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THE ROMANCE OF THE FALSE PEAL

By ERNEST MORRIS

HOW humiliating it is to any composer who has the misfortune to be 'found out' in producing a false peal, and what a disappointment to any band ringing one. There is little consolation in the fact that nearly all composers—both great or otherwise—have 'fallen for it,' and strange to say, more often than not in the simplest methods. Yet this happens from time to time, and will go on doing so. In the early days of our art, when men were groping more or less in the dark as it were, one could understand that many false compositions were produced and rung. Several of the early peals of Grandsire Triples on the Holt's ten-part plan were rung with ordinary singles halfway and end, thus being false. The first peal at St. Mark's Church, Leicester, was like this, and we used to say it was so ashamed of itself that the tablet erected to commemorate it can hardly be read owing to the lettering—red capitals and gold letters on a light brown background—being faded badly.

Some time ago Mr. Peter Crook wrote in these columns that there ought not to be any such false peals nowadays if young conductors would take the Central Council's publications. Yet even there one finds many false compositions which are supposed to be collections of the best in their several methods. We are reading about the false Surprise peals even today! They are by such eminent men as C. H. Hattersley, A. Knights, A. Craven, H. Dains, J. A. Trollope and others. Sometimes we see a perfectly true peal of little more than the usual length reduced falsely by putting in a shortening course or part in the wrong place. Such a one is that by J. A. Trollope—Bob Major reduced falsely (C.C. Collection).

One recalls a similar case where a perfectly true peal of T.B. Major by F. Robinson was so reduced falsely and rung five or six times, including the very fine performance in ringing it on the back eight of the old Bow Bells.

On one occasion the late Arthur Knights called a peal of his own composition—Grandsire Caters—at Chesterfield, and at its conclusion said: 'You have rung a false peal, gentlemen!'—he had noticed while actually ringing a false course coming up! And speaking of Grandsire Caters, the late John Carter composed and called one with a band of veterans all over 70 which—years afterwards—was found to be false. In this same method there are compositions in the C.C. Collection by William Willson and C. H. Hattersley which are false. My own very first effort, based on a musical plan by F. H. Dexter, who pronounced it true—both his and mine were rung—after over 20 years later—was proved false!

Some years ago here at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, a peal of Bob Royal was rung, and whilst in progress a large stone and other smaller ones fell down from the spire. On investigation later the spire was found to be unsafe and taken down. The facetious say it was this false peal of Bob Royal that did it. In that simple method the C.C. Collection has one by H. Dains that is false.

The writer on one occasion was invited to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral with Messrs. Wm. Pye and company. By a mischance my train from Leicester was so late that I missed the connection at Nottingham. The band assembled and a substitute took my place, and I arrived at Lincoln to hear the best part of a most excellent peal. Over a year later the composition of this peal was found false, so at least I missed that one!

In 1887 the late Sir A. P. Heywood composed and conducted a peal of T.B. Royal which proved to be false, but the same band rang another—a true one—the next year to replace this. A similar event in 1894 happened when John Carter called a peal of Stedman Caters which was false but was rectified by the same band ringing a correct version a year later. The meticulous Charles H. Hattersley produced and rang a false peal of Stedman Caters, which later on I had the misfortune to call on handbells; and in a similar way the late W. H. Inglesant had one of the same method that was rung several times.

One recalls in connection with famous long peals the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, Glos, of nearly 12 hours duration. (I was invited to be in this but could not go on account of business.) After the band had rung in one attempt of over nine hours the tenor man gave up, so James George volunteered and rang it to the peal. Alas, on the figures being published it was found to be false.

The long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark—a most brilliant performance of over nine hours on those heavy bells—many years later was found to be false in its composition.

Gabriel Lindoff on one occasion in the North of England composed and conducted the then record length of T.B. Major (17,000 changes), and that was false. What tragedies these must have been to the bands concerned.

Some years ago the Yorkshire Association printed a list of false peals that had been rung—about 40—and Mr. Barton, the peal secretary, wrote about some of them thus: 'A very old one, a four-part of 5,440 Bob Major, by Thos. West, was rung at Otley in 1882. In this peal Jasper Snowdon took part, and it is remarkable that he overlooked this composition as it is hopelessly false. This goes to prove, once more, how easy a false composition can pass scrutiny, no matter how capable the scrutineer may be.' Other false peals Mr. Barton pointed out included D.N.C.B. Major, by J. H. Blakiston, and among them such famous names as Henry Johnson (T.B. Major and Stedman Caters), C. Severn (T.B. Major), Geo. Lewis (Bob Major), W. Sottenstall (T.B. Major), J. Thorp (T.B. Major), Rev. H. Law James (Cambridge Royal), Sam Wood (Grandsire Cinques), A. Craven (Bob Major) and others.

Even in these enlightened days we still find our greatest living experts in this field producing false compositions of Grandsire Caters, Surprise Major, and so on. Not being satisfied with single methods, they are producing false 'spliced' ones!

We come back to the old but true saying: 'To err is human.'

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BELL FOUNDRY WEEK-END

ALL RUNG AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
LOUGHBOROUGH, FOR THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRAINTREE DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 172, 128, 125).

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 10).

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

200th peal as conductor.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DIANA J. PERRINS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt.

JACK N. BROWN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
MARY C. PAYNE 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
JOHN FREEMAN 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 6	H. STEWART BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

700th peal by ringer of 11th.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. JOYCE DODDS .. Treble	† VERNON GREEN 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
* H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 3	GEOFFREY DODDS 8
REGINALD W. REX 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
FRANK W. LEWIS 5	† HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by W. PAGE.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

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

‡ 26th peal of Surprise Royal on the bells (conducted 23).

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	* GERALD PENNEY 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK 3	* WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 8
* PATRICIA DOORN 4	* JACK S. DEAR 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND 6
FRANK H. HICKS 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD 3	* HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
* ARTHUR J. HART 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
LEONARD STILLWELL .. 5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C.C. No. 53).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	* CYRIL GRIFFITHS 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	KEITH WILLIAMS 8
ALAN G. FOSTER 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Herbert Knight, for 64 years a member of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN HAYS .. Treble	JOHN RYDER 5
JOHN ORME 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN 6
ROY FORSTER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
CECIL RADDON 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CHOLMONDLEY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. Treble	CYRIL CROSTSWAITE .. 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.

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BARNES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

ANNE C. GARNETT Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
GILLIAN NEAL-SMITH 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Laurence,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER 5
*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Arranged by J. R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday peal for Cyril Wright.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Treble	DAVID T. DARBY 5
DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY 6
*RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT 7
*NIGEL J. MAGGS 4	ROBIN N. PITTMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. A. M. Salter.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD F. B. BRYANT .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
CELIA F. WHITFIELD 2	RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 7
GEORGE BEENEY 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by EDWARD F. B. BRYANT.

* 550th tower for a peal. First of Major on the bells.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JOHN HALL Treble	†EDWARD C. GARRETT .. 5
†GEORGE H. HANCOCK .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 6
†WILLIAM H. COLLINS .. 3	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 7
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 4	†FREDERICK W. HANCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung in welcome to Colin Sydney, son of the conductor, born on December 23rd, 1958.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK MORTON Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 5
†LEONARD COPNALL 2	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
JOHN E. BROUGH 3	HENRY PARKER 7
*DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major, and in the method. † First of Major in the method.

