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'THE BELLRINGER'

THERE comes a time to every man, one may suppose, when shelves must be tidied, papers sorted, and ruthless sacrifice made of much matter that has accumulated. In the time of the new year the urge came to us to approach this not too pleasing task, and in the process—not so much tidying up as the removal of the dislocation from one place to another—we lighted on an interesting relic. It was a copy of 'The Bellringer,' dated March 1st, 1907. Forthwith (like Sherlock Holmes gloating over the papers of 'The Musgrave Ritual' and forgetting his spring cleaning) we stayed our task and sat among the litter, engrossed in this relic from past days.

Its pages measure eight-and-a-half inches by eleven, much the same as our journal was before it increased its dimensions; but 'The Bellringer' has 40 pages printed on good quality paper. The tinted outer cover bears a florid heading incorporating a scroll, impressions of York Minster and Norwich Cathedral, and a recumbent classical figure exhibiting the motto 'Palmarum qui meruit ferat.' The paper cost 3½d., and the joint editors were Walter Hunt and William Willson.

This number was evidently a special Birmingham one, and indeed it coincided roughly with the date of the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner. The outer page, therefore, has a photograph of St. Martin's Church, and inside we find articles on this famous centre of ringing, a memorial note on Henry Johnson illustrated by an engraving of the old gentleman, and a biographical sketch of Albert Walker with a lively portrait of that gentleman to give it spice. The paper had its own topical cartoon, and the present one shows the shade of (one presumes) Henry Johnson revisiting the Bull Ring and being offered a copy of 'The Bellringer' by a small, neat newsman who, without doubt, resembles Mr. Walter Hunt.

For the rest it will be found that 'The Bellringer' follows the traditional style of 'The Bell News.' There are peal reports, quarter peals and miscellaneous performances, accounts of meetings, church news, and three pages of lighthearted gossip and opinion by 'Jingle,' the pen name of the other editor, William Willson, noted for his facile pen, his robust wit and his power of making readable gossip out of nothing. (It may sometimes be felt that another W. W. would do us all good!) The composition

pages give figures of peals by Lindoff, Knights, Carter and Henry Wilde, and also a new method by Arthur Craven called 'Ruby Surprise,' of which the author says: 'This is not half a bad method. It is arranged out of Yorkshire and New Century. . . . It will extend to Royal and Maximus.' No peal in a method of this name appears to have been rung, but one wonders if the figures have not since appeared under some other title.

The Learner's Page is conducted by 'Sphinx,' and has the very laudable and enterprising sub-title of 'From Rounds to London Surprise,' reminiscent in its romantic prospect of the Victorian novel 'From Housemaid's Cap to Coronet.' There is no question of the earnestness of the instruction, however, and in this number the learner is presumed to have got as far as Plain Bob Doubles. Figures in heavy type are used to illustrate the effect of bobs, and emphasis is laid on the cyclical nature of the work in plain courses.

The journal seems to have begun life as a weekly, but by No. 6, Volume I, it had already been converted to a monthly. The difficulties attendant on the maintenance of a ringers' paper were already becoming discouragingly clear, and despite the promise of stout support, indicated in the correspondence columns, 'The Bellringer' did not survive to complete one year of service. Writing in 1914, Mr. Walter Hunt confessed: 'There are many intricacies in connection with details for the ringing Press which are oftentimes quite foreign to the average consumers of printer's ink. Owing to this defect in our working we failed to meet smooth waters, and reluctantly had to call "Stand".' It was an honest admission of a gallant failure.

William Willson had a nationwide reputation both as ringer and popular writer. Walter Hunt, with perhaps not so great a reputation, was a prominent figure in Midland circles, a capable ringer and a lover of music, and of a robust, genial character. He was one of the party that assisted Albert Coppock in the revival of the Society of Sherwood Youths in the mid '20's. One of our treasured memories of Mr. Hunt is of his appearance at the first annual dinner of the resuscitated Society, carrying a saxophone, into which, after dinner, he breathed the very fumes of hospitality with great gusto and infinite good nature.

Now here we sit, nearly 40 years afterwards, amid our untidy papers, looking at Walter Hunt's journal, and calling up innumerable visions of many pleasant things.

E. C. S.

Peals rung for the 80th Birthday of the Oxford Diocesan Guild

Founded on January 17th, 1881

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY SEAR Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
JOSEPH MARKS 2	FREDERICK VICKERS 6
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 3	ROGER CADAMY 7
MALCOLM HOOTON 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK TRINDER Treble	ALEC CANTWELL 4
VERNON A. CLIFTON 2	DENNIS LESLIE 5
NORMAN LESLIE 3	*PETER TRINDER Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

* First peal.

Also rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who has been a member of the Guild for 30 years.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Carter's Six-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	BRIAN L. TAYLOR 5
BRIAN R. WHITE 2	GEORGE W. BISHOP 6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER 4	ALFRED H. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal of Major.

OXFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising seven extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Dedworth Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*T. MICHAEL RYAN Treble	*EDWARD R. VENN 4
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROY H. JONES 5
*JOHN S. WALKER 3	*NOEL D. DEAM Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal in six methods.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*W. NORMAN GENNA .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4
BARRY J. DAVIES 2	ROBERT A. REEVES 5
*JEFFREY D. HANKIN .. 3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

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

Also rung for the engagement of the ringer of the fifth to Miss Diana French.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
*DAVID P. HILLING 2	HOWARD OGLESBY 6
†ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	*J. KEITH WARD 7
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First of Oxford T.B. Major.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PATRICIA HEATHER .. Treble	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 5
JOHN MANLEY 2	*PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	*FREDERICK J. SAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MANLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*W. DAVID WARD .. Treble	D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 5
HOWARD OGLESBY 2	NORMAN R. PHILLIPS .. 6
*COLIN J. WATSON 3	WILLIAM BUTLER 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	DEREK W. STONE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Grandsire.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	†JOHN E. CAMP 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN 7
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS 4	†ROBERT HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First in the method.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET BRIGHTON .. Treble	JOHN E. KIRBY 5
†LINDA GCTT 2	†GERALD DALE 6
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 3	KENNETH PARK 7
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	TOM W. CROSSLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' All members of the local band.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*ANDREW J. THOMSON .. Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS 5
WILLIAM A. SMITH 2	DAVID T. DARBY 6
PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 3	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 7
ROGER ABBOTT 4	DENNIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*BRENDA HALL Treble	JAMES W. DIXON 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS 6
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.

* First peal at first attempt.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of St. Bartholomew, 21 of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 7½ cwt., approx.

ALAN O'SHAUGHNESSY .. Treble	NORMAN LESLIE 4
C. I. J. PEARCE 2	DENNIS LESLIE 5
MISS P. ROONEY 3	H. J. ROONEY Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

All the above are members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

OXFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. ERBE,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY W. BADGER .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
CHARLES COLES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEALS—Cont.**GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.**

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
*OLIVE M. O. GILLET .. 2	WILLIAM IVINGS .. 6
†BARRY J. DAVIES .. 3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4	W. NORMAN GENNA .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.
 * First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'
 Also rung for the engagement of the ringer of the fourth to Miss Diana French. Rung by Banbury Branch. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

OXFORD.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1, 3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (6) Cambridge.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. Treble	PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 4
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 2	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5
*ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 3	DAVID J. DARBY .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. DARBY.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung by members of the Oxford University Society.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
JAMES LINNELL .. 3	FREDERICK PATEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

All are members of the North Bucks Branch.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS .. Treble	JOHN MANLEY .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	T. ERIC LEE .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

HARRY WHITE .. Treble	DAVID T. DARBY .. 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
JOHN DREWITT .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
PHILIP WALKER .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.
 ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. Treble .. 5

HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 6
ERIC O. DAVIES .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
ERNEST G. GARRARD .. 4	*PETER CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Stedman

Rung by members of Blewbury, Hagbourne and Wallingford towers.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*BARRY MAY .. Treble	†JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. 5
†LINDA J. KEW .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 6
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 3	†D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 7
DOREEN HAGUE .. 4	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by D. KENVYN WALTERS.

* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. First as conductor.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

ERIC SUTTON .. Treble	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 5
C. JOHN CASTELL .. 2	WALTER HUNT .. 6
*ROGER B. PIKE .. 3	HENRY LAWRENSEN .. 7
†SUSAN J. REED .. 4	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Also in memoriam Miss Stella Davis, vice-president of the Guild and foreman of this tower for many years.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 WALTER AYRE .. Treble .. 4

*JUNE N. E. CHILTON .. 2	*DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
 *PAUL R. DEAN .. Treble .. 5

MRS. E. D. POOLE .. 2	L. JOSEPH YOUNG .. 6
*JOHN YOUNG .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 7
ERIC G. SILVEY .. 4	*ARTHUR BOARDER .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

* First peal.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.
 CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. Treble .. 5

WILLIAM L. GILKS .. 2	MICHAEL BISHOP .. 6
ROBERT G. T. BENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY .. 4	LEONARD F. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL BISHOP.

