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## REFLECTIONS ON A GREAT EVENING

**E**VERY man has during his life the experience of at least one good news story,' the late Lord Northcliffe once remarked. And what a collection of good news stories the assembly of 175 ringers and non-ringing friends could have told at the 323rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

There were some present whose great life story has yet to be told, for the College Youths, despite its tradition being well-rooted in ringing history, does not scorn youth. Any male 14 years of age or over who has rung a quarter peal is eligible for membership. The Ancient Society would never have collected such a sprinkling of real hoary veterans of 50 and 60 years' membership without them, and while these were being honoured with a dignity that befitted their age, more than one of the assembly was making a mental calculation that in five, ten or 15 years he would have earned this respect. Of the 60-year membership class, there were only two present. One was George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, whose reputation as a 12-bell ringer and composer stands high. As a composer, like the late Jimmy George who was evolving new peals and compositions to the very end, George Symonds still derives pleasure in this part of the Exercise.

The other was Mr. E. G. Fenn, who since the last dinner had had a peal rung in honour of his golden wedding. He will go down in history as the Master of the College Youths during the eventful years of the last war, when in the City of London ten rings of bells were lost by enemy action, three in East London and five in other parts of the Metropolis. Years of sorrow and anguish to those who loved bells, for in addition the 'Coffee Pot,' the traditional meeting place of the Society, was blitzed. But Ernest has lived to see a great rebuilding and restoration of City bells—indeed the problem before the ringing societies of London today is to find teams to man the new bells.

A smaller number than usual stood up to acknowledge 50 years' membership—but they all bore famous names whose memory will be perpetuated in the history of London ringing as bridging the early decades of this century. There was Albert A. Hughes, a master of anecdote of London ringers and ringing, and one of the greatest College Youths of all time. Except the secretaryship, he has held every office in the Society. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry was the wartime home of the Society—nay, it was more than that, the repository of many of the bells from the bombed churches, except those buried beneath rubble and debris. And now as the post-war bells of London ring out from St. Clement Danes', St. Lawrence Jewry and other towers, attentive ears listen and say 'Hughes' glory.' In the old world and the new the White-

chapel Foundry is known in connection with bells and with another famous family firm, John Taylor's, of Loughborough—the two great survivors of bell-founders' art in this country. With confidence we can say England gives the world its best bells.

Another colourful figure, who with reluctance stood to acknowledge his 50 and more years' membership, was Mr. Alfred H. Peck. For 20 years he was secretary of the Society. Born at Bedford, where he learnt to ring, he is particularly proud of the fact that he went to John Bunyan's school. He inherited all John Bunyan's love of bells but never his fear that because of the wickedness of ringing the bells would fall down on him! His long years of faithful service at St. Paul's Cathedral, particularly on the heavy end, will long be remembered, for it is no light undertaking to come up from Reigate, in the heart of Surrey, to ring Sunday by Sunday. There is something very likeable about Alf Peck: the number who wanted to show their friendship by drinks as a tribute of affection was staggering. All the good-humoured bluntness that characterised the old London ringer is part of his make-up; whether blame or praise, it came straight from the shoulder.

Sitting opposite Alfred Peck was sleek, grey-haired Henry Hodgetts, whose appearance belies his advancing years. 'The safest ringer I ever knew,' commented Alfred, and then proceeded to tell stories of their long association with London ringing, both in peals and on great occasions in the City. Among their many bonds was the ringing of Bow bells for the recording of the B.B.C. time signal, probably 25 years ago. There is only one other survivor of that band—Herbert Langdon, and his absence from the gathering was regretted.

Finally, as we look at this great Society, we see the burden of responsibility passing to a much younger generation. Although no word of appreciation was said, everyone present was conscious of the contribution made to the success of the evening by John Chilcott, the secretary, who since assuming office three years ago has had conferred upon him the conductorship of St. Paul's Cathedral band, one of the outstanding positions in the Exercise today. And those who rang so meticulously the bob course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' were, with one exception, all of his generation. Leadership of the Ancients for the next few years will be in the hands of young men. The old men of the past will sit back—no, not to criticise, but to smile with satisfaction in the knowledge that the torch carried so valiantly, and at times under great difficulties, is being held aloft by young men who are not only masters of their craft but are imbued with the spirit of keeping the College Youths in the forefront of change-ringing today.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 10
RODERICK W. LEES .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 10
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
RODERICK J. PIPE .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 10
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL**

Comprising 1,840 Pudsey and 1,600 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 39 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 7
ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 8
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. Treble	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 6
DR. RICHARD E. PRICE .. 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
*RAYMOND WOODWARD .. 3	FRED FISHER .. .. 8
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 9
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by A. CAITELL. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal of Royal.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. Gerald Hollis, M.A.) to the parish of Rotherham.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

VICTOR GRIFFIN .. Treble	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 6
ERIC SUTTON .. .. 2	†ARTHUR W. SAYERS .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. 8
*MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 4	†REGINALD F. CROOK .. 9
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. First on ten as conductor.

Rung for the 109th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which falls on November 12th.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CATHERINE M. POWELL .. Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 5
J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 2	*ROY COLLINS .. .. 6
SYLVIA MARSH .. .. 3	MARTYN W. HARBOIT .. 7
DENNIS G. BLOWS .. .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells since 1924.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

SHIRLEY HARRIS .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

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

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	ALAN J. AINSWORTH .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by ALAN J. AINSWORTH.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

*FRANK COOKE .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 6
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	DENNIS COOPER .. .. 7
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Major.

GRAYSHOTT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

Parker's One-Part.	CHARLES W. DENYER .. Treble	*GRAHAM YARBOROUGH .. 5
	*RITA MOORE .. .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 6
	EDWARD J. BRAGG .. 3	TOM PAGE .. .. 7
	*PETER STEVENS .. 4	*JOHN CRAYDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*J. DAVID ATKINSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
R. ANN BARR .. .. 2	PAUL W. WEBB .. .. 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	*ROGER J. GAY .. .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

\* First peal of Surprise. First of Major and of Surprise for the Society.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's One-Part.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*ELIZABETH SNELL .. .. Treble	LESLIE WALLEY .. .. 5		
*PATRICIA ROBINSON .. .. 2	ROBERT ARROWSMITH .. .. 6		
RACHEL SNELL .. .. 3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY .. .. 7		
RONALD BARLOW .. .. 4	PHILLIP S. WHALLEY .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

\* First peal.

Rung before the special service of the C.E.M.S. (North Staffs Area) in connection with the centenary celebrations of the restoration of the church.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.	
*ARTHUR W. THOMAS .. Treble	DAVID LLEWELLYN .. .. 5		
JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 2	TREVOR T. LEWIS .. .. 6		
ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7		
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4	†LEWIS GROOM .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.	
*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
*ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

**HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR**

In 29 methods, including Plain Bob. Double Bob. Reverse Bob. Little Bob. Gainsborough, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Nelson, Hudson, Wavertree, Ogden, Leigh, Blackley, Smith, Crayford College, Lesser Wopping, Wellington Little Court, Hackington, Canterbury, Scholfield, Fishwick, Childwall, Tollshunt D'Arcy, Goldhanger, Fielden, St. Clement's, Crayford Little Court, Bastow and Kent Little Court; with 263 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
NORMAN SMITH .. .. Treble	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON .. .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. .. 6
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 7
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Believed to be the greatest number of Plain Major methods rung to a peal on tower bells.

Rung for the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

**HINGHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lb.	
WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT .. .. 5
FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. 2	THOMAS SPIGHI .. .. 6
*GILBERT LARTER .. .. 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. .. 7
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
JOHN R. GILDEN .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 2	BASIL JONES .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* 50th peal this year. 25th peal on the bells this year. First in the method on the bells for the Guild, and by all the band.

**SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN MANLEY .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 6
*PATRICIA HEATHER .. 3	JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\* First peal of Major. † First of London.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Ten-Part (No. 6).		Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.	
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. Treble	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 5		
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 2	*JAMES RUMBLE .. .. 6		
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 7		
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman and at first attempt.

A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	*NEVILLE JENKINS .. .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. 7
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

**ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.**

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.	
ROGER HARRIS .. Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. .. 3	*COLIN SWEENEY .. .. 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

**CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BARNET SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt.	
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
PETER J. COLES .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LAVENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.	
*†MARY ROAST .. Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. .. 2	†JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS .. .. .	Treble	† ROBERT W. COLE .. .. .	5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. .	2	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. .	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. .	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. .. .	7
* COLIN B. LONGMORE .. .. .	4	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. .	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. .. .	2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. .	6
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. .	3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .	7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. .	4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. .	Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. .	5
* E. JANE LANGTON .. .. .	2	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. .. .	6
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. .	3	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. .	7
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. .	4	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band except the treble ringer, and for the Society.

Rung as a compliment to Judith K. Essen and David Robinson on their engagement, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Judith K. Essen.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LEONARD'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

A. JAMES GLASS .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. .	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. .	2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. .	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. .	3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. .	7
J. KEITH WARD .. .. .	4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (Collection of Plain Major Methods, No. 265).

Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. .	Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. .	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. .	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. .	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. .	3	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. .	7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. .	4	PETER F. BORER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

* KEITH WALLIS .. .. .	Treble	PETER CARTER .. .. .	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. .. .	2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. .. .	6
MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. .	3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. .. .	7
JOHN NIXON .. .. .	4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Leslie Hills on the occasion of his induction as Vicar of this parish.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sunning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. H. PARKER .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. .. .	5
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. .. .	2	STANLEY G. DAY .. .. .	6
RAYMOND K. RIVERS .. .. .	3	HAROLD SMITH .. .. .	7
ROBERT J. CASTLE .. .. .	4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

# SIX BELL PEALS

EAST SUTTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK HICKS .. .. .	Treble	BERNARD F. GROVES .. .. .	4
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. .. .	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. .	5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. .	3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROSE .. .. .	Treble	JOHN WILSON .. .. .	4
FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. .	2	* ERIC EMMERSON .. .. .	5
GEORGE RICH .. .. .	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILSON.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (4) Double Court Bob and College Single, (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. .	Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. .	4
JACK PILGRIM .. .. .	2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. .	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. .. .	3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CECIL W. PIPE .. .. .	Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. .	4
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. .	2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. .	5
JAMES BENNETT .. .. .	3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The quickest peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. .	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. .. .	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. .	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. .	3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Beverley, Surfleet and Durham Surprise; (3) London and Wells Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (5) Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob; (6) Double Court Bob and College Single; (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. .	Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. .	4
JACK PILGRIM .. .. .	2	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. .	5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. .	3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The most methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CHURCHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, ten 12-scores and ten six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

* MAY STEVENS .. .. .	Treble	† FREDERICK TURNER .. .. .	4
LEONARD SMITH .. .. .	2	JOHN J. WEBB .. .. .	5
RICHARD CHEW .. .. .	3	* MICHAEL BANKS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First in two methods. Believed to be the first peal on these bells since 1887.

**BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents of Spliced Grandsire and Stedman, 12 each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 14 of Grandsire.  
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 2	REV. ALBERT WEBB .. .. 5
JAMES E. PULLON .. .. 3	PETER J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

\*First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. First in the above denomination by all, and believed to be the first to be rung for the Association and in the county of Worcester.  
 Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

**COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

PAUL MARTIN .. .. Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 4
GEORGE DUDLEY .. .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 5
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN S. CHAPMAN.

The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to Canon G. Calcraft on his retirement.

**DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS .. .. Treble	*JOHN G. AMES .. .. 4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. 5
ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\*25th peal together.

**ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 240 Morris' and 40 extents of 120. Tenor 9 cwt. 24 lb.

*MARGARET E. CHILTON (14) Treble	ARTHUR E. CHILTON .. .. 4
IVY ROE .. .. 2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. .. 5
†MICHAEL G. TRUMPER .. .. 3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

\*First peal at first attempt. †First 'inside.' First as conductor.  
 25th peal on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. W. Howard, Rector of Elston 1922-1932, who died October, 1960, aged 94.

**FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Eastern Branch.)

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise, two of Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4
JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 2	THOMAS CUMMINS .. .. 5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CUMMINS.

First peal in five methods as conductor.

**LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 21 Morris' 12-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.  

JOY SMITH .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY GREEN .. .. 4
WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. .. 5
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 3	RALPH DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY GREEN.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. C. V. B. MARSHALL Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
*HAROLD TURNER .. .. 2	*ALAN W. ROBINSON .. .. 5
*ALAN W. BEST .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\*First peal in two methods.  
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN FOX .. .. Treble	*EDWARD SHIPPEY .. .. 4
MRS. M. PARKER .. .. 2	*LEONARD HARVEY .. .. 5
*GEORGE SHARPE .. .. 3	MICHAEL PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

\*First peal and first attempt by local ringers. First as conductor.  
 Rung on the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, (2) Surfleet and Beverley, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 4
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
RAYMOND PECK .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\*100th peal for the Guild.

**STISTED, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Nov. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's: One each of London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HAROLD W. MOORE .. .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 4
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. .. 2	CHARLES W. BURTON .. .. 5
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

**ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	RICHARD E. CLIFTON .. .. 4
TOM HARRIS .. .. 2	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 5
CECILIA D. COWLEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as an 87th birthday compliment to Evander L. Littlewood, ringer at this church for 72 years.

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## BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	*JEREMY P. BRANDON .. 4
ANNE EDWARDS .. .. 2	ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5
JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 3	IAN R. PANTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.

\* First peal. Average age of band 17 years.

## ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 each of St. Clement's and Grandsire, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACQUELINE DOWNING .. Treble	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. .. 5
RICHARD WEBSTER .. .. 3	GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of Edward Perronet's hymn. 'All hail the power of Jesus' name,' written in 1760, following the writer's attendance at the coronation ceremony of George III.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NORMAN HOUGH .. .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	*MICHAEL THOMPSON .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, who has now 'circled the tower.'

## WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 12 of Grandsire, 15 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*ANDREW KING .. .. Treble	*EDWIN P. KING .. .. 4
*M. ALEC BEAUMONT (13) 2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 5
MICHAEL KING .. .. 3	GEORGE R. HINER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

\* First peal. First as conductor, First of Doubles, and in three methods by all except the sixth ringer. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes.

AT 15, SILEBY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung by members of his Sunday service band to congratulate the Vicar of Barrow (Rev. W. H. Dew) on his appointment as an honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

## OXFORD.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.

AT WADHAM COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

DAVID T. DARBY .. .. 1—2	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3—4
Umpire: ANDREW THOMSON.	

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

## HALF PEALS

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—On Nov. 5th, 2,520 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 1,800 Plain Bob): C. McCartney 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. A. Slight 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. M. Simpson 6.

**WATLINGTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 29th, 2,880 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): Christine Clayton 1, B. Wakefield 2, P. Wycherley 3, A. Stubbs 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Darby 6.

**ALDINGTON, KENT.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hooker 1, Miss M. Jones 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, C. T. Hillis 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, R. Swift 6. For Evensong.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Harwood 1, Audrey Goodchild 2, Sylvia Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, C. Champion (cond.) 5, P. Sherwood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

**BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, G. Riglar (first quarter) 3, Ann Shiels 4, W. Henley 5, R. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,504 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Fosberry 1, B. White 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. R. Rapley 4, R. P. Wood 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller 7, G. Francis (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Bernard E. Matthews.

**BLUNDSOON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss M. Aubrey 1, Miss S. A. Peake (first as cond. age 13) 2, Miss A. Porter 3, J. Vincent 4, A. R. Peake 5, Miss P. Hearne 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BOOTLE, LANCs.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ashworth 1, Miss W. Kenyon 2, M. C. Rogers 3, V. D. Jenner 4, J. Wilton (first as cond.) 5, R. Glover 6. First of Doubles for all the band.

**BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Brangwyn (first quarter) 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, W. F. Eydon 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, M. Walridge 2, D. S. Anderson 3, Miss A. Barclay (first quarter) 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Ware (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. C. Knight 2, Miss A. Dunnett (first 'inside') 3, D. S. Anderson 4, F. Godmark (cond.) 5, G. Burrows 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward (13, first quarter) 1, A. Harman (cond.) 2, Hannah Penfold 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor Stanley Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

**CASTLE EATON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. A. R. Peake 1, Mrs. G. Swain 2, J. T. Sawyer 3, M. Stanley 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. Swain 6. For Harvest Evensong.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, R. Collins (cond.) 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. G. Collins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Jupp 1, C. Hill 2, R. Collins (cond.) 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. G. Collins 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Bishop of Guildford.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. Measures (13, first attempt for quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Joan Cotton 3, A. R. Pocklington 4, M. R. Blore 5.

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens 1, Janet K. Secker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. A. Wilkinson 5, W. Birmingham 6, C. E. Lewington 7, V. Cherril 8.

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, E. Maund 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, Anne Broxton 6. Rung on the Feast of All Saints.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): F. Curtis 1, S. Silsby 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Allebone, people's warden for 25 years.

**ELING, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Akroyd (first quarter) 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, Gladys D. Kitcher 4, R. Buchanan 5, L. D. Smith 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, A. R. Elkins 2, E. Box 3, R. North (first as cond.) 4, M. Marshall 5, R. J. Hasted 6, E. J. Wells 7, J. W. Marr 8. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Elsmore 1, Miss A. Wells 3, R. North 4, C. W. Denyer 5, E. Box 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. W. Marr 8.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDx.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, Miss Ruth Foreman 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren (cond.) 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis 7, B. Watson 8. Rung for 20th Century Mass.

**FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. T. H. Bradley 3, F. Derry 4, C. Wilkinson 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. Rung at the conclusion of the collation and induction service of Canon F. R. Money, M.A., late of Winchester Cathedral, to the livings of Folkenham and Threekingham.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant 5, J. Fowler 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, R. Constant 8.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Marshall (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. B. W. Hunt 2, J. Ball 3, D. S. Jones 4, H. A. Nobes 5, R. Wake 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Parsons (first of Stedman) 8. For Patronal Festival.

**HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Vasey 1, R. Bowser 2, E. Jackson 3, J. Robinson 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 5. First quarter by a parish band.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob): Christine Froggatt (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan Meredith and Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For evening service and St. Luke's Day. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Christine Froggatt 1, M. Poppelston (first of Minor) 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, M. W. Harrison 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. First of Kent for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drewitt 1, R. Humphries 2, Mavis Wright 3, J. Lucas 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, W. Stillman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. Lawson Brewis, interred at Holt the previous Wednesday.

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. V. Woodcock 1, H. A. Price 2, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 3, F. R. Evans 4, D. H. B. Millward 5, W. Cathrall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Millington, a ringer at this church for many years, who was buried this afternoon.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oliver 1, Miss J. Drury (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, A. D. Leach 5, B. Priestley (first 'inside' and first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**KERESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 480 combined Plain Bob and Grandsire, 300 Grandsire: W. H. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. For Evensong.

