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STEDMAN CATERS: SOME NEW THOUGHTS ON AN OLD THEME

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More than a passing interest, therefore, is deserved by the short treatise (all too short, indeed) on Stedman with which Mr. David Parsons has favoured us. It happens that we may couple with this two new compositions of Stedman Caters sent recently to a correspondent by Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver. Both these gentlemen, working independently, have arrived, if not at exactly the same result, at least at the same conclusions, namely that new plans for peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques are not only possible but are long overdue.

The ringing of Stedman Caters (to confine ourselves for the present to nine bells) has in the main always followed a rather stereotyped plan. Tittums and Handstroke Home positions have predominated, and the fixing of a bell in 2nds place, found to be of prime importance to the composer, has become a convenience both for ringer and conductor. Quite early on it was recognised that the finest music in the Tittums was the 7689 course end, and that there was little virtue in the Handstroke Home without 7698. Both these pleasing manifestations depended on keeping the 6th in fifths place, or, as is sometimes said, behind the 9th in the Tittums and behind the 8th in the Handstroke Home. But to enjoy the course end music there was an inevitable sacrificing of any attempt at music elsewhere, and the middle of the course was, as it were, blank and devoid of melody.

It was Henry Hubbard who pointed the way to a new musical effect. He showed that by fixing the 6th in seconds place (instead of the customary treble) it was pos-

sible, in the Tittum position, to secure 68 dodging behind in the 7th six of the course and 96 dodging behind in the 13th six of the course. Here, indeed, is a very attractive musical effect, and there can be no doubt that it brightens in great measure the rather dull passages of the middle of the course. But the price has to be paid. The incomparable 7689 is gone, and the nearest we can get to it is 7589, a sequence not unattractive but falling short of the quintessence of bell music provided by the presence of the 6th.

Sir Arthur Heywood, that great authority on Stedman, gave much thought to the music of Stedman Caters, and in 'The Bell News' of July, 1891, he wrote at length on the construction and musical possibilities of peals in the method. He deprecated the use of the treble as seconds-place bell and strongly advocated the Hubbard plan. He recognised quite openly the loss of the 6th at the course end, making use of the next best, the 5th, but clearly considered that the all-round gain was sufficient to justify his plan. Not content with this, however, he suggested the placing of the 5th alternately in 5ths and treble's-place at course ends, so that one might secure, during the moving of the 5th, the termination 975 at the 11th six.

During the last 60 years we have seen many bold experiments in Stedman Caters, and among them there comes readily to mind the splendid 5.009 by Stephen Wood, that gallant gentleman who gave his life on duty in an air raid. Mr. Wood's peal, with its four sets of twin bobs in the main blocks, is a thing of great beauty and a challenge to the conductor; and if it does not solve precisely the problem of the music in the middle of the Tittum course, it provides novel effects in the Handstroke Home courses, where, in addition to the normal 7698 at the course ends, we find 9876 in the 11th course and a 68 in the 12th course.

This brings us back to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Cleaver. The latter, discarding a fixed bell in seconds-place, is clearly occupied with the possibility of musical positions other than Tittums and Handstroke Home. The former, also anxious to get away from tradition, says: 'I should like to see the use of fixed 2nds place bell compositions come to be regarded only as a stepping stone for first peals.' There is much to be said for this view, and much to be said for a new look at Stedman Caters. Perhaps someone may yet produce us a course that gives us 7689, a 96 and a 68 all in one block, if only to show that there is life in the old dog yet.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALAN ROGERS	Treble	STEWART F. KIMBIR	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	ALAN J. FROST	7
ERIC ROBERTS	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	8
JACK S. DEAR	4	†JOHN D. ROCK	9
*BRIAN DOWNES	5	MICHAEL P. MORETON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS	Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
RALPH ELKINGTON	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 650th peal and 200th on the bells. First in the method, and rung without previous practice.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER	Treble	STANLEY JENNER	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVLS	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
RALPH BIRD	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	8
JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
IAN H. ORAM	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

VICTOR SAVAGE	Treble	†VICTOR G. ROBERTS	6
GWILYM F. SALMON	2	‡MICHAEL J. STONE	7
AUDREY M. SHORT	3	RONALD D. SHORT	8
*F. A. KEITH PRIME	4	§PETER C. WRIGHT	9
*HOWARD COLLINGS	5	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

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

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 38½ cwt.

MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS	6
*DAVID HAWKINS	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
†KEITH R. SCRIMSHAW	3	FRANK V. GANT	8
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
BRIAN DOWNES	5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (141). Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

PETER F. BORER	Treble	IAN H. ORAM	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	7
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	9
TREVOR A. CROSS	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

First peal of Royal as conductor.

WELLSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 1450 x 16.78.90

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WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

*ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	Treble	REGINALD T. JONES	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	7
*RONALD K. RUSS	3	ARTHUR SAYERS	8
*DENNIS BROWN	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	9
FRANK W. LEWIS	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on ten bells. 675th tower for a peal by the tenor ringer. Arranged to give ringers in the area the chance of ringing a peal at Winchester Cathedral.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In two methods: 1,248 Little Bob, 3,840 Plain Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 4004 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. WHITE	Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	GEORGE W. BISHOP	6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	3	BRIAN R. WHITE	7
*JOHN H. NAPPER	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung on the Patronal Festival.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN RYDER	Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
DENIS MADDOCK	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
*JOHN S. DEAN	3	*ROBIN J. LEE	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Surprise.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 ROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALISON M. MANN	Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	7
IAN R. PANTON	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	Tenor

Composed by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

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

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
RITA M. JOWETT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	Tenor

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

*CHRISTINE FROGGATT	Treble	ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
BRIAN MILLS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	TOM CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	PAUL MARTIN 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RALPH ELKINGTON 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 700th peal. First in the method. Rung without previous practice.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

A birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr and the ringer of the seventh.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*HELEN B. NEVIN Treble	COLIN W. REED 5
†MRS. C. W. REED 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
*MALCOLM PHIPPS 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE 7
*F. NEVILLE PAILING 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

PENN. STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	*CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. 6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method away from treble.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. R. Gaskell, M.A., Vicar of this parish.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
J. KEITH WARD 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PAULINE ADCOCK Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT 7
HARRY B. FULLER 4	LEONARD J. MINNS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to A. C. W. Roope and S. Calton; also to welcome the Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Wood to Pulham Market.

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SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
*LINDA M. HUGHES 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
ALMA M. GREAVES 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
†ANN E. FELLOWS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. HOBBS Treble	PETER M. GILES 5
ALAN F. LEE 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 3	HAROLD L. PARFREY 7
TERENCE J. MILSOM 4	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all.

Rung on the occasion of the ordination of Roger O. Fry, past tower master of Twerton-on-Avon.

WARWICK, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

SHIRLEY E. STROUD .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
*ROGER HARRIS 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and the anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

KEITH ABBOTT Treble	GORDON ROTHWELL 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 2	NORMAN SMITH 6
MRS. G. S. MILLS 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung to mark the silver jubilee in the ministry of the Rev. G. V. H. Elliott, M.A.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*DAVID W. STENSON .. Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK 6
†MARK G. WOOD 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	BRIAN M. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M., Patron Saint.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 2	*IVAN KAY 6
KEITH ABBOTT 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	GORDON ROTHWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First touch of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Rung to mark the silver jubilee of the induction of the Rev. J. Calderley at Moorside, and 25 years as local captain for Mr. Ivan Kay.

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RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*SUSAN RAWLINGS Treble	†WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
ANNE GARNETT 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
†KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
†ROBIN G. LEALE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire. † 100th peal together The conductor's 75th peal of Yorkshire Major.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CECIL RADDON Treble	*MICHAEL THOMSON .. 5
HENRY PARKER 2	*JOHN RYDER 6
*ROY FOSTER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 4	HARRY HOWARD Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.
* First peal in the method.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL H. WOOD 6
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford and St. Clement's, and 1,440 each of Kent and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. Treble	DAVID H. BUXTON 4
JAMES BENNETT 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss Lily Pratt, whose funeral took place that day at Grundisburgh. She had been organist at Burgh Church for over 30 years.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*TREVOR SILL Treble	ERIC ROBERTS 4
GARY MASON 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
JUDY A. M. COX 3	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome home to Ted Clements, who has returned from Canada.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
GILBERT E. LARTER .. 2	PETER ADCOCK 5
DAVID CUBITT 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*JOHN WOOLLEY Treble	†KENNETH W. PRICE .. 4
†DAVID OALEGE 2	ROGER BALDWIN 5
ROBERT E. DAY 3	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal. † First of Minor, and in three methods.

LUDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ANDREW HARVEY Treble	JOCELYN GARDINER .. 3
DAVID CUBITT 2	GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4
GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London and Wells S., (2) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (3) Norwich S., (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) D. Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE Treble	TOM BIRD 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT .. 5
ROGER J. PALMER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4
ALFRED H. LITTLE 2	PETER L. WOOD 5
MARIAN H. MILLS 3	ALAN R. SYDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. WOOD.
A birthday compliment to Mr. P. W. Mills.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
JAMES R. MAPLE Treble	JEAN HORTON 4
*J. RICHARD WILSON .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* 50th peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to James R. Maple and Joan E. Elliott, both local ringers.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) and (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) and (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	DAVID E. PAPWORTH .. 4
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	RONALD K. RUSS 5
REGINALD W. REX 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the STOULTON CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 107 lb.
ARTHUR A. JOPP Treble	JOHN MOULE 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
MRS. A. A. JOPP 3	DEREK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. L. Jopp and Mrs. John Clements.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.
TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 4
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. 5
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First 'inside' in seven methods. 25th peal as conductor.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS	Treble	BRIAN MILLS	.. 4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	.. 2	*ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	.. 5
*REGINALD W. REX	.. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK	.. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

Rung as a belated welcome to the Rev. Peter Ince, Rector of Burghclere, after two previous unsuccessful attempts during the year.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS	.. Treble	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	.. 4
C. DOUGLAS LININGTON	.. 2	ANTHONY LOCKE	.. 5
DOUGLAS BURNETT	.. 3	CHARLES W. LININGTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

First peal on the front six.

Rung on the eve of the twelfth anniversary of the consecration of the church and formation of the parish.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEOFFREY DAVIS	.. Treble	*LEONARD BRIGHTON	.. 4
MRS. JOAN PARKER	.. 2	*GILBERT COWLIN	.. 5
*PRIMROSE RIDLEY	.. 3	MICHAEL PARKER	.. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

* First peal, first attempt. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Miss Peace Wilkinson, in whose memory a stained-glass window was dedicated in this church.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) London and Wells; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) York and Durham; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

IAN R. PANTON	.. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	.. 4
*†ROGEE L. K. WHITTELL	.. 2	*†LESLIE N. MELTON	.. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	.. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	.. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* Most Surprise methods to a peal. † 25th peal together.

Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Terry Earle and Wendy Richards on the occasion of their marriage at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Single Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob: each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

PATRICIA A. TURK	.. Treble	PETER F. T. SMITH	.. 4
ELIZABETH ROGERS	.. 2	*PHILIP E. DEVERILL	.. 5
*PAUL A. BATCHELOR	.. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	.. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and 11 of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*JEAN L. BATTIN	.. Treble	J. JAMES JEFFERIES	.. 4
TERENCE J. MILSOM	.. 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	.. 5
ALAN F. LEE	.. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT	.. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.

* First peal.

Rung for the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Evans as Rector of Dunkerton.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN G. CULL	.. Treble	PETER J. COLES	.. 4
ERIC EDMONDSON	.. 2	DONALD C. PRICE	.. 5
GERALD PENNEY	.. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE	.. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Double Court Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MARIAN H. MILLS	.. Treble	FRANK W. J. ROPER	.. 4
WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN	.. 2	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	.. 5
ALFRED H. LITTLE	.. 3	PETER L. WOOD	.. Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. WOOD.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. THOMAS' DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEORGE F. ROOME	.. Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY	.. 3
RONALD RUSSELL	.. 2	MICHAEL R. HARVEY	.. 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging (September, 1960).

Rung for the Christmas Festival, and within the octave of the Festival of St. Thomas.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

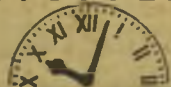
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

MARY SOLOMON	.. Treble	MICHAEL J. PARKER	.. 3
MICHAEL UITON	.. 2	*RICHARD C. L. BROWN	.. 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	.. Tenor		

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: One each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
*S. CLARKE WALTERS .. Treble | EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2 | †CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

*First peal. †First in six methods. ‡First in six Minor methods 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being two 240's (Morris's arrangement) and two extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.
*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble | †RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3
†NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2 | †MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 4.

*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

*50th peal together. †First in seven methods.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Netherseale, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. Treble | *COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2 | *ROY R. TIFFIN .. 5
*JOHN L. FENNELL .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours.

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4 | *BRIAN M. SMITH .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: MARK G. WOOD.

*First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4

*BRIAN M. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

AT 29, FOREST DRIVE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 1—2 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3—4

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5—6

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3—4 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8
*BRIAN M. SMITH .. 9—10

Composed by WILFRID F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal on ten bells. 100th peal of Plain Bob as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton, on voyage to New Zealand.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, F. S. Parsons 2, Miss J. Peel 3, D. Feek 4, W. Moore 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the Christmas Festival.

DATE TOUCH

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,960 Doubles. In four methods (480 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and 520 Plain Bob): A. E. Mason 1, D. Cubitt 2, G. R. Drew (cond.) 3, P. Adeock 4, G. E. Larier 5.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jones 1, David Kerley 2, Desmond Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, Geoff. Kerley 5, George Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Turner (first quarter) 1, G. Hopkinson 2, Desmond Kerley 3, Geoff. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, W. Harford 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Cork 1, C. H. Macve 2, J. C. Perrin 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. F. McGill 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Wills (first of T.B.) 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, J. I. Dear 3, M. Hopkins 4, J. Dear 5, P. Flack 6, R. Castledine 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Wills (first of Major) 1, C. Wills 2, J. Dear 3, M. Hopkins 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. Harwood (cond.) 6, R. Castledine 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8. Rung for the Sunday school carol service. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Hughes 1, P. Salisbury 2, J. I. Dear 3, R. Castledine (cond.) 4, D. Salisbury 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, C. Harwood 7, J. I. Dear 8. Rung for carol service.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Warnes 1, R. D. Flowers 2, B. Brant 3, W. Ilston 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling 6. Rung for the silver anniversary of the conductor's father and mother.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill D. Andrews 1, Janet D. Randles 2, Mary Heath 3, M. C. Cuthbert 4, J. H. W. Harrold (first as cond.) 5, B. S. Holdaway 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Hatfield 4, W. Baggett 5, L. Busby 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rowe (first on eight) 1, V. Griggs 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, Miss F. Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. Wren, interred this day.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda Harris 1, Kathleen North 2, Sylvia Woods (first 'inside') 3, Diana Harris 4, G. Gibbs 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, E. E. Gosling 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung for Confirmation service, taken by the Bishop of Reading.

BRECON.—At St. David's Church, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. T. Johns 1, Miss S. Roderick 2, T. H. Owen 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd-Davies 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

BROOKLAND, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Dye 1, J. D. Faircloth 2, A. M. Macve 3, D. C. Manger 4, N. J. Martin 5. First non-conducted quarter by all. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Jolles 1, Mary Crossthwaite 2, J. B. Pickup 3, P. Morgan 4, K. M. Durow 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung for the second anniversary of the opening of the Parish Hall and for the Festival of Christmas.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Hilary Martin 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, N. J. Martin 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For morning service.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Salway 1, C. J. Turner 2, Mrs. C. E. Retter 3, J. Carter 4, C. J. Deem 5, C. C. Turner (first of T.B. Major) 6, J. Quick 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, E. Marion Key 2, B. L. Jones 3, L. Evans 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. S. Bayley 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, C. Smith 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Farlow, parents of the treble ringer, also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. S. Bayley, captain of the Coalbrookdale ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

COLLATON ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Roberts (first quarter) 1, R. Blackler 2, J. W. Perkins 3, W. J. Harvey 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5. For St. Thomas' Day.

COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cammack 1, Miss C. Harrison 2, G. Pybus 3, D. Johnson 4, R. D. Gibson 5, 1. Booth 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, P. Scrowston 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, J. Askew 2, K. Newby 3, F. Forshaw 4, H. A. Woods 5, W. T. Turner 6, R. Suart 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. For Confirmation.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Christmas Eve, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6, T. M. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, N. Wilde 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. E. Ivings 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6, H. Ivings cover bell. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Paul.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Sturgess 1, Miss S. Smith 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, J. Stevenson 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewen (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, Mrs. B. Wiltshire 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, H. Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, A. Jackson (first in method) 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEREFORD.—On Dec. 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Munn 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss A. M. Gladwell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. Reed 5, T. Wood 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, W. Gittings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Preb. E. H. Beattie, M.C., of Hereford Cathedral, and a vice-president of Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers.

HILLINGDON, MIDDx.—On Dec. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. W. Goodfellow 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, M. W. Seymour 3, N. D. Robinson 4, A. R. Turley 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, G. Hopkinson 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. C. Price 9, C. F. Ashpool 10. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Price 1, M. W. Seymour 2, G. Hopkinson 3, A. R. Turley 4, N. D. Robinson 5, J. Hill 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, C. F. Ashpool 8. For carol service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Armsour and M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley and B. Mills (conductors) 6.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Brock 1, M. Utton 2, R. C. L. Brown 3, M. J. Parker 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 18th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Susan Funnell 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, Veronica M. Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. W. Pipe 6, R. J. Gray 7, A. N. Other 8. Rung for the carol service.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 600 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): I. Campbell (first of Treble Bob) 1, 1. N. Goldthorpe 2, J. R. Perrett 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. P. Ellis 1, E. W. Colley 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, R. Paxton (first 'inside' and of Minor) 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Paxton (first of Minor) 1, R. Paxton 2, C. M. Smith 3, Ann Barr 4, J. B. Webb 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Barr. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles, in five methods (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Paxton 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, A. Ager 4, M. W. Fairey 5, J. Paxton 6. For Matins.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Faith E. Hawes 1, E. Maureen Bishop 2, C. E. Bishop 3, Judith A. Harding (first as cond.) 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, E. A. Bishop 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Petheran 1, Pat Popham 2, J. Creber 3, J. J. Burrough 4, J. Coleman 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Fisher 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for the 100th birthday of Miss C. Turner, of Mark, great-aunt of ringer of treble.

MERTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (St. Osmund's, St. Remigius', St. Simon's): Rita E. Casson 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. Spreadbury 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, Colliers Wood, S.W., on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Uden 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Enid Town 3, W. Bagworth 4, W. Davies 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. For Morning Service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, S. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Janet Hancock.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Sims 1, Elizabeth Wills (12, first 'inside') 2, 1. Werrett 3, H. Werrett 4, W. Hitch 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6, Miss J. Sanderson 7.

OLDSWINFORD, STOUBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Doubles (Old and Grandsire): M. Swadling 1, G. Westwood 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, A. D. Roden 6. For Confirmation service, and a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer and his mother.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, J. Perkins 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, A. J. Collings 4, F. E. Day 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, D. R. Bould 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung prior to The Lord Mayor's Carol Service: instead of electric lights, some two thousand candles were used to illuminate the church, garlanded with holly and seasonal flowers.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. West (first quarter) 1, Freda Hankey 2, D. J. Munday 3, A. T. Shelton 4, W. H. Inwood 5, G. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For the Festival.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, K. Game (first 'inside') 2, Betty Sagers 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Freda Hankey 8. For the Festival.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn White 1, Susan Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, C. T. Drew 8. For Advent.

STOUBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire): J. E. Lawley 1, F. V. Nicholls (100th quarter) 2, M. J. Fellows 3, J. C. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. A. Tandy 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): P. J. Dye 1, N. J. Martin 2, J. D. Faircloth 3, D. A. N. Holland 4, D. C. Manger (cond. of Kent and first of T.B. as cond.) 5, A. M. Macve (cond. of Cambridge) 6.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, J. Vickery 2, K. Cheeseman 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. Rung for Communion service, and also to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Church of St. Margaret.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, Mrs. V. Hales 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For Confirmation service.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. C. Allen (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. D. Carter 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, D. Burnett 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 780 of Grandsire): 7, 6, 8 covering: P. R. Young 1, D. J. Barnett 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, T. J. Milson 5, Rev. L. A. B. White 6, Rev. J. H. Harper 7, Rev. P. H. Howell 8. First quarter at first attempt for 6, 7 and 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, R. K. C. Wilkins 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8.

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Two years ago Putney could not produce a band of ringers on a Sunday. On Christmas Day the present band rang its 25th quarter in 1960 on the bells. The previous best year for quarters was nine in 1917. Putney ringers would like to hear of any tower that has exceeded 25 quarters in 1960.

The bells of Winchester Cathedral will not be available for open practice on January 11th.

Congratulations to Ann Fellows (aged 15) and Linda Hughes (16), on ringing their first peal of Surprise (Yorkshire), at Shirley, on December 17th. They only started learning Yorkshire less than a month previously.

Congratulations to Mr. T. Brock, of Kessingland, Suffolk, who rang faultlessly in the quarter peal on the newly hung bells of Kessingland on Christmas morning, having not touched a rope for 15 years.

Will ringers who rang 25 peals or more during 1960 please send details, to the Editor, of the respective totals rung on tower bells and handbells, with the numbers conducted in brackets?

Mr. Ivan Kay has completed 25 years as captain of St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham. The celebration peal on Christmas Eve enabled him to ring his first touch of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Bolton ringers have enjoyed the friendship of Mr. John Froome who, during the past three years, has proved to be a good companion in either a peal, practice or Sunday service ringing. The best wishes of the local companies go with him to his new appointment in Berkshire.

March bellringers' hopes of ringing a peal on Christmas Eve were frustrated by the indisposition of one of the band. Had it been rung it would have been the third by the Sunday service ringers, the first being as far back as 1819 and the other in 1957. With help of another ringer a good half peal was rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Christine Harbott writes most enthusiastically of Kaye Webb's contribution to B.B.C. 'Women's Hour' of December 21st, concerning her interview with Mr. Paul Taylor and visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. 'It was most interesting,' she writes, 'to hear the voice of "Old Bill," to hear handbells and also to hear Kaye Webb describe the foundry as having a cathedral-like atmosphere! There was also a recording of Loughborough Parish Church bells—superb bells on which good rounds were rung.'

That famous sporting personality, A. N. Other, made his appearance by ringing the tenor to a quarter at King's Norton, Birmingham.

Organised by Miss Jill Lane, Merrow, Surrey, ringers raised over £9 for the A. H. Pulling Memorial Bell at Guildford Cathedral by carol singing and handbell ringing.

The Christmas Eve quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles at Barnes was conspicuous as being a first quarter for three of the band, a first 'inside' for two others and a first as conductor. We hope to hear more about this band.

An attempt was made on December 17th to ring three peals on the bells of the three Oleres in Hampshire. The morning and evening attempts at Burghclere and Highclere were successful but the afternoon attempt on the heavy six at Kingsclere came to grief at the end of the second 720 after 50 minutes of really good ringing.

The postal authorities did not co-operate kindly with our request that notices for the issue of December 30th should be received in 'The Ringing World' office by Saturday, December 24th. We cannot think that secretaries failed to see the notice asking for this early posting, which was printed in black type in issue of December 16th and can only attribute the number that were received too late for insertion as due to congestion at the G.P.O.

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MR. ROGER FRY'S ORDINATION

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Roger O. Fry was ordained a deacon by the Right Rev. Edward Henderson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, at the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, Yeovil, on Sunday, December 18th. His was the only Advent ordination in the diocese, and in consequence the service took place in the church where he is to serve as curate. This was the first ordination to be held at this church.

One of the most popular ringers in the West Country, Roger was appointed to succeed Mr. J. T. Dyke as secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and he held this appointment until 1958, when he entered Salisbury Theological College for his training for ordination. His period as general secretary of the Bath and Wells was marked by a thorough reorganisation of the Association's rules. Also at this time he was Ringing Master of St. Michael and All Angels, Twerton-on-Avon, where he had taught a young band to ring. With his arrival at Salisbury, the College Change Ringing Society was re-formed and has in the last three years trained some 30 ordinands to ring. When Roger left Salisbury he had been senior student for six months, his training having been interrupted through illness.

The crowded congregation for the ordination service included ringing friends from a wide area, many having braved the early morning fog. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock had travelled from North Mymms the previous evening. Friends and relatives from Bath, Corston and Twerton made the journey, not without incident, during the morning.

The Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. H. Bryant Salmon) preached the sermon on the duties of the priesthood. As is customary the Bishop was celebrant at the Holy Communion at which some 130 people made their communion. Preb. G. W. Battersby, diocesan director of ordinands and bishop's chaplain, read the Epistle and the newly-ordained deacon was the gospel.

St. Michael's, although possessing a fine, sturdy tower, has, as yet, no ring of bells. However, a small daughter church at Chilton Cantelo has an 8 cwt. ring of five.

Ringers and friends everywhere will join me in wishing Roger a long, happy and blessed ministry. J. J. J.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"Y"

YOKE.—Yoke is the old fashioned name for stock, or even headstock. The heavy piece of wood or metal to which the bell is bolted or otherwise fixed is the yoke. At the ends of the yoke are the fittings on which the bell swings toward and froward. A dictionary definition for this word: 'Yoke—to suspend (a heavy bell) on a yoke.'

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.—Some ringers, including conductors, consider this to be one of the easier methods in which to follow and check the coursing order of the bells. This may, however, not always work out in practice, as the considerations are confined to the bells as they reach the front or the back and the conductor could not always tell what a bell should do after leaving the front or the back. You will see, with the figures of a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Major in front of you, that the bells do lead and lie, to some limited extent, in their natural coursing order, enough for the conductor to watch and check. A similar condition also applies to this method when extended to Royal and Maximus. But when each of the bells leaves the front or back its work is not the same. Another interesting feature of Yorkshire Surprise is that when a bell is, say, making places in 3-4 it 'lets through' its coursing bell which may be on its way to places in 5-6. Whilst here this latter bell 'lets through' the bell it is coursing, i.e., the bell which has just made places in 3-4.

CROSSWORDS UNDER 'X' (Page 870)

ANSWERS.—Across: 1 Stock, 6 Lot, 8 Ran, 10 Shifted, 11 Peal, 13 Bats, 15 An, 17 Ie, 18 Odd Thirds. Down: 2 Tactical, 3 Court Bob, 4 False Lead, 5 Conducted, 7 Oh, 9 Ae, 12 And, 14 Air, 16 The.

CORRECTION.—Crossword No. 4: Down 7, 'Shyness' not Skyness.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 1



MR. ALFRED B. PECK,

Ancient Society of College Youths.

It is only fitting that the first person in a new series should be someone who has been a personality for over 50 years. In fact, as far back as March, 1911, when the first issue of 'The Ringing World' was published, Alfred B. Peck's photograph was shown then as a leading ringer.