Members of North Berks Branch.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
 *BERYL J. SMITH .. Treble .. 5

WENDY HUSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 6
†JOYCE I. BARTON .. 3	PERCY NEWTON .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS .. 4	MERYL NEWTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples. All are members of

the above tower.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 ERNEST ALLUM .. Treble .. 5

JOHN FROOME .. 2	CHARLES C. EELE .. 6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
ROBERT J. CASTLE .. 4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

All are members of the local band, except the fifth ringer who is

foreman of Wyford tower.

NORTH ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 212 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.
 *MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble .. 3

†JOHN S. WALKER .. 2	†EDWARD R. VENN .. Tenor
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Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minimus. First on the bells,

and longest length of Minimus ever rung.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEALS—Cont.**MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in nine methods, viz.: (1 to 4) Northrepps. (5) Dedworth Bob, (6 to 11) Kennington, (12 to 16) April Day, (17 to 19) Clifford's Pleasure, (20 to 22) Southrepps Pleasure, (23 to 27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (28 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 37) Plain Bob, (38 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

ALEC GAMMON Treble	ROY H. JONES 3
EDWARD R. VENN 2	NOEL D. DEAM 4

JOHN S. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

First peal in nine methods on the bells, and by all the band.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 2	ARTHUR SAYERS 6
*WILLIAM J. IRVING 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK 7
*MICHAEL J. STANLEY 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

VICTOR FOX Treble	GERALD MCILONE 5
HELEN BUTLER 2	ANDREW HOWES 6
SUSAN HOWES 3	FRANK ABSOLOM 7
MARGARET THEWLIS 4	MICHAEL WELSH Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK ABSOLOM.

First peal for all except the conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

*On Wed., Feb. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.*

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HOWARD OGLESBY Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS 2	*W. DAVID WARD 6
WILFRID G. WILSON 3	*ROBERT HARTLEY 7
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	*ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.' First in the method on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

TONY PRICE Treble	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE 7
*CELIA F. WHITEFIELD 2	DENNIS KNOX 8
JOAN BERESFORD 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	JOHN R. MAYNE 11
ALFRED J. HOUSE 6	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YELVERTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL

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

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

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

First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

YELVERTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
JOHN McDONALD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
BARRIE HENDRY 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 6
KATHLEEN M. YEO 2	*JOSEPH C. WALLIS 7
MARGARET A. LADD 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	TREVOR A. CROSS 9
LEONARD MANNERING 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Nathaniel K. Nye; also as a compliment to Colin A. Tester and Olive D. Couchman, who were married at this church before the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

PAMELA M. JERVIS Treble	PETER J. COLES 6
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 8
JOYCE DODDS 4	GERALD PENNEY 9
ERIC EDMONDSON 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal on ten as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Christine V. Pullin and Dennis C. Bowen on their recent engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F

EDWARD W. COLLEY Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 4	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

NOTTINGHAM.**THE ANTIEN ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

W. Bro. DAVID VINCENT, P.M., De Sala 5657 Treble
*W. Bro. R. ERIC ELSON, W.M., Edwinstowe 3998 2
W. Bro. ARTHUR D. BARKER, L.G.R., P.M., St. Clement Danes 1351 3
Bro. JACK N. BROWN, M.M., Adeste Fidelis 4
Bro. ARTHUR GIBBS, M.M., Pemberton 3039 5
Bro. RICHARD C. INGRAM, M.M., Orion 4993 6
Bro. PETER J. STANFORTH, M.M., Highcross 4835 7
Bro. JOSEPH THORNLEY, M.M., Loyalist Manchester 6165 Tenor

Conducted by Bro. PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to mark the occasion of Bro. Eric Elson being installed Master of his Lodge; also Bro. Colin Harrison as Master of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge 1007.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	PETER A. SHARPE .. 6
GEOFFREY PAUL 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
LOUIS WILDFERS 4	DENIS A. FRITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
In memoriam John Ashley Freeman.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*GORDON W. LAND Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
LESLEY J. BLADON 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
IVOR GOULTER 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal on eight bells. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
BARRIE HENDRY 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
*PETER E. PARRY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
DON C. EXELL 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
PATRICK J. BIRD 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Plain Bob and four of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR CUTHBERT .. Treble	ALDERMAN LING 4
HARRY VINCE 2	JOSEPH PREASTNER 5
ERNEST STEWARD 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PREASTNER.

First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented to six.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED

MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Bro. JOSEPH W. HAZELHURST, Evening Star 3644 Treble	
*Bro. WILLIAM A. BOOTE, Conway 4881 2	
Bro. CHARLES B. PEMBERTON, Temperance 2876 3	
Bro. DOUGLAS WATSON, Moreton 5165 4	
Bro. ALEXANDER J. MARTIN, Temperance 2876 5	
Bro. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star 3644 Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the christening of Christopher James Martin.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID STILLMAN (13) .. Treble	RICHARD LOVELOCK .. 4
†RICHARD HUMPHRIES (15) 2	ROBERT J. PURNELL .. 5
PHILLIP GAISFORD 3	*GEOFFREY HUMPHRIES (13) Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First in three methods by all.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Bachelor, who was inducted on January 11th.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. Treble	*LAURENCE PRIOR 4
*JUDITH TYLER 2	DENNIS ELLISDON 5
*JOHN E. BARRANCE 3	*DAVID RUNCHMAN Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. BULLOCK.

* First peal.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. Attwater. Rung by members of the Barkingside band, of which Mr. Attwater is a ringing member.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*NICHOLAS NEWBY, JUN. .. Treble	DONALD LAWSON 4
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 2	†ALAN GARDNER 5
MRS. M. CROSSTHWAITE 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Minor on the bells.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUDGVAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, the 720's being (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. Treble	*†ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 4
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 2	†REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	†ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* 75th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 225th peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung for Ludgván Feast.

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NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

FREDERICK DERRY Treble	WALTER WESTON 4
EDGAR A. COLE 2	J. EDWARD BROWN 5
PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (ten callings) and five Morris' 240's, two Pitman's 240's and two Price's 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RODNEY J. MUSSON Treble	EDGAR A. COLE 4
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
WALTER WESTON 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred J. Wright, a chorister and ringer at St. Denis' Church, laid to rest this day in the village churchyard.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

AMBROSE E. MASON Treble	ANDREW HARVEY 4
FREDERICK BOYCE 2	HORACE LUBBOCK 5
DAVID CUBITT 3	GILBERT E. LARTER Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.

First peal as conductor.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROY BRADBURY Treble	EILEEN A. OSBORNE 4
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 2	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 5
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	LEONARD GOODALL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringers of 3 and tenor. First of Surprise as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 HERTFORDSHIRE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
GERALD PENNEY 2	JOHN HILL 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

HERTFORDSHIRE DELIGHT MINOR

36—34.6—12—123—34—1. 2nds place lead.

HANDBELL PEAL

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 36, EASTGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

FRANCES FAIRBANK 1—2	CHARLES BARKER 3—4
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MALCOLM LINCOLN 5—6

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Page 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Mrs. R. Chapman 3, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 4, Miss S. Mitchell 5, W. H. Viggers 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, Rev. T. H. Darr, R.D., 8. Rung to mark the commencement of the Unity of Churches week, and also the appointment of a new Bishop to the Diocese of Guildford.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Instance (first quarter) 1, R. Hatcher 2, E. Chillingford (first 'inside') 3, F. Sandford 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Colman.

ALREWS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fisher (first quarter) 1, Pamela J. Dolman 2, Margaret R. Mansell (first quarter) 3, E. Dolman (first 'inside') 4, J. Dolman (cond.) 5, G. Elton 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 6.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): A. Barlow (first quarter) 1, J. Rily 2, N. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, W. Sherratt 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Anne Dearnley (first of Minor) 1, D. Pearson 2, J. Seager 3, J. Kershaw 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. Rung by Sheffield University Guild.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill D. Andrews 1, Alison M. Mann (first 'inside') 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Mary Heath 4, M. C. Cuthbert 5, J. H. W. Harrold 6. For the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: Miss W. Phillips 1, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth 3, J. E. Arderson 4, G. S. Deas 5, C. T. Lamb 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. K. Exell (first on six) 1, Sally Oates (first quarter) 2, D. Padfield (first 'inside') 3, P. J. Bird 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. C. Exell 6. Conducted by 4, 5, 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary F. D. Thompson 1, H. Gravett 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Rodmell 1, H. Rodmell 2, Miss B. J. Fisher 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. E. E. C. Hollis.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Evans 1, H. Hodgetts 2, T. Clark 3, C. Cook 4, E. Ashby 5, J. E. Rootes 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. F. W. Brinklow.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, G. Harman 8. For Matins.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 28th, at 31, Callis Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Seabrook (first 'in hand') 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, R. J. Palmer 5-6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong (first in 2 methods) 1, J. Vickery 2, G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, R. Oliver covering. For evening service.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Banks 1, G. Ruck 2, J. Eagles 3, C. George (cond.) 4, G. Gray 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. A birthday compliment to M. Godfrey.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): Mary Watson 1, D. Holland 2, A. S. Richards 3, J. Faircloth 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, M. Tong 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): F. G. Murfin 1, Noreen Wickham 2, Deborah Wilson 3, Rosamund Bull 4, M. A. Willis (first quarter) 5, J. F. Murtin (cond.) 6.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Burr 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Marion Clarke 3, R. Law 4, R. Huckle 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. Prole, churchwarden at Elstow for 42 years.