**LACOCK, WILTS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lovelock 1, R. Purnell (cond.) 2, R. Lovelock 3, M. Mace (first 'inside') 4, P. Gaisford 5, B. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Allen 1, E. Nixon (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith (first 'inside') 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry 5, D. Weeks (first quarter) 6.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norma Richardson (first quarter) 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, H. L. Pask 3, Margaret Swann 4, P. A. Sharp 5, J. Burton 6, G. R. Parker 7, L. Willders and S. A. Chambers 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Spice 1, A. M. Maceve 2, Miss I. Inman 3, Miss M. E. Kirby 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall (first on 10 as cond.) 6, A. S. Richards 7, D. A. N. Holland 8, I. H. Oram 9, R. T. Newman 10. First on ten for 2, 4 and 5.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Woodruffe 1, M. Gilbert 2, J. Nickson 3, B. Groves 4, J. Mannerings 5, M. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on the eve of St. Michael's Day.

**NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Chilton 1, F. G. Hooper 2, Elisabeth Tutty 3, J. W. Rathby 4, H. Squires 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, L. Squires 8, W. L. Exton (cond.) 9, D. Simpson 10. Rung for Gopher.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Mrs. Margaret Went 6. For Harvest Festival, also birthday compliments to conductor and 2nd.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Warner 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Bishop of Guildford.

**POWERSTOCK, DORSET.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Minor (London S. and St. Clement's): F. Knight 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, W. Poole 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6. First quarter peal on the augmented bells.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Ruscoe 1, J. Williams 2, Mavis Wright 3, Allison Ince 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, R. Drewett 6.

**ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Veale 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,140 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): S. H. Hardy 1, F. Gorrinæ 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. G. Braund (cond.) 5, A. Trigga 6. Rung for Matins, and as a compliment to Janet Evelyn, daughter of conductor, who was made a member of Christ's Church this day.

**SLOUGH, Bucks.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. K. Ward (first as cond. on 10) 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Linda J. Kew 3, W. D. Ward 4, D. K. Walters 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, A. D. Rivers 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham 9, F. R. Scott 10. For Sung Eucharist service.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Jonathan Honey, formerly captain of this tower.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Nov. 6th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Mrs. P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, M. J. Stanley (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, Dr. H. Craig 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For evening service on the occasion of the 109th birthday of the church.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Garrod 1, M. L. Jordan 2, D. M. Gambling 3, H. Shire 4, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled for All Souls' Day.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,232 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One Part): P. Bergdahl (first on eight) 1, Miss K. Willers 2, P. H. Pigg 3, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 4, H. Muncey (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Miss H. Muirhead 6, J. W. Quinney 7, R. Dennis 8.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDx.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. Sheehan 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. Mitchell 3, P. Phillips 4, E. R. Gotham 5, D. G. Rowlands 6, F. Bedford 7, J. Ing 8. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Phillips.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Bailey (first quarter) 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, H. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter 8. A tribute to the Rev. A. C. A. Chetwynd-Talbot on his last Sunday as Vicar.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Hermione Hockey 1, J. Faircloth 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. E. Finch 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Holland 6.

**WHISTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roope (cond.) 1, T. Jennings (aged 80) 2, P. Amos 3, T. A. Wooding 4, J. C. Rainbow 5. For Evensong.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, C. York 3, A. G. Hazzard 4, A. Worle 5, H. Worle (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. J. H. Hobbs (Rector), interred this day.

**WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Burrows 1, G. Sharpe 2, Miss D. Green 3, J. Bird 4, A. Gower 5, L. Harvey (cond.) 6. Rung in farewell to J. Bird.

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Mr. J. D. Johnson has waited for 46 years to conduct a peal at Ledbury, Herefordshire—his father's native town and the tower in which he learnt his early ringing. On August Monday, 1914, he had been invited to conduct a peal of Grandsire for the local band, but the outbreak of the 1914 war cancelled this attempt. The opportunity did not recur until the peal of Stedman on November 5th this year.

We regret to learn of the passing, on November 1st, of Mr. Benjamin Barker, a loyal member of St. Peter's band, Derby.

Miss Ann Brown, a well known Australian ringer, who has been in England recently, was married last Saturday at St. Michael's (R.C.) Church, Huntingdon, to Mr. David Henby, a member of the U.S.A. Air Force.

After an absence from ringing for many years, by reason of his occupation, Mr. J. Ramble, sometime of Croydon, rang his bell faultlessly in a peal of Stedman Triples, at Stoke Poges, on November 2nd.

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise at Allesley, Coventry, on November 5th, was rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frank W. Perrens' first peal and he called the same composition as he did when the first peal of Lincolnshire was rung in 1928.

Mr. John N. D. Chaddock (19), turned in Rotherham tenor (34½ cwt.), to a peal of Plain Bob Royal, to welcome the new Vicar. He is the youngest ringer to do so and received the hearty congratulations of the band on a good job at the conclusion of the peal.

Liverpool University Society has now the use of the bells of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Liverpool, for practices every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. As the Society is still few in numbers, any visitors would be made very welcome.

The tower of St. Mary's Church, Brecon, is undergoing repairs, estimated to cost £1,770. Ravages of the weather have loosened much of the masonry at the top of the tower and the parapet, gargoyles and buttresses. So far only £200 has been received.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Towards the cost of providing a memorial bell at Guildford New Cathedral to Mr. A. H. Pulling nearly £240 has been received. At an extraordinary general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, it was decided to transfer money standing in the Cathedral Bell Fund towards this object and also to consider winding up the Benevolent Fund of the Guild. Another £200 at least is urgently required. Donations to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

The bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, will be broadcast, prior to the 9.45 a.m. service, next Sunday (November 20th), on the West Home Service (258m. and 206m.).

Congratulations were extended by many friends at the Guildford Diocesan Guild meeting on Saturday to Mr. F. N. Wicks on his recent marriage.

Still going strong is Mr. Tom Jennings, of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, who will be 81 in January. He rang a quarter peal at Whiston on November 6th with precision, on bells which many ringers fight shy at handling. Congratulations Tom!

Regarding our report of the bells on the Queen Mary an error occurred in our paragraph (page 754). Dr. Lefevre has recently retired from the post of carillonneur at the Riverside Church. He is not carillonneur at Bournville. Mr. Clifford Ball, a friend of many ringers, holds that post.

'The statistics given in H. E. Taylor's letter, re "Gratefully Acknowledged," seem to indicate that the more "highfalutin" one's ringing becomes the less one needs to support the organ which does so much for peal ringers.'—Comment by South Yorks ringer.

Before Mrs. Mary C. Poyner went to Pulverbatch, Shropshire, to conduct her first peal, she read her horoscope in the morning newspaper. It stated: 'Keep your wits about you or you will be "beaten to the post" in some ambitious project.' She succeeded and is believed to be the first lady to call a peal in the county of Salop.

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## JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

The day was gloomy, and the rain hardly stopped for a moment on October 29th, when the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Middlesex Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hillingdon. This annual event was not dampened by the weather, as about 80 ringers supported the meeting.

During the afternoon St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, was open for ringing as well as St. John's, Hillingdon. Mr. Fred Goodfellow started the ringing at both towers, and then Mr. Frank Blagrove took charge of the eight bell ringing at St. Andrew's, while Mr. Derek Fowles looked after the ten bell ringing at St. John's. On the whole the ringing was good.

We were very grateful to the Vicar of Hillingdon, Rev F. C. Tyler, who conducted a most enjoyable service in which the Rev. Mr. Swindells, curate of St. Mary's, Slough, preached a very interesting sermon.

A magnificent tea was provided in the Church Hall, and this year the responsibility was taken over from Mrs. Goodfellow, who has catered so well for us in the past, by Mrs. A. R. Turley. The Vicar again welcomed the various ringers to Hillingdon. Mrs. Locke replied for the Ladies' Guild and said that there were about 30 ladies present and this, compared with the first meeting, which was held about 25 years ago, was very good.

The Ringing Master, of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, Mr. E. G. Swift, thanked the ladies of Hillingdon for the splendid tea. He added that unlike most years, when it is said, 'The same old faces are here,' looking around he could see many new, young faces, which was most encouraging.

The meeting stood in silence to remember two faithful ringers who had passed away—Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, and Mr. James W. Parker, late of Edmonton.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, also the organist and choir for their attendance.

The tables were quickly moved away for a very pleasant social evening which followed. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells and Mr. George Hart showed coloured slides of towers in Somerset, which he visited this summer with the American boys. The annual tussle between the Middlesex and Oxford ringers for the famous China Cup was again won by Middlesex. Games and dancing followed and thanks were given to Mrs. Locke for her assistance in organising the games. D.H.

## AN OUTING IN NORTH DEVON

On October 22nd two Devon and five Somerset ringers spent an enjoyable day amongst the sixes of North Devon. A narrow, twisting 1 in 4 ascent brought the party to Charles, where they found a delightful ring (9 cwt.), although the tenor is somewhat predominant in the ringing chamber. High Bray (13 cwt.) stands at the top of another hill. These nice-toned bells are unfortunately very rarely rung and much moulting of the sallies occurred.

A black cat met the band at Bratton Fleming (15 cwt.) and the party were indeed lucky for the bells are a joy to ring and to listen to. Then on to Kentsbury (8 cwt.), where the bells are an easy going, merry little set. After tea at Clifton House, Combe Martin, a move was made to Arlington, where the church stands in National Trust grounds and is lighted by paraffin. The bells are a very good ring, sounding heavier than their 11 cwt.

To reach Loxhore (5 cwt.) one has to pass through two farmyards. These bells go very well despite the somewhat cramped ringing space. Goodleigh church is difficult to find in the dark but the bells (8 cwt.) are worth searching for, even though the ropes appear to have been adjusted for giants. West Buckland (7½ cwt.) was the last tower of the day and another welcoming black cat brought luck for, despite the long draught causing some misgivings, the bells proved to be one of the best rings of the day. Fog was descending as the party dispersed for home.

Best thanks are due to all who so readily gave permission to ring and to those locals who met the party. E. T. P. F.

## SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 47



MR. WILFRID F. MORETON

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton is one of the most brilliant members of the younger generation in the Exercise. He is a true Yorkshireman and it can be confidently claimed that he is imbued with all the highest ideals of good ringing and striking that have characterised Yorkshire ever since Jasper Snowden set that county's very high standards. He will not countenance bad or 'sloppy' ringing, and poor handling and striking are his pet abominations. This is not to say he is im-

patient or intolerant—indeed he is of a very quiet disposition—but those who do not take the job of ringing seriously and do not give of their best would be well advised to steer clear of the danger of his strictures! He is a born teacher, and is yet another member of that grand profession that has provided us with so many capable instructors.

Born in 1924, at Flamborough, he lived in Yorkshire for eight years and then his family moved to Herefordshire, where, during his 20 years' residence, he learnt to ring in 1937 at All Saints' Church, Hereford, under the instruction of the late Charles L. Sadler. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Holme Lacey in 1939, conducted by E. F. Salmons. His first as conductor was three months later. After leaving school he went up to Oxford in 1942 and learnt handbell ringing from John E. Spice, who called his first handbell peal that year. Then service in the Royal Armoured Corps for three years—mostly spent abroad—took him to India, and whilst there he rang three handbell peals. Returning to Yorkshire in 1952, he was appointed Divinity Master at Normanton Grammar School. Interested in the game of rugby football, it was natural that he should also be in charge of that at the school.

Being brought up in the atmosphere of a clergyman's home (his father is a priest), he naturally became involved in all sorts of church work—becoming a server since seven years old and a chorister since nine. He can accompany a service on the organ, and took part in many church activities, such as amateur dramatics, pageants, etc. In 1952 he married Miss Jo(an) Roper—known to her intimate friends as 'Jo,' the daughter of Mr. H. L. Roper, Oxford D.G. librarian, and compiler of 'The Ringing World' index. They have one son—not yet two years old—but already interested in bells. Wilfrid was elected Central Council representative for Hereford Guild in 1945 and served in that capacity until 1959. He was then made an honorary member, and has rendered splendid service on the Sunday Service Survey Committee.

His peals total to date is about 750, of which he has conducted over 370. The total includes about 100 on handbells. He took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods—then a record—and has since taken part in the present record—a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 53 methods. Two of the peals he is most proud of are Yorkshire at Lugwardine in 1949 and Stedman Triples at Holme Lacey. In both these peals practically all were 'firsts.' Wilfrid is never so happy as when teaching learners, and when he has finished with them they can take their places with the best.

JAFUS.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Kent County Association held their annual dinner at Tonbridge, on October 29th. Unfortunately only a few ringers were able to make use of the opportunity to ring at the Parish Church during the afternoon, probably due to the typical English weather, but over 70 members and friends met for dinner at the Rose and Crown.

After the meal Mr. J. Willis, who presided, proposed the loyal toast and then speeches followed, alternated with songs from Miss Barbara Lee and Mr. Raymond Large, accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Ladd.

The Association's secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, proposed the toast of 'The Church' which was replied to by Canon T. F. C. Bewes, Vicar of Tonbridge. The Archdeacon of Tonbridge (Ven. E. E. Maples-Earle), proposed a toast to 'The Exercise' to which Mr. P. A. Corby replied on behalf of the Kent County Association. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of the Association.

The chairman then thanked the two singers, and Miss Doris Colgate for her work in arranging the dinner and presented her with a gift from the members.

M. A. L.

## SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Scottish Association was held on October 22nd, the proceedings beginning at St. John's, Alloa, the lightest ring of eight in the country. The local ringers had kindly provided a buffet lunch and for some it was a difficult matter to decide whether to go first to the Church Hall for refreshment or to the tower for ringing. So that full use would be made of the ringing opportunities of the afternoon an advance party set off for Dunblane, where the bells were available only between 3 and 4 p.m.

Ringers from Paisley, Dundee and St. Andrew's then had to leave for home while the rest of the party moved on to Edinburgh, where ringing continued first at St. Mary's Cathedral and then at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church.

In addition to a good attendance of members we were pleased to have with us two ringers from Cheshire who had made the journey specially to attend the meeting. The ringing, ranging from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. F. Sargent, of Glasgow. R. S. W.

# 323rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

ENCOURAGING REVIEW OF RINGING NATIONALLY—BUSY DAYS AHEAD FOR BELL-FOUNDERS—COLLEGE YOUTHS' GROWTH: A MEMBER A WEEK SINCE THE WAR—JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

A VERY encouraging review of ringing throughout the country was presented by the president of the Central Council at the 323rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at the Bridge House Restaurant on November 5th. For the Master, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, it was his second occasion in the chair, the other being in 1952.

Proceedings started with the traditional entry of the Master, accompanied by the senior steward, Mr. Michael P. Moreton, and the junior steward, Mr. W. T. Cook. A company of 157 was present and there were the usual toasts to those of 60 years membership (Mr. G. E. Symonds and Mr. E. G. Fenn) and those of 50 years (Messrs. A. H. Peck, Henry Hodgetts and Albert A. Hughes). The principal guest was the new Bishop of Southwark (the Rt. Rev. A. Mervyn Stockwood), who was known to some members of the company when he was at Cambridge. A cablegram was read from Wing-Comdr. Stan Mason, from California, wishing the company a successful evening.

The Master was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Southwark, the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. E. T. Floyd-Ewan (Registrar of St. Paul's Cathedral), G. G. J. Watts, J. E. Chilcott, F. Sharpe, A. A. Hughes, J. F. Smallwood, R. Wilson, S. Fox, M. P. Moreton, W. T. Cook, D. Beresford, A. York-Bramble, A. C. Winn, S. Foskett, H. C. Edwards and W. A. Yates.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church' the Master said it was their custom that this toast should always be proposed by the Master, and that was the second time he had proposed it. The Church today had problems, perhaps as serious as any in its long and glorious history. At home at a time of almost full employment and the so-called affluent society when one would have thought that crimes against people and property would have decreased enormously, the reverse was the case. There was, too, an appalling disregard of, or indifference to, the sanctity of human life. Year after year the growing figures of road casualties rose and most people thought of them in terms of statistics. All this was in a supposedly Christian country.

## WOULD-BE MASTER AN ORDINAND

The Master referred to the colour bar and also to certain problems of the Bishop of Southwark, particularly in regard to the recruitment of clergy. The Society was very proud that Brooke Lunn, who in the normal course of events would be occupying the chair that night, was now an ordinand. They knew he would have been a first class Master, and they felt sure he would become a fine clergyman.

Eight years ago he reminded them that there were only three more or less ringable rings of bells in the City of London—St. Paul's, Cornhill and Bishopsgate. What a difference there was today! Hart Street, Cripplegate and St. Lawrence Jewry now had fine new rings and some much-needed rehanging had been done to St. Paul's: there had been a complete restoration at Cornhill and just over the city boundary they had the splendid new ten at St. Clement Danes'. Before long the new 12 at Bow would ring out; St. Vedast, Foster Lane, would have a new six and there would be a new eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

'What a challenge this presents to London ringers. We in the Ancient Society cannot hope to provide ringers for all these towers but will do our best to assist.'

The Right Rev. A. Mervyn Stockwood replied with a witty and humorous speech, in which he described his efforts to elude reporters who wanted his views on 'My lovely lady's chatter'.

Proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, said of the many functions he attended, he did not think there were any that gave him greater joy than the annual feast of the Ancient Society of College Youths, because of the many old friends he met on that occasion. Although the Ancient Society was by no means the only one doing good for the Exercise and their art, he thought that during the 323 years of its existence as an organised company it had done far more than any other to promote the good of their art.

## CLERGY OPPOSED BELLS

When their Society was founded Puritan influence was strong and ringing was almost divorced from the church. A number of young men, mostly recruited from the Inns of Court and the nobility, rang as a sport. In the middle of the last century the Church began to recover from that Puritan influence and they allowed the use of bells for Sunday services. They would be surprised at the opposition. It was only recently that he was reading 'The Ecclesiologist' of 1864 and there it was reported that there was an organised attempt by the clergy to prevent bells being rung. They did not succeed. The ringers were persistent and were rewarded in bells being allowed to be rung for church services.

Today an ever-increasing number of young people were ringing bells in an ever-increasing number of churches for Sunday services. Ringers did not confine their activities to the belfries: many were engaged in other activities of the Church.

The Sunday Service Survey produced some interesting statistics. Although one newspaper declared that ringing was on the decline, never before had they had so many young people interested. That day there had been an attempt on a peal of 40.320 Plain Bob Major. He was sorry to say it had failed. He had arranged for telegrams to be sent to him reporting progress and he had received one which read: 'Failed at 11.000.—John Worth.' They were all sorry that attempt failed and they wished them and others luck in any future attempt.

## 'WONDERFUL PROGRESS'

The most important thing of the Sunday Service Survey was the wonderful progress in the last 70 years. Then, according to the county histories of towers, the number of churches where the bells were rung for services was only 4 per cent: today it was 70 per cent. In that they could take heart and it was due to societies like theirs that that had taken place.

The year 1960 was an eventful year in many ways. They had had legislation that required a quinquennial survey of all their churches. The results of that survey were beginning to be seen. The urgent things required to the fabric of many of their churches had been done and now churches were paying attention to their towers and the bells. He forecast a very great increase in bell restoration work and in the next 10 years they would see a great deal of work done. On the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council they had never been so busy and with requests for reports on putting bells in order. The result of the conference between the

Central Council for the Care of Churches and their Council had been most satisfactory. They had reached agreement and a joint statement was to be issued.

Another advantage was the courses of instruction in their art in various parts of the country. They were bearing much fruit and were developing by the process of evolution. They were very much on the increase and almost all parts of the country were being planned to be covered by such courses.

