and after all, that is what they are put in church towers for.—Yours faithfully,

D. FOWLES.

Cranford, Middlesex.

Note.—We feel certain that there was no spirit of boasting on the part of Heston ringers in their performance. It was reporting an actual fact for the encouragement of other towers.—Ed.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT CANTERBURY, 1924

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. E. Barnett is in error when he states in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 5th, 1958, that the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Canterbury Cathedral on December 18th, 1924, was in the Whittington position.

The composition of this peal, composed by the late F. Hayes, is published in the Kent County Association report for 1925, page 97, peal No. 2,922, and the composition has 19 courses in the inverted titum position, and 19 courses in the handstroke home position, the bells being turned with a bob at 1. This type of composition is normally used for half-muffled ringing, and is not suitable for ringing with the bells open. Probably the reason why the late Mr. E. G. Buesden, who conducted the peal, made use of this composition was to avoid the complexity of a normal turning course, as it was the first peal on 12 bells by 11 of the band.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. NORMAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Archdale Norman, of Hatfield, Herts, in the early hours of December 1st, aged 84 years.

A native of Sharnbrook, Beds, he learnt change-ringing as a youth and rang in many churches around Sharnbrook and Rushden. He was also active in handbell ringing.

For the last 27 years he had resided at Hatfield, where his widow is well known in the district in connection with her school. Mr. Norman had been a keen reader of 'The Ringing World' since the early days of its publication.



MEMBERS OF THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD who forgathered at Crewe on November 29th to honour the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Frank Stenson, the Guild's secretary. For story of the unsuccessful peal attempt see page 809. Although a peal was not scored, it was a very happy birthday.

[Illustration kindly loaned by 'Crewe Chronicle'.]

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD
Southern District

Saturday, December 6th, was certainly an ideal day for the annual District meeting, held at Sketty. The good attendance was a surprise to everyone.

Mr. J. A. Bennett, of Bristol University, who attended the meeting, was many years ago a probationer at Sketty, and his visit brought back old memories. Most towers in the District were represented.

The new vicar (Rev. Garfield James) conducted the service, and in his address referred to the bells as being 'Church music beyond the stars.' The lesson was read by Mr. Derrick Ashtridge.

The highlight of the District secretary's report was the announcement that the eight bells will be in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Swansea, by Easter.

Mr. J. T. Williams was elected hon. District secretary, and Mr. Trevor Roderick thanked the outgoing secretary for his services since Mr. Ernie Stitch resigned. Mr. Arthur Hoare, in his reply, thanked them all for their kind remarks, and hoped that the change would revive fresh interest in the Southern District. Mr. J. M. Roderick was re-elected hon. District auditor.

The next meeting will be held at Gorseinon in March, 1959. Five new members were elected (two resident and three life members).

It was proposed to give a grant of £5 towards the cost of installing St. Mary's bells.

Mr. Wilfred Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers, their wives and friends, for the excellent tea provided, and Mr. J. T. Williams thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, also the organist for presiding at the organ.

Ringling during the day was above the average and the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m., bringing to a close a successful meeting. J. A. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH
ASSOCIATION

A very enjoyable meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Magor on December 6th. Despite the cold weather, a goodly number of ringers attended and enjoyed this little-used, pleasant ring of six bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Clayton-Evans, and the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Rural Dean of Raglan) read the lesson.

A most welcome tea was afterwards served in Magor Church School, prepared by Mrs. Clayton-Evans, the headmaster and their helpers. The Rev. Ivor Richards sincerely thanked these kind folk.

New members were elected from Abergavenny and Caldicot. Progress was reported from Caldicot and Blaenavon, where there were large bands of young people.

Abergavenny was decided upon for the annual Branch meeting in January. Mention was made of the Branch dinner, to be held in Newport on February 7th next.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly Northern District meeting at Mitcham on November 29th proved a most representative one, there being present 42 ringers from 15 towers within the District. Ringing in the afternoon on the six bells at Christ Church varied from rounds and Grandsire to Cambridge Minor. Evensong at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul was conducted by the Vicar, after which tea was enjoyed in the Parish Rooms. This had been prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Collins, assisted by Mrs. Oatway and the local young ladies.

At the routine business meeting which followed, nominations were invited for officers for 1959. The only change made was at the suggestion of Mr. H. V. Young, who declined nomination as a committee member and nominated the Rev. C. Marshall, of Leatherhead. The collection for the bell fund amounted to £1 4s., and after the usual vote of thanks the ringers adjourned to the Parish Church for ringing until 9 p.m.