EXETER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Mallett 1, A. T. Truman 2, H. Thompson 3, J. Carter 4, J. Glanville 5, F. Willis 6, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 7, C. E. Denham 8, G. Skinner 9, F. Wreford and R. A. Truman 10. An 87th birthday compliment to Charles G. Glass, who for 35 years was a ringer at this Cathedral Church, 13 of which he was Ringing Master, now retired. First quarter on the recently restored bells.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross (first quarter on tower bells) 1, J. Y. Parker 2, A. G. Orbell 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Pauline A. Bull 3, Delia E. Smith 4, C. H. Baker 5, B. Johns 6, G. L. A. Lunn 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Eric Dyson, a regular worshipper at this church, whose funeral took place earlier this day. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Pauline A. Bull 2, Mrs. E. Grey 3, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 4, Delia E. Smith 5, C. H. Baker 6, J. Underwood 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. W. Friend 1, Helen B. Nevin 2, M. D. Bishop 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, F. N. Pailing 5, R. I. Baldwin 6, K. W. Price (cond.) 7, I. G. Underwood 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Pudsey, Dorchester, Lincoln, Watford): J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. S. M. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, Miss M. V. Copping 4, G. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, J. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Haas (first quarter) 1, L. Hilton 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, Miss C. Wakefield (first on ten) 4, A. Clutton 5, D. Francis 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8, G. Harrison 9, J. Simmons 10. For ringers' Sunday evening service.

HISTON, CAMBS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Girling (first quarter) 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, D. Harbidge 4, C. Gooding 5, H. Foster (cond.) 6. For Gift Day.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first part of Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. W. Otley 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, F. Ranson 6, M. Meyer 7, L. W. Batley 8. Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales, and to mark the engagement, in Texas, U.S.A., of John Hales to Mary Jane Cherry, of Omaha.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, Miss N. Jeffery 2, W. Byford 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. J. Wood 5. A compliment to Miss Beatrice Boardman, who completed 40 years as organist at Ingrave, on December 29th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: K. D. Waples 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, Miss G. E. Grancy 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Bell 1, J. Marilynn A. Gibbs (first of Caters) 2, Tessa P. Kemp 3, G. Martiner 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, Catherine M. Powell 7, Rev. E. B. Woob 8, B. J. Woodruffe (comp. and cond.) 9, F. J. Oakshot 10. A farewell to Tessa P. Kemp, and to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Kemp, who are leaving Leatherhead for Hong Kong. A birthday compliment to Richard B. Kemp, and a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: L. S. Woods 1, Dr. J. Armstrong 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, Miss J. Cook 5, B. Downes 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Stone 1, Mrs. R. D. Short 2, P. Cox 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. D. Short 5. Rung as a token of respect to Mrs. Mary Jones (mother-in-law of the conductor), who was interred at Long Sutton, on January 14th. Owing to illness it had not been possible to ring on the day of the funeral, as intended.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, K. J. Minchinton 2, D. M. Pipe 3, B. J. Beeson 4, G. W. Heyes 5, R. Clarke (Parramatta) 6, A. H. Fisher 7, J. F. Roper 8. First in the method for 5 and 6. For Matins.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Tandy (first of Minor) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Barbara Stephens 3, J. C. Eisel 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Williams (first quarter) 1, Valerie Lee 2, F. H. Dickinson 3, J. R. Thomas 4, R. W. Powell 5, C. Smith (cond.) 6. For morning service.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire, with 18 changes of method): C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, J. Carter 3, C. Deem 4, E. W. Rowe 5, C. C. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. S. Wood 8. First of Spliced by 3, 5, 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, W. Barker 2, H. Goakes 3, R. Patrick 4, J. Bird 5, F. Boyall 6, L. W. Hadman 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service, and a birthday compliment to S. Wright, a member of the local band.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, H. W. Milford (first of Major) 2, D. R. Bould 3, F. E. Day 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, A. W. Myers 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8. For Evensong, at which the Bishop of Plymouth preached.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mann 1, Judy Weekes 2, Elizabeth Negus 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth 5, A. Bishop 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Evensong.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Christine Boxall (first of Major) 1, Christine M. Harbott 2, Clare Chambers 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. S. Harris 6, M. W. Harbott (first as cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For the Christmas Festival.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Chettle 1, S. Hodgkins 2, A. Gibbs 3, Christine Wood 4, J. M. Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, C. A. Whitworth 8. Rung in honour of the 88th birthday of 'Pop' Stapleton, Rushden's oldest ringer, also to mark the engagement of J. M. Clarke to Christine Wood; and the engagement of Ruth Hodgkins, all ringers of this tower.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 3, G. D. Sandwell 4, P. Avey 5, M. J. Hallett 6, D. Belcham 7, W. F. Ward 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, D. Belcham 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, M. Hatch 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled to ring the old year out. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hallett 1, R. Goodship 2, P. Avey 3, M. Hatch 4, E. J. Blower 5, H. Worboys 6, G. D. Sandwell (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For morning service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss S. Chaddock 1, S. Ormeson 2, R. Woodward 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Mrs. M. Burns 5, G. Lee 6, A. Holroyd 7, P. Walker 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. Longest of Royal by 2 and 7. For Evensong.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. M. Matthews 1, C. J. Taylor 2, A. Carveth 3, A. F. Burley 4, H. Harper 5, D. Burnett 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. J. King 8.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Erith (first quarter) 1, A. Edwards 2, J. P. Brandon 3, B. G. Brinkley 4, A. S. Hudson (first as cond.) 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, on the back six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Dearnley 1, D. Pearson 2, J. Clarke 3, J. Kershaw 4, T. Hargreaves (first 'inside') 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. Rung by Sheffield University Guild for evening service.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Trimm (first quarter) 1, L. L. Willis (cond.) 2, Miss R. Morgan 3, E. H. Hill 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, A. Ensor 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. Boyack 1, Elizabeth Stevenson (first in method) 2, B. Downes 3, A. F. Lewry 4, J. H. Crampson 5, L. J. Fox 6, C. Willmington 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. To celebrate the silver wedding of churchwarden G. F. Sheldrick and Mrs. Sheldrick.

TWESKESBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (aunt) 1, Mrs. A. J. Smith (mother) 2, A. H. Smith (grandfather) 3, N. E. Sprackling (uncle) 4, M. T. Sprackling (uncle, cond.) 5, A. E. Leach 6. For the christening of Rachel Ann Smith.

WESTWOOD, WILTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,248 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, R. Humphries 2, P. Gaisford 3, R. Purnell 4. First quarter of Minimus on the bells and by all the band. Rung to commemorate the dedication of a screen, in memory of Mrs. Olive Taylor, wife of the Vicar.

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Southwell Minster, according to 'The Leicester Mercury,' is to have a ring of 12, with a tenor weighing about 25 cwt., the work being entrusted to John Taylor and Co. The old bird cage in the Minster is being removed and a new ringing chamber installed.

A 15-bell chime has just been completed by John Taylor and Co., for Port of Prince Cathedral, Haiti.

In response to pressure from many friends in all Districts Mr. C. W. Denyer has consented to be renominated as Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A photograph of John Blaikie ringing at Dunholme belfry and an interview with him appear in 'E.M. Gas,' the magazine of the East Midland Gas Board. John is an internal auditor for the Board at Lincoln.

It is hoped that in March the London Training Colleges Guild will become a constituent part of the University of London Institute of Education Students' Association, thus widening its scope. This Guild has no connection with the University of London Society.

Owing to the clapper of the tenor being away at Loughborough, only nine bells were available at Newark for the annual District meeting on January 21st. Methods up to Yorkshire Surprise were rung on the front eight and a course of Double Norwich Caters concluded the proceedings.