Born at Bedford in 1883, Alfred went to the Hotspur Trust Elementary School, and eventually sat for the entrance exam to Bedford School, but failed. (His friend, Harry James, passed and later went to Cambridge.) He was taught to handle a bell at St. Paul's, Bedford, by Frank Webb, about 1899. However, when he was able to ring the tenor behind, he moved to London in 1900, and was very fortunate to find lodgings near St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

At that time, the band there, under the conductorship of men like H. R. Newton, J. W. Golding and C. T. P. Brice, was making ringing history. After about a year, Alfred plucked up courage, and asked them if there was any chance of joining them. He was told, 'Yes,' and he was the only learner he made very quick progress and his sixth peal was London 'inside.'

Alfred's first peal was Stedman Triples on the tenor in 1902, and since then he has rung well over 300 peals, though he has not kept a record since 1936. Of these he has conducted 10, and though he has had the chance to call many more, he has declined in favour of the many conducting experts with whom he rang. Amongst his many peals as conductor have been Stedman Triples from a working bell, and two peals of London. He also took part in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1911.

However, it is not mere numbers which have appealed to Alfred, but the quality of his peals. Amongst his records have been some exceptionally fine performances, as he has been a remarkably fine heavy-bell ringer.

In 1909, at the age of 26, he rang St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to Stedman Cinques and was the youngest but one in the band. In 1922 he rang the seventh at Appleton to the record peal of Stedman Caters, and in 1923 he rang the tenor to the 12,675 of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark, a performance lasting 9 hours and 47 minutes. But undoubtedly the peal of which Alfred is justly proud is 'turning in' the 62 cwt. tenor at St. Paul's to the only peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells in 1925, the heaviest bell 'turned in' to a peal single-handed. He is also very proud of ringing the tenor at Luton to the first peal of London in Beds, his native county. In addition he has 'turned in' the tenors to Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cornhill, Southwark and Cripplegate, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, to Cambridge Royal, and Westminster Abbey to London and Cambridge. He also rang in the first peal of London Royal (No. 1) at Stepney in 1907. His biggest disappointment was on April 12th, 1912, when after ringing the 11th at St. Paul's for 3 hours 55 minutes, the tenor man collapsed in the last course but one.

By profession he was a pianoforte maker for 30 years, and supervisor of blind tuners for the Royal National Institute for the Blind for 20 years.

He has been an ardent supporter of the College Youths since 1904, and was Master in 1910, and secretary from 1937-57. He is most staunch in his support of the Society, and although normally a friendly man, he will defend any criticism of the Society with the utmost vigour. He has been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Paul's for a great number of years, making the fairly long journey from his home in Reigate every Sunday.

Now in the eve of his long career, he enjoys meeting friends in London. He is very popular, and has a fund of good stories about the older generation of ringers. May his enthusiasm continue for a long while yet.

APACE.

Golden Wedding Bells At Ambrosden

To mark the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turner, of The Row, Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, a touch of 720 Grandsire, followed by call changes, was rung on the bells of Ambrosden Parish Church, on December 17th. Mr. Turner has been a ringer for the past fifty years and a most regular Sunday service ringer. After the ringing Mr. Gordon Taylor (Ambrosden tower captain) presented Mr. and Mrs. Turner with an electric fire as a mark of appreciation from the ringers.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

'Ringing World,' January 2nd, 1931, recalls: A peal of 14,480 Bob Major at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hours 24 minutes, on January 4th, 1784.

Death of Henry Johnson, on January 7th, 1890, at the age of 80.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques, at Cirencester on January 7th, 1767.

THE TOWER IN CONTROL

Complaints are often made that ringers do not play an adequate part in the life of the parish. The converse is the case at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath.

Here the St. Michael's, Twerton, Guild of ringers have recently rung a quarter peal in three methods. Included in the band were:—

The Vicar	Sidesman
Two curates	Sunday school teachers
P.C.C. secretary	Chorister
Organist	Crucifer
Server	Youth Club treasurer
	Tower Master.

University Dinners Next Term

January 7th.	Universities Association.
January 21st.	London.
January 28th.	Bristol.
February 4th.	Oxford.
February 11th.	Durham.
February 18th.	Nottingham.
March 11th.	Cambridge.
Date unknown,	Manchester.

Box For 'Ringing World'

Instead of demanding 6d. a rope from those ringing peals for 'The Ringing World,' Carbis Bay tower has a box with an indication that at the end of each year the P.C.C. treasurer will forward its contents to 'The Ringing World.' With gratitude we acknowledge the sum of £1 6s. 3d. from this source.

Advocating other towers to adopt the box system, the Rev. A. S. Roberts writes, 'This year we have rung one 10-bell peal and one 6-bell. This would have been 8s. for "The Ringing World." The box system has done better.

'This idea might spread as a way of helping the Central Council, and five hundred boxes might easily bring in seven or eight hundred pounds a year. Even this appears a small proportion of the 5,000 or so towers in the country.

'I am convinced that the Central Council should give a lead in the raising of money for itself as a body so as to keep its paper in a sure position without so many suggestions that those who ring peals (news) should collect small sums. Gifts, bequests and competitions might well bring in large sums. I can see the time when the C.C. should have a central office with a full-time secretary. Such a person could be of tremendous value to visit dioceses and rural deaneries and even parishes.'

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

For the first time for some years the peal attempt in the afternoon of the Baldock ringers' dinner was successful. The dinner was held at the Rose and Crown, and was considered to be well up to the standard of previous years.

In his welcome, the chairman, Canon F. G. Brencley, commented upon the probability of a group photograph of today's ringers being confused with a similar one of last century, and turning to more serious topics, hoped that the Guild members would remain loyal during the silence when the tower must be repaired.

Mr. W. C. Hughes, president of the Hertford County Association, proposed 'St. Mary's Guild,' praising the achievements of the ringers and expressing the best wishes of the Association to the Guild.

In his reply, Mr. E. G. Buck thanked Mr. Hughes, and reviewed the past year at Baldock, also asking for every member's loyalty during the silence. In the past year the Guild had rung fourteen quarters, each containing a 'first' of some kind, yet this was not exceptional, for this had been the case with each quarter rung during the last five years.

At very short notice Mr. D. Salisbury proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Mr. H. S. Bonnett being unavoidably absent. Mr. A. R. Agg, honorary general secretary of the Hertford County Association, replied, gracefully hoping that the new strength in the tower would mean new strength in the band.

Instead of the usual ringing and talking there were some games, ably organised by Mr. B. Scoot. J. S.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gray 1, K. Triplow 2, Mrs. L. James 3, S. James 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, H. Palmer 6. For Evensong, and as an ordination compliment to Rev. C. R. Chad Coussmaker, curate at St. Luke's, Newtown, Southampton.

ESSEX RINGERS' WEDDING



Two well known members of the Essex County Association—Mr. Terry Earle, of Stisted, and Miss Wendy Richards, of Ilford—were married at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone, on December 17th. The Rev. C. G. Day, Rector of All Saints', Stisted, officiated, in the presence of many ringing friends.

The bride was beautifully attired in a white lace gown with a silver tiara and carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies of the

valley and freesia. The honeymoon was spent on the South Coast, after which the bridegroom is returning to Germany, where he is stationed in the R.A.F.

The bridegroom is well known as a peal ringer and was a member of the band who established a six bell record at Stisted. He is also a member of the College Youths. The bride is a member of the band at St. John's, Leytonstone, and was taught by Mr. Wilmington.

[Photo: G. Hollis, Ilford.]

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'CHRISTMAS BELLS' BROADCAST, 1960

Dear Sir.—Vividly remembering the correspondence in eight issues of 'The Ringing World' between January 1st and March 25th last, concerning the Christmas bells' broadcast of 1959, and the somewhat scathing comment some of those letters—mine not the least—contained, I would like to be one of the first to offer congratulations to all concerned in the 1960 broadcast. It was twenty minutes of very enjoyable listening and I do not suppose it could be much improved upon unless we had had two less eights, and one ten and one six substituted, the six for a little shorter duration than the others.

Though the programme was 'canned' this time, I am sure it was better; we must remember that the great majority of listeners to it know nothing whatever about bells and ringing them.

These points on the 1960 broadcast occurred to me:—

Sheffield.—Did not 'come over' clearly: it was difficult to follow the bells—in fact, I think, some were 'drowned.' Some of the smaller bells dominated the first eleven. This is not remarking on the ringing, of course: I have no doubt that it was very good.

Ottery St. Mary.—Good.

Ballymena.—(Call changes.) Well struck, but quicker-called changes would have improved things, especially if we could have had the finishing sequence, 4, 6, 8, broken up—it went on for too long. The fourth was dominant, especially so at handstroke. Dove says tenor E—it sounded more like F to me. What is it?

Hampton.—Very good striking: fast ringing.

Birmingham.—Striking very good, indeed, perhaps the ringing in the programme. The eighth dominated the first eleven.

Edinburgh.—Very good.