AMONG AMERICAN BELLS

By GORDON BENFIELD

ROPES pulled up to the ceiling; the chiming apparatus still connected; the usual courses of Bristol and Double Norwich in their picture frames; an odd Association membership emblem and photographs of prominent change-ringers, past and present; photographs of towers . . . there they were, all the familiar things that a ringer looks at to kill time in an empty ringing chamber as he begins to wonder if he's come to the meeting on the wrong day. Familiar, yes—but very strange, because I was in the heart of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.!

It was my privilege recently to travel some 4,000 miles through the United States on an English Speaking Union Travel Scholarship. The purpose of my trip was to study certain aspects of American education, and I was certainly kept very busy with a full schedule of interviews, visits and new experiences; but not too busy to look for some bells—what ringer ever is? That's how I came to be standing in the ringing chamber of Mitchell Tower at the University of Chicago, and how I came to have other experiences which I feel I should like to share with readers of 'The Ringing World.' Let's carry on then where we started out, in Chicago.

UNPULLED FOR 45 YEARS

Yes, the ropes are still there in the ringing chamber of Mitchell Tower, where the 10-bell Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Chime hangs, but no one has pulled them for 45 years. For a few brief years in the first decade of this century, when the bells were installed by Mears', change-ringing was actually practised in Chicago by a band imported from this country. The first 720 of Bob Minor was rung in November, 1908, and one of the band, Frances J. Rimes, is still living in the city. By 1911, however, change-ringing had stopped for what seems to be a not unfamiliar reason. A letter of the president's secretary of the day notes: 'We have never been able to do much change-ringing owing to the nervousness of our neighbours.' An expression of that nervousness in the form of a letter of a student of the day is worth quoting:—

'It is between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of a "sane" Fourth of July, and I find myself suddenly thrust to the ragged edge of dementia by the insane ding-dongings of those everlasting bells. If I were a self-respecting student, I should proceed at once to organise an expedition to drag them down from the belfry the next dark night and make "versunkene Glocke" of them all in the bottom of Lake Michigan.'

While change-ringing was discontinued, tune ringing was practised from the first and never permitted to lapse. The University's 'Societas Campanarium' organise the ringing three times a day for short periods, ending with the 'Alma Mater' at 10.5 each night as a tribute to the athletes of the University, to speak to them of 'love and loyalty and sacrifice and of hope and inspiration and endeavour for the morrow.' The director of the 'Societas' is Mr. James R. Lawson, the carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel's 72-bell carillon. It was at Mr. Lawson's invitation that I found myself among the bells of Chicago, and I was privileged to watch him play a Sunday afternoon recital on the carillon and to be taken by him to examine the fittings of the Mitchell Tower bells. Mr. Lawson, who has been in England this summer, is a man of great determination, and he is making serious plans to try once more to introduce change-ringing, or at least, the 'ringing up' of the bells. A set of ropes has already been delivered! The bells are almost certainly still ringable, requiring only minor renovations. Mr. Lawson can handle a bell and has some students who are anxious to

start, so although we cannot envy him his task we can and should wish him well.

CHARLESTON'S BELLS

In late October it was still very hot in South Carolina, and when his open bedroom window is directly underneath a tower and the bells strike every quarter of a stuffy, sleepless night, even a ringer begins to wish them ill—especially when the Westminster first quarter is the complete repertoire, and this is appropriately repeated to mark the second and third quarters and the hour!

But the bells of St. Michael's, Charleston, have plenty to be mournful about, and in the light of subsequent sunny days I became rather fond of them. They came from Whitechapel in 1764, eight in number, and were hung for ringing though little was ever practised. They were brought back to England after the Revolution as a prize of war, only to be bought by a London merchant and shipped back. When they arrived at the dock the townspeople, overjoyed to see them back again, swarmed on board ship, dragged them away to the steeple and rehung them immediately.

Later, two bells cracked and were sent back again to England to be recast. During the Civil War the bells were sent to Columbia and were burned in the great fire there. The metal was salvaged, sent to England and again recast. Knowing their sad story—and this is only part of it—I must say that as I stood on the frame, looking at their broken wheels and stays and listening to the Rector of St. Michael's describing the affectionate regard the people have for their old bells, a strange feeling of sadness overcame me and, had it been more British, I could have wept for them myself. They are still chimed regularly and play a great part in the life of the city.

