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LISTENING ON THE CONTINENT

F'ANCY going abroad for your holiday,' they said, 'you ought to know better than to waste your time like that. You won't find any bells there!' I knew 'they' were wrong, but it was no use arguing. However, I decided to do what I had not done previously and make a list of the bells I heard.

My friends and I heard our first bell as the boat neared Ostend. It was fastened to a buoy and gave out a rather mournful note as the buoy pitched and tossed in the turbulent sea. The second bell belonged to an Ostend train and had a sharp warning 'ping' for its voice.

Bruges, for us, was an enchanted city, a compound of wonderful old buildings, art treasures and canals. Its crowning glory was the collection of bells in the tall old belfry. We arrived there in the late afternoon and were greeted by the melodious music of the bells, which ring out every quarter of an hour. Only after dusk are the bells silent. Then many of the buildings are floodlit and the canals come into their own, for many people go out on them in small boats to see the sights.

The belfry is a very high brick building. One morning we climbed to the wind-swept gallery at the top. We were told there were 360 steps. They seemed more like 3,000, but it was well worth the effort as we had an extensive view over the flat countryside and the red roofs of Bruges clustered below us. The bells were hanging just above our heads, and were very loud when they chimed.

As we were descending the stairs we met the man who attends to the mechanism of the clock and carillon, and he showed and explained these to us. It seems they were made in 1748 by Antonious de Hondt. There are 47 bells and 108 hammers. Except when a recital is given the bells are played mechanically. To do this there is a large drum weighing 20,000 lb. In it there are 30,500 holes in which metal pegs are arranged. As the drum revolves, levers controlling the hammers catch on the pegs and cause the bells to chime. We heard a little Flemish tune at the quarter hour, a French tune at the half hour, a Dutch one at the three-quarters and music from 'Carmen' on the hour. These tunes are changed every two years. The carillon keyboard was in the room above the drum. It was rather like an organ, with foot pedals and rows of pegs instead of keys. I tried striking several of the bells and found the mechanism to move very easily. The foot pedals controlled the large bells and the 'hand pegs' the small

ones. One evening we heard a recital on the carillon given by a very skilled young man whose name, I think, was Uten. He finished with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

We left Bruges to the sound of the bells and made our way to Ghent, where we found another belfry containing a carillon with 56 bells. We heard these playing, but their notes were rather soft and apt to be lost in the noise of the traffic. We heard several church bells in Aachen tolling for early services. One was very deep toned and drowned the others with its sonorous note. The bells of Frechen were chiming the hour as we went through. One sounded like a dustbin and the other might have been the lid. I pressed the accelerator hard and hurried on to Cologne. There was a little church near Cologne Cathedral which had been almost completely destroyed. Only a little of the mediæval tower remained to show its former beauty. The rest of the tower had been rebuilt in ugly brickwork and a chime of bells was housed beneath a canopy at the top. They played a gay tune for us. Cologne Cathedral is a magnificent building, but we did not hear any bells while we were inspecting it.

From Cologne we went up the Rhine to Mainz, visiting Worms on the way, where we heard clock bells. By now we were beginning to lose count of the number we had heard. The church bells rang for us in Heidelberg, and these were mostly of a very pleasing tone. In contrast, however, there was a bell on one of the river steamers with a very raucous note. From Heidelberg to Bregenz we heard innumerable bells ringing in various church towers. In Austria we heard our first cow bells: 'Klunk, klank, klonk' they went intermittently as the animals moved. Over the frontier in Switzerland we heard our first goat bells. They were made similar to the cow bells but on a smaller scale, and gave out a lighter and higher-pitched note.

The church in the little village where we stayed had some very sweet-toned bells. These echoed across the mountains as they marked the passing hours. Goat and cow bells were heard at all hours, even after dark. Once, when a herd of about 50 cows was being moved down the mountain to new pastures, the sound of their bells was like several musical boxes being played at once.

We continued to hear bells of many types, some pleasant, some poor in quality, all the way across Europe on our return journey. None could compare with the majesty of Bruges, though those in the university library at Louvain left pleasant memories.

We travelled overnight from Ostend, and were clear of the customs in Dover by about 5.45. At that hour the bells were silent. We had breakfast in Dorking—again without hearing a bell. In fact, we did not hear any bells on the road home. I showed my friends my list of bells. 'Huh!', they said, 'you don't call those things bells! You can't ring them!'

A. M. REAY.

FOUR SURPRISE PEALS IN A DAY

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	BASIL JONES 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BASIL JONES 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
BRIAN HARRIS Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 4
BASIL JONES 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn on her birthday.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE 7
JOHN WALDEN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
GEORG E. FEIRN 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON 10
HERBERT LOWMAN 5	JOHN FREEMAN 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH 6	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	PETER R. JOHNSON 8
VERNON PRATT 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 9
WILLIAM THORNLEY 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH T. DYKE. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 6
*TREVOR TAYLOR 2	DENIS MOTTESHEAD .. 7
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	†GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH 9
GEOFFREY PEARSON 5	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	†JOHN WILSON 6
RONALD C. NOON 2	*JOHN V. TEMPLE 7
*CECIL WADE 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 8
*HAROLD HUXLEY 4	ROY WITHERMAN 9
*FREDA P. GREAVES 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	RICHARD F. PRIME 6
MARY C. PAYNE 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
E. CHARLES TURNER 3	HARRY POYNER 8
JOHN A. ACRES 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
BRIAN MARTIN 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	†WILLIAM LITTLE 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	MICHAEL D. FROST 7
ARTHUR DAY 3	JOHN E. EWER 8
PATRICIA DOORN 4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 9
*REGINALD F. EWER 5	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

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

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*PAMELA M. GILL .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
HOWARD HOWELL 2	KEITH WILLIAMS 7
STELLA HUGHES 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
M. JILL FISHER 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON 5	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pamela M. Gill.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
ALBERT W. BOND 3	HENRY STALHAM (86) .. 8
ARTHUR J. HART 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 5	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. E. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR HINGLEY 6
HARRY BOSWELL 2	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 7
HARRY GRIFFITHS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 8
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	ALAN A. ELSMORE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hingley, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*ARTHUR NEWTON .. Treble	*DAVID CORNWALL 5
*MRS. A. E. COX 2	JOHN D. KAPE 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY 4	ANTHONY E. COX Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. All members of the local band except ringer of the fourth.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

D. MARY WARD .. Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	EDMUND MALIN 6
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 3	ANTHONY AGER 7
*MICHAEL ELSON 4	PETER BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Superlative, 1,280 Cambridge, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

D. MARY WARD .. Treble	†J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	†PETER BERESFORD 6
*MICHAEL ELSON 3	†EDMUND MALIN 7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Spiced. † First of Spiced Surprise Major in four methods. First of Spiced Surprise Major in four methods on the bells and for the Society.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUCK .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
JILL MAYES 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	ROBERT SKELTON 6
*ERIC OLIVER 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. E. Talbot, and in appreciation of his service as Vicar of Consett from July, 1948, to January, 1959.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

In THE BELL-TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	JOHN S. BARNES 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* 100th peal together. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	*GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 4). Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ERIC GRIFFITHS .. Treble	C. GUY PICKAVANCE 5
*STEPHEN F. L. LOWE .. 2	MICHAEL S. HART 6
C. DONALD MANN 3	*COLIN SMITH 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Major.