'I travel about the country a great deal and I find that there is a greater interest in all matters appertaining to the Church. There is a great spiritual development going on and I am seeing more and more of it. We should take heart.'

The ban on ringing in this country during the war did an awful lot of good. When people could not hear the sound of bells they realised what they lost, and like the Restoration time of Charles II ringing greatly increased after the lifting of the ban.

## CHANGE RINGING IN HEBREW

Last week he was studying the manuscripts of Oliver Palmer of 1658. Ringing then was regarded as a wicked thing and if Palmer had been caught he would have been put in jail. Oliver copied out the book of Psalms in Greek and above each line in Hebrew he put down his changes. These included Bob Minimus, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor and a lot more of interesting things. All this was done before Fabian Stedman published his work. In the old days their Society was the great link of the Exercise in all parts of the country; today that link was provided by 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John E. Chilcott, the honorary secretary, who replied, thanked Mr. Sharpe for his remarks and said it was a pleasure for them all to know that Mr. Sharpe had not missed a dinner of the Society for 30 years.

Apologies for absence had been received from John H. Jones (Tamworth), Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), W. Arthur Riddington (Upper Beeding), Joseph T. Dyke (Chilcompton), James Rea (Streatham), David E. Parsons (Carshalton), Richard W. Stannard (Barking, joined 1890), John H. Fielden (Halifax), Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Harold N. Pitstow (Banstead), W. H. Coles (Hillingdon), G. Nelson Sloan (Christchurch, N.Z.), Walter P. Judge (Oxford) and Burley P. Morris (Derby).

## NEW MEMBER A WEEK

In general, said Mr. Chilcott, the Society had had a very good year, which was reflected by an attendance of 185 members and friends that evening. During the year they made 47 new members and since 1945 they had made, on an average, one member a week.

Up-to-date they had rung 24 peals since the last dinner, excluding one rung that day. These peals were rung in 23 counties, with Lancashire leading with 8 and the two counties of Notts and Derby with 9 between them.

In London they very much appreciated the care in the selection of new members. He thought there was some misunderstanding as to the qualification for membership. The qualification was a male person of 14 years of age who had rung a quarter peal. Under exceptional circumstances a young member could be elected in a tower before a peal, and his name sent to London, with particulars in writing as to his qualifications.

Another thing decided this year was the condition under which a former member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

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would be elected to membership. They had decided that a year must elapse between his resignation from one Society and his election as a College Youth.

**PEALS OF INTEREST**

In the 26 peals rung 112 members took part and there were 17 different conductors. Of the peals two were Minor, both rung at Warsop; the three peals of Triples included one at Westminster Abbey for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones. There were six peals of Major—five Surprise and one Double Norwich, which was the first peal for Roger Overington, the son of the verger of St. Paul's. There were two of Caters and four of Royal, including one of three Spliced Surprise, but the footnote to this peal, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' would not appear in the Society's peal book. The five peals of Cinques included one in memory of George N. Price, one on handbells and one at Buckfast Abbey by West Country ringers. Maximus was represented by four peals, including the first for the Society of Superlative Surprise Maximus.

Three golden wedding-peals were rung—Cambridge Maximus at Southwark Cathedral for Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fenn; Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate for Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes; Stedman Triples at Stamford Hill for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher.

**LOSSES BY DEATH**

The company stood in memory of the following ringers: C. W. R. Grimwood, J. Hurrell, G. H. Myers, W. C. Lampard, F. W. Cannings, F. M. Mitchell, Josiah D. Harris, W. S. Langdon, Miss Stella Davis, A. E. Lock, F. Skidmore, H. Prout, C. H. Woodberry, P. H. Marshall, Morris J. Morris, W. J. Prescott, A. Harding, G. Gilbert, C. H. Hawkins, H. Holgate, James Parker, John R. Sharman (63 years a member).

Normal practices had been held and well supported. Practice dates would be published in 'The Ringing World'. On January 8th the memorial to Challis F. Winney was dedicated at St. Clement Danes'. The county visit to Derby was arranged by Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. Burley P. Morris, and a company of 60 sat down to lunch and received a welcome from the Bishop, the Provost and the Lord Mayor.

Mr. J. A. Waugh submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies.'

In personal reminiscences he recalled, as a boy of 14, learning at Bow, where a great importance was attached to the beat. Rounds would be rung for quite a long time until the conductor was satisfied. The first 'Ringing World' he took contained an account of a peal at Wells Cathedral, conducted by Challis F. Winney, who was described as a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He welcomed, in particular, Dr. Goldstein from the U.S.A., a prominent handbell ringer, who was now learning tower bell ringing. To Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, he thought their new rule would make some Cumberlands think twice before joining the College Youths.

**A FAMOUS WALK**

In welcoming 22 members from the Oxford Society, Mr. Waugh said in 1733 there was a famous visit by their Society to Oxford. They set out 15 strong under Benjamin Annable and the majority of them walked to 53 miles to Oxford.

Replying Mr. Beresford brought the cordial greetings of the Cumberlands. He congratulated the Ancient Society, specially on two peals rung in the past year, Stedman Cinques 'in hand' and Spliced Surprise Royal in three methods. Handbell ringing was not now so popular as it was and it was very good to

hear of Stedman Cinques being rung again in London. He hoped to have the pleasure of entertaining their new Master at their annual dinner in February.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and described the reactions of various types of ringers to the contents of the journal. He hoped their journal would not have the same fate as had befallen one of the national newspapers.

**NO TAKE OVER BIDS!**

Replying, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said during last week or two they had had some painful reminders of the difficulties of maintaining newspapers and he thought in the next few weeks others would also go. These papers had been confronted with exactly the same difficulties as they had—of rising costs. Fortunately for 'The Ringing World' the Council had the foresight to elect a committee who would not give up without a very severe struggle. They had had no approach from Mr. Clore or Mr. Thompson for take-over bids but if they were forthcoming they would know what to say!

He was very pleased to think that when Mr. Goldsmith passed on they were far-sighted enough to become the owners of the paper, and being the owners they could decide their fate and the fate of 'The Ringing World'. He thought the solution of their difficulties was a strong and long pull by all people to lift up the circulation. There was one thing that must be said, the Exercise as a whole was living on a great deal of charity—he was not referring to the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column but to the measly sum they paid to those who served them.

Next year would be the 50th anniversary of 'The Ringing World' as John Goldsmith founded the paper in the spring of 1911. The committee were meeting in London shortly to consider a suitable celebration. What would please John Goldsmith best for the jubilee of the paper would be to have a circulation of 10,000. That was a wild dream when one could not get to the 6,000 mark.

The concluding toast of 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The Master of 1660 was John Brereton, a son of Lord Brereton, one of the founders of the Society. He was a student at Oxford and he and his younger brother got into trouble as they took part in the Civil War fighting for the King.

The Master of 1760 was not known but of 1860 it was Edward Lansell, who came from Rolvenden, in Kent. He was employed in the Hop Market, and was reported to have introduced half-muffled ringing into London.

A bob course of Stedman Cinques was rung by W. T. Cook 1-2, John Chilcott 3-4, M. V. Chilcott 5-6, Wilfred Williams 7-8, Brian D. Threlfall 9-10, Michael P. Moreton 11-12.

The company present, in addition to the top table, were:—

A. J. Adams, A. J. Adams, J. A. Anderson, J. Armstrong, W. J. Arnold.

A. Bagworth, N. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, B. J. Baker, R. Baker, A. W. Beard, H. Belcher, P. Bird, G. Bishop, P. Border, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, W. J. Brunt, F. W. Burger, D. Burnett.

A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, J. H. Chance, P. Chapman, J. R. Chaundy, W. J. Chester, D. G. Clift, M. V. Chilcott, F. E. Collins, R. J. Cook, R. G. Cousins, A. W. Cox, J. H. Crampion.

F. E. Darby, R. Davies, G. Davis, J. I. P. Davis, J. S. Dear, S. H. Dearden, W. S. Deason, J. E. Drewitt.

R. G. Edwards, S. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, E. G. Fenn, E. F. Flintham, D. Fowles, L. J. Fox, R. J. Fox, T. G. Fox.

F. V. Gant, M. Gathercole, D. Goldstein, W. T. Grice.

R. Hanger, F. E. Hansford, N. V. Harding, B. Hendrie, A. R. Heppenstall, J. Hill, R. W. Hinde, E. Hitchens, H. Hodgetts, S. Holgate, G. W. Holland, R. G. Hooper, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, D. J. Hunt.

E. R. Iveson, D. Jewell, W. Judge, J. R. Ketteringham, S. Key, S. F. Kimber, W. H. Kingcott.

D. Langdon, R. G. Leale, D. A. Leslie, N. H. Leslie, A. F. Lewry, H. Look, J. H. Lott.

T. Macey, A. R. Mann, F. E. Manns, J. Marks, G. W. Massey, R. B. Meadows, P. Mehew, J. Merrifield, E. G. Moore, J. McDonald.

R. T. Newman, C. E. Norris, R. Norris, W. A. Osborn, C. W. Ottley, R. Overington, I. Page, R. J. F. Parsons, F. Patrick, A. B. Peck, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, M. Phipps, C. W. Pipe, M. J. Pryor.

D. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, A. S. Richards, P. G. Richards, F. E. Roberts, V. G. Roberts, J. D. Rock, A. Rogers, D. H. Rooke, J. Rooke, J. H. T. Rooke, A. Rose, E. J. Rowe, R. K. Russ.

G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, R. E. Saunders, V. Savage, C. Sedgley, T. J. Setter, B. Shackleton, G. Shellard, R. D. Short, K. G. Spavins, R. Sumner, G. E. Symonds.

W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, H. E. Thompson, R. J. Trebilcock, B. D. Threlfall, C. E. Truman, A. M. Tyler.