RIVAL SCHOOLS

There are, I believe, 15 towers in America with bells hung for ringing, but at only two of them are the bells still rung up and change-ringing practised. Both these towers are at well-known American independent boys' schools—Kent School, Connecticut, and Groton School, Mass.—and there has always been both friendly rivalry and frequent united endeavour to improve their knowledge of the art. It will not seem strange to readers, I'm sure, to be informed that by coincidence one of the schools I found myself wanting to visit officially was Groton, and the business side of my appointment with the headmaster soon led us on to the subject of bells. So came about my introduction to the Rev. Malcolm Strachen, the member of the school staff responsible for training the boys to ring. With Mr. Strachen I climbed the magnificent tower of the school chapel and pulled up the tenor of the 22 cwt. Mears eight. Unfortunately, the boys who do the ringing could not be freed at that time without considerable inconvenience, but I was very thrilled to learn that the bells are rung every Sunday morning—rounds and plain hunting, with sometimes an attempt at Grandsire—and that although he has never been to England and had to learn his ringing from an English instructor many years ago, Mr. Strachen is doing a grand job keeping the art of change-ringing alive in this corner of New England.

HANDBELL RINGERS

I must not conclude this brief account of my experiences among the bells of America without mentioning the very happy times I had in Washington, D.C., and Kansas City as a guest of Branches of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. It was my privilege in Washington to share for three days the home of the secretary of this enthusiastic Association, Mrs. Norman Erb, and to meet and ring tunes with members of her band. I don't think I

could ever forget the warmth and generosity of their welcome and their eagerness to hear English bell news.

At the village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City I found myself guest of honour at a well-attended social evening planned by two bell choirs who, after enduring my talk on English change-ringing, gave a delightful programme of tune ringing. I shall long treasure a tape-recording which I was given of the combined singing and bell choirs performing a special arrangement of the hymn 'O God our help in ages past.' I had hoped to visit in Boston the president of the Guild, Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, who though now advancing in years is still a well-respected and powerful force behind American ringing. I was very sad to learn, however, that she was ill in hospital. I took the liberty of writing to her on behalf of English ringers (she did ring in England many years ago), wishing her well, and was pleased to receive a cheerful reply only last week.

There is certainly no lack of interest in the ringing of bells in America at the present time, and if this article does something to sow the seeds of a greater concern for what they are doing I'm sure any such recognition will be applauded by our friends across the Atlantic.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Christchurch District

The annual District meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Christchurch on December 6th. Forty ringers attended and there were visitors from Kingston-on-Thames, Wimborne and Southampton District.

The annual Guild service was conducted by Canon R. P. Price (Vicar of Christchurch). An inspiring sermon was preached by Canon C. Dudley Kirkham (rural dean), based on the text 'Fellow-workers with Christ.'

Tea was served in the Priory Restaurant, and this was followed by the meeting. As the chairman of the District, Rear-Admiral D. H. Everett, was unable to be present, Canon R. P. Price acceded to the request of the members to preside. The hon. secretary's report for 1958 recorded an increase of nine members. He also reported that there had been an increase in the number of ringers attending the four quarterly and the four practice meetings held during the year. Reports on the activities of all towers in the District were given, and these showed an overall picture of steady progress in seven out of the 11 affiliated towers. The remaining four towers were reported to be lacking in recruits and interest in the Guild activities.

District officers elected for 1959 were: Chairman, Rear-Admiral Everett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. T. Godfrey; vice-chairman, Mr. M. J. E. Best; joint Ringing Masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater and Mr. R. Marlow; representatives to the executive committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshall and Mr. A. V. Davis; auditor, Mr. R. Hurst.

The meeting was informed by Mr. H. A. Mitchell (captain of Bournemouth, St. John's, tower) of an appeal which had been made for £1,000 for an immediate repair of the bells and a projected repair of the tower and spire. A donation of one guinea was voted to the fund and a collection was also made at the meeting. Any donations from friends of the tower or visitors who have enjoyed the pleasure of ringing on the bells during their summer holidays should be sent to Major C. F. Ball, 20, Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth.

After some discussion, the meeting agreed to take no further action at present in reorganising the George Williams commemoration dinner, which was not held during the past year owing to the lack of support, and financial difficulties.