Rung as a thanksgiving and welcome home for the Rector, now restored to health after a serious illness.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Egwin,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN STANIER Treble	*DEREK PRICE 5
REV. ALBERT WEBB 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	REGINALD W. WOODYATT .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the local Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Hughes, on his 75th birthday.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	MICHAEL SOLLEY 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 7
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 4	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
MILTON FOWLER 2	*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
†ALFRED SMITH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First in the method as conductor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
BRIAN AUSTIN 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JUDY ROBINSON Treble	JOHN H. ALLEN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ANTHONY A. UPTON .. 4	MURIEL REAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Triples.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
CYRIL HANCOCK 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle.' First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung in memoriam the Fairbrother family, to whom a wrought-iron screen and oak belfry furnishings were dedicated on the previous Sunday.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

PETER WOODWARD Treble	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN S. SEAGER 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	*KENNETH PARK 7
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung to welcome Susan Anne Chant.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (2nd observation).	Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GWILYM G. SALMON .. 7
PHILIP N. TUBBS 4	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since restoration.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.
*BARBARA FOSTER .. Treble	*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 2	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
*RONALD DENNISON .. 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 7
*ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. 50th peal on the bells since being rehung.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ROGER K. STRETTON .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M., the 66th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

A first birthday compliment to David Andrew Warwick, son of the ringers of treble and third, godson of the ringer of the fourth.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
JAMES H. PAILING 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
STEPHEN IVIN 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 7
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	FRANK A. BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	REGINALD ROWLEY .. 6
NEVILLE JENKINS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
VERNON GREEN 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. H. Broad, verger for 14 years.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.
GEORGE MARRINER .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ALAN J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM PARROTT .. 6
*PAULINE F. SPRACKLING 3	ALBERT CHEESMAN .. 7
FRANK OAKSHOTT 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

* First peal of Major. First in the method as conductor.

Arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, on February 10th.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. GRACE .. Treble	†ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 5
*HAROLD W. DUNSDON .. 2	HENRY L. BISHOP 6
FRANK E. GODDEN 3	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 7
ALEX R. WOODLEY 4	†ROBERT B. BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal on the bells, 24th together.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
DERMOT J. ROAF 3	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (E.W.T. B 63/1).

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BENTLEY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
ROY DUESBURY 3	IVAN COOPER 7
H. FRANK PIKE 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 100th peal together. First in the method, which is No. 271 in C.C. Collection.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Christopher Derek Alderson, instituted and inducted the previous evening.

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COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
*JENNIFER S. STERLAND .. Treble *GEORGE DUDLEY .. 4
†MARGARET A. ELSEY .. 2 *PHILIP IMMINS .. 5
HAROLD KILBY .. 3 RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome home to Philip Immins on his return from H.M. Forces.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble ROBERT ALLCOCK .. 4
FRIEDA M. FROST .. 2 JOHN E. COUZENS .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3 TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
C. REX WALLER .. Treble W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 4
*DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. 2 ROGER J. PALMER .. 5
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 3 RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN Tenor

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung by Soham Grammarians as a last tribute to Mr. Basil M. Bacon, of Chippenham Park, chairman of the school governors until his death on Christmas Eve.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College. (2) London Bob and Lytham Bob, (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (4) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Hereward Bob and Plain Bob: with 224 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) Treble J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 4
P. J. SHIPTON (Pembroke) 2 A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 3 *P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

* 25th peal. First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
JAMES R. MUSSON .. Treble JOHN A. COBB .. 4
WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 2 *MARGARET A. JEPSON .. 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.
*RONALD HEMMING .. Treble ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4
WALTER H. RAXTER .. 2 TERENCE A. SPARKES .. 5
PAUL CATTERMOL .. 3 HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOL.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, also the bicentenary of the birth of Robert Burns.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) St. Albans Delight, (2) Wragby D., (3) Neasden D., (4) Charlwood D., (5) London Scholars' and Kingston T.B., (6) Sandal and Capel T.B., (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*LOUIS WILLDERS .. Treble *†G. LEONARD THOMPSON 4
†MARY C. PAYNE .. 2 RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
†JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 †JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. † First in ten Treble Bob Minor methods.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.
*PAMELA BELLAMY .. Treble STAN. N. BRISTOW .. 4
†MICHAEL W. TOZE .. 2 DAVID T. NORTH .. 5
†REGINALD A. TOZE .. 3 EDGAR QUICK .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD TOZE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, first attempt.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. in F.
*RICHARD J. HALL .. Treble *TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 4
*†BRIAN DAVIS .. 2 ALAN F. LEE .. 5
*J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 3 †RONALD W. STAPLEFORD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in three methods. † First on six bells. ‡ First peal.

DEFYNNOG, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 240's (five callings) and 20 120's (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.
MELVILLE O. ALCOCK .. Treble ALFRED REYNOLDS .. 4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE .. 2 DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. 3 *ROY WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to M. O. Alcock, of Llandilo, who is 'emigrating' to Surrey.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (186 singles, no bobs). Tenor 8½ cwt.
GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble DAVID EMMERSON .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2 HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
TERENCE RANDALL .. 3 RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Spliced Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*MARTIN J. BAILEY .. Treble EDWARD A. GAUTREY .. 3
*JOHN E. GODDARD .. 2 EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 4
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

Rung by the St. Lawrence's Society of Change Ringers.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods (42 variations), being one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune: Rushall, All Saints, Marchington: St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, Shareshill, Norwich; Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Walsingham; St. Martin's, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, Mileham; St. Simon's, St. Alban, Cassington, Shropham, Eynsham, Elford; Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob, Besthorpe, April Day, Seighford; Costessey, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

*HOWARD NICHOLS .. Treble	ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 4
WENDY BIRD .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	DAVID STAPLES .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Pendry, who has recently retired from his position as tower captain of this church.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 120's (ten callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*M. RUTH CHICK .. Treble	DENNIS A. PIKE .. 4
LESLIE V. MORRELL .. 2	GORDON WALFORD .. 5
W. RONALD TRICKEY .. 3	ALAN G. COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. L. Taylor).

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, and three differently-called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
GEORGE GREAVES .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
GEORGE A. COOK .. 3	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung in memory of A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who was made a member of the above Association in 1901.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VIVIAN RICHARDSON .. Treble	†JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. 4
G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 5
CHARLES H. BAKER .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. First peal for the West Lindsey Branch.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, every call a single (206 calls). Tenor 14 cwt.

*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
ANGELA GRAINGER .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. Brian J. Wylde (secretary of the Society) on his coming-of-age.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Melton District.)

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob. (4) and (5) Oxford Bob. (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLETON .. Treble	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. 2	ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 5
*HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung as a tribute to 85-year-old Evander L. Littlewood, who has been ringing at Asfordby 70 years; also to Mr. Gilbert M. King, B.Sc., on his retirement as organist and choirmaster, and in appreciation of his 17 years' service.

DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN A. POWELL .. Treble	HENRY TAYSON .. 4
*MICHAEL J. WEBB .. 2	HERBERT T. FERRIS .. 5
JOHN FERRIS .. 3	*ANTHONY SALMON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. Treble	†STANLEY HUCKLE .. 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 2	‡GERALD PENNEY .. 5
*EDWIN J. UPTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. FROST .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Minor. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's and Reverse, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3—4	†DON C. EXELL .. 7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced in eight methods 'in hand.' † First of Spliced. Mrs. Marshallsay has now rung each pair to a peal of Spliced Major in eight methods.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, H. Luck 4, T. Milsted 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8. Rung prior to annual meeting of the local band, also a birthday compliment to 2.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Eland 1, C. Corderov (cond.) 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, R. B. Blond 6, J. P. Blond 7, E. J. Grace 8. For Matins.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. G. Smithson 1, F. G. Boyce 2, E. G. Benton 3, H. Lubbock 4, D. R. R. Andrews 5, W. C. Medler (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. John Fellingham.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Freda Phillips (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Clarke 3, B. W. Willgress 4, K. Prime (first in method as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Knowles 1, Mrs. L. Hiscock 2, Miss H. Wright 3, P. W. Williams (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. Gibson (cond.) 5, D. S. Froome 6. Rung for the 15th birthday of the ringer of 4.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Turnbull 1, Rosemary Hick 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, M. Davies 4, K. Rutland 5, E. Johnson 6, A. Johnson tenor (covering).

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Sinfield 1, B. Whitney 2, J. M. Stephens 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, E. J. Hobbs 5, R. R. Churchill 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, K. C. Fleming 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Hobbs.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. M. Lander 1, Miss S. A. Dyer (first quarter) 2, Mrs. H. Price 3, D. L. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss S. A. Carter 6. For morning service, and as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wells, tower captain.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Cotswold Surprise Major: R. A. Reeves 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, Miss R. S. Hodgson 3, F. G. Wilton 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, G. F. Burton 6, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8. First quarter in the method.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Double (with 7, 6, 8 covering): A. Smith (first on working bell) 1, T. T. Yeomans 2, W. Harford 3, P. J. C. Goodfellow 4, W. J. Goodfellow (first as cond.) 5, Vivienne King (first quarter) 6, M. Bennett 7, R. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the wedding this day of Michael Carpenter and Margaret Way (vice-captain of Llandaff Cathedral Guild).

LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Scott 1, B. B. Dibben 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, I. Oram 4, W. S. Deason 5, D. Hawkins 6, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 7, T. Price 8. First quarter for Sunday afternoon service band.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, Miss E. M. Hough 2, A. Jackson 3, M. J. Martin (cond.) 4, W. C. Chandler 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Longhurst, married in this church on February 3rd, 1934.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): A. Franklin 1, J. Jeyte 2, B. Coggin 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, M. Journeaux 5, T. Datching 6. First in seven methods for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan (first quarter) 1, Anne Hancock (first quarter) 2, Janet Evans 3, Wendy Bowak 4, C. Bingham 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For Matins, and a compliment to Louis Crump on his 12th birthday (North Weald's youngest ringer).

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Toye 1, J. B. Garrett 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, J. W. Wallace 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Havard 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob), 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Sargers 1, Miss F. Hankley 3, D. Munday (first 'inside') 4, E. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6, A. Sreater 7, G. West 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Channon (first of Major) 1, H. Miller (first of Major 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanvon 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, H. Matthewman 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, H. M. Payne 4, C. Lowe 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and to welcome Susan Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Payne.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Paul 1, P. E. Pratt 2, R. G. Smith 3, D. Laud 4, E. H. Durrant 5, R. G. Bell 6, S. F. Dolley 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Cann 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6. A compliment to a friend of Stratton ringers, Mr. Jim Tomsett, and Miss Margaret Baker on their wedding, January 8th.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath (cond.) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Feb. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Spreadbury (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss P. Miller 2, Miss A. Aldridge 3, A. Spreadbury (first 'inside' and first of Treble Bob) 4, W. Vince 5, C. Aldridge (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. For Matins.

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Cottingham bells, East Yorks, will be silent for the next five months as an overhaul is in hand by Messrs John Taylor and Co., including the recasting of the seventh. This bell was cast in 1739 by E. Seller, of York, and gives a dead sound compared with the other bells. The overhaul will cost about £600 and all the bells will be fitted with ball-bearings.

Mr. Louis Willders has 'completed the circle' of Blankney, Lincs, tower.

The first peal on Tytherington (Glos) bells, a nice five, was rung on February 7th.

Mr. Harry Poyner, of Leicester, who has been teaching at Ormskirk, is shortly taking up an appointment at Shrewsbury.

It was Richard Hough (not Haigh) who was commended for his entry in our Christmas Quiz. Richard is at Marlborough School, where he has started a band. We regret the misprint.

Arranged by Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, a bell-foundry week-end was held at Loughborough, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, when four peals were rung. 'Physically, three in one day at the foundry is a straightforward assignment,' writes Mr. D. P. Jones.

Ringers in West Kent would like to congratulate the new Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths upon his election. They are looking forward to meeting him on numerous occasions in their towers during his term of office.

Mr. J. H. Cook and his 16-year-old son, Roland, circled to peals Asfordby tower, Leicestershire, on February 7th, the performance of the father being for the second time. Roland is the first Asfordby-born ringer to conduct a peal on the bells.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

We are getting more clerical ringing members. The Rev. T. H. Dart, Rector of Aldershot, and his senior curate, the Rev. A. Brown, have joined the Guildford Guild, and the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley, Rector of Stevenage, the Herts County Association. At Salisbury Theological College there are eight ringers and 15 students learning to ring at the various city churches.

Charminster, Dorset, proposes to augment its ring from six to eight. Towards the cost of £600 approximately £300 has been raised.

The ringers of the peal of Minor at Thorner, Yorkshire, on January 31st, would like to express their appreciation of the hospitality shown to them by Mr. and Mrs. Hartley.

Mr. Ranald Clouston is retiring from Hampstead Borough Council in May, after three years' service. He hopes then to have more time for detailed inspections of Suffolk towers.

Mr. T. A. Palmer, of Aldbourne, secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is in Saverne Hospital, suffering from concussion and facial injuries following a cycling accident. He is reported to be making satisfactory progress and hopes to be discharged from hospital in a few days.

The bells of Wallingford, Berks, are to be rehung on ball bearings and the frame strengthened: their re-opening will be announced in 'The Ringing World.' These early 17th century bells (tenor 21½ cwt.) have been regarded as 'men's' bells, and until January this year service ringing was call changes. A new band has now been formed and includes lady learners for the first time in the history of the tower. It is hoped that when the restoration is completed more learners will be attracted.

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NEW SURROUNDINGS FOR CUMBERLANDS DINNER

THE BELL, at Holborn, where countless dinners of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have been held, is no more. For the Society's annual dinner on February 7th a new headquarters had to be found and a happy choice was The Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook, where an excellent dinner was served amid pleasant surroundings.

It was a happy evening for the new Master, Mr. Peter N. Bond, and among those who gave him support was a number of Masters, including Mr. George H. Cross, from Devon. A contingent from Newark were also present.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke of ringers' indebtedness to the Church and that he thought 99 per cent. were members of the Church. Unfortunately, he said, they had some ringers who for personal gain would endeavour to ring anywhere and anyhow. If they thought that a church had a ring of bells and there was some difficulty in the past in ringing a peal there, they would make application to the Vicar or Rector, couching their letters in terms known to ringers but not to many incumbents. Some of these clergy might think that a peal was from five to ten minutes or three-quarters of an hour—whereas it would take 2 hours and 40 minutes or 3½ hours. He asked ringers seeking permission to ring a peal to first approach the local captain, or, if writing to the incumbent, let him know that it would be three hours' continuous ringing.

They had to bear in mind that during the last 50 years ringing had become much more a part of the life of the Church than formerly, and to maintain that happy state they should keep the closest relationship between the incumbent and ringers and to avoid heavy ringing in a built-up area.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, Vicar of Shoreditch, made a delightful reply, recalling many of his experiences, both humorous and sad, in regard to his 26 years spent as a prison chaplain.

BELLS A GREAT HERITAGE

He said he was rather disappointed that there were some incumbents who did not value their bells. He looked on bells as part of their great heritage and part of England, and the harmony of bells was as sweet to-day as in the bygone ages. He was really proud of Shoreditch bells as he listened to them pealing that day, and he was very thankful to Mr. T. Francis, who came to Shoreditch each Monday to train a young band.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by a past-Master, Mr. T. H. Francis. He spoke with pride of the record of the Society, going back 200 years to the day it was founded by George Patrick, and mentioned that the stalwarts of the Society in past centuries had their counterpart in this age in Jack Goldsmith, Tom Coles and George Cross. They remembered with gratitude those who had gone before. Some had been good ringers and conductors, some composers, some writers, some did spade work behind the scenes, but they had all helped the Society in their way.

IN AUSTRALIA

The Society in its early days was composed of very few members in and around Shoreditch and its influence was not much outside of London. But as travel became better the Society expanded until today they had members in all parts of the country and in various parts of the world, notably Australia. They had members who left the Society never to return, some through differences of opinion, others through outside influences. They had learned their ringing in the Society but never thought to give anything back. In spite of these losses the Society lived on and its membership went from strength to strength.

At the present time London was short of ringers; the Society was short in London and in consequence London ringing had suffered. But ringing for the Society was being carried on in other parts of the country. 'We may ring and ring peals for our edification, but we ring primarily for the service of the Church and the love of God. With that thought in mind I ask you to stand and drink to the Society so that we may grow from strength to strength.'

Replying, the Master said he felt that night very proud but very humble to be in the chair. Very proud to be Master of this great Society but very humble when he thought how difficult it was to follow their recent Masters—Messrs. George Cross, T. Francis, Walter Ayre, F. E. Hawthorne, H. E. Audsley and F. J. Cullum.