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OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER JONES.. .. Treble	HENRY PARKER 5
CECIL RADDON.. .. . 2	*DOUGLAS LOWE 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	*JOHN RYDER 7
MRS. D. LOWE.. .. . 4	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

C. Raddon has 'completed the circle' in this tower.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*BRYAN BURROUGH Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 5
GEORGE FRANCIS 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
JUNE CLEMENTS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
BERNARD G. MOORE.. .. 4	RAYMOND A. BROWN.. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

*ALAN CLARKE Treble	*DAVID H. BUXTON 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
LAVINA HULFORD Treble	†KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 5
*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE .. 2	†RICHARD HOBBS 6
†GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON.. .. 7
‡ELEANOR ROSE 4	§ROGER MUMFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 250th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight. § First peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
GEORGE E. THODAY 2	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 6
PETER J. SHIPTON 3	PETER BORDER 7
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal together. 250th peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*ANN GEORGE Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
JANET FRENCH 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	KEVIN S. HOHL 7
MARGARET A. LADD.. .. 4	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MICHAEL E. TURNER .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER 6
JOSEPH T. BARRETT 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER.. .. 7
HERBERT W. PEARCE.. .. 4	RICHARD D. GUPPY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Dec. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 5
MICHAEL DAY 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 6
GEORGE H. MOORE 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Mr. C. H. Moore has now 'circled the tower' 12 times.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. Heawood, who is leaving for Dore in the diocese of Derby after eight years at Hethersett.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE.. .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Pudsey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	BERYL AYRIS 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	BARBARA MANSHIP 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS.. .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ERNEST MORRIS.. .. . 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JACK R. HARRIS Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
PHILIP WALKER.. .. . 2	*FRANCIS A. WHITE 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
*BRIAN R. WHITE 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday on this day of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, and the 21st birthday on Boxing Day of the ringer of the third.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KENNETH BONEHILL.. .. Treble	ARTHUR RIGBY 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	*PETER GARDNER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Kent Major. The composition (in 13 courses) is now rung for the first time.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Townley Parker, of Kingsgate, Kent. Mr. Townley was formerly a ringer at this church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING .. Treble	FRANK RUFFLES 5
*MURIEL R. PAGE 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
†PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 52). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal.

Rung for the passing of the old year.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*†MARGARET LOVETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
*BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 3	*ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 7
*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 4	ALAN CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARION ARCHER Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 2	*CYRIL RUSBY 6
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
JOHN S. SEAGER 4	†GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* 50th peal. † First in the method. 150th peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to G. K. Chaddock, on his coming-of-age, and to I. M. Holland.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*HENRY T. MACEY Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MRS. JOAN SALMONS .. 2	LESLIE D. DUGUID 6
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS .. 7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal away from the tenor.

Rung half-muffled for the watchnight service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

MARY ATKINSON Treble	DAVID G. FRENCH 5
*PATRICIA WALKER 2	GEORGE S. LEE 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Margaret Lee, daughter of George S. Lee, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Gordon K. Chaddock, nephew of the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*GRAHAM DINSDALE .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND CAMBRIDGE MAJOR

Being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 6
JAMES CUNLIFFE 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
DAVID YOUNG 4	JOSEPH THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Brian N. Cooper, of Seascale, Cumberland.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	*VERNON GREEN 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	HUGH NEILL 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	STANLEY E. DARMON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*PAMELA R. GOUGH .. Treble	†STANLEY W. BROWN .. 5
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 6
G. FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 7
†HARRY W. BROWN .. 4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Triples.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CECIL BARKER Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HENRY G. FELTON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
ALAN R. SYDER 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
JOHN A. WARNER 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*JAMES T. ROOKE .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	LESLIE BARLOW 6
HAROLD DENMAN 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 7
†RICHARD HOBBS 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

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

Rung in honour of the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. R. T. Flint, of Worksop.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

DAVID J. KIRBY .. Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

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

First peal of spliced on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. . . . 4
NEIL D. LOMAS 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. . 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. . Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	JOHN WILSON 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. . 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. NEWTH .. Treble	MERVYN FROMM 4
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
†E. JANE LANGTON .. . 3	PETER H. LANGTON .. . Tenor

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First tower peal as conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 29, 48, 50, 38, 39, 37, 28).

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN GUILDEN Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
EILEEN FEARN 2	BASIL JONES 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. . 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal (aged 13).

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*IAN A. RICHARDSON (11) Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. . 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
JAMES T. ROOKE .. . 3	†DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Old, 13 each of April Day and Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JEAN GAIGER Treble	HUGH FALKNER 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. . 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 3	DAVID HICKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.

GREAT WITH LITTLE WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN MELVILLE .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
†KEITH BRADSHAW .. . 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
ROBERT W. SHAW .. . 3	RONALD G. RUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Spriggs on their golden wedding anniversary; also to welcome home John Murkett and Brian Rawson from service with H.M. Forces in Cyprus, and Robert W. Shaw.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 37 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	THOMAS J. GUNDY 4
CHARLES PHILLIPS .. . 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.

First peal of two Doubles methods on the bells.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

MALCOLM OVERFIELD .. Treble	KEITH NEWBY 4
EMMA LANCASTER .. . 2	JAMES E. BURLES 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	CLIFFORD H. FORD .. . Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. H. V. Turner, for 14 years Bishop of Penrith.

STEEPLE-CLAYDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOHN HODGES Treble	*JOSE BASSETT 4
*MARGARET RAND .. . 2	ALBERT HODGES 5
V. G. PHILLIPS 3	*PAMELA BASSETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

* First peal.

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STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*NORMAN C. BUCKLAND .. Treble	†ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST .. 4
†EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	†WILLIAM NAYLOR .. 5
†JAMES K. LAVER .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung by the local band.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYRIAC AND JULETTA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAITHE .. Treble	A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSTON .. 2	†CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 3	ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. 125th peal of Minor as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents (different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

PERCY AMOS Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME .. 3
*LOUIS EARL 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 4

* JIM C. RAINBOW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal away from treble. Ringer of treble has now 'circled the tower.' First peal in the method for the Guild.

Rung to mark the bicentenary of the Rev. James Harvey, rector, missionary and theological author, who died on Christmas Day, 1758.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) College and St. Clement's, (3) Wavertree and Childwall, (4) London Bob and Double Oxford, (5) Lytham and Thelwall, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; with 133 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*PETER A. SHARPE .. Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in 17 methods.

A farewell peal for Mr. A. A. Clarke, churchwarden and Ringing Master of this parish, who is leaving for Leicester.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER .. 2	*JOHN POTTS .. 5
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3	*ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal together.

Rung by a local band on the 20th anniversary of the first peal by an 'all local' band, on December 27th, 1938; also for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bacon.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Netherseale, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

EDWARD B. LEGGETT .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*JANET BROOK .. Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. 5
PETER DAWSON .. 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal. To welcome the birth of a son to Mrs. Marjorie Evans.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 100th peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*MARTIN FAULKES .. Treble	†JAMES HILL .. 4
†JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Michael Vernon has now 'circled the tower.' A 21st birthday compliment to Rita M. Stratford.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN V. TEMPLE .. Treble	FREDA P. GREAVES .. 4
JOHN WILSON .. 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung on the top six of the ten, half-muffled for the passing of 1958.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT MILLER .. Treble	HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. 3
PEGGY WILLIAMSON .. 2	D. E. RUST ANDREWS .. 4
W. C. MEDLER .. 3	.. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. Treble	DONALD B. MUNRO .. 4
H. FRANK PIKE .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

QUARTER PEALS

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Christine Harbott 2, Diana Pryn 3, B. C. Piper 4, J. L. Hayns 5, P. J. Jackson 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, M. W. Harbott 8. For Matins.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barlow 1, M. Helen Wright (first of Minors) 2, E. Jenkins 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, T. Shallcross 5, B. Downie 6. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Barlow 1, M. Helen Wright 2, J. Harrison (cond.) 3, F. Shallcross 4, E. Jenkins 5, M. R. Gibson 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Perkins 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, C. J. Turner 3, P. A. Lock 4, R. Blackler 5, G. Nix 6, D. J. Roberts 7, P. Shipp 8. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. F. Layton (first as cond.) 1, M. Elizabeth A. Layton 2, Margaret A. Layton 3, G. Huxley 4, N. Hobden 5, R. Parsons 6, D. N. Layton 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 3rd and 7th.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hare (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, M. Broadley 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Wakefield (first quarter) 1, Avril Thackray 2, S. Ivin 3, J. Long 4, S. Foskett 5, K. Wakefield (first of Triples as cond.) 6, B. Piron 7, D. Thompson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marilyn Lumley (first quarter) 1, Helen Nevil (first 'inside') 2, Jennifer Davies 3, P. Shipton 4, S. Foskett 5, J. Taylor 6, B. Piron (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Swift 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, Daphne Pankhurst 3, J. Carr 4, C. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. Pilbeam 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Clifford Earwaker, B.A.), and a compliment on his appointment to the living of Crawley.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Taylor 1, C. McKenzie 2, Miss W. Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, L. Aston (cond.) 5, D. Field 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Major H. H. Hardy, churchwarden.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Yorkshire Major: Miss E. M. Fearn 1, J. R. Kennett 2, W. H. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5, F. H. Osbaldiston 6, W. A. Smith 7, N. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of a local sidesman.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Schofield 1, S. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, F. Munday 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, S. B. Schofield (11) 2, P. Wadsworth (13, first quarter) 3, K. Rushworth (14) 4, Janet Brook (13) 5, B. Gillian Schofield (13, cond.) 6. Both rung to welcome a son (Niels) to Mrs. Marjorie Evans, ringer at the Cathedral.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. G. Riches (cond.) 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, M. C. Austin 3, T. K. Price 4, K. W. Price 5, A. J. True 6. For morning service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, L. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, C. Stannard 6, A. Everett 7, W. Goodship 8. A farewell tribute to the Rev. Canon A. C. Pelly, who is retiring this month.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Windchendon Place Bob Doubles: Albert Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, F. Hawkes 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, E. W. Penn 5, Arthur. Halling 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel 1, J. Spragett (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Williams (first quarter) 3, F. W. Hutt 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