Former well known Guildford ringer, Mr. Charles Wilshire, aged 95, is living at Mansouville, Quebec, with his daughter, Mrs. Allam. His health is not good. Mr. Wilshire is the oldest past member of the Central Council and served from 1903-1913, representing the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

'Dee Vee,' who was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths at 'The Coffee Pot,' London, in February, 1924, has at last rung a peal for the Ancients—Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 14th. He last rang a peal in this tower in 1928. As usual his dogs listened in from his car close by.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bro. Richard Eric Elson was installed as Worshipful Master of the Edwinstowe Lodge, N.3998, at Nottingham on January 13th. On the following day a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in honour of his installation and also for Bro. Colin Harrison as Master of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, 1007. Unfortunately Colin Harrison was indisposed and could not stand in the Masonic peal, his place being taken by W.Bro. David Vincent, of High Legh, near Knutford.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells are being mounted on new bearings. They will be silent for about one month.

After the Shropshire annual meeting a pair of brown leather gloves was left in St. Mary's tower, Shrewsbury.—Write: Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 16, Hawthorn Road, Shrewsbury.

Cracks in the tower of Pulham St. Mary's Church, Norfolk, has necessitated a suspension of ringing activities. An initial appeal for £1,500 has been launched by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. J. Huggins.

Last week we recorded the first peal on the bells of Emneth, Norfolk, which were hung by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, nearly 200 years ago, and except for additions to the frame and new bearings they still hang in the same frame.

Last week the Epilogue on Anglia I.T.V. was given by the Rev. William Ives, of Brooke, Norfolk, who is an honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The bells were heard in rounds rung by the locals and Mr. H. W. Barrett. Up to two years ago this tower had been silent for many years, but there is now a service company, although not yet change ringers.

On January 21st, Mr. James H. Musson conducted two in memoriam peals. One was at Norton Disney to the memory of Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Guild, and the other in the evening at his own tower at Silk Willoughby in memory of an old ringer and chorister of this church, who was buried that day. Both peals took 2 hours and 37 minutes.

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PEAL RINGING FOR OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S 80th BIRTHDAY

So far 32 peals have been recorded as having been rung for the 80th birthday of the Oxford Diocesan Guild during the week of the actual anniversary of the foundation of the Guild—January 17th, 1881. These have ranged from Grandsire Caters, at Appleton, to one of Minimus, at North Aston, which was the first peal on the bells. There were three peals of Surprise Major.

The two Universities in the Guild's area both paid their tribute with peals—Oxford University one of Minor in four methods at St. Cross, Oxford, and Reading University Grandsire Triples at Boyne Hill. Most distant tribute came from Wakefield, Yorks, a peal conducted by a former Master of Oxford University Guild—Mr. W. F. Moreton.

The band that rang a quarter peal at Stony Stratford, Bucks, for Oxford Guild's 80th birthday was composed of pensioners. The total ages of the six were 427 years with an average age of 71. The membership of the Guild totalled 224 years, an average of 35 years.

Miss Brenda Hall (16), who rang her first peal at Burford, is believed to be the first lady member of Burford Church ringers to ring a peal. According to the conductor, she rang like a veteran.

In the Newbury Branch area of five attempts only two were successful.

Outstanding was the peal at Warborough which was the first peal for all the band except the conductor, Mr. Frank Absalom. The method was Plain Bob Triples.

The peal at Great Marlow was by the Sunday service band and it is interesting to note that the last all local peal in this tower was in 1898.

The peal at Great Tew was the first of Major by a resident band in the Banbury and District Branch.

The band who rang in the peal at Chenies wish to associate it with the life and devotion of the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood, honorary assistant bishop of St. Albans, a great friend of the ringers, who was interred the previous day.

Four of the band who rang in the peal at Northmoor were members of the local band.

The compositions rung in the peals at Stoke Poges for the peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by Henry Johnson is on the In and Fifth plan, page 88. Treble Bob part II, and has the sixth in fifths for four courses, and in sixths for the other 13 course ends.

The conductor, Mr. Arthur D. Barker, was inspired by the late Acland J. Perkins, of Beddington, over 50 years ago, to be the first to call this composition from a non-observation bell. In the absence of any other information, this is now claimed for both methods.

Woburn's anniversary ringing coincided with an 80th birthday compliment and his 50 years' service as doctor in the parish of Dr. Selborne Bailey, who a few years ago had the bells rehung at his own expense. Three quarters were rung.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Cary Branch

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Ditcheat, on January 28th. Some 65 members attended the business meeting, including the general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, the treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, and several associate members.

The Branch officers were all re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Sanger; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. P. Sparks; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

The secretary's report gave the membership of the Branch as 184, and the balance sheet showed a balance of £36 to be handed to the Diocesan treasurer.

Ten new members from Bruton and one from Horsington were elected, and certificates were presented by the chairman to members from Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditcheat and Evercreech.

Meetings for the ensuing year were provisionally fixed for Marston Magna, Kingweston, Batcombe, and the annual at Evercreech in January, 1962.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 6



MR. FRANK L. HARRIS,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Some ringers are born, others are made, and when someone is born into a family where their father is respected as a good and meticulous striker, then that person has a distinct advantage. Such a person is Frank L. Harris, of Hordle, Hants, who was taught to ring in 1936 by his father, Leonard Harris, at Britford, near Salisbury, Wilts, his birthplace.

Leonard Harris was not one who rang a great many methods, but what he did ring he took care to see that the striking was as good as possible. This maxim he installed in his son, with the result that Frank, too, is always careful to insist on a high standard of striking, and will not tolerate anything else. He often tells a story of one occasion when his father started for a peal with the well known William W. Gifford, and the band rang rounds for ten minutes before he was satisfied that the correct beat had been attained!

Frank was born in 1921 and educated at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury. After a fairly long spell of call changes at Britford, he learnt to ring Grandsire and Stedman at St. Martin's, Salisbury. He rang his first peal in this tower in 1937, Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. W. Romaine, and it was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal in that city.

His total peals to December 31st, 1960, is 270, of which he has conducted 140, and they

have been rung in 140 different towers. There is no doubt that the very high standard of peal ringing in West Hampshire and South Wiltshire is largely due to his efficient leadership. Although he has conducted Spliced Surprise Major from 2-8 methods, he has a particular liking for odd-bell methods, and he has called Holt's Original, Carter's Odd Bob, Erin Triples, Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples, and Original Triples, and has also called Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Other peals of which he is justly proud are calling Grandsire Triples and Caters at Exeter Cathedral, and ringing Major on the back eight. He has also rung five peals at Sherborne Abbey, of which he has conducted three.

By profession he is a civil engineer, and has worked for the municipal boroughs of Salisbury and Chelmsford, and now holds the position of deputy borough engineer at Lymington, Hants. During the war he served with the R.A.F. He has been secretary and Ringing Master of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for several years in the past.

He married in 1950, and he met his wife, Jean, through being asked to call her first peal at her home tower of Damerham, Hants. Jean is a first class striker, and has taken part in many of Frank's best performances, including Grandsire Triples and Caters at Exeter. They now have two children.

Still a comparatively young man, he has the opportunity, ability and interest to go on to even greater things, and those who know him will agree that the high quality of his peal-ringing band in the West will always be maintained. Good luck to his future efforts.

APACE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on January 21st. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and continued until approximately 4.45 p.m., when tea was partaken in the hall, there being 37 ringers present, of whom 12 were visitors.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master, the secretary, the treasurer and the auditor were re-elected to office en bloc, there being no other nominations. Following a ballot, Miss F. Hankey and Messrs. W. Dunn and A. G. Clark were elected as general committee members.

The ringers then attended Evensong with the Rector officiating. A robed choir was in attendance. This was followed by further ringing, until 9 p.m. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Through representations made from Mr. F. G. Edmans, of Bletchley, the Girl Guides' Ringer's Badge has been altered. In the Bletchley band there are six learners, all with hopes of getting their ringer's badge.

The new rules for the badge are:—

- (1) Ring rounds correctly.
- (2) Raise and lower a bell, preferably in peal.
- (3) Ring one standard method on an 'inside' bell.
- (4) Explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower.
- (5) Describe the parts of a bell and how it is rung.
- (6) Show that she understands the importance of rope maintenance.

OBITUARY

MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

We regret to announce the death, suddenly on January 30th, of Mr. Adolphus Roberts, of Stoke, Coventry, aged 90. The funeral service was at Stoke St. Michael's, on February 2nd. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

MR. FRANK SINKINS

Probably the oldest bellringer in the country. Mr. Frank Sinkins died at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, S.W.17, on January 31st. He celebrated his 96th birthday the previous day. He did a great service to ringing in the Slough area.

MR. J. H. FOREMAN

A keen bellringer and secretary of St. James' Society of Change Ringers, Thorley, near Bishop's Stortford. Mr. James Henry Foreman, died suddenly in the early hours of January 23rd. He was 56 years old, and took part in the ringing for morning service and in the choir on the day before his death.

He learnt to ring at Framlingham, where he was born. A singer of considerable ability, he was also a member of the Thorley Dramatic Society and took an interest in the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, being a member of the Waytemore Lodge, Bishop's Stortford.