He asked members to support their monthly practices, which had been going very well of late at St. Martin's, and also their quarterly meetings. During the past year four peals had been rung, and particularly noteworthy was the peal rung by Midland members, of Stedman Cinques, at Lincoln Cathedral.

The company stood while the following five members, who had died during the year, were remembered: Messrs. G. F. Carter, J. L. Morris, D. Priestley, W. Sear and Mrs. E. Beer.

The Master recalled that history was made by the joint meeting of the Society for the first time with the Ancient Society of College Youths. They had gained 29 new members during the year, which was rather fewer than in recent years, and he asked members to do all they could in helping forward recruitment. He acknowledged the great assistance the immediate Past Master had been to him and also the work of the junior steward, Mr. Ian Oram, and his mother, in the dinner arrangements.

The Society's secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler, proposed 'The Guests.' This was acknowledged by Mr. T. W. White and also, on behalf of 'The Ladies,' by Miss J. W. Garner.

The entertainment was of a high order, with unaccompanied singing by the St. Martin's Quartet, popular airs at the piano by Roy Kirkby, and recitations by Miss Carol Kirkby and Mr. David Russell.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were Miss J. W. Garner, the Rev. M. Davies, the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. H. Cross, I. H. Oram, M. Cross, J. Huxter and T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Huckstepp, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS, 1958

	Tower	Hand	Total
D. H. Rooke	29 (19)	—	29
D. Butterworth	27 (4)	—	27
G. Challans	25	—	25
H. T. Rooke	25 (10)	—	25

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

North Lindsey Branch

The Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which covered a large area and had been in existence for 60 years, has been divided into three Branches.

The three former Districts are now the North Lindsey Branch, West Lindsey Branch and the Central Branch.

This change will simplify the administration and give all Branches equal representation on the Guild committee.

The first meeting of the North Lindsey Branch was held at Barrow-on-Humber on January 24th, and followed a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Hutchin).

Canon H. Thackray, Rector of Bigby, was elected president, Mr. G. W. Moody secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray Ringing Master, Mr. F. Lord Branch representative on Guild committee, Messrs. M. Walker and G. Dobbs auditors.

It was agreed to have six meetings in 1959.

Mr. Bray said he hoped these meetings would be well supported, and mentioned that the Branch had a good proportion of young ringers. He had been pleased to find during a recent survey that there was fairly regular Sunday service ringing in many towers in the Branch, although the ringers were not all members of the Guild.

The president said the name North Lindsey was very appropriate to the area. He wished the Branch every success, and said that a good team spirit would enable the Branch to become stronger and make progress.

He hoped the young ringers would continue to support the Branch and keep records of ringing and other events that would be of interest in future years.

UNIVERSITY TOURS

Tours will be held as under:—

Birmingham.—Somerset, April 4th to 11th. Kent in summer.

Bristol.—Youth hostelling, Wiltshire, June 12th to 17th.

Cambridge.—West Yorkshire, August 23rd to 29th.

Leeds.—One-day tour, June 20th.

London.—Northumberland and Durham, last week in August.

Manchester.—Lincs, Notts and Derbyshire, July 12th to 22nd.

Oxford.—Cambridgeshire, March 28th to April 3rd.

Reading.—Norfolk and Suffolk, July 5th to 12th.

Sheffield hope to hold a short tour.

Southampton may accompany Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harding's Silver Wedding

On Saturday, January 24th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Harding, of Roydon, King's Lynn.

After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Harding entertained the ringers and other friends to dinner at the White Hart Hotel, Spalding. Among those present were Mr. Harding's mother, who had travelled from London for the occasion, and Mrs. R. Noon, Mrs. C. Wade, Mrs. C. Burrell, Mrs. S. Bennett and Miss R. Gagen and the band, whose names will be found in the peal columns.

The toast was proposed by Mr. R. C. Noon, and a social evening followed which was much enjoyed by all.

This is the second time Norman has taken part in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for a silver wedding, the other being his first peal in the method on September 12th, 1928, at Shere, Surrey, on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Goldsmith.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE BRIDE

THE seventh annual dinner and social of the Derbyshire Association proved to be an unqualified success. Every available seat was occupied and there were about 30 disappointed people who were unable to obtain a ticket.

About 100 guests enjoyed a substantial meal of turkey and plum pudding served at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. The proceedings were quite informal, and there was only one brief speech, made by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who congratulated the Derbyshire Association on the prominence it had attained in the Exercise, mainly through the activities of their younger members. Although he greatly admired and appreciated their performances, there were occasions when the enterprise and enthusiasm of some of the younger ringers in the ringing fraternity caused him not a little amusement.

He instanced the case not long ago when the extent of Plain Bob Major was attempted, and he understood from reports in the Sunday papers that provision was made on that occasion to provide some relaxation from the monotony of such a long stretch by having bottles of beer and cigarettes placed in strategic positions for consumption during the peal. He suggested that the monotony might have been further reduced by having a barber in attendance when he could have provided them with a haircut and shave!

Another instance of cause for amusement was the avowed desire of certain other ringers to ring seven peals in one day! This was apparently only spoiled by the selfishness of some people living near the towers where the peals were desired!

TWO PEALS AT ONCE

Yet another instance was this business of ringing two peals at once. If these peals were rung in the way he imagined (there seemed to be no authentic information) he did not see why the idea should not be extended, and the ringers could have a piece of simple apparatus constructed to fit their heads to which a bell could be attached, also a bell could be fixed to each elbow, and possibly one to each knee, making it possible to ring seven peals at once!

He had learned that two prominent Derby ringers had decided on matrimony and he felt they would all wish him to say that if Patricia made as good a wife as she was a ringer, she would do. He proposed a toast to the future happiness of Gordon Halls and Pat Forster.

Then followed the more important feature of the evening—the bestowal of the coveted order of 'Capita Magnissimuss' on the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Derbyshire Association. This award has been concocted and devised by those two arch conspirators, Denis Carlisle and Gordon Halls.

THE CITATION

With much mock solemnity, Miss Pat Forster was summoned to come forward whilst Ben Cooper read the citation, which is as follows:—

'You, Miss Patricia Mary Anne Forster, although a member of the gentler sex, have shown beyond all shadow of doubt that you are a worthy candidate to receive the most coveted award of Capita Magnissimuss.

'You have not enacted any colourful adventures similar to those performed by your predecessors, rather you have gained this

award because you epitomise that strange creature—the female bellringer.

'One word crystallises the objects, aims, desires, aspirations and motives of the female bellringer—Hunting. You, like other female ringers, entered the hunt, followed a straight line and have, barring last-minute accidents, brought home your quarry.

'Cunning, audacity, persistent tenacity, the weapons of other medal holders are all in your armoury, but in addition you have the advantage of such female attributes as tenderness, cruelty, cupidity and meekness.

'As an innocent schoolgirl you came to Derby to join the Teachers' Training College. What the object of their training was we are not sure, but they certainly don't teach you the joys of the handstroke at home and the Tittums position—at least not in the campanological sense.

'You were able to handle a bell when you arrived in Derby and within a few weeks you were taking your first steps in hunting. After a rapid search of the area in the company of fellow huntress and near medal holder, Vivienne Horton, you were disappointed to find that all the most attractive males were married.

'Unlike Vivienne, who extended her activities to the more profitable fields in the Birmingham area, you made the best of things and settled for the perhaps not so well-endowed Gordon Halls.

'He liked peal ringing so you became a peal ringer—he liked to ring fancy methods so you learned fancy methods. After 75 peals with the object of your affections, or, rather, intentions, he began to notice you, but you must do greater things to make him react so . . .

'You decide to display your ability by conducting a peal; of course you must not appear too clever so you timidly ask Gordon to instruct you on how to conduct. The lengthy lessons enable you to be alone with him, and at the same time in the role of a teacher his ego is inflated.

'Does he realise that you are different from other ringers, that you are a girl—no, his voice drones on—he's too preoccupied with Wrongs, Middles and Belfores to think about a home—his breath down your neck is barely warm. At last luck comes your way—he buys a new pair of glasses—he can see now that you wear a jumper and skirt—not trousers.