Swansea.—Rich-toned bells, rung fairly slowly, and regularly, too, until near the end. In fact, the slip which occurred then and its recovery proved that the ringing was hand made and not mechanical!

Bethlehem.—We know that these bells are not rung but merely chimed—and jangled. I remember being hauled over the coals by one of your correspondents last Christmas time for my remarks about these bells then. I would like him to know that I have not 'missed the romanticism of it all.' In any case, that is another matter altogether. I still have the same opinion as I had then—that the sound of these bells is a din compared with ringing as we know it in this country. Nevertheless, I would not think of suggesting that we discontinue broadcasting these bells in our future Christmas programme. Oh, no!—but I would suggest that the length of time given to them 'on the air' should be much less than that in the 1960 broadcast—some of that time could have been better given to other bells in the broadcast—or to a six from somewhere, an additional tower.

But to conclude—I am sure that if future broadcasts are on a par with the 1960 one nobody, ringers or others, will have cause to complain as I am sure that at least ringers have had in the past.—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH

Felixstowe, Suffolk.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir.—Mr. C. W. Woolley, in a letter recently published, asks 'The Ringing World' Committee to state what its future policy will be. If he had done it the honour of reading the many reports presented to and approved by the Central Council he would already know. However, for his information and any others who are in any kind of doubt, I will state the position as briefly as possible.

It has been the endeavour of the Committee to make the paper stand on its own feet and pay its own way. That has always been, and still is, its policy. We have repeatedly pointed out that it would be unrealistic to rely upon the indefinite continuance of voluntary donations. Whilst we are deeply grateful to those who have helped to lighten our task, we would stress that we have never made an appeal for such donations—they are the spontaneous gestures of generously-minded people who have appreciated our difficulties, and they have ungrudgingly made their gifts to enable the paper to continue publication.

One need not labour what the difficulties have been, for all readers of this paper will be aware that several national papers have been compelled to cease publication. We have been affected by exactly the same difficulties which confronted them, and it has been necessary to economise and watch every penny or expenditure. Advertising rates have been increased, the price has been raised (twice), and the Committee was reluctantly compelled to accept an offer from the Editor to work at a reduced salary. All these efforts have kept us with a balance on the right side. The present year has been an anxious one for the Committee, for we were not enjoying the full effect of the increase in price made at the beginning of the year. We are hopeful that next year when the full effects will come into operation there will be no reason for undue anxiety, always provided there is no further drop in circulation, or increase in costs.

Mr. Woolley's arithmetic stands in need of a little correction. He states that an increase of 1d. on the price would produce £4 3s. 4d. per week per 1,000. Would it? Is he not aware that publishers and newsagents are not actuated by the same high motives as the Editor and his staff, who work for little or nothing? No, they take a goodly proportion of whatever increase is made in the selling price. Is it necessary for us to repeat once again that the best way to help 'The Ringing World' is to become a postal subscriber? This request has been made over and over again, but we would point out that for every two postal subscribers there are three who get their copies from other sources.

Regarding Mr. Woolley's comments on the style of presentation of peal reports, we should hesitate to make the change he suggests unless it became absolutely necessary. Tradition dies hard, and we well remember the uproar we caused when we proposed to alter the style of the heading on page 1.

Mr. Woolley does not seem to think that the publication of quarter peals is important. We do not agree. These quarter peals are just as important to those who ring them as are peals rung by more competent ringers. And, most important, they generally constitute ringing for Sunday services.

Reports of outings and meetings may not always be written in high journalistic style, but we are grateful to those who send them in—and we think most readers are glad to have news of activities in other parts of the country.

I am happy to report that although the Central Council owns, and is therefore responsible for 'The Ringing World,' the Committee has not yet made any appeal to the

Council for a subsidy, and that is in part due to the kind donations which have been 'Gratefully Acknowledged.'

Finally, I would assure Mr. Woolley that 'The Ringing World' Committee does not lie down on the job, but is always actively at work *thinking* and *rethinking* of ways to keep the paper alive, and how to improve it, with solvency always our objective. — Yours sincerely,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,

Convener,

'The Ringing World' Committee.

'BONS MOTS'

Dear Sir.—Several good ideas to improve the circulation of 'The Ringing World' have been put forward in the last few years. I wonder what readers think of an idea which recently occurred to me, viz.: to run a feature similar to 'Homo Sapiens' in the magazine 'Punch'? This would provide an opportunity for (a) contemporary happenings and (b) happenings of bygone days to be reported.

Perhaps an annual prize for the best entry in each of the two sections would stimulate further interest, e.g., a year's free subscription to the 'R.W.' This would probably not be necessary, however.

To start the ball rolling, I am appending two incidents from the 1960 Rambling Ringers' Reunion:

(1) 'I haven't asked you into this peal next Whitsun, Mr. Master, because I wanted to save you the embarrassment of having to refuse.'

(2) 'Ladies and gentlemen, the relatively small number of members who have attended today emphasises a point which has been mentioned before, namely, that we must choose one of the three cities, Derby, Nottingham or Leicester, to ensure fifty members attending.'

Speaks for another five minutes and ends thus: 'Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I propose Lincoln for next year.'—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

NOTE.—Similar 'Bons Mots' from other readers would be welcome.—Ed.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Dear Sir.—Early in the summer of this year in your columns appeared a small advertisement, announcing that from a certain date the address of Mr. Peter Crook would be c/o his daughter, in Kelowna, B.C., Canada. I was unsuccessful in making contact with this gentleman before he left England, but I wrote to him at Kelowna, and asked if he would mind calling on my father's younger sister who lives in this town, and whom I have not seen since 1913. I was then a small boy, 5 years old.

Mr. Crook duly called on my aunt, as his letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 12th stated; in fact, he called many times, and since then he had called on her sister, my Aunt Alice, who still lives in Moorside, Oldham, and told her quite a lot of news of her sister in Canada.

On behalf of all our family, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I should like to express our very sincere thanks to Mr. Crook for any trouble he went to; we are all extremely grateful to him in bridging this gap of 6,000 miles for us, not least my aunt in Canada, as her recent letters state.

With all good wishes for the New Year to ringers everywhere, and to the Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

T. OGDEN.

Shaw, Oldham.

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LETTERS—Continued

METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—It was, I believe, the notorious Dr. Goebbels who during the last war said: 'If you go on telling a lie, or pressing a theory long enough, it eventually becomes the accepted thing!'

After 'The Ringing World' correspondence some months ago, I thought we had heard the last of *this nonsense* from Mr. Cyril A. Wratten about 'methods versus variations,' but evidently, judging from 'The Ringing World' of December 16th, he thinks the same as did Dr. Goebbels re theories. Whatever Mr. Wratten likes to say about plain courses and variations, change-ringing is only one of two things: either it's *call-changes* or it is *method ringing*. No one has ever rung a peal of call-changes, and no one has ever rung a peal in *no method*—that is obvious! Therefore I for one do not accept his arguments.

I have stated before, and it will bear repeating, *that we can ignore all this 'baloney' about plain courses as having no bearing on the truth of meaning of what is a variation.* Whether you alter the coursing of the bells by a call, or by a slight difference in a plain course—if one is a variation, they *both* are!

If Mr. Wratten is logical he will recognise that many of the newly-named Surprise methods are *merely variations* of Yorkshire, Cambridge, and so on, and until he does I am not prepared to accept his theory in relation to Doubles.

I still want to know from him and his Central Council bureaucrats what these six-scores of Northrepps, April Day, Old, etc., are when rung to peals by themselves. If they are not methods when rung in with such as Plain Bob, they must be 'call-changes' according to him; they can only be in one of those two categories!—*which is it?* Call them variations, systems, or what you will, *they are still methods!* No amount of juggling with words, arguing about plain courses, or bringing in the Central Council will alter that fact. The dictionary is a greater authority, in my estimation, than either Mr. Wratten or the Central Council.

Many of these were known and accepted as *methods* producing true six-scores long before Mr. Wratten or the Central Council were ever thought of. I am firmly of the opinion (though no doubt Mr. Wratten will be the last person to admit it) that all this 'Doubles bunkum' from him is merely an attempt to belittle and play-off 5- and 6-bell ringers against 8, 10 and 12: in other words, *it is just snobbery!*

The Central Council was never formed with the purpose of turning it into a sort of trade union dictatorship, as some would have it become. The day that comes into being I, for one, cease to recognise it, and I know I shall not be alone in doing so!

We can go back 200 years and find instances like that of Northrepps v. 'Honeybourne,' Chace versus Stedman Slow Course Reversed in a typical example—Chace is in the old 'Campanologia Improved.' It was Chace before it was Reversed Stedman Slow Course, so my old books tell me. St. Nicholas' is another. As long ago as 1926 Mr. Mathias Hobbs, of Barton Segrave, Kettering, claimed to have got this method out, and he named it (as well as rung it to peals) as *Barton*. It has also been rung as 'Canterbury St. Simon's.' So which is it?

About that same time I recall an argument in 'The Ringing World' about St. Clement's and St. Simon's, the late Mr. Joseph E. Sykes claiming that as change-ringing began on five bells and not six, and no one called plain bob by a different name on six to five, St. Clement's was not really St. Clement's but an extension of St. Simon's, and he published seven 720's as a peal of *St. Simon's Minor*. What would Mr. Wratten term that—an extension, a variation, or what?