The funeral was at Thorley on January 28th, when ringers were present from Thorley, Stansied and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, by H. M. White 1, T. Camp 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, E. Milkar 4, F. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6.

MR. FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW AN APPRECIATION

When I received the news of the death of Mr. Fred Brinklow on January 19th, it was a very great shock, as I had met Fred only a few days previously and he looked so fit and well, and full of his nonsense, all to do with ringing; it was indeed a shock.

Fred was 75. We went to the same school as youngsters, sang in the church choir as juniors and later as seniors, and when our voices broke found our way up the belfry stairs to begin another kind of schooling. Whereas our learning at school was in our day helped along with the cane, in the belfry it was oral tuition, which was at times worse than the cane, and now to think this long and happy association has ended so suddenly is difficult to realise.

Of the many tower bell peals Fred rang (about 500) were included Surprise methods. A to Z, but it was as a handbell ringer that Fred excelled. Outstanding was a peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, in which he rang the tenors.

Whether ringing the tenors to Triples, Major, Caters or Cinques, he always reminded me of a high-stepping horse, so clean and precise, but not 'showy.' Ringers should hear the record of Five Spliced Surprise, and tune their ears to 7-8, then they will understand what I mean.

By profession Fred was an electrician, self-employed and was well known all over the district. His work was like his ringing, absolutely first class and his bright and cheery manner endeared him to everybody he came in contact with.

To his wife, so courageous in her trouble, deep sympathy is felt.

A. H.

MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN AN APPRECIATION

My first visit to Lincoln Cathedral was at a time when John A. Freeman's band was enjoying the summit of its peal ringing fame. Our own rather motley visiting party received the warm welcome that is customary in Lincoln, but first the local band asked for

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CHICHESTER'S BELLS EN ROUTE FOR FOUNDRY



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL bells, one of the oldest rings in the country, lined up on the lawn preparatory to their removal to Loughborough, for a major overhaul. The work will cost nearly £2,000 and includes a new frame in place of the timbers, riddled with deathwatch beetle.

The bells range in date from 1583 to 1729. Their inscriptions are:—

Treble and 2, R. Phelps, 1729.

3, I. W., 1583.

4, G. Eldridge, 1674.

5, 1665. 6, W. P., 1665.

7, I. W., 1587.

Tenor, Richard Phelps, 1706.

Weight of tenor, 1 ton 1 cwt. 1 qr.

The initials W. P. on the 6th are those of William Purdue, who subsequently emigrated to Ireland. His initials appear on some of the bells in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. He died in 1673 and there was at one time a tomb in that Cathedral bearing the following inscription:

Here a bell-founder, honest and true,

Until the resurrection lies perdue.

William Purdue, obiit 111

X bris Ao Dini MDCLXXIII.

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MARSTON (OXON) RINGERS' DINNER

This year the ringers of this famous five-bell tower decided to hold a dinner on January 14th. A few guests were invited from neighbouring towers, as well as the Rev. H. C. Benson, from Beckley.

A peal was attempted during the afternoon in honour of the occasion, but was unfortunately lost. However, the afternoon's disappointment was soon forgotten when the evening's events began. The Vicar (the Rev. Paul Rimmer) said Grace and the excellent meal began.

A social evening followed, in which everyone danced or took part in games. Various songs had been written beforehand and were well and truly sung. The evening was a great success and it is hoped to hold another dinner next year.

E. R. V.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting of the Society was held at Wakefield Cathedral, where the lovely-toned twelve bells were put to good use, and methods from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise were rung.

Owing to the inclement weather—snow had fallen heavily during the day—the members present only numbered about 20, but they enjoyed the ringing. At the business meeting Mr. Irvin Slack thanked the Provost and churchwardens for their permission for the Society to hold their meeting at the Cathedral. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton replied on behalf of the local company and said that he would pass on the Society's thanks to the Provost and churchwardens.

a few minutes to ring a half-muffled touch in memory of one of their members who had died that morning. It was the finest Stedman Cinques I had ever heard, conducted by one who was among the very few masters of this lovely art in all its ways.

Now, he too is gone. There cannot have been many servants of bellringing so completely equipped and yet so modest. On the following Sunday evening, we went to the little six-bell tower of St. Peter-at-Gowts to find the Master of the Cathedral company taking part as a regular member of the band, in what was his own parish church and where he also sang in the choir. These things one does not soon forget.

During the years that followed, there were few ringers I more enjoyed meeting. Often in obituary notices, published in this journal, it is implied that so-and-so was not a great peal ringer, and all the more loyal church servant for that. Men like John A. Freeman expose this implied inconsistency of the one with the other as the false assumption that it is.

Of those who could rightly be called 'Gentlemen of the Exercise,' he was perhaps the most accomplished. Among his equals, as a conductor, in all branches of ringing skill, there can be few who have enjoyed dislocation with so little affectation. The company of ringers will seem older and greyer for his passing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HOADS OF REIGATE

Dear Sir,—I, too, was one of the imported band by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones and rang several peals with George Hoad. I was staying at the same address. I reached Bangor in 1903. W. H. Barber had been and had gone over to Dublin, then to Edinburgh and afterwards to Newcastle. Among others were the brothers Pegler, J. H. Midwinter, John Grundy, W. H. Dyer and George Forster. Mr. Philip W. Davis was an old member of the band but left for the Birmingham district. When I first met him, Morris J. Morris was the leading local ringer and was largely instrumental in forming the N.W. Association of C.R. along with W. T. Pegler, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones and others in 1903.

We used to have a number of visiting clergymen ringers who rang in peals with us, the Revs. H. J. Elsee, A. H. F. Boughey, C. Carew Cox, C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), also Mr. E. H. Lewis, Alderman J. S. Pritchard, and many others.

I was with the band ringing Sedman Caters on the old ten bells at St. Patrick's, Dublin. We were ringing faultlessly, but slowly, and eventually Gabriel Lindoff, who was conducting, said, 'We can ring the peal but if we do you'll miss your boat.' It was decided to bring the bells into rounds which was done and we adjourned for refreshments and caught the boat back to Holyhead. George Hoad was ringing the tenor. Mrs. Hoad was staying at the Cranes before they were married. George was a quiet gentlemanly person and a superior craftsman. The Railway Company did not want to lose him and he would have had early promotion if he had stayed on. I was a great friend of George's.

Before the First World War there was a good band who rang up to Cambridge for service, but we did not succeed in ringing a peal of it. Visiting bands are always welcomed at St. David's. W. T. Pegler was the first Master of the North Wales Association. Mr. Oliver Pegler is trying to teach a band change ringing. He is now getting a little help and support from members of the U.V. of N.W. Ringing Society, which is very welcome. Glanadada was formed into a parish in the year 1907 and the writer and his wife were the first couple to be married in the church on December 20th, 1907.—Yours, etc.,

A. J. HUGHES.

Bangor, Cairns.

LITTLE COMPTON, WARWICKS

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Field's and Mr. Short's letters in 'The Ringing World' (January 27th) referring to the bells of St. Denys', Little Compton. I should like to point out that these bells were rung on St. George's Day (April 23rd, 1960), during a St. Nicholas' Old Marston, ringers' outing to Stow and Moreton-in-the-Marsh area. The ropes were not in a good condition but thirty minutes' ringing took place.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

Old Marston, Oxford.

'BELLS OF BRISTOL'

Dear Sir,—A friend of mine tells me somewhere in a tape magazine he has read of a documentary tape recording entitled 'Bells of Bristol.'

Presumably some ringer or band of ringers in the Bristol area will know of this. Several of us in the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild would like to hear it. Could it be hired or borrowed? Please mention running speed.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. DENBY.

Mansfield, Notts.

METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Of that word *variation*, it may be said—any fool knows what that means! I am not so certain that some do, and I hope the dictionary definition sent to you for publication will help these to clarify the position on the topic; as well as other simple illustrations if I may give them? (1) Most people know that one of the jobs of a surveyor is to take levels—incidentally, my job!

Now if I move the staff a *fraction* off the bench-mark, it means I have created a *variation* of its value, and the person at the other end with the instruments has got a *different* reading—and the same applies to changes on bells, whether I move the changes by way of a bob or single, or by altering the plain course! *Therefore*, to argue that the latter is not creating a variation, but that the former is—is just sheer nonsense, and is just not true. It is an attempt by certain ringing personnel to set up a dictionary of their own as a way of 'getting round' things to cover their 'case'—if they have one; at least Mr. Wratten seems pretty quiet!

No. 2. Illustration to prove the points raised is mixing colours. If I add a dash of red to white. I have created a *variation*, and a *different* colour—I have no longer got white or red, but pink: similarly if I add a 'dash' of Grandsire to Plain Bob I have created something *different* by variation, and I've got April Day. Reverse it, and add a 'dash' of Plain Bob to all the work of a Grandsire single joined together (yes, even though it may be argued that that gives a Plain course) and I've produced Reverse St. Bartholomew, and therefore something *different* by varying again.