CARBS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sullivan 1, G. W. Reed 2, Jill Swanne 3, Evangeline Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, P. Rogers 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Smith 1, J. George 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Manger 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Leslie R. King). Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Parker 1, V. Cott 2, D. Manger 3, D. Parker 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. For Epiphany.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Christie (first of Triples) 1, J. Salway 2, D. Callard 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Squire (first quarter) 1, L. Rook 2, F. Yeo 3, R. Gubb 4, L. Walters 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6, C. Rook 7, A. Smallridge 8. A Christmas compliment to Mr. T. Yeo.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, W. Sparkes 2, W. Webb 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, H. Netherway 5, W. Harris 6. Rung early Christmas morning.

CWMCARVAN, MON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): Pat Jones 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, B. Johns 3, D. J. King (cond.) 4, G. Ward 5, Rev. I. J. Richards 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. King.

DEEPIST ST. NICHOLAS, LINCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Carter 1, W. Duffy 2, A. Riggall 3, C. Perkins 4, F. Brightman 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, when the ringers of 2, 3 and 4 were all choirboys.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Wiggins 1, J. Blond 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, P. Davies 4, A. E. Lock 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, F. White 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

FALING, MIDDLEX.—At Christ-the-Saviour Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Enid Palmer 1, H. J. Eldred 2, Doreen Crowe 3, G. Harvey 4, R. Wright 5, J. W. Pae 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Scarth (first quarter) 1, Gillian Halford 2, R. W. Winstanley (first 'inside') 3, J. G. Greenhalgh (first quarter) 4, K. C. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, P. Shepherd 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Chinnery 1, M. Press (first of Triples) 2, Joan Smith 3, Christine Harbot 4, J. Maybrey 5, M. Harbot 6, J. King (cond.) 7, R. Rook 8. In appreciation of an anonymous parishioner, who paid for the recent overhauling of the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jill Oakshott 1, D. J. F. Oakshott 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, D. Astridge 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6, I. Waterman 7.

FWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Spittle 1, G. Pullinier 2, R. C. Spittle 3, D. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Treble 1, Mrs. G. S. Joyce 2, Miss E. Taussig 3, Miss M. Finch 4, C. Turner 5, P. Murgatroyd 6, G. S. Joyce (cond. from non-ringing position). To mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (Canon F. B. Hutchinson) and the 34th anniversary of the ordination of the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins (Bishop of Guildford), who preached at the morning service.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Body 1, Shirley Parsons 2, Christine Ford 3, H. Allberry 4, P. Richardson 5, A. Buswell 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Marshall 1, Shirley Parsons 2, A. Buswell 3, M. Johnson 4, P. Richardson 5, J. Hasted (first for 25 years) 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. Both for morning service.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob and 720 Cambridge): Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, R. Selway 2, C. Webb 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Pask 1, S. A. Chambers 2, R. F. Smith 3, J. A. Freeman 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, J. Walden 6, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, G. H. Randles 8. For morning service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Plows 1, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 2, M. J. Hill (first 'inside') 3, D. W. Barr 4, A. J. Stratthdee 5, K. Warrington 6. For early service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hill 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, A. J. Stratthdee 3, P. G. Golder 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Wood 1, F. E. Wood 2, G. A. Payne 3, A. T. Wingate 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. The calls were all singles.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Dixon (first of Triples) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, C. T. Rawlins 3, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 4, Joan Gray 5, H. S. Gregory 6, W. F. Bonner 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

NEWHEY, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rothwell 1, A. Smith (jun.) 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, M. D. Fishwick 4, D. Butterworth 5, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 6.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Williamson (first quarter) 1, J. Guilden 2, B. Harris 3, Mrs. Fernley 4, Miss E. Fearn 5, Miss C. Fernley 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Nevil 1, Brenda Claridge 2, Margaret Beamish 3, D. Blackwall 4, Keith Jones 5, A. Tumber 6, D. Forder (first as cond.) 7, D. Jackson 8. First of Triples 'inside' 2 and 4. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Helen Nevil 1, Brenda Claridge 2, D. Blackwall 3, A. Tumber 4, D. Forder (first of Doubles at cond.) 5. Rung by Southampton University Society.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Walker 1, P. Payne 2, H. W. Gayton 3, P. Wakeman 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. Longest length on the bells. For festival of Christmas.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela M. Turner 1, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 2, M. S. Hart (first in method) 3, R. G. Morris (first in method) 4, M. C. Hughes (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Hollis 6.

PORTSHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane 1, E. Goldstone (cond.) 2, R. Williams 3, Mrs. Simmonds 4, R. Way 5, P. Walters 6, R. Gale 7, A. Gould 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of esteem for Mr. F. S. McGuire, licensed lay-reader and former churchwarden, whose funeral took place this day.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the 5th ringer.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,959 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 1,239 Grandsire): C. McKenzie 1, Miss W. Bird 2, C. Wrenan 3, M. Ling 4, R. Dowdeswell (longest length as cond.) 5, R. Jones 6. A date touch. Longest length 1 and 6.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: G. Bacon (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Sioman 8. Rung in honour of the Vicar's 50th anniversary as a priest, and for the service of the Blessing of the Crib.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Dodds 1, Miss C. Pullin 2, K. J. Darvill (first quarter) 3, Miss C. Chambers 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. W. Darvill 7, A. E. Ewer 8.

QUARTER PEALS

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): N. Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips (first in two methods) 3, I. Hillburn 4, E. Skinner 5, C. Norton 6. Rung after the carol service.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, B. Hill (first quarter) 2, L. Lilleker 3, L. Boam 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, B. Hill 2, R. Hall 3, L. Boam 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Gwilt 1, Judy Robinson 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, M. Hart 4, J. K. Foot 5, G. E. Fearn 6. For the eve of Christmas.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kitchener 1, Ann Culpin (first as cond.) 2, B. A. Martin 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, B. V. Hart (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Wendy Riseley and Terence Smart.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Cooper 1, J. J. Batchelor 2, P. F. Smith 3, D. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 2 and 3.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain (first quarter, 13) 1, P. Wakefield 2, Anne Stephens (first quarter, 14) 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. Fenton 5, R. Cook 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman 1, A. J. Poyner 2, Joan K. Brown 3, E. Morris 4, R. S. Morris 5, G. H. Bray 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, G. Dinsdale 8. For the wedding of the Rev. J. E. Southgate (curate) to Patricia Plumb, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. Taplin (first on working bell) 1, H. Wittering 2, G. Johnson 3, D. Gullick 4, W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, W. Munson 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. E. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. L. Caporn 2, Marjorie E. Powell (first quarter) 3, Mary White 4, Catherine Powell (first as cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. Wood (first as cond.) 1, Catherine Powell 2, Mary White 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, Mrs. Pat. Wood 5. Rung for the 20th anniversary of the Confirmation of the conductor in this church.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Daphne Lester 1, Nadine Price 2, Pauline F. Sprackling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, A. J. Smith 5, E. W. Penn 6. First in the method by all the band.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, J. G. Pusey 5, W. H. Cooper 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

TALGARH, BRECON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Vera Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees, faithful members of St. Gwendolyn's Church. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. H. Davies 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme, oldest member of the Mothers' Union.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7. Rung with the tenor covering.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Maund 1, F. Lawrence 2, D. Price 3, H. Willett 4, E. W. Penn (first of Minor) 5, M. Hawkes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Patmore 1, P. D. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. C. Maynard 5, D. A. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes 7, F. W. Sykes 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. Rung half-muffled for Watch Night service. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Chapman (first in method) 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, F. W. Sykes 4, B. R. Downes 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WAPLEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Clark 1, J. Powell 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delaney 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. For service of carols and Nativity play.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Lewis 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, P. G. King (first 'inside') 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, J. W. Sprules 6. Before morning family service.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, D. Jackson 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung before Midnight Mass.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Susan Jacobs 2, A. Bagworth 3, E. Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band to J. Tomsett (secretary), who was married to Miss M. Baker on January 8th.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Betty Newman (first quarter) 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. C. Warburton 3, J. J. Green 4, H. M. Windsor 5, J. Stockley 6.