Both names have been accepted, just as have those of these six-scores of Doubles to which Mr. Wratten takes exception to being called methods, and this has been so for years. A precedent has therefore been set up, however much Mr. Wratten likes to argue around it.

What has been accepted in the past is bound to be accepted in the future, without the Central Council making itself look ridiculous and creating uncertainty, as it did for a long time about Bob Triples and other so-called 'irregular' methods, first by recognising them, then not, and later again recognising them. *If they produce true extents, that to me is all that matters.*—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

LONDON AND SUBURBS
PRACTICE NIGHTS

Dear Sir,—I wish to notify the following inaccuracies in your recently published list of practice nights in London and suburban towers:—

Harlington.—8 bells, practice every Thursday, at 8 o'clock.

Harmondsworth.—6 bells. There has been no resident band for donkey's years. If any ringer would like to ring on this very pleasant sounding although 'rough' six, I would be only too pleased to hear from him and to arrange a band. We try to ring there once a month for service, although this is not always possible because of lack of support.

Hayes.—6 bells. These bells are not now rung as the tower is reputed to be unsafe, although there are doubts as to whether this is justified.

I would like to make a plea for increased support from members of the Middlesex County Association at the practices of the weaker towers in the South West Middlesex area. Being a Harlington ringer I would cite our situation as an example.

For many years the resident band were call changers only, and very prejudiced against anything else. However, in the past few years our captain, Lionel Grice, has trained a band of young change ringers, as the old band faded away. After considerable work the band reached the required standard and so the tower was affiliated to the Middlesex County Association. A Guild meeting has been held there annually in the summer in the past few years, and the rather belated Guild report says, 'Progress in change ringing is being made at Harlington.'

True enough, but the actual support we receive and the interest the Guild displays in us is practically negligible. The band is now stuck at the Bob Minor stage, and however much we flog Grandire Triples we never seem to be able to achieve that elusive quarter peal. So please, let's have some help from those local Guild members who are proficient. Although we cannot offer visitors Cambridge Royal, we would appreciate a few sincere offers of help, so that eventually we can ring the first ever all-Harlington peal on the eight bells. After all the tower is easily accessible. I would recommend all Middlesex members to read Rule Two, Section Three. 'The objects of the Association are... the promotion and advancement of the art of change ringing.'

I would thank our Master, John Mayne, for his visits earlier this year and his attempts to teach us Stedman Triples.—Yours, etc.,

DENNIS C. MORGAN.

Harlington, Middlesex.

Dear Sir.—The Tuesday practice at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, commences at 8 p.m. and not at 7.30 p.m. as stated on page 836 under the heading 'Practice Nights in London and Suburbs.'—Yours faithfully,

MARIA E. KIRBY.
(Honorary Secretary.)

Bromley, Kent.

Dear Sir.—Will readers please note the following alterations to practice nights in London and suburbs published in 'The Ringing World' of December 16th:

Ealing, St. Stephen's, practice every Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Camberwell, St. George's, practice Fridays, 8 p.m., not Tuesdays.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. COOK.

Wimbledon, S.W.19.

FALSE COURSEHEADS IN
TREBLE BOB METHODS—
F SETS AND F GROUPSBy D. R. CARLISLE, G. A. HALLS
and D. J. MARSHALL

The Corrigan publication 'Half-lead system of extracting false courseheads in Treble Bob methods' contains most interesting information, but for brevity the authors have concentrated on giving instructions rather than theoretical explanations. For example F-sets and F-groups are mentioned and used, but the theoretical justification is not presented. In addition, the table of F-groups and F-sets is somewhat misleading since it includes some errors.

It is the purpose of the article to elaborate a little on F-sets and F-groups and indicate their usefulness (within the limits of the authors' modest knowledge). The reader is assumed to be able to derive false courseheads (F.C.H.'s).

F-sets.—The sixty incurse F.C.H.'s may be divided into sets of four such that if a method produces one member the other three must appear. These are called F-sets. Each of the four members may be different, or two pairs, or all four members may be identical. (For convenience the members are labelled F. 1, F. 2, F. 3 and F. 4.)

To derive F. 2 given F. 1.—Suppose lead one of the plain course of a method is false with (i.f.w.) lead two of course 12453678 we denote this by F. 1. 24536 (1/2), so 23456 (lead 1) i.f.w. 24536 (lead 2). It follows that the converse is true, 24536 (lead 2) i.f.w. 23456 (lead 1). Thus, keeping the same relationship, 23456 (lead 2) i.f.w. 25346 (lead 1).

So from F.C.H. 24536 (1/2), which we denote F. 1, there immediately springs another F.C.H. 25346 (2/1) which we call F. 2 and is the coursehead by which F. 1 is transposed to produce rounds: the false leads being interchanged.

To derive F. 3.—We know that a course rung from its coursehead (say 12345678) contains the same rows in reverse order as the course rung from its course end. In the case of a method with 2nds place lead heads the course end is 24365, thus:

Lead 1 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 7 of 2436587.

Lead 2 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 6 of 2436587.

Lead 3 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 5 of 2436587.

Lead 4 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 4 of 2436587.

From F. 1. 245678 (lead 1) i.f.w. 2453678 (lead 2) so, taking the leads which contain the same rows as these in reverse order we can write:

2436587 (lead 7) i.f.w. 2546387 (lead 6), and, using the same relationship,

2345678 (lead 7) i.f.w. 2635478 (lead 6).

Thus we have another F.C.H. 26354 (7/6), which we have derived from F. 1, and this we denote F. 3. By examination of the above process it can be seen that F. 3 is derived by transposing 24365 by F. 1 and transposing the result by 24365.

The leads in which F. 3's falseness occurs are symmetrical with F. 1's false leads. If the leads of a course are spaced round a circle the line of symmetry will join the course head with the middle of the 4th lead.

In the case of 8th place methods the same transpositions are used to find F. 3 but the leads in which the falseness occurs will depend on the lead head order. It can be shown that the line of symmetry passes through the lead head 17856342. For example, suppose for an 8ths place method with Plain Bob lead head order, F. 1 is 34562 (2/3) than F. 3 will be 46325 (5/4).

To derive F. 4.—F. 4 is obtained from F. 3 in the same way in which F. 2 is obtained from F. 1.

(To be continued)

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Wychbold Pleasure Bob Doubles; Lynda M. Powell 1. Sheila McDougall 2. P. Catermole 3. J. E. Pullon 4. A. D. Cook (cond.) 5. L. H. G. Gittins 6. For carol service.

A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

ADVENT 1872-73

NOTE.—'Church Bells' was a Victorian penny weekly periodical on church matters generally and having either one or two columns devoted to bells, ringing and ringers. The volumes ran from Advent to Advent.

During the period April to July, 1957, extracts which I had taken from two volumes—1875-6 and 1879-80 were published in 'The Ringing World.' The title of the article was 'Ringing in England 80 years ago.'

I have now looked through the volume 1872-3 and made the following notes which show, amongst other things, how fixed were the views of the paper on prize ringing matches, and how forthrightly the Editor dealt with correspondents who were impatient.—CLAUDE RUSH.

West Ham, Essex.—Monday, November 21st, 1873, the Society of Eastern Scholars rung, in this steeple, a compleat peal of 15.120 Bob Major in 8 hours 40 minutes.

Appeal for a Church Bell.—An appeal is made to all interested in, and possessing, those most beautiful and desirable aids to our churches worship, Church Bells, to assist me in purchasing a bell for a little church, the incumbency of which has just been presented to me by the Bishop of Rochester. The parish itself is an island six miles long by three broad. The population is scattered and entirely poor. We have not one resident farmer. The people are, as a rule, regular churchgoers. The church has a small belfry but unfortunately no sound issues from it calling them to prayer and it is to aid us in supplying this most pressing want that I am emboldened to ask the help of all lovers of Church Bells. If any readers are interested... Henry Hayes, Incumbent of Canvey Island, Leigh, Essex.

Revival of Ringing in Cornwall.—A correspondent had informed the paper that 'The Western Morning News' had contained information that the bells of St. Columb had been comparatively silent for 30 years and had last been revived by a 'prize match,' seven bands competing for £13. The paper goes on at length to decry ringing for prizes—'grieved to hear it,' 'our advice to the good people of Cornwall is to shut their generous pockets against such demands. Can they be ignorant that it is the publicans who are the chief promoters and originators of ringing matches? And while the parsons and churchwardens allow the Sacred bells of the church to be prostituted to such ungodly uses... they are... the aiders and abettors of all the evils and utter uselessness of such gatherings. We cannot congratulate the good people of Cornwall on such a revival: far better let their bells continue to be silent.'

Reform in a Country Belfry.—In a long letter (long letters seemed to be the rule those days) 'A Country Curate' from Whitbourne, Worcester, shows how he was spurred on to go in for bellringing there (six bells). He got the ringers to the belfry—they had not rung for six months—and was amazed to find that a 'bottle' of cider also turned up. He says, '...a bottle in this country is a thing of capacity: in the present case holding ten quarts, which startled me tremendously.' He promptly ordered it down again! Apparently after 12 months that tower became altogether respectful and efficient. Only two of the former band of ringers then remained.