A dash of black added to white will give me grey—just as a 'dash' of Plain Bob added to Reverse Canterbury will give me Southrepps Pleasure, or vice versa will give me Kennington. Who would think of going into a hardware shop and ask for 'a tin of white-pink variation,' or 'a tin of black-grey variation'? Any shopkeeper would think 'such a customer had gone off his topper'—that is equivalent to Mr. Wratten's argument!

Now, we recognise these by other names—pink, grey, green, purple, and so on, because we have by varying (or mixing) created something *different*, and that equally applies to April Day, Northrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Old, and so on: yes, and even to those with a plain course 'of their own,' such as St. Nicholas' (or Barton) which is only made up of a 'dash' of Reverse Canterbury in the middle of St. Simon's—that is why we don't describe it as 'Canterbury St. Simon's,' as did one man in a peal some years ago; we entitle it to a name of its own, because, by varying, we have made it something *different*, and that also applies to higher numbers which are, in numerous cases, bits of one method and bits of another, like some colours!

Arguing about Plain courses is like arguing about basic colours—it does not alter the fact that if you take a bit of one and mix with another, you've created something *different* by the act of *varying*, and your correspondent, 'Farmer' has quoted several good examples—Thelwall versus Double Oxford, and Childwall versus St. Clement's, to mention two.

To be logical, if April Day should be named 'Plain Bob April Day variation,' then Thelwall should be named 'Double Oxford Thelwall variation'; and Biddenden 'Yorkshire Biddenden variation,' and so on, and all this bunkum about Plain courses and 'methods' being in their own right 'has got nothing to do with the true meaning of the word variation. Every method is within its own right

if these are as repeats in an extent—that is the acid test, not all this other twaddle!

Many of these methods have stood the test longer than some of the Central Council's Decisions (Bob Triples, Woodbine Treble Bob, Grandsire Major and Minor for example—recognised, not recognised, recognised). And they are older than Mr. Wratten, Mr. Griffin or Mr. Brooks.

As for Mr. Griffin's remark about 'fog of battle': there is no 'fog of battle'—only to one-track minds, and only they look upon this topic as being 'futile,' or 'getting a little involved.' Only by disabusing their minds of bias, can they, as it were, 'see through the theodolite clearly!'

Mr. Brooks should have addressed his remarks—but to continue arguing whether they are separate methods or not seems futile—to Mr. Wratten. He it was who revived this argument by that bold and uncalled for statement to Mr. Cattermole: 'Please, variations not methods!' When challenged that they must be one of two things—either call changes or methods, there being no third form of change ringing, he hasn't the decency to answer one way or the other—and the same goes for the other questions which, I suppose, have got him 'foxed!'

Likewise, I wonder whether Mr. Wratten can tell me the names to these methods given below.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

No. 1	No. 2
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3	2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3	4 2 5 1 3
2 4 5 3 1	2 4 5 3 1
4 2 3 5 1	4 2 3 5 1
2 4 3 1 5	2 4 3 1 5
4 1 2 3 5	4 1 2 3 5
4 1 2 5 3	4 1 2 5 3
1 4 5 2 3	1 4 5 2 3

FOR OUR JUBILEE ISSUE

Will those who have been readers of 'The Ringing World' since No. 1, on March 24th, 1911, please send brief personal details to the Editor.

QUADRING AND SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Records Committee of the Central Council, I wish to point out that the method rung at Epworth on January 7th, 1961, as Quadrang, has been rung before. It is Wellington Surprise, and was first rung at Aldershot, September 28th, 1957, conducted by A. R. Pink. The report of this peal appears in the 'R.W.' of October 11th, 1957, page 651, and the figures of the method are on the same page. Although it is not specially stated that Wellington is the 2nds place variation, this is in fact the case, and doubt on this point will be removed by reference to the composition of Wellington appearing in the 'R.W.' of October 25th, 1957, page 696.

My reference to Sawley Surprise Major, rung at Sawley on October 8th, 1960, is this: We have had several corrections to the fullness of this method but none to the place notation which was wrongly printed. Perhaps we could be informed of the correct notation.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

Mr. Cyril A. Wratten also calls attention to this duplication.—Ed.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS LETTER

GRAHAMSTOWN, 1960.—The Cathedral of SS. Michael and George stands on an island in the centre of this small city, which lies in a shallow saucer, encompassed by hills. The 180 ft. spire is a landmark from all sides, and beneath it is the oldest and heaviest ring of bells in the country. John Warner shipped an octave, tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat, on the sailing ship Seagull in 1878; the cost, £1,400, including carriage, was raised partly by friends in London. Less than 60 years had gone by since the first white man had settled the Eastern cape (1820 British settlers) and less than 40 years since the town was founded amidst the bloodshed of the recurring native wars.

Today it is a quiet academic place, often called the 'City of Saints' from the numerous schools, colleges and churches: Rhodes University faces the Cathedral, and close by is St. Paul's, the only Anglican theological college in the Union. Now it is true that Durban has the best bells, Cape Town the most ringers, and Grahamstown could provide the finest learner material; the only snag is the 500 miles that separate them.

Early in November, I motored up through the Knysna Forest, Outeniqua Mountains, and Port Elizabeth, whose collegiate church of St. Mary looks exactly right for a light eight, but there is only one bucket in that lovely tower; onwards through miles of pineapple fields until, breaching the last hill, there lay Grahamstown. Architecturally it is unlike any other S. African town, for although the settlers were English the appearance as a whole is Scottish. Stone faced buildings which line the main street were not allowed to rise more than two stories: this contributes greatly to the soaring magnificence of the tall spire.

The great west door into the Cathedral is under the tower, to the right is a cupboard housing the chiming ropes, and on the left a small door gives access to a spiral stone staircase of 63 steps up to the ringing chamber. On entering, through a corner doorway, the first impression is of light. The room is 15 ft. square and 21 ft. high; three of the four walls are pierced by six windows from floor to ceiling, however, not a single pane opens, nor are there air vents, or louvres! From the centre of the room a very stout ladder rises steeply up to the bells immediately above. There is no intermediate floor, and the rope circle is almost two straight lines, although the third is behind and 20 inches away from the treble. There are no rope guides. Two gas brackets (fish tail burners) once gave light, and the cream washed walls are liberally covered with signatures, some going back to 1894.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET

One of the best attended District meetings in the area for a long time was that held at Stockton-on-Tees Parish Church on January 28th, by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Over 50 ringers were present, some from York and Scarborough, and others from Durham.

There was an encouraging attendance of beginners, who were catered for in the ringing, and methods included Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandshire Triples and Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and a course of Superlative. A feature of the meeting was the ringing of all ten bells by a team of ladies.

Canon C. N. Wardle-Harpur, the Vicar, conducted the service, and in welcoming the ringers commended the enthusiasm which had brought some of them such a long way on a particularly nasty day.

The vice-president of the Southern District, Mr. F. Cooke, presided at tea, and the Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. T. Cooke. The ladies were thanked by Mr. E. Pannell for providing tea.

The next meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Southern District was fixed for April 22nd at Heighington, and the Yorkshire Association members were reminded of the Easter Monday meeting at Bedale.

Seven of the bells are on one level, the exception being the third in her cage above the fourth, and all of them except the sixth swing north-south. Small wonder that Canon Ridout, who rang handbells here in 1914, found the frame loose: yet I doubt if the eight have ever been rung together. The frame has an interesting history, for it was once the bridge over the Fish river at Fort Brown. After the floods of 1874, these timbers were recovered from the sea shore 50 miles away, and hauled back by oxen to become the tower scaffold and bell frame. On the floor above is the clock which chimes on the 4th, 6th and tenor. All the walls of the belfry have two large arches, each 3 ft. by 17 ft. high, with slate louvres beginning at the bottom of the bell frame, the weakest part of the structure.

The floor under the bells is lined throughout in sheet lead, perhaps to keep out the rain, but certainly it has not kept wood worm out of the floor, frame, sliders, stays, and oak headstocks; only the wheels seem immune. One novelty is the garner hole, a plain one inch hole through the sole of the wheel, no chamfered entry at all. Clappers hang from their staples by leather baldricks.

The future prospect for this old eight is not a rosy one, short of rehanging lower down the tower. Before leaving Grahamstown I was invited to speak at St. Paul's College, and later to the Cathedral Guild. This resulted in 15 recruits in the belfry next evening, and two of them have been attending practice at Cape Town during their vacation.

To be able to ring without a fault after 13 years' absence from a belfry is no mean achievement, and John Botham and his wife, Frances (née Humphrey), were able to do just that. They came to Woodstock from Johannesburg for a fortnight's holiday in December, and it was their first tower since St. Mary's, Willesden, and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, respectively. On their second visit we had some of the best striking heard here for many a year, and were happy to score a quarter peal on the evening of their departure. We are now trying to entice them to move down to the Cape, where they have purchased a seaside building plot for the future.