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It was congratulations to the Sussex veteran, Henry Statham, after the peal of Stedman Caters in his own tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 3rd. The Rev. F. E. Walker (Vicar) was to be seen shaking 'Old Harry' by the hand immediately 'Stand' was called, a fitting gesture on the memorable occasion of the Vicar's 25th wedding anniversary. Arrangements are now well in hand for Henry Statham's 87th birthday peal on March 17th—it must be Double Norwich.

Bradford youngsters (oldest 14) with 'Pop' Schofield ringing the treble, excelled themselves with a quarter of Minor on the Cathedral bells on January 6th.

In calling a date touch of 1,959 Doubles, Mr. R. Dowdeswell, of Prastbury, exceeded his previous longest ring on, January 1st, 1958, by one change.

Mr. E. W. Rowe has rung in 116 quarter peals at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London. He adds as a postscript, 'The Vicar is still my friend and most certainly would not be glad to see my back.'

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association coincided with 'the Canaries' defeat of Manchester United in the F.A. Cup. The ringing of St. Peter Mancroft bells in the evening was regarded by some national Sunday newspapers as a sign of rejoicing by the local football fans.

Farnham ringers will be interested to learn that Mr. James Hasted is ringing again after many years. On the same night, 41 years ago, the late Mr. Richard Hasted, then a police inspector at Havant, gave the first lesson in ringing to him and three others—Messrs. H. Marshall, of Havant, F. Penn, now at Westbury, Wilts, and E. Hedger, of Alton, Hants.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Cranham, Glos, by members of the St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Sunday service band, enabled all five 'inside' ringers to complete the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. It must be unique for a complete 'inside' band to do this together.

Fellow students at London University of Miss M. H. Wright will note that she rang her first peal on vacation at Oldham.

Home on leave from Germany, Mr. Kenneth W. Price managed to snatch a quarter peal at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on January 11th.

Mr. Peter N. Bond was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the annual meeting last Saturday.

The Ladies' Guild have changed the venue and date of their annual meeting from Liverpool in July to Southport on May 16th, to coincide with the Central Council meeting.

After a lapse of 31 years, Mr. W. Little took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans Cathedral on New Year's Day to mark the 75th anniversary of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers.

For upwards of 11 years since her first peal Mrs. J. R. Smith, now living in Norfolk, has never missed seeing her name in the peal columns at least once a year. In 1958 she only just made it by ringing her first handbell peal of Minor at New Buckenham with three hours to spare.

For the wedding of Mr. J. Tomsett, who has been associated with St. Mary's, Wimbeldon, for over 30 years, to Miss M. Baker on January 8th, friends from Streatham assisted in ringing for the service. Unfortunately a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was lost later in the day, but this was rectified the following Sunday, as our quarter peal columns show.

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OUR CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The quiz proved to be very difficult and there was no conspicuous entry. The best attempt was by Mr. Henry Allen, of 3, Russell's Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, who is awarded a book token. To be commended are the attempts of J. R. Hagh, The Vicarage, Priory Gardens, Folkestone, and Miss Daphne Lester, Fretton Court, 9, Laton Road, Hastings.

THE ANSWERS

1. They were tailors, as, with funeral tolling 'nine tailors (tellers) make a man,' therefore the Queen addressed the 18 tailors as *two men*!

2. The 'Abbey Bell,' the fifth at St. Peter's, Chertsey, is said to have been the curfew bell concerned.

3. It was desired that the initial letters of the texts on the 13 bells of the ring should spell the name of the donor, *Thomas Bartlett*, but as there were 14 letters in his name one bell had to carry two texts: the treble was chosen. The Bourdon could not be included as it was not part of the gift.

4. At Lloyd's, of London, where one stroke on the 'Lutine Bell' means that a ship insured there is overdue and considered lost, whilst two strokes mean that one considered lost has reached port safely.

5. Midnight on December 31st, when the ship's bell is struck eight bells for the old year and eight for the new.

6. Mattathias, in Irving's favourite melodrama, 'The Bells.'

7. The bells of Waltham Abbey are believed to be those that inspired Tennyson.

8. At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, otherwise Westminster Abbey.

9. Paul Revere, as described in Longfellow's poem.

10. The former ring, by Byrne, of Dublin, at St. Francis', Holbeck, Leeds.

11. The famous Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, in a petition for its removal.

12. A dabchick was the mark of William and Robert Cor (c. 1700), two of the earliest English handbell makers and bell-founders, so he may have been looking at a handbell or tower bell cast by them at Aldbourne.

13. At St. Michael's, Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A.

14. At St. Mary's, Anstey, Leics.

15. At the Abbey Church, Pershore, Worcs, the ringing 'raft' is 73 feet from the floor!

16. HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD, on horse bells. (Zechariah xiv., 20.)

17. No, because each of the bells was not 'rung throughout by the same ringer or ringers.' You may remember that the vicar relieved everyone, except Hezekiah Lavender, in turn.

18. Before 1846 a bell that had caused the death of a person would be condemned as a 'deodand' and forfeit to the Crown, and could not then be rung.

19. The Bourdon Bell, 'St. Dunstan,' at Canterbury Cathedral.

20. St. Michael's, Leafeld, Oxon. The royal forest of Wyckwood was situated within the parish.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division

A very successful practice meeting was held at Goring-by-Sea on January 10th, about 36 members attending. The Vicar (the Rev. Peter Bide, M.A.), welcomed the ringers. Ringing in various methods was rung until tea, at which the Vicar presided. A short service followed. Arrangements were made by the local captain, Mr. S. F. Haffenden, assisted at tea by Miss Haffenden, Miss Baker and Mrs. Lish. Ringing concluded at 8 o'clock and all expressed their thanks to those concerned.

S. F. H.

LEISTON'S RECORD PEAL OF 70 YEARS AGO

Of the band of eight young men with an average age of 21, who on Saturday, April 21st, 1888, rang at Leiston the longest length in the Eastern Counties—10,304 Plain Bob Major, in 6 hours 17 minutes—there is today only one survivor, Mr. Richard Stannard, of Barking.

The peal remained the longest length on the bells until 1909, when it was superseded by a peal of 11,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The peal is recorded on a tablet in Leiston belfry, erected by the parishioners, which gives the names of the band as follows: James Motts (conductor) treble, William Button 2, Fredk. Wilson 3, Henry J. Button 4, William Motts 5, Albert J. Lincoln 6, Rich. W. Stannard 7, Fredk. Tillett tenor.

Two attempts for a 70th anniversary commemoration peal came to grief—on October 18th and December 27th—but despite these failures it is felt that the memory of the long peal will live for ever.

Mr. Stannard, who is 89, is now unable to ring owing to an accident two years ago. He learned to ring in 1883, when Leiston bells were augmented to eight, and rang a peal there in 1886. In 1887 he succeeded Gabriel Lindoff, the famous composer and conductor, as conductor. Mr. Stannard left for Ipswich in 1890, where he rang six peals at St. Mary-le-Tower. Another move, to Colchester, was made in the following year, and within one month he was elected Master of the company. While at Colchester he rang 132 peals. Later—in 1931—came a move to London and his joining the St. Margaret's, Westminster, company, to stay with them for 20 years, and ring for every opening of Parliament, royal birthdays, and the Queen's wedding and coronation.