'The plan goes ahead—you must not fail to get the peal—you choose your 21st birthday for the occasion—that will make him realise you have well passed the age of consent.

'Taking no chances the band is chosen—seven conductors and yourself ringing Middleton's. All goes well, the only handicap is that in order to get in first you have to call the bobs half a lead early.

'Gordon is impressed with the successful accomplishment of the peal, but more so with his own ability as a teacher.

'Greater efforts are needed.

'Well knowing the sadistic nature of your erstwhile swine, beg pardon, swain, and knowing the gloating pleasure he derives from seeing the mighty fallen, you conceived and set yourself the most audacious task of deflating the ego of one of the greatest veterans in the Exercise—none less than JAFUS, alias Frank Smallwood, himself.

'This peer of belfrymen, raconteur of belfry stories, convener of "The Ringing World" editorial committee, most ancient youth of the College, ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, is known throughout the kingdom as a specialist in Stedman Triples—holders of the role of Capita Magnissimuss pale into insignificance beside his noble stature.

'What courage to select him as your target—what prowess to trick him in his favourite method!

'The stage is set at Ashbourne, where there has been no peal for 35 years, the method of Stedman Triples.

'All goes well, course after course is tapped off in perfect rhythm. The quarter peal is passed when two people enter the church, bringing goods for harvest festival. Both look very cold, one is carrying a cabbage and the other is frozen to a marrow!!!

'The great one is irritated by this intrusion, his concentration falters, he looks round—this is your chance. You are both in the slow—he comes to give you one for your last whole turn—you turn his one into two and lo and behold you have changed places with never a falter in the rhythm. Your brilliant success is only revealed to the amazed Jafus at the course end when the conductor calls "Stand—two and three have crossed over." Two and three are Miss Forster and Frank Smallwood.

'Having now proved your skill, courage and cunning, all manly virtues—you have now only to demonstrate your femininity. This is easy—you starve yourself for a whole week prior to a peal attempt at Cresswell—halfway through the attempt you genuinely swoon through "man-nutrition" into the arms of your choice. Even he is able to carry you in your emaciated state, and he does so, thereby demonstrating what little manly strength he has. Later, at the home of Bessie Holmes, you quickly recover after eating everything on which you can lay your hands.

'Gordon is now your protector—the time is ripe to hook the poor fish. You skilfully manoeuvre him alone one evening to the R.A.F. Club, where you unobtrusively keep his tankard full. He feels a warm, satisfied glow creeping over him—he broods on a long engagement, say five to ten years—hardly realising what he is doing he pops the question—"Will you marry me?" Quick as a flash you reply—"Yes, next February 14th."

(TO THE AUDIENCE)

'Some of you here may not believe the facts cited in this citation—you may say "this is not true—her motive is an obviously genuine interest in bells and bellringing."

'Sad to say you have been hoodwinked—next Saturday Pat's motives will appear in their true colours when she gets married to Gordon at a church where the only bell music is provided by gramophone records.

'Miss Forster, it gives me great pleasure to award you the medal of the most noble Order of Capita Magnissimuss—you entered the hunt—kept steadfastly to your line and now your task is almost completed—next week you may proudly call "Stand"

He then placed the insignia of the order round Miss Forster's neck. This insignia has to be seen to be believed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APOLOGY PREVIOUSLY SENT

Dear Sir,—No one will regret more than the members of the Peals Collection Committee of the day, of which I was a member, and on behalf of which an apology was sent by the convener of the present Committee a year or so ago, that a false arrangement of Spliced Surprise was included in the Collection of Peals of Major. To anyone with more than an elementary knowledge of the subject the mistake is so obvious—once it has been pointed out—that the astonishing thing is it remained undetected for so long.

The Committee did not claim to be infallible, however, but I think it is fair to say that Council publications of the present day maintain a high standard of accuracy, especially compared, for instance, with the 1908 Double Norwich Collection, in which 12 peals are false in one way or another. Everyone dislikes ringing a false peal, naturally, but I completely fail to understand the reasoning behind the proposition that a false peal in a book bearing the Council's *imprimatur* should be counted as a true one. The next step, no doubt, would be to claim that if one rang a false peal which was published in 'The Ringing World' when it was owned by Mr. Goldsmith, that was hard luck; but now that the Council runs the paper the Editor and the Committee would virtually be guilty of criminal negligence.

Peals, even of Spliced Surprise, are cheap enough these days (one can always help the score along with a few more handbell peals of Doubles, or Bob Minor or Bob Major, if there is any fear of not qualifying for the 'Leading Peal-ringers' list), and Mr. Peter Border has set out both forcefully and accurately what should be done if one has been unfortunate enough to ring a false one.

It must be said that Messrs. Warwick and Rogers have at least admitted what has happened, but it seems from Mr. Ivins' letter that quite a number of people have not. They might profitably consider the examples set them in your issue of February 6th by Messrs. Jelley and Staniforth.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in your columns the views of Mr. Brian Warwick on false compositions. When the Central Council have adopted the rule he suggests (i.e., that false compositions may be rung if they have previously been published by the Central Council), I shall certainly ask for my new peal of Stedman Triples to be published. It is far more musical than those bad old true compositions, having Queens, Tittums and Whittington's occurring each three times. Perhaps we might even improve on Mr. Pitman's excellent peals of Spliced Surprise—I am sure that, with this new ruling, 15 or 16 methods, with all the work for every bell, would not be a very tall order!

But why stop at compositions published by the Central Council? you may well ask. Indeed, I look forward to the day when we need only ring the appropriate number of plain only courses to score a peal. After all, one false composition is just as false as another!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Nottingham.

STANDARDS MUST NOT BE LOWERED

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Ivins pointed out in his letter of February 6th, the falseness of the arrangement of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative was made clear by letters to the 'R.W.' on September 27th, 1957, and October 18th, 1957.

I am not at all sure what Mr. Warwick and Mr. Rogers expect any committee to do about their false peals. Even if an Act of Parliament was passed authorising them, the peals would still be false, and despite Mr. Rogers' views, surely the Association concerned will delete his peal from its records, whether or not he is willing. Personally, I am rather disturbed at the attitude of mind betrayed by these two ringers: no matter who was responsible for the error, that cannot and must not be an excuse for lowering standards of peal-ringing to the extent of accepting blatantly false peals.

I feel I must amplify Mr. Ivins' slightly loose statement in his letter, in which he suggests that 'if more Cambridge than Superlative is rung . . . it appears that only Middleton's . . . will run true.' I have checked various arrangements of the two methods, and assuming that each course is called the same, find that the following arrangements will *not* run true to Middleton's: (a) CCSXSCC, (b) CSSXSSC, (c) SSXCSCS, (d) SSCXCSS, (e) SSSXCCC, (f) SCCXSCC.—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Convener, Peals Collection Committee, C.C.

'COOKING' A PEAL

Dear Sir,—With all respect, my friend Mr. Rogers has, I think, confused two rather different issues in his letter on Spliced Surprise.

As far as compositions are concerned these, like all other compositions, are capable of proof and may readily be subjected to the skilled scrutiny of our able composers. Any composition which has been rung and is afterwards found to be false must by the tradition and custom of the Exercise be withdrawn as soon as the falseness is known, regardless of the understandable disappointment of the ringers who took part. Many great performances have been marred in this way, not least the wonderful long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, or Mr. Kippin's Treble Bob Major on the back eight at Bow.

Quite obviously, the peals to which Mr. Rogers refers were false and should be withdrawn, as should the other similar performances to which Mr. Ivins refers in his letter. The fact that the figures arise from an error in a Central Council publication is quite irrelevant. Even the great are not infallible, and many less excusable false compositions have appeared in earlier Central Council publications.

The second issue is the question of performance of peals of Spliced Surprise, which was in fact the subject of my letter of some time ago to which Mr. Rogers refers.