News from Southern Rhodesia.—The tower of St. Mark's, Que Que, has been completed and the frame can take six bells. Four of them are memorial gifts and have already been ordered from the Whitechapel foundry; tenor is to be 5½ cwt. in C sharp.

For those ringers who delight in making and breaking records the writer has now rung in all towers in this 'Continent' and believes he may be the first to do this to a continent. V. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held at St. Albans on January 21st. During the afternoon at St. Stephen's, methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Norwich Surprise with the addition of rounds for beginners were rung.

Approximately 40 St. Albans District members were present at tea, although only fifty per cent of the District's towers were represented. The secretary's report commented on the lack of support at meetings and practices. The treasurer's report was favourable.

Election of officers for 1961 was as follows: Honorary secretary, Mrs. Amy Coburn; District Ringing Master, G. Penney; General Committee members, G. Dodds and F. Jacklin.

Mr. H. V. Frost, the chairman, asked for silence for the late Bishop C. T. T. Wood, assistant to the Bishop of St. Albans, and for the late Mr. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey.

The new District Ringing Master then thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the organisers for the tea.

Further ringing at the Cathedral, ranging from rounds to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major on the back eight, concluded a successful meeting. C. M. R.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION Doubled Membership

AFTER ringing in the afternoon at Atcham, Montford and St. Chad's, the service for the annual meeting of the Shropshire Association on January 28th was held in St. Chad's, at which the Right Rev. W. A. Parker, Bishop of Shrewsbury and president of the Association, gave the address. About 70 attended the business meeting in St. Chad's Parish Hall, 20 Shropshire towers being represented, and visitors were present from Chester, Hanley, Wastaston and Sutton Coldfield. The Rev. Mr. Shannon, of Montford, acted as chairman, as the Bishop was unable to stay.

In his report the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Poyner, said that 1960 had been a very busy year, and one of much expansion. The paid-up membership had more than doubled. Two most encouraging features were the number of members of school age and the increased interest and support of six-bell ringers, especially as most of the towers in the county are sixes. Twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year, a total only bettered in 1948 when 29 were rung. He asked members to be thinking about the year ahead; if the Association was to continue to expand, willing people would be needed to help overcome the difficulties of local apathy and shyness, and to share the responsibility of running the Association.

The treasurer, Mr. F. H. Bennett, presented the balance sheet, and said that the finances of the Association were very satisfactory.

Twenty-four new members were elected, most notable being eight from Hodnet and six from Montford. Honorary life membership was conferred on five members who have served their church and Association well for forty years. These were Messrs. E. V. Rodenhurst (Prees), A. Hickman and W. Lycett (Market Drayton), E. Drew (Claverley) and A. Prichard (former Ringing Master).

Officers re-elected were: Messrs. H. Poyner (R.M.), F. Hector Bennett (treasurer), R. Newton (D.R.M.), Mrs. M. C. Poyner was elected secretary, and Mr. R. Newton was elected as a second C.C. representative. Thanks were expressed to Messrs. J. Griffiths, of Chester, and E. Colley, of Sutton Coldfield, for their service as tellers.

On view was a design for an Association badge, and it was agreed that quotations should be obtained.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner of the West Lindsey Branch was held at Gainsborough on January 21st. Ringing on the bells of the Parish Church preceded Evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts) who also gave the address.

A company of some 80 members and friends sat down to dinner in the Old Hall and at the business meeting which followed the president (Canon J. E. Roberts) took the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), and Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

The first act of the meeting was to stand in silent tribute to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

In his review of the year, the secretary reported a sound financial position, with 103 paid up members out of a ringing membership of 115. The Ringing Master reported a further increase in peal ringing with 12 tower- and three handbell peals. Striking had been good and three members had rung their first peal.

Meetings for the year were agreed as follows: February 11th, Stow; May 13th, Corringham; July 15th, Oswston; September 16th, Brigg; November 18th, Upton. It was also decided that the annual outing should be to Derbyshire on June 24th.

All the officers were re-elected, Mr. G. L. A. Lunn being congratulated on having completed 21 years as secretary. Ten new members were also elected.

The social evening which followed included a demonstration of tune ringing by the Haxey Handbell Ringers. Party games and dancing, ably organised by Messrs. D. G. Crosby and H. Dove, were enjoyed until a late hour.

OXFORD GUILD QUARTER PEALS

Rung for the Guild's 80th Birthday

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. P. J. Dixon (aged 13, first of Minor) 1, Miss M. A. Carter 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. A. Constant 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. Helen, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. R. Cross 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon (first of Triples) 3, W. A. Smith (cond.) 4, Miss M. A. Carter 5, J. W. Berry 6, J. A. Constant 7, G. F. Jones 8. First in method by all the band.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Davis 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. H. Webb 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. W. Coleman 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. E. Sayers 8. For Evensong.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Allen 1, Miss J. Hibberd 2, Miss M. Hibberd 3, L. Hall 4, S. G. Day (cond.) 5, D. Hibberd (first quarter) 6. By Sunday service band.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Goddard (first quarter) 1, J. White (cond.) 2, C. Lay 3, J. Lambert (first 'inside') 4, H. White 5, R. Davis (first as cond., aged 13) 6.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. D. Wells 1, Susan Howes 2, Helen Butler 3, J. Godman 4, G. Mellone 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. By S. Oxon Branch.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Davis 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. H. Kinch 3, W. N. Genna 4, C. C. Clarke 5, L. A. Busby 6, E. C. Jones 7, E. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Bicester Branch.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Blewitt 1, Kathleen North 2, G. Gibbs 3, D. Young 4, J. Blackwood 5, Pearl Andrews 6, E. Gosling 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

BRILL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Smith (first quarter) 1, L. Busby 2, Ann Crozier (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Eustace (cond.) 4, A. Crozier 5, B. de Burgh Siderly 6. The local band.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Keyte 1, F. W. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, B. J. Cogins 5, P. Bedie 6, D. K. Adkins 7, T. W. Timms (cond.) 8.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Webb 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. J. Hearn 5, G. D. Wickens (first quarter) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, E. E. Pearson 2, E. W. Honour 3, A. W. Ivings (first of Triples) 4, W. N. Genna 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, C. C. Clarke 2, A. W. Ivings 3, E. W. Honour 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner 8. For the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. Loveday) to preach at the ringers' service.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Plain Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Exon 1, Peggi Exon (first 'inside') 2, Barbara Butler (first quarter) 3, Helen Butler 4, Margaret Thewlis (first as cond.) 5, G. Mellhorne 6, M. Welsh 7, A. Howes 8. First quarter on bells with Sunday service band doing the 'inside' work. Also for the birthdays of 1, 2, 5, 8.

ENSTONE, OXON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Stevens 1, H. E. Hawtin 2, C. F. Sheffield 3, D. J. Ogles 4, J. E. Hawtin (cond.) 5, H. Hucklein 6. Half-muffled in memorial for Frank Stevens, a chorister. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Stevens 1, G. Sheffield 2, D. J. Ogles 3, W. T. Hucklein 4, J. E. Hawtin (cond.) 5, H. Hucklein 6. For Evensong by local band.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Strawford 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Gadle 3, N. Leslie 4, J. Pearce (cond.) 5, D. Leslie 6, P. Anger 7, C. Timms 8. By members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

GRANBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Colgrove 1, N. A. Newman 2, M. Newman 3, F. N. Gregory (cond.) 4, W. J. Woodford 5.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Emery 1, F. G. Edmans 2, K. Moore 3, F. Gregory 4, M. Jamieson (first as cond.) 5, E. Bars 6. All service ringers.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Valentine (first quarter) 1, C. J. Garlick 2, H. K. White 3, M. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. H. Napper 5, L. F. Cox 6. First of Doubles for all except 3. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Large (first quarter) 1, W. R. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. K. White 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, L. F. Cox 8. By the local band.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: M. W. Sayers (first of T.B.) 1, B. J. Davis 2, J. Linnell 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. E. Truman 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2 and 4.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Barnett (first quarter) 1, D. Leslie 2, A. O'Shaughnessy (first 'inside') 3, A. Cantwell 4, N. Leslie (cond.) 5, A. Ralph 6. Sunday service band except 4th.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. E. Busby 1, R. Goodwin (cond.) 2, Miss A. Partlett 3, M. Ryan 4, J. Adams 5, L. H. R. Busby 6. Rung by Sunday service band, by candlelight, after the electricity at the church had been disconnected.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Stanton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, A. Stanton 3, D. Burbidge 4, C. A. Stopps (first as cond.) 5.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Adams (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Ivings (first of Minor 'inside') 2, B. J. Davies 3, W. H. Minnear 4, E. W. Honour 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Holland 1, A. Stanton 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. A. Stopps 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6. By the N. Bucks Branch.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 15th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Adams 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (aged 90) 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, H. W. Badger 4, A. Gammon 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, C. Coles 7, N. I. Allnatt 8. Also on Jan. 20th, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents Clifford's Pleasure, 4 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 3½ extents Grandsire): Margaret Cozier 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, D. A. H. Bennett 4, E. R. Venn 5, P. J. Heritage 6. Also on Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray (first quarter) 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. Ivings (first 'inside') 3, J. Venn 4, R. M. Allsworth 5, R. Benstead 6. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