Young Ringers' Appreciation

Awaiting the captain of Hanley Parish Church (Mr. Norman Sargeant) when he arrived at 6.15 a.m. on Christmas Day was a parcel with a note, 'To be opened in the presence of all the ringers.' This was duly observed, and to his delight it contained a comprehensive set of ringing books.

Unbeknown to him or Mr. F. E. Wilshaw, the keen young ringers of the tower had been subscribing for some time for this gift. They have already a few peals to their credit, including one in six methods. Their gift is much appreciated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 3rd. Visitors were present from Chippenham, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon and Salisbury.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector (Rev. E. Dabbs). The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks). An appeal was made to members for better support to the monthly meetings, otherwise the Branch would have to try evening meetings.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Weeks; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Hitchings; Ringing Masters, Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant; hon. auditor, Mr. L. Hitchings. The next three meetings were arranged for Hilperston, Great Cheverell and North Bradley.

A collection was taken at the service for the Chirton Bell Fund. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea, the Rev. G. Edwards, curate at St. James', replying. Ringing to suit all ringers took place at the three towers.

S. C.

DISTRACTIONS IN A KENT PEAL

The peal of Spliced at Shoreham, Kent, on January 3rd was Ralph Bird's 250th tower for a peal. Shoreham bells are not one of the better rings in Kent, but several of the band had not rung a peal there and were grateful for the Vicar's permission for the attempt. Unfortunately, the bells are not rung very often, and a certain amount of 'bell-hanging' was considered advisable.

Volunteers were redecorating the church and unfortunately the supply of distemper ran out during the peal. The churchwarden peeped round the door two or three times to spy out the land and ultimately summoned up the courage to dive amongst the ropes to the turret staircase door. He produced a keg of distemper from behind the door and proceeded to propel it milk churn fashion through the circle of ropes.

About an hour later some further item of painting equipment seemed to be required which involved another hands and knees expedition to the other side of the circle. Alas, the searcher seemed to go out empty-handed, so we are unable to record what he was looking for.

Towards the end of the peal 'Mrs. Mop' appeared to have designs on the bucket and mop at the far side of the tower. She peeped round the door two or three times, but ultimately discretion appeared to triumph over valour.

The ringers of the fourth and fifth did not appear to be wholly satisfied with their 'place in the sun,' but all's well that ends well.

P. A. C.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 3rd in the new hall attached to St. Martin's Church. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who, before the commencement of the business, referred to the death of Mr. Albert T. Scrivens, who was an active member of the Guild for many years, until illness prevented him from ringing. A moment's silence was observed as a token or respect to his memory.

Mrs. F. E. Haynes, of Smethwick, Miss Judith Gwilt, of Shirley, and Mr. Norman Smith, of Yardley, were elected members, and the tower elections of Miss Mary Hall, of Bristol, and Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Buxton, were duly ratified.

A loss of £8 on the Henry Johnson Dinner was disclosed upon the presentation of the balance sheet. The secretary reminded the members that a new peal book, at the cost of about £15, was required, and that this expense would have to be met in the next financial year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, in recognition of their interest in the Guild over many years.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, who had been Master for three years, agreed with the sentiment often expressed in the past that the office of Master was one which should go round, and proposed that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd be invited to accept office for the ensuing year—a proposition which met with unanimous approval.

The remaining officers were re-elected, viz: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

The meeting decided to invite Canon F. F. Guy Warman to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held on March 7th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Giles', Norwich, on January 10th, when despite wintry conditions over 40 sat down to tea. Ringers from East Ham, Oxford and Leiston were welcomed. The service was taken by the Rev. Giles Galley, of Great Yarmouth, who also gave the address. The Vicar (Rev. Father D. A. Rae) played the organ, and the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) read the lesson.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea, the following were elected to hold office during 1959: Chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason; Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Bird; standing committee, Messrs. W. Clover and G. Sayer; Branch committee, Messrs. P. Adcock, H. F. Carter, J. W. Dowe, F. C. Goodman and D. Pardon.

Dates of meetings for 1959: April 18th (Wymondham), July 25th, October 17th, A.B.M. January 9th, 1960.

Members elected were: The Rev. Father D. A. Rae, Mrs. C. Goodman and Mrs. W. Love, honorary, all of Norwich; Miss J. Brearley, Miss C. Brunton, probationary; Miss A. Betts, Miss R. Kemp, Miss H. Webb and P. Pease, ringing members, all of Dereham; P. J. Sappwell and D. J. Sugden, of Aylsham.

The chairman thanked the Vicar and the Rev. G. Galley and Mrs. Golden, who with her willing helpers provided and served the tea. Before the service the bells of St. Giles' were rung to various methods, as were the bells of St. Peter Mancroft during the evening.

Subscription Reminder

A final reminder to postal subscribers whose subscriptions are now due. Post remittance at once to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months £1 8s., six months 14s. 6d., three months 7s. 6d. New subscribers also welcome.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 10th. Ringing preceded a short service conducted by Canon A. P. Morley, and an excellent tea was served in the Rectory.

As hon. president, Canon Morley presided at the business meeting, when satisfactory reports were presented by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer. Officers re-elected were: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. H. Chant, treasurer; Mr. James W. Buxton, secretary; Messrs. H. Rusby and W. Womack, auditors. Loughborough Bell Foundry was suggested for the annual outing and the route will be decided at the next meeting (at Wentworth, on February 14th).

New members elected were: Ian Harrop, Margaret Maynard (Sandall), Geoffrey Barrow (Kirkburton), David Schofield (Tankersley). The vote of thanks for the meeting was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, who especially mentioned the Rector, Mr. Eric Stainrod and the ladies. Mr. John W. Moxon thanked the secretary and officers for their work during the year. Good use was made of the bells in the ringing which followed.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on January 10th, when some 60 members attended, also visitors from Chichester, Salisbury and Nottingham. Ringing in various methods took place on the bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

At the business meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, R.D., said that owing to increasing church duties he would be unable to continue as District chairman. He was thanked for carrying out this work for the past 16 years. Mr. R. Reed was elected District chairman, Mr. J. Hartless District secretary, Mr. R. Reed and Mr. R. Savory as Joint Ringing Masters, Mr. C. Kippin auditor, and Mr. D. Forder and Mr. T. Chapman as representatives.

It was decided to hold District meetings at Romsey, North Stoneham, Upham and Southampton and a special meeting in the autumn at Bitterne Park to coincide with the jubilee of the church. All will be duly advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary reported a good year with increased membership, balance in hand, attendance at meetings, and Sunday service ringing being well maintained in most of the District towers. G. P.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Feniton on January 10th and attended by about 30 ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Smith, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Certificates were presented by the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) to Miss Bindloss, Mr. N. Cornelius and Mr. F. Welsh, from Kilminster.

The bells were rung before the service at Feniton, and after at Buckerell. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex District

The annual meeting of the Sussex District was held at St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on January 10th. Over 30 members and friends were present from towers as far apart as Shoreham and Hastings. The accent was certainly on youth, and many of the young and enthusiastic Southover band were able to try new methods, while everyone enjoyed the unaccustomed ringing on ten bells. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters. Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

The service, at which the Rector (Rev. D. G. Matthews) welcomed the ringers, was followed by an enjoyable tea, arranged by Mrs. Elphick. At the business meeting Mrs. Percy was re-elected as vice-president. Miss Lester secretary, and Miss Everest, Miss Eldridge, Mrs. Levett and Miss Apps committee members. Six new members were elected, making the total membership over 40. They were the Misses Janet Percy (Willington), Ann Lewis and L. Wilson (Southover), Ann Buncombe, Gillian Buncombe and Gillian Williams (Rotherfield). Ringing continued until nearly 8 o'clock. Our thanks are due to the Rector, the organist, and to the Elphick family for a most enjoyable meeting. D. F. L.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The experiment made last year with a social meeting at Chester-le-Street by two Districts went quite well, and was repeated this year as a full Association meeting on January 3rd.