C. C. Varney, R. A. Vickers, P. Walker, D. K. Walters, J. A. Waugh.

H. C. Weaver, H. G. Weedon, R. Weedon, J. O. Weller, B. R. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, T. W. White, W. R. White, D. S. Wilkes, F. H. Wilkins, W. Williams, C. E. Willmington, D. C. Woodward, H. Woolven, A. H. Worboys.

**THE LADIES' GUILD****Midland District**

Despite three different outings arranged from this area, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held a successful meeting at Belgrave on September 17th. Ringing in a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Surprise, catered for all. After shortened Even-song, conducted by the Vicar, tea was served by the local ringers' wives in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Stanforth (president) gave a short account of the A.G.M. held in Bath in July.

The next meeting will be at Measham on November 19th. The A.G.M. of the District will be held on February 18th at St. Peter's, Derby, both these dates and places having been confirmed. Should there be sufficient support a coach will be arranged for the November meeting. W. M. W.

**Southern District**

The autumn meeting of the Southern District was held on October 22nd, at Steep, Hampshire. On a lovely warm afternoon the six bells were soon going to a variety of methods until the service at 4.30 p.m. An excellent tea in the Village Hall was enjoyed by 24 ladies and friends, after which a brief business meeting was held. Three new members were elected and it was most encouraging to see old and new friends present.

Evening ringing was at Petersfield, where methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The next meeting is planned for February 11th, at Aldershot, and we hope to see many more members present. C. M. H.

**BROMBOROUGH, CHES.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: L. I. Grey 1, V. R. Tallis 2, M. C. Hughes 3, C. H. Pullin 4, F. Anderson 5, H. S. Bailey 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, T. A. Morgan 8. First quarter of Triples for all except L. I. Grey. Rung for the 155th anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## F-GROUPS

Dear Sir,

A misprint again occurred in the falseness of Sawley S.M. The correct falseness is B( $\frac{1}{2}$ ); N( $F_1 \frac{1}{2}$ ). The omission of F's suffix  $\frac{1}{2}$  renders it meaningless.

We would like to recommend the use of this notation for it gives, in addition to the false course heads, the leads in which the falseness occurs. This information is essential for methods whose falseness necessitates the use of parts of false courses.

To give an example of this notation, suppose a method has false course heads 32546 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 24536 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 25346 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 26354 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 24653 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 62453 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 36452 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 53246 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 43526 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ). This would be written D( $\frac{1}{2}$ ); T<sub>1</sub>( $F_1 \frac{1}{2}$ ); T<sub>2</sub>( $F_1 \frac{1}{2}$ ).

D and T are the Maurice Hodgson F groups. T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> are the two F-sets comprising T; F<sub>1</sub> denotes the 1st member of an F-set;  $\frac{1}{2}$  means second lead of the plain course false with third lead of the false course. The leads in which F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>4</sub> are false can be determined from the false leads of F<sub>1</sub>, it is only necessary, therefore, to specify the false leads of one member of the F-set.

The labelling F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub> and F<sub>4</sub> in the table of F-groups in Corrigan's 'Half Lead Systems of Extracting F.C.E.'s' is misleading in those F-groups containing more than one F-set. For example, F<sub>1</sub> of U<sub>2</sub> (U has 3 F-sets) is incorrectly labelled as F<sub>3</sub>.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.  
D. R. CARLISLE.  
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

## FIRST PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir.—On page 721 of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., is credited with having conducted the first true peal in Monmouthshire in 1886.

In Chepstow belfry there is a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung there on January 9th, 1837—composed and conducted by William Ayres. This was rung by the 'Society of Union Youths.'

Is there any evidence that this peal was false?—Yours faithfully,

F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

## DERBY CATHEDRAL PEAL APOLOGIES

Dear Sir.—Having read the comments in my letter regarding the peal rung at Derby Cathedral for the College Youths, I find that I owe several apologies.

Firstly, to Mr. Donald Clift for:

- Not realising that he was not a witness of the peal in question.
- Not anticipating that he would lose his notes on the subject.
- Failing to realise that the editor of 'The Ringing World' had, with his blue pencil, completely changed the meaning of the report on the peal.

Secondly, to Mr. Williams for:

- Not being thoroughly familiar with the details of all his peal tours.
- Not having fired bullets made by some nameless Ancient College Youth of the Derbyshire Association.
- My irreverent reference to the professionally written peal book of the premier ringing Society.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

## OLD HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—A few weeks ago I was fortunate to be taken round the caves of a very famous Nottingham inn. 'The Trip to Jerusalem.' I say fortunate because there were many articles of interest, and last but not least I spied a set of handbells in good condition, and on asking how they were come by and how old. I was told it was not known where they came from, but they were 250 years old. They looked quite modern. If any readers are interested to see them on their visits to Nottingham, the inn will be more than obliging to show you them and all other interesting articles.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON (Miss).

West Bridgford, Notts.

## ANOTHER GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir.—In the past few weeks a dispute has arisen between the Derbyshire Association and the College Youths. But why bring in the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association? Mr. D. R. Carlisle states that if the College Youths wished to insult the Derbyshire Association they would have rung the peal for the S.D. & N.L.A. Not only is it an insult to us as an association not concerned, but also bad manners to bring us into the dispute.

When ringing peals we may not attempt complex methods, but at least we do strike them, not like some rubbish which others sometimes turn out.

As for Mr. Marshall's signature to the letter he has never been to our meetings and knows even less about us. I would therefore suggest he is just a 'yes man' to add weight to a letter, or he is trying to get involved in affairs which don't concern him.

If that is the best you can do, Mr. Carlisle, then I, for one, am disappointed with the Derbyshire Association.

Before rushing back into print we have College Youths and Derbyshire Association members in the S.D. & N.L.A.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. WILLOWS.

## IT'S NOT SO AMUSING

Dear Sir.—Reading the last paragraph of a recent letter by H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, in the issue of November 4th, made me wonder why he thought that the fact that a certain quarter peal visit to Wortley by the Wentworth band had been called off because of heavy rain. Would he like riding a push-bike five miles in a thunderstorm? As there were three such thunderstorms in less than twenty minutes of near-tropical violence, the prospect of riding a push-bike and then ringing a quarter peal is not very pleasant! No, sir! if you think it is amusing, do it yourself.

May I inform H.E.T. that since May, 1960, the Wentworth band (formed January, 1960), has rung 11 quarter peals and one full peal, this including two quarters at Wath-on-Dearne and at Bradfield. I wonder if H.E.T. noticed this? Also, that the band rang at a ringing contest at Hoylandswaine. To wind up: whenever ringers feel like criticising or making fun of other ringers, let us have them thinking more deeply, collecting their facts and, above all, try to put themselves in the shoes of the ringers they are writing about. We might see less bickering in the 'R.W.'—Yours, etc.,

## THE RINGER WHO WROTE THE FOOTNOTE.

Wentworth.

## SINGLE METHOD PEALS OF MINOR ARE NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir.—It is unrealistic to say, as did Mr. Barnett in his speech at the Snowdon dinner recently, that peals of Minor in less than seven methods are lowering our standards.

Standards are relative. They depend on the extent to which enthusiasm has kept change ringing alive. For many ringers, the achievement of a peal of any sort is a great step forward. Let us have no more talk of 'Look at all these peals of Plain Bob Minor' in sorrowful tones. There is no better foundation than Plain Bob on which to build up six-bell ringing.—Yours, etc.,

Shrewsbury.

HARRY POYNER.

## PEAL AT ACCRINGTON WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that the peal of Southwell Surprise Major, which I conducted at Accrington on October 22nd, and which appeared on page 732 of the 'R.W.', will have to be withdrawn.

I had checked the 3-4 section (where the method varies from Cambridge), and found that it had the same internal falseness as Cambridge. Consequently, I assumed that all peals true to Cambridge would also be true to Southwell, and called the 5,088 by J. W. Washbrook (C.C.C., No. 12), in the Cambridge section). The method is so similar to Cambridge (only two rows in each lead are different) that it never occurred to me to check the falseness when the tenors are parted.

However, Mr. Norman Smith has since drawn my attention to the fact that both New Cambridge and Southwell are considerably more prone to falseness with the tenors parted than is Cambridge itself; and that this composition is false to both these methods.

I must therefore apologise to the band for my laxity in this instance—and particularly to those for whom it would have been a 'first of Surprise.'

If it is any consolation, may I point out that the memory of a well-struck, interesting and musical 'peal' will still remain—only the records will suffer.—Yours etc.,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston.

## SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir.—The above habit is indulged in in certain non-association towers in Somerset and in one (which shall be nameless), an Oxo tin is provided for the fag-ends. When, however, a band of 'scientific' ringers visit this 'Oxo tin' tower, the locals follow the example of their guests by not lighting up until they are in the churchyard. Before the last war I noted evidence of smoking in a few towers in Dorset as well and in one, since the war, a previous Vicar was in favour of the habit!—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Langport, Somerset.

## JOINT MEETING AT MILTON

The Rochester District of the K.C.A. were joined by the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, when they held their annual meeting, at Milton-next-Gravesend, on October 15th. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the service conducted by the Rector, Rev. V. H. Stuart. It was with much pleasure that the members of the Ladies' Guild learned that they were to be the guests at the tea provided by the local band.

The Rector took the chair at the Rochester District meeting, at which the officers re-elected were Mr. T. Barton, secretary, and Messrs. F. J. Cheal and A. J. Dunk, District representatives. The new Ringing Master elected was Mr. L. Harmer. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. G. A. Naylor, the retiring Ringing Master, for his efforts in the past year.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting, which followed, four new members were elected, and the meetings for next year were discussed.