Briefly, it must be obvious that to a conductor who is able to transpose readily when he is ringing it is very easy in 'spliced' in the event of a miscall to get the bells back into the required position in a very short time without arousing the suspicions of the rest of the band. Such behaviour is, however, grossly dishonest, and any conductor who indulges in that sort of

thing is beneath contempt. It would be impossible to legislate for this sort of thing and not worth the trouble anyway, since most peals can be 'cooked' by a dishonest conductor, although in a single method the deception is less easily concealed.

There is, however, another aspect which gives rise to real concern, namely the unconscious error in calling which could occur without the conductor realising that he had committed it.

In many of the compositions being rung these days there are usually several alternative combinations of methods which are interchangeable, and the sequence of these combinations is entirely a matter for the conductor's memory which, all questions of honesty apart, could from time to time be at fault. Is there a case for requiring that such performances should be umpired? The practical difficulties of providing umpires are of course considerable, but what do you think?—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

ANOTHER CONDEMNATION

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse the remarks of W. T. Cook on condemning the 'performance' of two handbell peals by the Cambridge University Guild, and publishing same in the 'R.W.'

Everyone knows, or should do, of the struggle to keep the finances of the 'R.W.' solvent, and it is most undesirable that sums of money donated by first quarter pealers should be spent on the publication of 'stunts,' and subsequent correspondence.

If this was an attempt to goad the members of Oxford University to some action, then the 'peals' should have been printed in a college magazine and copies forwarded to the appropriate persons.

I personally think that what is required now is a withdrawal of the two peal claims, together with a subscription to the 'R.W.' towards the cost of printing the undesirable peals, and the not so undesirable but nevertheless unnecessary correspondence consequential thereto.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

RECORDS BEING WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—We are advised by our local 'record shop' that all 78 speed records are to be gradually withdrawn from March onwards.

This will presumably include the well-known record of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster (H.M.V. C. 2098) and other bell records. In case this information is not generally known, I hope this word in season may perhaps help some of your readers who may like to make enquiries about these records before it becomes too late to obtain them.

I may perhaps say that in our family we have obtained great pleasure and delight from 'Columbia D.B. 1637'—Queen's Chimes and Whittington Chimes, rung at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, by the Ancient Society of College Youths. The rhythm and striking of this ringing are superb and those glorious old bells are heard at their best. You will observe the appropriateness of the number of the record!—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Salisbury Branch**

The annual meeting was held at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on January 31st. The Rector (the Rev. T. E. Dobson) conducted the Guild service, assisted by the Rev. A. Phillips (Vicar of Danierham).

A company of 51 then sat down to tea, after which farewell had to be said to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Phillips, who have been keen honorary members and are now leaving for Shoreham, on retirement.

Mr. H. A. Roles (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting, at which all the retiring officers were re-elected and ten new members elected. The following dates and places were provisionally fixed for 1959 meetings, subject to confirmation:—March 7th, Durrington and Amesbury; April 25th (quarterly), Winterslow and Sarum St. Thomas; May 30th, Hindon and East Knoyle; July 18th (quarterly), Broadchalke and Coombe Bissett; September 12th, Compton Chamberlayne or Shrewton and Chitterne; October 17th (quarterly), Damerham and Martin; November 28th, Codford and Steeple Langford. It is also hoped to organise a half-day outing on September 26th.

The first grant was voted out of the Branch Bell Restoration Fund—£5 for Sarum St. Martin—as soon as the immediate work on the sixth bell is put in hand.

Mr. Roger Fry reported that a Guild had been formed in Salisbury Theological College to teach the ordinands to ring. At present there are eight ringers in the College, and 15 students are learning at one or other of the neighbouring churches on a weekday afternoon.

The bells of Wilton, St. Paul's, Salisbury and St. Thomas', Salisbury, were open during the afternoon or evening, and everyone had a chance to ring, from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise.

SPALDING RINGERS' DINNER

The ringers of Spalding Parish Church, along with a number of friends, were invited to dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, on February 5th by the Vicar (Rev. Canon M. H. R. Syngé). At the short meeting held prior to sitting down to dinner, all officers were re-elected for a further year in office. It was with mixed feelings that the company heard the Vicar announce he would shortly be leaving to take up an appointment as precentor at Lincoln Cathedral. He sincerely hoped that any member visiting Lincoln would call on him, and that they would give his successor every support.

After an excellent meal, a most enjoyable series of games, quizzes, and some handbell ringing, arranged by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, concluded the evening. Mr. J. Ames, the captain, in his vote of thanks wished the Vicar every success in his new appointment, and thanked all those who had made the evening such a success.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

A welcome to the Northern Section when they met at Brecon for their annual meeting on January 24th was extended by the Dean (the Very Rev. W. E. Jones), who conducted the service. Members of the Mothers' Union provided tea for the 40 ringers present. The Rev. V. Davies, of Llangosse, was voted to the chair for the business meeting. The officers were re-elected and an encouraging sign was the election of 19 new members and one new tower, Llangosse. The collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 6d., and £2 was granted to Llangosse towards the repair of their bells. The next meeting will be at Llanelly Hill.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The winter meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bradley, near Bilston, on January 21st. The last occasion the Society met at Bradley was as far back as 1902. The reason for this lapse of time was due to the bells having been unringable for over 50 years. Following restoration work in 1957 Bradley tower now possesses a delightful ring of eight with a 10 cwt. tenor.

The recent meeting attracted an attendance of 85 despite the counter-attraction of the nearby Wolves-Bolton cup match. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. C. Smith, Ringing Master.

As there is at present no vicar at Bradley, the service was conducted by the Society's clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, who also gave the address. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the members of the local band and their ladies. Arrangements for this very successful and enjoyable meeting were made by Mr. J. D. Holden, of Coseley. It was regretted that Mr. W. Bayliss, a member of the Bradley band in 1902, was unable to attend the meeting owing to ill health.

The next meeting will be at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent on March 21st, by invitation of Mr. B. G. Key and members of St. Paul's band.

F. C. A. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A District meeting was held on January 10th at St. John's, Hackney. About 60 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening, and they all expressed pleasure concerning the new ring there. A company of 40 sat down to tea provided by the new band of ringers at this tower.

At the business meeting the assistant secretary remarked upon the unique position of the ringers at St. John's. Under the instruction of Mr. Dennis Neal, from the Upper Clapton band, eight young men from St. John's have been holding weekly practices at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Now at last the bells of the new church are ready, and there is a completely new local band capable of very good striking to take over the ringing there.

C. F. N.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting of the Leeds and District Society held at Ossett on January 31st was well attended, and full use was made of the excellent ring of ten between 3 and 9 p.m., with a short break for tea and the business meeting.

At the business meeting the president welcomed ringers from Bristol and Durham, and five new members were elected from the Ossett company.

Of the 14 rings of ten in Yorkshire, Ossett is a candidate for the number one position, and it was unfortunate that some of the ringing did not do justice to the bells.

The February meeting will be held at Birstall—another fine ring which the Society is fortunate to include in its list of towers.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION Northern District

Expressions of thanks were passed at the annual meeting of the Northern District at Halstead on January 31st to Miss H. G. Snowden, for her work for the District, when she did not seek re-election as District Master. Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, presided, and the District officers elected were Mr. H. A. Pratt, Master; Mrs. M. Moore, secretary; Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner, general committee.

During the past year six peals had been rung, five meetings held with good attendances and the bells of Stebbing rehung. Nine new members were elected and Great Yeldham selected for the March meeting.

Messrs. H. W. Smith (Dunmow), S. Dace and F. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham) were nominated for life membership. Among other nominations received were Mr. R. C. Heazel, Association Master; Mr. F. V. Gant, secretary; Miss Snowden, Central Council representative.

The Rev. E. A. Bandon (Gosfield) conducted the service, and Miss Snowden acted as organist. The tea, in St. Andrew's Hall, was arranged by Miss Snowden.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER

Speaking at the dinner and annual meeting of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers (Dorchester), held at the Wessex Restaurant on January 10th, the Rector (the Rev. P. J. Heaton) said that the Tower Repair Fund now stood at £600, but it seemed doubtful whether any repairs could be carried out unless at least £1,000 was reached. The Rector said the ringers were doing a fine job under difficult conditions and he hoped the position in the tower with regard to numbers would improve still further in 1959.