Ringing was confined to the afternoon and included a small competition by teams drawn out of the hat. There were two teams in each section, where the test pieces were Grandsire Triples and rounds. A particularly encouraging feature of the latter section was youth, many of the ringers being teenagers. The judges, Messrs. K. Arthur and K. W. Cheeseman, commented very favourably on their efforts.

Tea was served buffet fashion in the Church Institute, and the recorded competitive efforts were played back during tea before the verdict was given. It was interesting to note that a show of hands before the verdict gave a good majority in favour of the judges' verdict. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting possible.

Carol singing replaced the service and was ably handled by Mr. K. W. Cheeseman at the piano. Thereafter a number of party games provided amusement for participants and on-lookers, until a further attack was made on the food. The proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. D. A. B.

Peal Ringers Of 1958

Will those who rang 25 or more peals during 1958 please send the following details to the Editor: Number rung, tower and band; number conducted. An early reply would be appreciated.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

The St. Margaret's Guild of Ringers held their annual dinner on New Year's Eve at the Belmont Hotel, when a company of 20 sat down to an excellent repast. The Ringing Master afterwards gave a short review of the past year's activities, and welcomed the return of Mr. Walter Tanser after his serious illness. We also had several choirboys learning the art and making good progress. In this way we hope to keep them interested in the church after they have left the choir.

The question of bell ropes arose, and it was pointed out how these were in a bad condition, and already most have been spliced both at top and bottom. We sadly need a new set, and it was a very generous and spontaneous act of Mr. Don Clarke (chorister and server), who was present at the dinner, to offer a donation of £10 to this cause. An appeal will be made to get other donations so that a new and complete set of ropes might be obtained.

A very fine addition to the ringing chamber was the gift of a bookcase by Miss Annie Rayson, which now houses a portion of the Morris collection of campanological works. The ringers later adjourned to the tower, where in the traditional manner they 'rang out the old and rang in the new' year.

N.B.—Justifying the above remarks about the bell ropes—on Saturday, January 10th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was lost after 2½ hours through the seventh rope breaking! E. M.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOW INCIDENT A 'LONG-STANDING' OBJECT LESSON

Dear Sir,—From a careful reading of the 'official correspondence' in the Bow dispute, it now seems fair to accept that this was conducted in good faith by both parties.

It seems, however, to confirm quite clearly that the flaw which led to such unfortunate consequences lay—not for the first time—in a ringer's assumption that our most elemental terminology is readily comprehensible to the non-ringer. I am quite sure that Mr. Leale believed that his explanation to the Vicar of Bow of a 'peal . . . from 6 to 9 p.m.' was adequate, but to assume that an incumbent would understand that a 'peal' involves three hours' continuous ringing is as much a non sequitur as to assume that he would know what was meant by a complaint that the organ had some bad ciphers; a non-organist parson would probably examine the organ-case for ill-designed monograms. One has only to read newspaper accounts of weddings to know what the word 'peal' means to the non-ringing public—it covers everything from a few rounds upwards.

As confirmation of this, I was told recently of a telephone call to an incumbent to seek permission for a mid-week peal 'from 6 to 9 p.m.' in a tower on the eastern outskirts of London. Consent was readily given. The organist then inquired whether the cleric clearly understood that a peal meant three hours' continuous ringing. The point had certainly not been understood by the reverend gentleman, and permission was immediately withdrawn.

The Bow incident should be a long-standing object lesson to all of us who take the greatest pains on every occasion when we wish to visit a tower where, through the absence of ringers, correspondence is conducted through the incumbent, to explain not only the duration of our visit—whether for a peal, a quarter peal, a meeting or an outing—but to say whether our ringing will be continuous or intermittent. Failure to take such action is less than fair to, perhaps, a young incumbent in his first living, with no knowledge of ringing, and even where older clerics are concerned it may lead to a repetition of the present sorry story of anger and ill-feeling in circles where it is least appropriate.—Yours faithfully,

AIDAN St. J. BOYACK.

P.S.—For the benefit of non-organist ringers may I carefully explain that a 'cipher' is the continued sounding of an organ-pipe, due to a mechanical fault, after the player has released the key.—A. St. J. B.

Maidstone Grammar School Society

The meeting at Watlingbury on January 3rd was not very well attended but, nevertheless, continuous change ringing was possible throughout the afternoon and evening except during the service conducted by Canon Soar and the business meeting, with Miss Bennett in the chair. The meeting referred to the committee a suggestion for a ringing tour.

DILLINGTON HOUSE

Dear Sir,—May I say a word or two about the proposed course at Dillington House. This first course is to be entirely in the nature of an experiment, which we hope will lead to the foundation of a regular yearly course with the syllabus based on the knowledge we gain this year. I would like to know that each Guild in the Exercise had sent one representative to this initial course. This would then give us far more than the minimum number of students needed and I can assure the prospective students of a really first-class weekend—good food, lovely surroundings (Dillington House is an Elizabethan manor house) and ringing. What more could any keen ringer ask?—Yours truly,

EDNA F. GRABHAM,
Staple Fitzpaine, Taunton.

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—When will the B.B.C. realise that the time they allow for the bells on the air is insufficient, and why, in this short while, the bells are merely used as a background to a running commentary? The real problem, I think, arises from the use of bells as an interval signal and the B.B.C. is afraid that a mix-up may occur if an increase in the time is allowed. There is one thing that I cannot understand. When church bells are being broadcast and the previous programme ends two or three minutes before time, why cannot this time be added to the time allowed for the bells? This is not the complete answer but would make a big difference on many occasions.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BRIDGES.
Leiston, Suffolk.

OBITUARY

MR. ROGER MOORE

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

The tragic passing of Roger Moore at the age of 18 has been a great blow to his parents, his brother, Clive, and to the Epping ringers. He was cycling to his work at Harlow New Town when, passing through Potter Street, his cycle skidded on the frozen road, causing him to fall under the wheels of a double-decker bus travelling towards Epping.

His work for the church as a ringer and server was done with great devotion and earnestness, always in a pleasing and quiet manner and in the team spirit, playing an important part in the advance of change ringing in the Epping tower.

The coffin rested in St. John's Church the night prior to the funeral on January 12th. Many local residents attended the choral service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. L. Ovenden), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Mr. de Pury). The Vicar spoke highly of Roger's exemplary character, and although greatly moved by such a tragic passing, consoled the mourners that Roger had been called to higher service and, spiritually, was still in their midst. Before and after the service the local band, assisted by Mr. C. E. Willmington (secretary S.W. District) and Mr. J. Chalk, rang the bells half-muffled, a last tribute to one so greatly loved.

OBITUARY

MR. O. G. ATTWOOD

The death of Mr. Oliver George Attwood, of Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire, on December 29th, saddened the hearts of all the ringers around Bredon Hill.

Oliver, as he was affectionately known, was 72 years old, and had been Ringing Master at Bredon's Norton for half a century. Many ringers learnt the art in the tiny belfry there, and he was unsurpassed as a tutor, possessing the patience of Job. In all the years I knew him he never raised his voice in anger, and all his pupils loved and respected him. He was a man of sterling character, a generous and trusty friend, and will be remembered also for his hospitality, as all ringers were welcome at Fir Tree Cottage.

Oliver's first peal, which he conducted, was rung at Strensham some 50 years ago. Since that time he had taken part in many peals, and I myself have had the pleasure of ringing in many of them. He was a founder member of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and also a member of the Worcester and Districts Association. Unfortunately, because of ill health, he had not been able to take an active part in ringing recently, but he was interested in anything to do with it.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard at Bredon's Norton within the sound of the bells he loved so well. Those who knew him will sadly miss him, but they will always remember him with gratitude. E. T. N.

MR. RICHARD CASTLE

A very faithful member of the Church. Mr. Richard Castle, of Launton, near Bicester, has died, aged 72. He had been a member of Launton choir since the age of eight and verger of the church for 37 years. He was a founder member of St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Launton, in 1913. A silent tribute to his memory was paid at the Bicester District Branch meeting at Ambrosden on January 10th.