Change Ringing in Devonshire.—On Wednesday, November 27th, 1872, the Society of Scientific Change Ringers of St. Mary's, Penzance, Cornwall, visited Plympton St. Mary, Devon, and, under the direction of their leader and tutor, Colonel Trelawny, R.C.R., achieved some highly creditable performances of Grand-sire Triples on the splendid ring of the church, tenor reputed weight 33 cwt., D. by Purdue, 1614. 'Much joy and satisfaction were evinced by the more intelligent of the population at this unusual occurrence (scientific change ringing being but little practised in the district), which was greatly enhanced in the evening by an handbell entertainment at the Parish Schoolroom by the same band in conjunction with one from Devonport, under the direction of Mr. W. Banister, before a

fashionable audience who, by their oft-repeated applause, manifested a high degree of joyful gratification. These social meetings contrast very favourably with the unseemly gatherings at prize ringing contests.'

Halifax, All Souls.—A peal of Bob Major on Saturday, November 30th, 1872, is shown as the first in that method at Halifax since 1811.

St. Alphege, Greenwich.—The first of Stedman on these bells—Saturday, November 30th, 1872.

Three on the Tenor.—St. Giles', Cripplegate. Thursday, November 23rd, 1732, the Society of City Scholars, 6,012 Caters. 'The list of ringers shows three men on the tenor. The names of four churchwardens also appear!'

Ilkley, Seconds!—Peal of 5,040 Minor in seven methods, Saturday, December 7th, 1872, in 3 hours 1 minute 25 seconds. 'This is the first time such a length has been rung on these bells.' E. Snowdon on the fourth, W. Snowdon fifth, J. W. Snowdon tenor (conductor). Tenor 11 cwt.

St. Nicholas', Brighton.—Particulars of two peal boards are given. One peal was rung December 14th, 1815, the other January 18th, 1816, both commemorating royal occasions. Then the following appears: 'The above Inscriptions were copied from two boards formerly in the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton (fitting into the point of the arch as shown by their shape), but sold at the repair of the church to W. Johnson, Marine-Store Dealer, 10, Russell Street, over whose storehouse they now hang.'

'It's not fair to abuse all Ringers.'—This is a long letter from George Musket, C.Y., London, referring to letters, then recently published, in 'Church Bells.' He says, 'From the tone of the letters... it appears to me that ringers in general are looked upon as a lot of fellows who, like school-boys, require the assistance of a master in the church-tower to teach them good behaviour, and also to ring for what they can get in the shape of money... I, as a ringer, earn about £2 per annum and spend about £10. I and my brother-ringers have often toiled for hours and hours in some church-tower... What recompense do we get? We get the credit of being a drunken, dissipated, ignorant set of men, not fit to sit in decent society. It would have been better for us to have studied foreign languages... When we descend we are looked upon as Common bell-ringers by the churchwarden or parishioners, who possibly might be a cheese-monger or a rag-merchant... Our clergymen take great notice of the singers of the church: why not notice the ringers? Our clergymen can mingle with the throng in a cricket-field and applaud the greatest rough who makes a fine drive for six or eight or five, or some crack bowler... and yet good ringers who have studied, composed and rung long peals, and called them, are not even looked at... I hope our friends will be a little lenient in their remarks upon ringers; and if they mix up with them a little more, perhaps they will find them a better class of men than what they think...' (A reply from Mr. Troyte will come later.)

'Prostitution of the Bells of the Parish Church of Headcorn, Kent.'—Under this title a correspondent writes: 'This little place was made "merry" on Monday evening last by the church bells ringing out a peal of rejoicing at the decision of the Bearded bench of magistrates in a game-trespass case from Headcorn. The ringers were "liberally treated" by several friends... The Editor added a note asking why the parson did not "manfully do his duty"... such ringers should never be allowed to handle the ropes again.' In a subsequent issue the Editor gave notice that the Vicar did not know of the ringing until he read of it in a local paper.

Bredgar, Kent.—Tablet in the belfry:—

My Friendly Ringers
I to you declare
You must pay one penny
Each oath you do swear.
To turn a bell over
Is the same fare.
To ring with your hats on
You must not dare.
MD. CC. LI.'

Quarter Peal—10,080 Changes! Bromley, Kent.—Janry ye 7, 1773 the Peal of Bells in this Steeple was taken down, recast and augmented from 5 to 8 and on May ye 29th they were finished. In which a set of Youths of Bromley in Kent join'd in articles to learn to Ring, and ye 22nd of Sepr 1774 they rung a half-quarter peal of Bob Major... 3 hrs. 4 mins. and their names, age and trade is as follows: Jo. Cowdrey—Cordweaver, 24. 1; Jo. Chapman—Carpenter, 18. 2; Jo. Day—Breeches Maker, 25. 3; Jo. Heath—Bricklayer, 26. 4; Hry. Sale—Carpenter, 18. 5; Thos. Kelly—Gardener, 21. 6; Wm. Chapman—Carpenter, 23. 7; Wm. Cook—Cordweaver, 25. 8. He call'd the bobs. And on 14 Febr 1775 the above said youths rung a quarter peal of Bob Major which is 10,000 and 80 changes. They completed it in 6 hours and 13 minutes.'

'It's not fair to abuse all ringers.'—This was another long letter, this time signed Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Bampton, N. Devon. It includes: 'I am proud of the name of a ringer, but as a brother to men like Musket, Wood and Haley, not as a brother to the prize-ringers of Yorkshire or the "pulley-haulers" of Devon and Cornwall. The College Youths I have never seen abused in your paper: but Mr. Musket knows that abuse is richly deserved in other quarters... There cannot be any doubt that we as Change-ringers, are not appreciated by Clergymen, Churchwardens or parishioners. They cannot see the difference between either ourselves or our art and Round-ringers and their labour... I sincerely hope that Mr. Musket's and my own feelings will spread, for we both know only too well how many steeples there are into which we would neither of us enter, and how many ringers there are with whom neither of us would associate.'

W. Wigram also contributes a long letter on the subject, saying that it was not surprising if ringers were abused... 'We have read of Church-bells being rung as a requiem to a beer-shop which was deprived of its licence, in the County of Gloucester: of bells being rung on the occasion of a law suit with a railway company in the County of York: over a racing event in, I think, the same county... I offer my acknowledgments to Mr. Musket and to those like him who keep prize-ringing out of London.' Referring to clergy taking up ringing, he says, 'My own Clerical friends say that they are too old, too ignorant of the subject, too busy to learn... I venture to say to the Clergy, "Go to the Belfry" and to the ringers "Go to the Parsonage and represent to your Clergy what Scientific ringing is..."

St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Yorks.—Peal of 16,608 Kent T.B. Major (tenor 14 cwt.), 9 hours 48 minutes, 'thus beating by 768 changes the record held by St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.'

Hand-bell Ringers before Royalty.—The Royal (Poland Street) Temperance Hand-bell Ringers (Mr. Duncan Miller's band) who were honoured some time ago to appear before the Queen at Osborne, received the additional distinction of appearing at Sandringham House, Norfolk, on December 26th, 1872, before the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, General Sir Wm. Knollys and most of the leading aristocracy of the neighbourhood. A full programme of very diversified music was performed on the 76 bells...

Hampstead.—The new church of St. Stephen has lately been presented with a ring of ten bells from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, the tenor, note D, weighs 27 cwt. and the total weight of the peal 123 cwt. 2 qrs... the bells and organ were formally inaugurated on St. Stephen's Day (26 December), 1872... The day was a great success: the very weather favoured for the sun shone brightly... the church was crowded. After all the arrangements had been made, the death took place of one of the eldest inhabitants of the parish, a gentleman who was born in Hampstead when it was a little village in the rural part of Middlesex; and as his funeral passed the church on 26th, the ringing was stopped and the tenor tolled.

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BIRTH

NEAL.—On December 15th. 1960. to Gwen and Dennis Neal, a daughter. Catherine. 7247

ENGAGEMENTS

BISHOP—BUSH.—The engagement is announced between Tony, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, of 3, Sydenham Road, Bath, and Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bush, of 20, West Park Lane, Damerham, Hants. 7240

PURNELL—LANSLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. Lansley, of 7, Wanborough Road, Swindon, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Christine, to Robert John Purnell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Purnell, of 39, Budbury, Tynning, Bradford-on-Avon. 7224

PERSONAL

'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.' (St. Matt. xi. 29.)