Good use of the Priory bells was made both before and after the annual meeting by all those who attended.

W. T. G.

Christmas Greetings to all our Readers

The Editorial Committee, the Editor and Staff of 'The Ringing World' at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers, and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

NEW ZEALAND.—To the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' and English ringers, with the best wishes of the ringers at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand.—G. N. Sloan, Sec., 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, N.Z.

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY, ringers send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends. A hearty welcome to practice on Mondays. 3530

To ringers at home and in far away places—a merry Christmas and happy New Year.—J. ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 3494

A merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends both near and far is the earnest wish from all members of the **ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY,** Barking, Essex. 3535

Mr. P. N. BOND sends all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to his many ringing friends, particularly to fellow Cumberlands.

To all my band, our secretary, all Suffolk ringers, and friends near and far beyond our border, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Les. BRETT, Framsden, Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Station Road, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, wish all their ringing friends happy times, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 3532

Christmas greetings to Gordon WALFORD from all his friends at Cotford. 3525

A happy Christmas with good health and prosperity in the New Year to all our ringing friends is the wish of Marjorie and George CROSS. 3563

The ringers of **DANBURY Church tower** (Essex) once again send their best wishes to all their many friends both far and near at this season of Christmas, and wish them a happy ringing New Year. 3539

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH, ringers extend best wishes for Christmas, and may 1959 bring happy 'meetings' and good 'hunting.' Greetings to Miss Judy Midgley (Calgary), Miss Izard (B.C.), to our visitors of 1958, and all the 700 visitors of post-war years from length and breadth of the land. 3550

To all our ringing friends we extend hearty greetings for a happy Christmas and for 'good hunting' in the New Year; also grateful thanks for good fellowship in 1958.—Paul and Flo FIELD, Marshfield, Knoke, Langport. 3544

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to my many ringing friends both young and old.—John FOWLER, Cookham. 3519

Wishing all our many friends the best of everything at Christmas and many happy hours in the coming year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. J. LADD and Margaret, and Ann GEORGE. 3540

To all my ringing friends: Good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity.—H. GOODWIN (late of Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent), 35, Farnsworth Road, Rotherham, Yorks. Confined to house. 3552

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS send sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all old ringing friends. 3508

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Jack) HILLIAR, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7, extend the season's greetings and all good wishes to all their ringing friends. 3527

A very happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all ringers, their relatives and friends, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. JEFFRIES, of Wolverton, Bucks. 3529

Greetings and sincere wishes to all members of the **Sussex County Association,** remembering especially those that are ill at this time, from Reg. JOHNSON. 3537

A very happy Christmas to all our friends. May you lose fewer peals, and both receive and give greater pleasure in your ringing in 1959.—From David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset.

To all ringing friends old and new, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—A. J. PITMAN, 25, Taylor Avenue, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 3524

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow. 3538

To our friends: We send best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Our 1958 'season' was happy and prosperous, and 'terms and service' are unchanged for 1959. An advertisement will appear in these columns in March, 1959.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone: Southbourne 46005.

To all ringing friends: A happy Christmas and a successful New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 3452

The Master of the **THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD,** the hon. secretary and officers send heartiest greetings for Christmas and best wishes for the New and succeeding years, with happy ringing. 3492

To all ringers everywhere I send sincere and hearty wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—William SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 3496

To wish all our friends and ringers everywhere a very happy Christmas, with lots of good ringing, and every good wish for a bright, happy and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol. 3542

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire, send greetings to all ringing friends, old and new, best wishes for a merry Christmas, and peace, happiness, prosperity and good health in 1959. 3528

All good wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends from Evelyn STEEL. 3543

To our many ringing friends, old and new, everywhere, now too numerous to mention individually, my many Guilds and Associations, 'The Ringing World' and all it means, Mr. White, Editor, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New and succeeding years; also grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years.—W. Frank and Mrs. STENSON, Crewe. 3493

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and the New Year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 3551

To all our friends, both old and new, At Christmas time we think of you; We send you greetings most sincere, With lots of changes in the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. L. WRIGHT and June, Bury St. Edmunds. 3515

HAPPY RINGING AT CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT 1959

is the sincere wish of the

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to its members and to ringers everywhere.