## Gramophone Records Of Bells Allowed

Despite the opposition of the Rev. Leslie Lowther, Vicar of St. John's, Ilkeston, who is assistant secretary of the Derby Diocesan Advisory Committee, permission was granted at a Derby Diocesan Consistory Court for the use of gramophone records to reproduce the sound of church bells at Cromford Parish Church, Derbyshire. The cost of the electrical equipment, the gift of a parishioner, was stated to be £110. The six bells in the church are regarded as unsafe to ring.

In granting permission, the Chancellor, Mr. W. S. Wigglesworth, said the equipment must not become a nuisance to people in the neighbourhood. He recalled an occasion when similar equipment was used in Gloucestershire to play the 'Messiah' at midnight to celebrate the birth of Prince Charles.

# BRIEF SURVEY OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE

By T. A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 757)

**Thomas Earye**, of Kettering, had the reputation of a sound man of metal and sent nine bells to Hunts. They are: Leighton Bromswold (1720), five at Hemingford Grey (1724), Glatton (1736), Hamerton (1738), and Elton (1746), the latter church witnessing the first Harvest Festival held in the country. This founder's father was a clockmaker and was, for a little while, in partnership with his uncle until his death in 1757.

**Henry Penn** found himself in the proverbial frying pan at St. Ives, where his ring of eight bells was regarded as being poor value for money. At his trial brought about by the churchwardens he was deservedly acquitted of bad workmanship, but the trial proved too much for him, and he died from over-excitement. 'The founder was sick to death... and was too far gone that his Hart broke... As for Penn's death 'twas no loss, he was a vile man and gave trouble wherever he was consarn'd but was never so well yok'd before.' This 'vile' man was certainly a good founder and between 1706 and 1723 sent 17 bells into the county.

Huntingdonshire's only bell foundry was situated at St. Neots where **Joseph Earye** erected a building not unlike the shape of a bell, said to be the most prominent object in that town. He supplied about 40 bells to the county, ranging from the tenor at Yelling (1739) to the second at Fenstanton (1771). His earliest bells are at Chatteris, Cambs (1735).

Earye also supplied fire engines and he erected a pump for the parish of St. Neots. He was generally regarded as being a first-class founder, but others have thought otherwise. The ring of six at St. Michael's Church, Stamford, inspired someone to write in 1785: 'Indeed the din of St. Michael's bells is so intolerable to those who live in their vicinity, that they will readily believe there is no devil in his senses but will get away as fast as he can as soon as their clamour begins.'

**Joseph Earye**, who died in 1772, is recognised by unusual inscriptions, e.g. 'Work itself is pleasure' (Chatteris) and 'Prosperity to the established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm' (Whittlesey St. Mary).

His nephew, **Edward Arnold**, and the latter's cousin, **Thomas Osborn** (Earye's foreman) took charge of St. Neots premises. This partnership did not last for long. Osborn establishing a foundry at Downham Market. Arnold cast six bells for Somersham in 1782, and supplied others for Hemingford Grey, Upton and Buckden. He later established a foundry at Leicester but carried on the business at St. Neots, mainly to introduce—

**Robert Taylor**, a man of extremely fine capabilities, who is represented in the county by 29 bells, his first being at Great Staughton (1787) and his last at Easton (1821). The St. Neots foundry was removed from the Priory to Cambridge Street after Taylor had married a Miss E. Fowler, whose father had a brewery adjoining Taylor's old premises. Evidently Fowler desired to expand, and this marriage proved to be a very tactful move indeed! Robert was a forerunner of that well known establishment at Loughborough, Leics (John Taylor and Co.).

**Thomas Osborn** was undoubtedly a first-rate founder and had his premises close to the church at Downham Market, his native town. The son of a joiner, he provided that very musical octave at Godmanchester (1794). After having dissolved his partnership with Arnold, Osborn created many rings of bells which are recognised for good tonal qualities. Prior to his death in 1804 he took into partnership his grandson, **William Dobson**, and the foundry continued in business until 1832 when, owing to difficulties, the latter disposed of his business to Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel. Dobson cast six bells for Huntingdonshire churches, four at Southoe (1828) and one at Bluntisham (1832), but his finest handiwork is heard at St. Neots, where the tenor (29½ cwt.)—the heaviest in the county—is his very last bell, and a very fine bell it is. His last complete ring was installed at Diss (Norfolk).

**John Warner and Sons**, of Cripplegate, are represented by the tenor at Abbots Ripton (1875), and Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, sent approximately 35 bells to the county, ranging from 1827 (Conington) to 1865 (Diddington).

Thus, as may be seen, Huntingdonshire possesses a wide and interesting range of bells—not all ringable, of course—and these span the years from the 14th century to present days. In conclusion it may be of interest to reproduce an account of the 18th century (taken from the late Rev. T. M. N. Owen's notes), made out by Joseph Earye on the completion of his work, involving the recasting and rehanging of the bells at Warboys:

	£	s.	d.
The old bells casting	43	1	0
New Mettle	12	2	8
The frame	25	0	0
Wheels, Yokes, etc.	20	0	0
Clock	10	0	0
Carpenter's work and wood	5	0	0
Brick 300		7	6
Lime	1	0	0
Do., work	1	15	0
Do., beer		3	0
	3	3	0
	121	12	2

## A HALF-DAY IN BUCKS

A party of ringers from Watford and St. Albans spent an enjoyable afternoon, on October 15th, visiting five towers in Buckinghamshire. Edlesborough, the first tower, was an easy-going, ground floor ring (6. 13 cwt.), but Slapton (5. 14 cwt.) provided a contrast and the strong men were needed on the back end for Grandsire and Plain Bob to be well struck.

Although Cheddington bells (6. 12 cwt.) have a longish draught they were generally voted the best bells of the day, and certainly some of the best ringing took place here. After tea came Marsworth (5. 14 cwt.) with 50 feet of unguided rope and the ropes of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th falling within six inches of the wall. Despite these difficulties, a reasonable touch of Grandsire Doubles was successfully brought round. The local ringers told us that the bells were officially unringable owing to an unsafe frame, and it is a relief to know that they are to be rehung in an iron frame, and filled with guides.

At Ivinghoe (6. 15 cwt.) the tenor rope had to be repaired before ringing could start. Unfortunately, the bells did not seem to have been oiled since they were installed in 1875 and the ringers of the fifth and tenor were almost exhausted in a course of Cambridge. Thanks are accorded to Brian, the organiser, incumbents and tower keepers.

R. E. H.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A well-attended meeting of the North-East District was held at Beccles, on October 22nd, with many friends from the Norwich Diocesan Association present, including their president, Mr. Nolan Golden. Essex was represented by Mr. Andrew Beckwith. Ringing was continued until almost 9 p.m., and included Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. The Vicar (the Rev. W. R. I. Hares) conducted the service and gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting after tea Miss V. Jane Cooper was elected a ringing member and Messrs. M. J. Parker, R. C. L. Brown, M. Utton (Kessingland) and A. E. Crowe (Lowestoft) non-resident life members.

An appeal was made for a volunteer for the office of district secretary, which would become vacant at the end of the year, without success. Halesworth was selected for the next meeting on January 30th.

The district chairman (Mr. P. Bedford), proposed the vote of thanks—to the Vicar, the ladies for their marvellous tea, Mr. E. Goate for arranging the meeting and Mr. Nicholson, the organist.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

The Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild met at Silsoe on October 29th. The bells were ideal for a ladies' meeting, the tenor being only 9 cwt. This enabled several touches to be rung by the ladies only.

The bad weather may have been the reason for only Bedfordshire members being present but with the help of the gentlemen many methods were rung.

Local ringers kindly provided tea, which was followed by a short business meeting at which three new members were elected. Mrs. M. Mann was in the chair.

The Vicar of Silsoe, Rev. J. D. Benton, conducted Evensong, during which new shelves for the prayer books were dedicated.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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ROBINSON—ESSEN.—The engagement is announced between Nigel David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Robinson, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Judith Katherine, eldest daughter of Dr. Louis Essen, F.R.S., and Mrs. Essen, of Hampton, Middlesex. 6959

## DEATH

TIDY.—On November 5th, 1960, suddenly, Edward E. Tidy, of Limsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey. 6986

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from November 20th, 1960, Miss Diana J. Perrins will reside at 66, Shap Road, Kendal, Westmorland. 6966

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## MEETINGS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—An open day will be held on Saturday, November 19th, in aid of 'Bell Rehanging Fund.' Tower open to the general public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-9 p.m. All ringers welcome to ring from 6.30-9 p.m. 6875

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th, Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, November 19th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. 6925

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business.—A. H. Smith. 6893

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8), on Saturday, November 19th, Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting, Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. 6928

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8 bells), Saturday, November 19th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 6892

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Swithland, on Saturday, November 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. 6976

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, 3-4.45 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Sec. 6975

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 19th, at St. Martin's, Ruislip, Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 o'clock in St. Martin's Vestry, followed by further ringing. Own arrangements for tea.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6952

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6883

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting at Thrandeston (6), November 19th, Bells 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich, Oxford Bob and College Exercise.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6921

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, November 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6923

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton, on Saturday, November 19th, Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—D. Cane. 6917

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Havant, Saturday, November 19th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 6945

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Earl's Croome, Saturday next, November 19th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: Single Oxford Minor.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 6968

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, November 26th, Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6958

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, November 26th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6982

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. P. N. Sproson, 218, Dowson Road, Hyde, before November 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 6988

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, on Saturday, November 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6994

DONCASTER AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—Joint monthly meeting, Barnby Don, Saturday, November 26th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (mod. charge). Names, please, on or before November 23rd, to Mr. R. Lunn, 24, High Street, Barnby Don, Doncaster. 6961

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, November 26th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Wethersfield, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6925