New members elected were: Messrs. P. J. Short, A. H. Patterson, G. R. Churchill, M. H. James and Miss W. Bongard.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. P. J. Heaton; Deputy Master (captain), Mr. R. H. Duke; vice-captain, Miss B. J. Dyke; correspondent, Miss A. S. Kemp; treasurer, Miss B. J. Dyke.

St. Peter's tower is in a bad state of repair and £3,000 is needed to put it right, although there is nothing wrong with the bells themselves. The bells may have to be silenced while repairs are actually being carried out, which includes re-roofing the tower and pointing stonework from top to bottom. Any donations towards the Tower Repair Fund may be sent to R. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Sherwood Youths

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), on January 31st. The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. Frederick Salter; secretary, Mrs. P. Clarke; treasurer, Mr. Walter Nichols; steward, Mr. Percy Ball. Ringing was of a fairly good standard throughout the day and a variety of methods were rung.

Derbyshire Association Dinner—Cont.

The Derbyshire Association Choir then went into action and in spite of their conductor, Denis Carlisle, gave an excellent account of themselves. Fun and games were the order of the evening, and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all present, thanks to the efficient and painstaking efforts of the organisers—G. Halls, D. Carlisle and A. B. Cooper. During the evening a demonstration of unusual handbell ringing was given by Bryan Woodruffe, Roger Baldwin and J. F. Smallwood. Tunes were also provided by a Derbyshire company.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGAVERN, MON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ald. W. Horsington 1, G. Ward 2, Miss Temlett 3, B. Jones 4, N. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, G. Lewis 7, R. Horsington 8. For morning service on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Wales to dedicate a stained glass window given in memory of Colonel Williams by his family.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, J. L. Girt 3, J. J. Prentice 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, R. F. Taylor 6. For carol service.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sitch 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, M. Blond 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,269 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. S. Aylett 1, Miss D. Elson 2, F. W. Perrens 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, R. Winter 5, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. S. E. C. Whitcombe on the occasion of his induction.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Bettley-Cooke 1, B. Gillian Schofield 2, P. M. Dawson 3, H. B. Schofield 4, R. Rayment 5, A. E. Hartley 6, F. A. Munday 7, W. Lee 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 1st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. J. Lewis (cond.) 1, P. J. Lewis 2, B. Wakefield 3, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 4, P. Morgans 5, W. Hayward 6, W. Wrigley tenor. For evening service.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. L. Melville 1, Diana M. Lawless 2, F. A. Ginns 3, J. Goode 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Bell, wife of the tower captain and Rector's warden.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Clarke 1, C. Webb 2, E. Summers 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodzyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Josephine Pole 1, P. J. Woodzyer 2, June Richardson 3, D. Fowles 4, T. S. Baker (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For evening service.

CUFFLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beale (first quarter) 1, B. McKie (cond.) 2, N. Clark 3, B. Greenwood 4, A. Boyd (first 'inside') 5, A. Bull 6. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Figgis (first quarter) 1, B. McKie (cond.) 2, A. Bull 3, B. Greenwood 4, A. Boyd 5, L. Dale (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles 4 and 5.

EAST WILBRAHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Brown 1, P. Pig 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, W. J. Quinney 4, A. R. Heponstall (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. R. S. Hicks, who restored the bells and provided a new frame in 1958.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Celia Lawrance (first quarter) 1, J. Sims 2, Brenda Stark 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. J. Coode 5, R. Clarke 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Howard 1, Pauline Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson (first of Major) 3, H. E. Good 4, A. S. Besant 5, R. C. Spittle 6, D. G. Spittle 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, P. Murgatroyd 4, C. Turner 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6.

GREAT HORKESEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bloyce (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, P. Perkins 3, A. Cansdale 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad (first in method) 4, V. Tipton 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. F. Mufet 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Wilson 1, J. H. Fielden 2, J. B. Pickup 3, P. Schofield 4, C. Ashworth 5, W. E. Wilkinson 6, B. A. Tomlinson 7, N. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Forshaw to the living of Heptonstall.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hall 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, B. Davis 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milsom (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. E. McDonald 1, H. Brown 2, F. E. Faga 3, W. A. Catern 4, Wm. Hill 5, J. Stewart 6, Rev. J. J. Fielding 7, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the Queen's Accession.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Jefferies (first of Minor) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, Sandra Lewis 4, J. R. Hobbs (first of Minor) 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Baker 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, G. F. Rooome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, B. E. Jeffery (Edenbridge) 6, A. R. Jones (first in method as cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For morning service.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): B. Priestley 1, Miss H. Pugh (25th quarter) 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. F. Gain 6.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss L. Forward 1, Miss R. R. Corner 2, Miss M. Gould 3, Miss C. Woodward 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5, M. Journeaux 6. For Matins.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Morford (cond.) 5, L. Batten (first quarter) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, S. H. Ashton 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1958. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Josephine Harris (first quarter) 1, A. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, M. Chalkley 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to June Butcher and Stan Ashton, who were married the previous day.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, R. C. Cann 2, H. Trewin 3, J. H. Bowden 4, R. Pearce 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. Rung after the dedication of the new peal bow.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, W. J. Harvey 2, W. G. Lavers 3, E. M. Atkins 4, H. C. Spencer 5, D. J. Roberts 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, A. J. Garbett 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 6.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Berry 1, F. Smith 2, E. Griffiths 3, A. Greenough 4, J. Blond 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, E. Garrard 7, E. Bucknell 8. For Evensong, being the last changes rung on the bells before being dismantled for restoration and rehanging.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Salter 1, Mrs. D. Gay (first on eight) 2, D. Gay 3, A. H. Reed 4, P. N. Tubbs 5, D. North 6, G. Walford 7, W. F. Slocombe (cond.) 8.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorpe (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, C. E. Cooper 3, H. T. Bonshor (first of Minor as cond.) 4, A. E. Hinman 5, G. A. Bowcutt 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brummitt, of Whissendine; also a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Brummitt and also to the conductor.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE KING
AN APPRECIATION

A ringer at St. Mary's, Salehurst, for 50 years, and for the last 30 years captain and towerkeeper, Mr. George King never missed Sunday service ringing or a practice night if it were possible to get there. Not a great peal ringer by present day standards, he was a good striker and could not tolerate bad ringing. He only rang 33 peals, 26 of them being on Salehurst bells. With his last peal he completed the circle on these bells.

His passing is a great blow, not only to his local band but to many visiting ringers. As the cortege left the church his own band paid tribute to him with a well-struck half-muffled 336 Grandsire Triples, his favourite method.

E. T. A.

MR. GEORGE PIDWELL

St. Martin's, Ruislip, has lost an old friend by the passing on February 13th of Mr. George Pidwell. He came to Ruislip in 1948 from Mitcham, and was a regular attendant at service ringing at Pinner on Sunday mornings and at Ruislip on Sunday evenings. When his health allowed, Mr. Pidwell attended the veterans' gathering in London: he loved an outing. He gave up his home about two years ago and went to live at the old people's home at South Ruislip. It was here he died after a long period of failing health.

MR. H. WILLOWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. H. Willows, of 36, Grove Road, Retford, Notts. His passing has left a gap in the band of East Retford Church, where his usefulness as a heavy-bell ringer and his regular attendance endeared him to the company. Mr. Willows had a number of peals to his credit, and was a frequent attendant at ringing meetings in the area. The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

A request from the Rector of Ashwell for an instructor to start a new band there was received with keenness at the meeting of the Northern District at Baldock on January 31st. The secretary was instructed to convene a meeting with Ashwell ringers to see how many were interested in the art and to report back to the next meeting.

Mr. H. S. Bonnett, who was unable to attend the A.G.M., asked for more information regarding the proposal for a ring of ten in the District. He was informed that the sub-committee had not yet met. The chairman (Canon F. G. Brenchley) said Baldock would gladly accept an extra two bells, but it was no use trying to provide the additional bells when the fabric was in need of repair.

The Rector of Stevenage (Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley) was elected a ringing member and Mr. M. Stracey, of Duxford, a non-resident life member. The next meeting will be held on March 7th at Norton, with Erin Triples as the special method.