MR. WILLIAM NELDER

The Essex Association has lost one of its oldest ringers, a life member, of the Wanstead band, in the passing of Mr. William Nelder, after a short illness. Born on April 23rd, 1868, in the West Country, he spent most of his life in the London area, ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Christ Church, Wanstead, and also at St. George's, Barkingside, Ilford.

For many years he was a chorister at Christ Church, Wanstead, and was able to ring until a short time before his passing. He was an excellent treble ringer and a regular attendant at the S.W. District meetings of the Essex Association. His loyalty, cheerfulness and vitality will always be remembered.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's, Ilford, on January 9th, conducted by his nephew Canon C. K. Peeke, of St. Michael's, Newquay, followed by cremation. Many members of the family were present, including his aged widow, his son-in-law, Mr. A. E. Cooper, M.P. for South Ilford, and his old ringing friends, Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. C. Coe and J. Chalk.

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AUSTRALASIAN REVIEW

By GEORGE W. PIPE

OUR review begins in New Zealand, where two rings are regularly rung. The 14 active members of Christchurch enjoy a fine Taylor ten (tenor 32 cwt.), and ringing takes place every Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. A meeting has been held in 1958, and Christchurch is lucky to have great interest shown by its Cathedral Chapter. Undaunted, though depleted in numbers, the Society achieves Doubles, Minor and Grandsire Triples.

Hamilton boasts of a notable Mears octave, and again ringing has taken place each Sunday morning and evening, with a Wednesday practice. This cathedral has been unfortunate to lose several capable ringers over the past two years. Only Doubles and Bob Minor are rung, supplanting the once regular Triples and Treble Bob Minor.

The beautiful island of Tasmania has two further eights, both in Hobart, and news has reached me that ringing has taken place in both St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity every Sunday in 1958. Again, it is a struggle with about seven or eight members for each tower and only four or five change-ringers between them. Three new recruits have joined their ranks and the writer looks forward to his acquaintance with a fellow Suffolk man early this year—Sidney Smith, late of Bury St. Edmunds, now at Holy Trinity, Hobart.

PERTH HAS HOPES

From that lonely outpost of the Exercise, Perth, in Western Australia, correspondence with the ringers at St. George's Cathedral (8 by Warner) has been most heartening. The bells are only chimed due to the poor state of the tower, but steps are now being taken to effect repairs, and the locals have high hopes of swinging the bells very soon. This will bring joy to the people of Perth for their bells haven't been properly rung since the Great Adventure in 1934. Present membership is seven, two having joined in 1958.

Now a dash of 2,500 miles up to Maryborough, Queensland, whose nearest ringers would be some 500 miles away! Another lonely tower but a nevertheless keen call-change band. St. Paul's has a ring of nine (21 cwt. tenor which has recently been rehung on ball-bearings). Their membership (two new) stands at 12.

At Adelaide ringing is ascending to a peak standard to that enjoyed in the early 1950's under Philip L. Cooper and company. Both at St. Peter's Cathedral—a grand Taylor eight (41 cwt. in C)—and St. Andrew's, Walkerville—a very musical Mears and Stainbank six—are young, talented bands. No meetings were held in 1958, but in January a great get-together was held by Melbourne and Adelaide ringers in that fair city. The Cathedral alone has 16 ringers, several having joined in the past 18 months, and Plain Bob Doubles and Triples and Grandsire Doubles with Stedman are rung, as well as call-changes. A fine team spirit exists in Adelaide, each tower giving the other a helping hand. Two attempts for quarters have been made, and it won't be long before success is recorded.

N.S.W. PROMINENT

New South Wales, of course, possesses by far the most rings and members. Of the eight rings in Sydney and environs, six are rung every Sunday. In this city are some of the post-war pioneers of ringing: names like Bill Rowe, Tom Goodyer and John Cummins. Several quarters have been accomplished with a high proportion of 'firsts,' and these are published in the monthly journal of the Association, 'Ringing Towers.' An event of great importance took

place recently in that a peal was scored on the very fine eight of St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral (tenor 26 cwt.), the only one since the first in 1934. Young ringers a-plenty are being taught at Randwick (8), Darling Point (8) and the sixes of Parramatta, Christ Church and Turramurra, and it is heartening to hear of possible steps being taken to renovate the bells at St. Philip's (another nine).

Maitland, about 200 miles from Sydney (another 'steel' ring like Randwick), is noted for the quality of its ringing, and it has been good to see the occasional quarter chalked up for the Association. This is a very healthy tower with a talented circle of lady ringers.

One more band to round off N.S.W.—at St. Clement's, Yass. This tower has suffered a lapse over recent years. In the early 1950's it was quite prominent, but common to all towers at one time or another it is having its lean time. Only about five or six learners are left, but we commend them on keeping the bells going on Sunday. We are hoping for a corporate meeting at Yass in 1959, for this tower is roughly midway between Melbourne and Sydney.

ACTIVE YEAR IN VICTORIA

Victoria has enjoyed an active year with regular ringing taking place in four of the five ringable towers—Ballaarat, Bendigo, and St. Paul's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals in Melbourne. In St. Peter's, Ballaarat, the treble of the six (actually an eight but lamentably only six hung for ringing) cracked in March, but the locals have manned the remaining five, and these have sounded over this 'garden city' throughout the year. Bell now being recast at Whitechapel Foundry—quick work! The eight (22½ cwt.) of the City Hall are civic property, but have been rung occasionally over the past 12 months for important occasions.

The Bendigo Society always deserve the heartiest of praise, for theirs must be one of the toughest assignments in the ringing Exercise. The writer recalls Chipping Campden tenor and the like, but 'man, these are all fair-dinkum chippings!' However, a considerable sum of money has been set aside for their restoration, and under Messrs. W. and T. Wilson the project should soon be on the move. Membership stands at about 12, and the bells are rung twice every week. The bells themselves are a well-sounding Mears octave, but hung far too high in a brick tower. Three meetings have been held in 1958; twice the journey of 100 miles or so has been made to Melbourne.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, has probably the largest single Society in Australasia, membership at the moment standing at 26, of which about 13 are learners of varying proficiency up to Bob Major. Seven peals and five quarters (including Grandsire Caters and Kent Major) were recorded during the year, with several firsts in the method. January saw a fine trip to Adelaide, and two visits have been made to Ballaarat, the latter resulting in a long-awaited peal of Major at the City Hall. Many visitors have joined us in service ringing and practice nights, including people from New Zealand, Scotland and England, a great treat being the visit of Frank Oakshott, of Surrey.

Two lectures and demonstrations have been given to Societies, and the Company took part in a T.V. show in November, which was a great success. Handbells have also been rung in three city churches and several groups have been shown over the belfry. Distances again are a great problem and it is often difficult for the full team to get together. Over the year methods have included Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Kent and Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples, with one or two tries at Double Norwich. The 12 have

been rung to call-changes generally once a week. Last winter (July—odd isn't it!) a team of 'bellistic miscalls' headed by Peter Richards descended on the dilapidated octave of St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. Their cleaning, adjusting, etc., is a long story, but we now proudly report Sunday service ringing on the first Sunday in each month in this very fine cathedral church. The bells themselves are poor, but the opportunity of sounding another ring and hopes to start afresh the old St. Patrick's Society have cheered us all—bells are scarce! Two beginners are now 'going through the hoop,' and they hope by their example to attract more this year. Our peal there in October for the late Pope was the first on the bells—and they were cast in 1851!

A round trip of approximately 7,500 miles, with only 21 ringing towers and a mere 200 ringers—that's the picture; but we still proudly pursue the art of our forefathers. Who knows—another Great Adventure in 1959–1960—25 years after Rupert Richardson and his merry men? It won't be long, we keep telling ourselves!

Meanwhile, to all ringers in every part of Britain and elsewhere, greetings and an even better 1959.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

A company of 31 members, probationers and wives attended the annual supper of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Guildford, Change Ringing Society held on January 9th. An excellent meal was cooked by Mrs. Audrey White, with the assistance of Mrs. Iris Oliver, and Mrs. Bentley was responsible for coffee.

The Provost (Very Rev. W. Boulton) presided and proposed the toast of 'The Society,' to which the conductor (Mr. T. M. White) replied. In a speech full of reminiscences and advice to the probationers, especially 'Margaret,' Mr. A. H. Pulling proposed the toast of 'The Ladies.' Mrs. T. W. White replied.