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 2731

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of the Rev. Roger Fry (of St. Michael's Church, Yeovil) is now 54, Grass Royal, Yeovil, Somerset. 7221

As from January 1st and until further notice the address of Geoffrey R. Drew (formerly Croner, Norfolk) will be c/o 45, Scott House, Arle, Cheltenham, Glos. 7222

The address of Mr. John Segar, formerly of Retford, is now 16, Green Lane, Seacroft, Skegness, Lincs. 7099

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden have removed to 'The Spinney', 32, Summersbury Drive, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey. 7213

The address of Miss Monica Collins is now Flat 1, 380, Orrong Road, Caulfield North, S.E.7, Victoria, Australia. 7212

The address of Derek Astridge is now 'Abertawe', 2, Edale Close, Allestree, Derby. Anyone who can cook, sew, mend, or ring handbells, welcome. 7243

E. J. Munday has now removed to 3, Balfour Crescent, Wolverhampton. Tel. Wolverhampton 52977. 7256

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Close sea; full board, 25s. 6d.; bed/breakfast, 17s. 6d. Daily booking (part board) accepted. Free parking. Breakfast 8.30, dinner 1, high tea 5.30, refreshments 10 p.m.—PRICE, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Bournemouth. Tel. 46005. 5699

MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice on January 9th. Methods: Cuneastre. Durham, Canterbury, London, Norwich, York, Wells. 7225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for A.G.M., 1961, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7203

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual tour, 1961, based on Dorset Hotel, Lyme Regis, Dorset, April 1st-7th. All old members wishing to come, please contact me now.—R. N. Pittman, Highbury, Hunters Lodge, near Axminster, Devon. 7080

RINGER'S PENDANT.—Wanted to replace white metal pendant—pattern as 'Jafus' badge, page 865—lost by R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8. Lost pendant engraved 'Midland Counties Association C.R.' but inscription or metal of any offer immaterial. 7245

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C.1, Saturday, January 7th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: January 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; January 17th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45; January 24th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; January 31st, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 7253

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual District meeting at Bedford, Saturday, January 7th, St. Peter's bells (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Goldington bells (6) 3-4. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. L. P. 7250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Burwell, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7063

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Annual general meeting at Writtle, on January 7th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, January 7th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. 7090

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick, January 7th, Bells (12) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Biddenden, Saturday, January 7th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea at once, to S. G. Waters, Ladywell Cottage, Bishopsdale, Biddenden.—C. T. H. 7098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Meeting at Edenbridge, on Saturday, January 7th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea free, not 2s. 6d. as in previous notices.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 7211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Saturday, January 7th, Ringing 3 p.m. Amended time for tea 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' bells (8) will be available for ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. 7227

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston, on Saturday, January 7th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Red Cross Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green. 7092

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway, January 7th, 3 p.m. Tea own arrangements 5. Short business meeting in belfry 6. Election of officers, if any. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 7229

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aylesford (8), Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7049

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, January 7th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Yorke, Cottesbrooke, Northants. No names no tea. 7094

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 7th, in St. Martin's Church Hall, at 4.30 p.m. St. Martin's bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7039

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 7th. Committee meeting in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m. St. Marie's bells 3-5 p.m. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hensworth Road, Sheffield 8, please.—J. Seiger, Sec. 7200

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Bonvilston (Glam.), Saturday, January 7th, Bells (6) from 3 p.m. All ringers, which includes learners, are welcome. On regular bus route from Cardiff.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 7097

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, January 7th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams 7072

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold (6), on Saturday, January 7th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 7073

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting, Barnley, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Rectory Rooms. Tea, please notify not later than January 10th, Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 7079

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please note bells in the evening 7 to 8.15 p.m. only. Douling (6) available. Notify D. Lee, 31, Compton Road, Shepton Mallet, for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7220

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th, Biggleswade, Bells (8) will be open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and election of officers. Further ringing after meeting. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 7239

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, January 14th, Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Manor Cafe 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by January 12th, to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmanth Drive, Hull. 7218

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, January 14th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th, to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7065

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Studley.

Meeting with social evening, Saturday, January 14th.

Ringling 3 p.m. Service, tea and social evening.

Fill your car with girl friends, wives and boy friends. Send your name and good wishes to Mr. T. W. Perkins, 46, Toms, Town Lane, Studley. 7208

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual District meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7209

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckereil, January 14th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by January 11th, please, to Webb, Millhead, Honiton. 7070

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, January 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than January 11th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18 Morsey Road, Gateshead. 7215

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, January 14th, Ringing at St. Benet's (6) 3-4 p.m., St. Andrew's (8) 3.45-4.30 and service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great St. Mary's available after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 7226

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, January 14th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Great Bromley (6) available 2-4 and 7.30-9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, please, to Mr. F. Erith, Vines Farm, Ardleigh, near Colchester. 7087

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M., January 14th, Leytonstone, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in adjoining hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. LEY 4342. 7047

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting on January 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. and service 4.15 at St. Mary de Lode. Tea, meeting and further ringing at St. Mary de Crypt. Names for tea by January 12th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 7228

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting. St. Mark's (8). January 14th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7217

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M. January 14th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, Guildford (8) and St. Mary's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicholas' (10). Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Mr. S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Tel. Godalming 2176. 7241

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, January 14th. Ringing at St. Andrew's from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall (by St. Andrew's) 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Andrew's bells available after business meeting. Please send names for tea to C. E. Hayter, 27, Sele Road, Hertford.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 7219

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on January 14th. at Harrietham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 7202

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting. Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch. LANCA-SHIRE ASSOCIATION). Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—S. P. Wain. 7201

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual meeting. Southover, Lewes (10). January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th, to Miss Laura Beeny, St. George's Nursery, 7, Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Beeny. 7201

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party, Saturday, January 14th, at St. Luke's, Heywood. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. After business (including election of new Ringing Master) the bells will be open till 7.30. Dance and whist drive in Queens Park Road School 7.30 till 11 p.m. Tickets available from Mr. J. P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. Please ensure that he has names for tea in good time to enable him to make adequate arrangements.—Hudson, Sec. 7236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (price 1s. 6d.) and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Miss M. White, Midmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool 8.—T. E. Radcliffe. 7236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, jointly with LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, January 14th, at Manchester Town Hall. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Note change of date.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7216

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 11th.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland. 7242

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, January 14th. Whitwick (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Conservative Club. 7206

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Immanuel Church, Streatham, followed by business meeting 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing 6.30-8 p.m., St. Leonard's, Streatham. 7249

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 14th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 2.30 to 3 p.m. and 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea and biscuits and business meeting. Evening ringing 6 to 8 p.m. 7096

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by January 12th. Mr. D. W. Brunning, 120, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent. No name no tea. 7204

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Silverdale. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Mr. E. Fernyhough, Vicarage Cottage, Silverdale.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7056

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalecliffe (6), January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmarton (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 7081

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shaw, Saturday, January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 11th, to H. Laurenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 7084

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Desborough (8). January 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Loake, 2, Harrington Road, Desborough. 7238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham (8). January 14th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 7238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenport, Saturday, January 14th. Names for tea by Monday previous, to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, 3, Badby Road West, Davenport.—F. W. Hancock. 7257

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 14th. Ordsall bells from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. only. East and West Retford from 2.30 to 4.30. Service at East Retford 4.30. Please make own arrangements at cafes. Meeting in East Retford belfry 6 p.m. East and West Retford and Babworth available after meeting.—H. Denman. 7205

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—General meeting, Horringer (8). Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by January 11th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 7093

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6), on January 14th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7231

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whichchurch, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whichchurch, by previous Tuesday. Bells available after tea.—G. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 7216

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. Alan Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 7232

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 21st, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common (8), to be held on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7254

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster Abbey, Sheppey, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss J. Exeter, 53, New Road, Harpes Estate, Minster, Sheerness. 7248

LADIES' GUILD.—Saturday, January 21st. Special meeting at St. Clement Danes', London. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 17th, to Miss Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 7237

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting and social evening, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2-6 p.m., followed by service and dinner 6.45

p.m. in Old Hall, price 10s. Business meeting and social afterwards. Names by Tuesday previous, to Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7214

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 21st. Southwark Cathedral. 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Meeting for nomination of officers. St. George-the-Martyr, 6.45. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. Note: A.G.M., Saturday, February 25th. St. Clement Danes', 2.30.—Rogers, ISL 3921. 7214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting at Brackley, on Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7258

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, January 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. I. Dickin, 104, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton. 7251

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Wessex Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 7223

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in parish hall, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's and St. Thomas' bells in evening. Names for tea by 17th, please.—Miss Eloice, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7091

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Cannock St. Luke's, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to Mr. G. Bradbury, 19, Spring Street, Cannock, Staffs. 7205

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells available: Balderton 2.30-4.30 p.m., Newark 6.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Mary's Rooms, Newark. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 7210

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Annual district meeting, Bletchingley (8). January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 19th, to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon', Godstone Road, Bletchingley.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7064

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, Romsey Abbey, January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. Page, 'Fairacre', Woodley Lane, Romsey. 7234

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas'), Saturday, January 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. Fred Nicholls, 14, Poplar Road, Norton, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7125

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Bradford Cathedral, on January 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in the Parish room at 3.15, prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Room. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford 4.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 7233

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., cost 2s. 3d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, January 26th, Mrs. J. P. Cook, 47, New Street, Sandwich.—T. C. P. 7206

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Advance notice.—Will members please note the following dates for 1961: Saturday, April 15th—a business meeting will be held at Oxford. Full details of luncheon and ringing arrangements later. Saturday, November 4th—the 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1.—John Chikcott. 7252

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