When its inception was being considered, 3 years ago, invitation was issued in these columns to ALL ringers, interested in the promotion of sound training and ringing development at all stages, to join in the project. Those who did have since proved the value of College influence and effort, but equally with the vital need for continued expansion of this activity. Indeed, the College has recently been honoured with an invitation to co-operate with a County Education Authority in courses in ringing subjects at a College for Adult Education—open to all—and detailed plans may shortly be announced. Meanwhile, once again, a sincere invitation is extended to ALL interested in the FUTURE of ringing to write (enclosing stamp) for particulars of College membership and of how mutual aid can create facilities for training where hitherto not possible. Tower and Association secretaries are invited to write (stamp, please) of any difficulties in planning ringing training. Local College members can be put in touch, and the College can help in other ways, and will gladly do so on request to: The Registrar, C. of C., 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea, Hants. 3553

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APPEAL

ST. ALDATE'S, OXFORD.—Donations towards the retuning and rehangings of these well-known bells are urgently needed and may be sent to J. Venn, 233, Banbury Road, Oxford, or to the Rector. Great or small, gifts will be very gratefully received and acknowledged. 3560

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1959, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—F. V. Gant. 3499

EAST ANGLIA.—Whit week, 1959.—Any ringers interested in a ringing tour as above (no peals) please let me know as soon as possible. Own transport necessary.—Paul Field, Knole, Langport, Somerset. 3545

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—All ringing stopped until further notice owing to work on the western spires.—F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicars, Lichfield. 3564

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A further supply of Guild badges now available, beautifully plated and polished, pin or stud fitting, 3s. each, post free.—T. J. Fowler, 16, Black Butts, Cookham, Berks. 3523

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Nutfield (6) on Friday, Dec. 19th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 3526

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3517

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, Sedlescombe. Tea, at Rectory.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3506

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Christmas meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Sandridge (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3510

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3522

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the rehung five bells, also the new treble, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments.—C. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston. 3502

WONERSH, Surrey.—Dedication of ring of eight, Sunday, Dec. 21st, by the Archdeacon of Surrey at Evensong, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3554

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting, Greasley (8) on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those notifying by Dec. 20th. Mrs. D. Beach, Peasholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts.—D. H. Rooke, P. C. Clarke, Hon. Secs. 3497
SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Babbacombe. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Upton bells available 7 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Clement Danes', Strand, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.45, followed by business, including nominations.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 3561

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Raunds (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 3541

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, Creaton, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Spratton bells available in evening. Names for tea by Saturday, Dec. 27th, to Mr. S. Brown, Matt's Cottage, Creaton, Northampton. No name, no tea.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 3549

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Devizes (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) available. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3562

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3533

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3556

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

KENT BELL-RINGERS' TOUR IN THE WEST

A delightful weekend had a party of Kent ringers from Tunbridge Wells, Branchley, Edenbridge, Maidstone and Canterbury in the West Country on November 1st. At their headquarters at Chippenham they were joined by two car loads of Wiltshire ringers.

An unfavourable start was made at Zeals, Wiltshire, but the memories of this 6-bell tower were soon wiped out by the nice eight at Castle Cary, after which everybody was more than ready for lunch.

The heavy, majestic ring (6) at Queen Camel was followed by Ditcheat and the lovely ten at Evercreech. The bells of Chewton Mendip made a wonderful finish to the day's ringing.

Sunday was a busy and strenuous day. Leaving Chippenham at 7.45 a.m. for Bristol, the first ringing was at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the party were not only impressed by the beautiful bells but the magnificence of the church. At St. Ambrose's (8) there were so many of their own ringers in the small belfry that it was quite a squeeze to get the visitors in. After ringing at St. James', despite the heavy rain a visit was paid to Clifton Suspension Bridge to admire the view.

Lunch at Bath was followed by a look round the Abbey. At 2 p.m. we left for Chippenham and rang on the eight of St. Paul's. These bells were rung half-muffled in memory of two local ringers killed in a road accident.

Evening service ringing was at St. Andrew's, Chippenham. The bells here when rung at a steady pace are pleasing to listen to. Tunbridge Wells was reached at 12.30 a.m. on Monday.

All the party are indebted to Mr. Harry Heath for arranging the tour, and also to Mrs. Heath for the wonderful tea she provided on Sunday. J. L.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Rachel Newstead 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, F. G. Oliver 3, G. W. Barnes 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5.—Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): Rachel Newstead 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, G. W. Barnes 6. Both rung by local band.

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