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural.—Practice ringing, St. Werburgh (6), November 26th, 7 p.m. Visitors welcome. Annual social and dance, Saturday, January 28th, 1961. Tickets (4s.) from F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. 6972

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Toddington (6), November 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd. A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), December 10th, Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6974

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Berkeley (10), 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names without fail, please, to B. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 6981

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Ringing: Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4.45-6. Dinner—Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 6954

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, Saturday, November 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbidge, Chobham, Surrey. 6948

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, November 26th, at Tyberton and Madley, Ringing 3 p.m., at Tyberton (5), Service at Madley 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Madley (6) in the evening. Names for tea by November 22nd.—T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 6985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 26th, Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6960

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Chad's, Headingley (8), BeHs available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, November 24th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. 6964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, November 26th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For tea please notify by the Wednesday previous. Miss Christine Beasley, 15, St. George's Avenue, Hinckley, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6965

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Watton, on Saturday, November 26th, Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to Miss Dorothy Wilton Jones, Watton. 6947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting and rededication of 7th bell, Buckland, November 26th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cookham, November 26th, Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6936

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Saturday, November 26th, at Moulton, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6957

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—November 26th, practice meeting, Broadchalke, Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please, to Miss Eloi, 8 Albany Road, Salisbury. 6915

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please. Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6987

**SOUTHEAST & DISTRICT GUILD.**—Next meeting at St. Clement's, Leigh (6), on Saturday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. 6992

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Immanuel, Streatham, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Ringing at St. John's, Croydon, 7-8 p.m., followed by a performance in the church, especially arranged for ringers, of 'Son et Lumière.' This is a portrayal of 1,000 years of Croydon's history in sound and light.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6931

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on November 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.—F. Beene, Sec. 6984

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th: St. Michael, Wood Green, 1.30-2.30 p.m.; St. Andrew, Enfield, 3-4; AH Saints', Edmon-ton, 4.30-5.30; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, 7-8 p.m. 6962

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Northern District) and **DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Richmond (8), Saturday November 26th. Special invitation to Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd, to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson and Peter Rock, Hon. Secs. 6989

**DEVON GUILD.**—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chulmleigh (8), Saturday, December 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec. 6963

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 6963

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Fairford, December 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names essential by November 26th, to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester. No name no tea. Service 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, Hon. Sec. 6983

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stow Branch.—Annual meeting at Stow-on-Wold, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by November 29th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 6973

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Royston on December 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6970

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. Important: names for tea to me by Monday, November 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6977

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, certain please, to Miss B. Smedley, 9, Cliff Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Yarmouth bells will be available for one hour only, from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—P. G. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6980

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bishops Cannings, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6956

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than December 1st, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6990

**SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6979

**SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Annual dinner and A.G.M. at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on December 10th. Ringing at St. Chad's, St. Philip's and St. Martin's. Names by December 1st, please, to Miss C. Eustace, 28, Vicarage Road, Rugby. 6946

## OUTING IN CORNWALL

In the early afternoon of October 22nd, the Dormobile belonging to the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild left Truro with nine ringers aboard, including a 'foreigner' from Somerset. A hearty welcome was given by a local ringer and a black cat at Menheniot (a nice six). Then came the recently restored six at Saltash, an inspection of the new Tamar bridge and a quick cup of tea at Launceston.

It was found that the bells at Lanest had not been rung for a long time; the ropes were deplorable. It was only after the substitution of a spare rope that a brief ring was possible. The new Vicar here is enthusiastic about ringing and hopes that a band of ringers will soon be operating. It had been hoped to have a ring at the combined parish of St. Clether (5), but the bells have been condemned. However, the bell founders have been to look at them, and possibly, with the Vicar's enthusiasm, they will be restored before too long.

Ringling for the day concluded with a good quarter at Advent, rung by candlelight. The writer has now rung on all 'ringables' in Cornwall. Truro was reached just after 11 p.m., 150 miles having been completed. Best thanks are due to Alan Carveth for arranging the trip and providing transport.

E. T. P. F.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

### Tewkesbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held on October 29th, was again most successful. We were especially pleased to welcome Mr. W. Truman, Acting Ringing Master, of the Association. The evening service was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy and Rev. T. Whereat. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies. Canon and Mrs. Purefoy and Mr. Whereat joined us for tea. Canon Purefoy stated that it was hoped the restoration of the Abbey bells would take place in the near future.

At the business meeting Mr. E. W. Penn was re-elected chairman and, later, was also elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. E. T. Newbury, who did not seek re-election. Miss N. Price was re-elected secretary. The meeting discussed a variety of subjects, including the recognition of Minimus peals, which they were against, and the running of week-end courses, which they were for. Mr. Penn thanked Mr. Newbury for his valuable services to the Exercise.

The evening provided ringing in many methods and was brought to a happy conclusion by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

N. P.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, D. F. Roberts 3, E. D. Thomas 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, G. Lawrence 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hanstock.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, Alec Larkin 5, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For Sunday evening service and All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, Brian Mills and S. Meredith 2, D. Armstrong and R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service and Choir Festival.

## SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

THE autumn tour of the Society of Friends of the Exercise proved memorable for weather, if nothing else, for after torrential rain came the floods. In fact, two very early arrivals spent Friday morning bailing out at the King's Arms to ensure that the essential supply of beer was undamaged! A peal attempt in the evening at Clyst St. George had to be postponed and instead a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at East Budleigh, in honour of the 21st birthday of two of the ringers. There were fewer members this year and only one new face. Two founder members were unable to attend owing to the joys of parenthood, one other member was claimed yet again by Cupid, and a third had the weakest excuse of all; he was ringing a peal!

Saturday dawned dull and cloudy and the inevitable rain began as soon as we set off towards the Kingsbridge area, our chosen venue for this week-end. We seemed to choose the only roads around Exeter that were passable but further out, at Kingsteignton, the floods were at least axle-deep. Surprisingly enough, we arrived at our first tower, Churchstow (6, 16 cwt.), on time, a feat which we managed to repeat through the day. For the next tower, Thurstlestone, another pleasant six, the weather brightened a little and we even saw the sun! Our party became complete at South Milton when George Ellett, a local ringer from East Budleigh, brought the last two of our members. Our Master, the Honourable Savage, was unfortunately not able to be with us for at the last moment he was called upon to clear up debris left after the floods in East Budleigh.

Next on the list was lunch and as usual a 'pub' was located where we could eat our sandwiches. Afterwards we visited Galmpton, in the heart of National Trust Area and the church itself was just as beautiful for it was decorated for the Harvest Festival. We did justice to the fine bells with a good raise and some very good ringing, more than we could say elsewhere! Our next tower was Malborough and here our annual photograph was taken. The walls of the ringing room in West Alvington were covered with certificates and in the church were shields, further proof of this local band's ringing capabilities. It was only a short distance to Kingsbridge, a very good eight, but, alas, time limited the quality and standard of our ringing.

Dodbrooke, a light six, was so close to Kingsbridge that two of our party nearly missed it. At East Allington we were unable to find the tower-door key. Instead we resorted to hymn-singing round the organ accompanied by Reg Hooper—the S.F.E. pianist. The timetable forced us to leave for our last tower, Halwell, a very nice six. Here we were joined by Bob Brain, who also provided help in the transport problem.

On arrival at the King's Arms the 21st birthdays were celebrated, not riotously, but with the discretion expected of that age. It was not until 3 a.m. or was it 2 a.m. (the extra hour certainly caused confusion) before we retired. No early morning quarter peal was attempted this year in deference to the local inhabitants, at least, that was our excuse! The party split up to ring at Colaton Raleigh, Withycombe Raleigh and East Budleigh for Matins.

After a hearty lunch the party took various routes to Stockland, where we enjoyed good ringing. London, Cambridge and Stedman included, on a good ring of six.

After tea at Yeovil we were joined by the local ringers and rang Stedman, Grandshire Caters and a half course of Cambridge Surprise Royal (brought round in the usual fashion) for Evensong.

Thanks go to incumbents and local captains and also to Frank Mack, John Gilbert and Cyril Savage for giving the Society another varied collection of new towers. L. J. B.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandshire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob): K. West 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Vice-Admiral A. G. Talbot, who died at Bournemouth, on October 15th, 1960.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. S. Walker 1, Miss C. Chapman 2, N. D. Deam 3, E. R. Venn 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Davies 1, C. Skidmore (cond.) 2, Michael Fellows 3, C. Peakman 4, J. Lloyd 5, F. Jukes 6, M. Fellows 7, R. Allport 8. First quarter and first attempt by treble. For Confirmation service.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Oct. 30th, at St. Andrew the Great Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jennifer Stratford 1, H. Bishop 2, R. Hough 3, N. Waite 4, L. Smith 5, A. Griffin 6, Frances Secker (cond.) 7, H. Lewis 8.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 30th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Warwick (first quarter) 1, F. Hodgson 2, Brenda Cooke 3, Rohilla Cooke 4, Ernest Pannell (first quarter) 5, T. Senior 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Parrott (first quarter) 1, R. C. Spittle 2, Pauline Spittle (first in method 'inside') 3, J. E. Beams 4, W. Parrott 5, A. S. Besant 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Bishop of Guildford.

**INGATESTONE, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): C. H. Rogers 1, M. McQuistan 2, J. Carrott 3, G. Camp 4, J. Sitch 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Foster (14, first quarter) 1, J. Clarke 2, G. M. Rouse 3, Ann Vowles (first of Minor) 4, Ann Edwards 5, J. Towler (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong and Patronal Festival.

**NASEBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton 1, Miss L. Brown (first 'inside') 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): Margaret Kirk 1, H. M. Payne 2, Christine A. Smith (first as cond.) 3, H. Humphreys 4, E. F. Payne 5, J. Mitchell 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, M. Bland 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

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