At the annual meeting which followed, the hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. White) in his report referred to the severe losses to the company by the departure of Mr. F. A. Munday, Mr. W. J. Robinson and Mrs. Tate. They had been replaced by Messrs. H. A. May, E. Warner and S. G. Ponting. The Society had nine probationers, and by dint of much practising rang for both carol services held simultaneously at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's churches, and also handbells before the services. New ropes had been ordered for Holy Trinity, towards which the Society raised £19.

The qualification for membership of the Society was amended from 168 changes on a working bell to 168 changes on the treble on eight bells, or 120 changes on a working bell on six bells. The officers were re-elected and appropriate votes of thanks passed.

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FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 767)

The following amendments should be made to the schedule of Principles rung to peals, page 699 (see also page 779).

Stedman Caters.—Rung by the *ancient* College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—Rung by the *junior* College Youths, being one of the last peals rung by this Society before it assumed the title *Ancient Society of College Youths*. The *ancient* College Youths became extinct on August 4th, 1788.

Caversham Major.—5,040 at Caversham on July 15th, 1913, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There have been very few combinations of spliced Triples and Major rung to peals.

Plain Bob Triples and Major.—5,012 at St. George's, Southwark, on April 17th, 1768, by the London Youths.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.—5,096 at Bridgend on September 1st, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild.

Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major.—5,095 at Bridgend on October 6th, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild.

Stedman Triples and Bob Major.—5,055 at Northfleet on December 7th, 1927, by the Kent County Association.

The following is believed to be a complete schedule of Treble Bob, Exercise and Delight Major methods rung to peals. Of these, *Champion*, *New Cumberland*, *St. Stephen's*, *Albion* and *Westminster* have been incorrectly referred to as *Surprise* in some peal reports.

Oxford T.B. Major.—5,120 at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on December 27th, 1718, by the Union Scholars, and is the earliest known peal of Major.

Imperial III Major.—Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760, by the Norwich Scholars, probably St. Peter's Company. There may have been earlier peals, but the original Norwich Scholars' peal book is lost.

Kent T.B. Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on June 5th, 1774, by the Leeds Youths.

Albion T.B. Major.—5,600 at Keighley, Yorks, on March 27th, 1808, by the Keighley Society.

London T.B. Major.—5,024 at Keighley, Yorks, on February 28th, 1814, by the Keighley Society.

Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.—5,600 at Sheffield on March 7th, 1843, by the Sheffield Youths.

Rose-of-England T.B. Major.—5,024 at Liversedge, Yorks, on January 12th, 1857, by the Liversedge Society.

Prince Albert T.B. Major.—5,120 at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 15th, 1859, by the Liversedge Society.

Violet T.B. Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on March 16th, 1865, by the Huddersfield and Mirfield Societies.

Halifax T.B. Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866, by the Huddersfield Society.

Champion T.B. Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 20th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association.

Little Albion T.B. Major.—5,040 at Pulford on October 24th, 1913, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Morning Exercise Major.—5,120 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on December 28th, 1737, by the College Youths.

College Ex. Major.—5,056 at Hackney on December 26th, 1760, by the *junior* College Youths.

Yorkshire Ex. Major.—5,600 at Sowerby on February 7th, 1808, by the Halifax St. John Society.

Cumberland Ex. Major.—5,024 at Keighley on May 15th, 1815, by the Keighley Society.

Liversedge Ex. Major.—6,720 at Liversedge on April 17th, 1843, by the Liversedge Society.

Merchants Return Ex. Major.—5,600 at Glossop on March 19th, 1859, by the Glossop Society.

Sowerby Ex. Major.—5,184 at Denholm Gate on February 24th, 1877, by the Yorkshire Association.

New Cumberland Ex. Major.—5,024 at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886, by the Midland Counties Association.

Woodbine Ex. Major.—5,120 at Newcastle upon Tyne on November 2nd, 1891, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

St. Stephen's Ex. Major.—5,024 at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 24th, 1900, by the A.S.C.Y.

Oswald Delight Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on December 23rd, 1775, by the Leeds Youths.

Westminster Del. Major.—5,088 at Brighton on May 16th, 1898, by the Sussex County Association.

Cumberland Del. Major.—5,056 at Waltham Abbey on March 16th, 1912, by the Cumberland Youths.

Carisbrooke Del. Major.—5,248 at Norbury, Cheshire, on August 17th, 1935, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Syston Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on June 8th, 1946, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Edinburgh Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on November 20th, 1948, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Wath Del. Major.—5,024 at Loddon, Norfolk, on January 16th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Pontefract Del. Major.—5,024 at Holywood, Co. Down, on April 15th, 1952, by the Irish Association.

Loddon Del. Major.—5,184 at Loddon on March 14th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Shouldham Del. Major.—5,024 at Hethersett on August 12th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Eardisland Del. Major.—5,088 at Eardisland on December 26th, 1953, by the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Holywood Del. Major.—5,088 at Holywood, Co. Down, on January 30th, 1954, by the Irish Association.

St. Wolstan's Del. Major.—5,088 at Wigston Magna on September 11th, 1954, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Humberstone Del. Major.—5,056 at Wigston Magna on February 19th, 1955, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Gressenhall Del. Major.—5,184 at Gressenhall on January 18th, 1956, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Tythorn Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on June 15th, 1957, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The Alliance Major methods are a group of limited appeal, possibly because of difficulty with musical compositions.

Dains Alliance Major.—5,064 at Crawley on November 8th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association.

Checkendon Little Alliance Major.—5,020 at East Dereham on March 4th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Northrepps Little Alliance Major.—5,060 at Marsham on March 11th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Perivale Alliance Major.—5,280 at Accrington on March 12th, 1955, by the Lancashire Association.

Bristol Alliance Major.—5,040 at Loughborough on October 26th, 1955, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Huncoat Alliance Major.—5,180 at Accrington on January 25th, 1957, by the Lancashire Association.

There have been one example each of Treble Place, Regular Twin-hunt and Irregular Surprise Major methods rung to peals.

Nightingale T.P. Major.—5,025 at Liversedge on April 29th, 1868, by the Liversedge Society.

Waterloo Reverse Bob Major.—5,088 at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 23rd, 1912, by the Kent County Association.

Washbrook's Oxford Surprise Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 31st, 1897, by the Sussex County Association.

The following is believed to be a complete schedule of irregular Plain and Little Plain Major rung to peals.

Double London Court Major.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry on May 17th, 1735, by the College Youths.

College Single Major.—5,040 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 24th, 1737, by the College Youths.

Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on December 27th, 1747, by the Eastern Scholars. Incorrectly known as Yorkshire Court.

Bob Major St. George.—5,040 at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, by the College Youths.

Double Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 12th, 1752, by the Eastern Scholars. Incorrectly known as Double Yorkshire Court.

Grandsire Major.—5,071 at St. George's, Southwark, on October 11th, 1773, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Major.—5,040 at Islington on September 13th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Warnham on December 17th, 1888, by the Sussex County Association.

Little Canterbury Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Erith on October 27th, 1924, by the Kent County Association.

Dartford Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Dartford on February 21st, 1925, by the Kent County Association.

Erith Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Crayford on March 11th, 1930, by the Kent County Association.

Northfleet Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Northfleet on March 8th, 1933, by the Kent County Association.

The figures of the following methods are not known.

Cumberland Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on May 12th, 1753, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Whitechapel on April 1st, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Grand New Double Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on June 2nd, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

Morning Pleasure Major.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1757, by the Leeds Youths.

Cumberland Fancy Major.—5,760 at Shoreditch on January 26th, 1761, by the Cumberland Youths.

Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on December 26th, 1770, by the Leeds Youths.

Leeds Double Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on April 28th, 1771, by the Leeds Youths.

New Treble Place Bob Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on January 10th, 1778, by the Leeds Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Major.—5,504 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B. Major.

Double Treble Bob Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on January 1st, 1803, by the Leeds Youths.

Rainham Forward Major.—5,096 (false) at Crayford on April 30th, 1927, by the Kent County Association.

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45362	2		2		SSCBXBCSS
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25436	1			1	LXL
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