The service was conducted by Canon Brenchley and tea was provided by the wives of the local band. The attendance was disappointing.

RADCLIFFE, LANCs.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Limmer 1, J. Thornley 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, D. Young 4, R. Leigh 5, D. Vincent 6, P. Crook 7, F. Reynold (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Eccles, of Morecambe, and also the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster R.C. Cathedral.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In collaboration with the Kent District of the Ladies' Guild, the Lewisham District quarterly meeting was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on January 24th, some 70 ringers attending. Fourteen Lewisham District towers were represented. Evenson was attended.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, where ample justice was done to an excellent meal provided and served by Mrs. A. M. Rawlings and her friends.

Mr. A. S. Richards presided at the business meeting and opened proceedings by welcoming the Ladies' Guild, and thanking them for their courtesy in allowing the Lewisham District meeting to be held first. Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (Gravesend) replied, and gave a very welcome message of greetings from Mr. Mitchell.

Six ringers were elected into the Association and the elections of four members previous to peal attempts were confirmed. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley District representative) read an excellent report of proceedings at the general committee meeting at Maidstone.

Mr. E. A. Barnett informed members of an outstanding performance at Eltham on January 3rd, in which Miss B. Slark, of that tower, conducted Holt's Original at her first attempt to ring a peal! It was decided *nem. con.* that the meeting's very warm congratulations be conveyed to her for a momentous achievement.

Mr. E. Barnett read extracts from a letter he had received from Mr. J. Bennett, who was enjoying a world cruise. Mr. Bennett was for a long time a resident of Beckenham, and played a prominent part in Lewisham District ringing over a great span of years.

Mr. P. A. Corby mentioned that that day was the 62nd anniversary of the election of Mr. E. Barnett into membership of the Association. He congratulated him on long and continuous service, and wished him many more years of active participation in the Association's affairs. The meeting endorsed these remarks with acclamation.

Mr. E. Barnett thanked the company for their good wishes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Most of the towers in the District were represented at the annual meeting of the Farnham District, held at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on January 31st.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Dart, and a male choir of bell-ringers led the ringing. An excellent tea was served by the lady ringers of Aldershot. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Master) was chairman for the business meeting, when both the Ringing Master and hon. secretary (Mr. C. J. Beadle) reported that the District had progressed slowly during the year, and stressed the need for certain towers to be given more experienced help.

Eleven new ringing members were elected, including the Rev. T. H. Dart, of Aldershot, and his senior curate, the Rev. A. Brown.

The election of new officers resulted in Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot) becoming Ringing Master and Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) assistant Ringing Master. All other officers were returned unopposed, being Mr. C. J. Beadle, hon. secretary; Mr. R. H. Mills, hon. treasurer; Mr. F. Cherryman, executive committee member; Dr. W. Wright, hon. auditor; Miss M. A. Cass, correspondent to 'The Ringing World'.

The District decided to support the proposals of the Master contained in a letter to the Districts, viz.: That the term 'junior members' should be abolished and all members to pay a subscription of 2s. 6d.; that the A.G.M. should be held on the Saturday before Palm Sunday each year; that the names of all paid-up members should be printed in the annual report, and that the summer festival of the Guild be held on the first Saturday in June.

M. A. C.

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BIRTHS

MORETON.—On February 13th, 1959, at 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, to Jo (née Roper) and Wilfrid Moreton, a son (Adrian Michael).

RUSS.—On Feb. 15th, 1959, to Ron and Edith Russ, of 69, Addison Road, Reading, a son (Stephen Scott). Both well. 3896

ENGAGEMENT

PAYNE—FULLER.—The engagement is announced between Colin Michael, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Payne, of 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, Beds, and Jean Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Fuller, 6, Althorpe Street, Bedford. 3873

MARRIAGE

CLAMP—COTTERILL.—On Saturday, February 7th, 1959, at All Saints', West Bromwich, by the Vicar (Rev. Preb. N. W. Watson, M.A.) and the Vicar of Tong (Rev. Brian Skelding, M.A.) between David Clamp, of Harborne, and Jane Cotterill, of West Bromwich. Thanks to all the ringers who participated: also those who rang the quarter peal on Sunday, February 8th. 3864

DEATH

LEACH.—On February 9th, 1959, Frederick William Leach, of Berkhamsted, dear Father of Elsie Savory, 153, Queens Walk, South Ruislip. R.I.P. 3886

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UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL.—An attempt is being made to form a University Guild of Ringers. Will those interested please contact F. H. Hayes, c/o Students' Union, Bedford Street North, Liverpool. 3861

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3822

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter's (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3841

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3843

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S, and W. District.—Meeting, Ealing, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at St. Stephen's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Regret own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Please note that there will be no ringing before service at All Saints' Church. Service 4 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3885

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3847

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—Feb. 21st at 3 p.m. induction of the Rev. A. A. Muxlow by the Lord Bishop. Ringing ad. lib. after service. All welcome.—O. G. Barnard. 3895

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Exning, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (Newmarket) bells available after meeting. 3835

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 3823

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. 3840

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Churchill. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3858

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Carhampton (6) on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudhal, 3, West Close, Dunster. 3882

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Flitton, Saturday, Feb. 28th (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Munday, The Old Vicarage, Flitton, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3867

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 25th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3872

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. prompt in Church Hall.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3892

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m., St. Cuthbert's. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at St. John's after tea. Names for tea by February 26th to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 3880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Bristol East, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 3880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Leckhampton (8), 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by February 24th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3875

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, Cranbrook. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours: 127 from Tenterden. 3811

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to Mr. D. J. North, 1094, Bradford Road, Birstall, Leeds. 3860

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, please, to Mr. R. Morris, 2, Rosamund Avenue, Leicester. 3866

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, St. Mary's, Hall, Hinckley, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. 6d. each. Please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley, Leics. Phone: Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3890

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Winhill (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Burton Parish Church (8), 6 to 8. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Church Schools. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 3869

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Gressenhall, and not Swaffham as previously arranged. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bunning, Bittering Street, Gressenhall, Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 3862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3846

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 24th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 3876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Tackley, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing at Wootton (6) 2.15 p.m.; Tackley (6), 2.45. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Woodstock (8) 7.30 p.m. Tea reservations by Feb. 24th to D. Smith, Merryfield, Witney. All welcome. 3889

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Kegworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—café in Kegworth. Please look up Bristol.—P. Clarke, Sec. 3863

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 26th, please, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford. 3849

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 28th—to discuss your affairs. Nominations for secretary, please. Names for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3870

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, Mar. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 2nd, to Mr. R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 3850

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, definitely not later than previous Monday.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Eltham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 4th, to Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Eltham, Canterbury. Please enclose cash. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchley, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3884

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Durrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Also Amesbury, 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea essential by March 3rd to Miss Eloise, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3887

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 5th Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3881

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting will be held at Merstham (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. T. Cross, 8, Nailsworth Crescent, Merstham. 3871

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 3862

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Higher Walton, Saturday, March 14th, 3.15 p.m., Higher Walton Parish School Room. Higher Walton Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the School Room, at a small charge. Names by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. J. Taberner, 35, Cann Bridge, Higher Walton, Preston. 3888

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3878

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimeys, Offham, Maidstone. 3842

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The second annual dinner of the Monmouth Branch was held at the Tudor Rooms, Newport, on Saturday, February 7th. Once again this social occasion proved a great success and was attended by a goodly number of ringers and friends.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. Greedy for the use of St. Woolos' bells during the afternoon. Vocal entertainment after the dinner was given by a concert party from Newport Operatic Society, the pianist being Miss Dorothy Atwell, of All Saints', Newport. Dancing followed until 11 p.m.

On behalf of all present Mr. George Ward, Branch Master, sincerely thanked Mr. Jack James for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

LATE NEWS

MR. H. KNIGHT BEREAVED

Mr. H. Knight, tower captain of Wrington, Somerset, was bereaved on Saturday by his grandson, Philip Gilling, aged 10, being killed when an oil can exploded. Philip had already had his first ringing lessons. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the parents and grandparents.

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