PENN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Randell 1, Mrs. D. Stopps (cond.) 2, Miss A. Jolly 3, Miss B. Mathieson 4, C. E. Stopps 5, A. W. Randell (aged 82) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3 Believed to be first quarter by Sunday service band since augmentation of bells in 1929.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy A. Jones 1, P. M. Jones 2, E. G. Jones (cond.) 3, L. A. Busby 4, J. Eustace 5. Local band.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Angela Wakefield 1, Pamela Buckle 2, Catherine Chapman 3, Susan Alexander 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, Janet Turner 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6, aged 12, 13 and 11, respectively.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 15th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, Mrs. I. Thurmott 3, C. Mitchell 4, M. Thurmott (cond.) 5, D. Papworth 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrill 8. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, G. Harvey (first of Surprise) 2, Ruth Niblett 3, R. K. Russ 4, J. Manley 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, N. J. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. White 1, Frank White 2, H. C. White 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, B. D. Costar 6.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Timms 1, Miss P. Rooney 2, N. Leslie 3, R. Moore 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, W. Belcher (first quarter) 6. By members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Trasler 1, W. G. Clarke 2, J. H. Chance 3, A. W. Dillow 4, A. H. Hurst 5, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

The Farnham District held their annual meeting at the Queen of Hearts Restaurant, Farnham, on January 21st and 82 ringers were present. The District officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. H. Viggers, who was succeeded, as Deputy Ringing Master by Mr. T. Page.

Major E. Bragg, in his report, said that it had been an average year, and five peals had been rung, but he appealed for more District support at meetings and practices.

As a new venture it was agreed that the District committee should arrange a 'striking' contest at a six bell tower in the area.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, Guild Master, told the meeting of the position regarding the bell which is being hung in Guildford Cathedral and said another £200 was needed urgently if the full cost of the hanging was to be met before the Cathedral is dedicated in May.

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OXFORD GUILD QUARTER PEALS—Cont.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, W. G. Wilson 3, J. Rumble 4, A. D. Barker (cond.) 5, D. J. Hilling 6, R. Hartley 7, C. Tovey (first quarter on 8) 8. Also for ringers' service.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Smith (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Mrs. Janet D. Sharpe 2, A. A. Brown 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, C. Williams 5, C. A. Eale 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Moule (first of Triples) 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss G. Wiggins (first quarter) 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, K. Leach 4, C. Lay 5, A. R. Wood 6, H. White (cond.) 7, D. Stoter 8. First of Bob Triples by the band. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Bailey 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, H. V. Booker 4, A. R. Wood 5, A. E. Fullbrook 6, H. White (cond.) 7, K. Leach 8. Also rung for the institution of the Rev. J. H. Schaufelberger, as Vicar.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Minimus: R. Howes 1-2, A. Howes 3-4.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, A. Jaques 2, M. Jamieson (first of Triples) 3, F. Gregory (first of Triples) 4, F. Gibbard 5, I. Hall (first as cond.) 6, H. France 7, R. Saunders (first of Triples) 8.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Ware 1, F. Ware 2, P. Maskrey 3, C. T. Blundell 4, T. Tocock 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6, D. Knox 7, B. Ware 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, before Eucharist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wright 1, Mrs. H. J. Trueman 2, F. Ware 3, Miss J. Ware 4, P. Maskrey 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6, T. Tocock 7, M. Young 8, and before Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. E. Hickox 1, Mrs. J. Hinton 2, F. Ware 3, T. Tocock 4, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 5, P. Maskrey 6. Also rung to mark the 80th birthday and 50 years' service in the parish as a doctor of Dr. Selborne Bailey.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

OXFORD.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,050 Grandsire Cinques: W. F. Judge (first half) and Miss C. Withell (second half) 1, J. E. Drewitt 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, E. R. Venn 4, W. C. Porter 5, P. Walker 6, C. Coles 7, A. N. Stubbs and B. Wakefield 8, D. T. Darby 9, N. I. Allnatt 10, F. A. White 11, G. H. Webb 12. Conducted by W. F. Judge (first half) and F. A. White (second half).

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, February 11th, Seal Chart, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Kentish Rifleman,' Dunks Green. Shipbourne in evening. 7614

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, February 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Bures, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 7638

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, February 11th. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston: 158, P26, P29, from Blackburn 158.—L. Walmsley. 7672

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden (not Harrow). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 until 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7608

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtan, Birkenhead, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7670

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Berkswell, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Callow. 7663

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, February 18th. Ledbury (8). Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7650

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Mould, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby. Derby Cathedral bells available from 6 o'clock until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7634

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, on February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mrs. E. Saul, 31, Draycott Street, Miles Platting, Manchester 10. —W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 7669

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup Christ Church, on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 7635

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Saturday, February 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, Derby, by 15th.—C. W. Hall. 7633

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, February 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7649

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Ealing, on February 18th. Ringing at St. Stephen's 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7655

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER.—Saturday, February 18th. Ringing: 1-2 Bulwell, Daybrook: 2-3 Aspley, Nuthall: 2.30-4 W. Bridgford: 3-4.30 St. Mary's: 4.30-6 St. Peter's: 5-6.30 All Saints'. Service at All Saints' 6.30. Dinner at University 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets 15s., from Secretary, Bellringing Society, Societies' Room, The University. 7668

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham, on February 18th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45. Ringing All Saints' 3, and after meeting, St. Paul's 7.9 p.m. Please notify for tea by February 14th, to Mrs. B. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winkersley, Wokingham. 7659

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, East Carlton, Saturday, February 18th. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. 7662

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton, Saturday, February 18th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7652

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Redgrave (6). Saturday, February 18th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 7642

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover (10), on Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, February 14th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7699

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, February 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7647

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., February 25th, 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30-4.30 St. Clement Danes'. 4.45 Service. 5.30 p.m. The George, Fleet Street, for tea, business meeting and hand-bell competition, followed by social evening. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 7664

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 23rd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 7671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, February 22nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 7651

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Widford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7660

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Poolstock, Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Schools of St. James' Church. St. James' bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to be sent by March 1st to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 7644

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.—Annual supper and social, Saturday, March 18th, at 6.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Danbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, before Wednesday, March 15th. 7661

A TOUCH OF KENT AROUND HYTHE

Ten ringers, each on holiday from school or university, found themselves pursuing a roundabout course, tower hunting, in the Hythe area, on January 3rd.

An eight-bell tower saw us off, with Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples being struck fairly well. This was heartening as this is the first time an eight has been included in our vacation trip. One by one, Newtoning (6), Saltwood (6) and Burmarsh (6) turned Cheriton from the lead. However, after Burmarsh, two car loads of ringers disappeared quickly, but they were soon run down having lunch in a nearby pub.

A tricky set of dodging around the roads of Romney Marsh in rather wet conditions between Newchurch (5), Lympe (6), Aldington (6) and Sellindge (6) was successfully accomplished. We were called in to tea at Sellindge, and the day's ringing finished by running out to Stowting (6), where, unfortunately, tiredness changed places with good striking.

NOTE.—Any ringer who would like to attempt a touch of Vacation Surprise in Kent is asked to write to J. C. Baldwin, 20, St. Anne's Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, for the composition. J. C. B.

Enthusiasm for ringing at Ingrave, Essex, has only been ripe for the last four or five years, and the band is steadily making progress. When the band rang its first quarter in February, 1960, it was believed to be the first on the bells (which were installed in 1737) by a local company. Since then two more quarters were rung in January this year.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Salisbury Branch

On January 21st 40 members and visitors met at St. Paul's, Salisbury, for the annual meeting. The Rector (the Rev. T. E. Dobson) conducted the Guild service and in his address said how appropriate it was that this was in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, for the bells, each with its own note, must be rung in harmony to proclaim the Church's message to all who heard, and that was a picture of how the churches must work together. The Rector joined the ringers for tea in the parish hall, after which the Branch chairman (Mr. H. A. Roles) presided at the meeting.

A moment of silent prayer was kept in remembrance of four members who had died during 1960: Mrs. Hibberd, Frank Taylor, Harry Prout and George Norton.

The honorary secretary (Miss Y. L. Eloie) presented her report, recording three quarterly and 4 practice meetings held at 13 towers; the second Branch outing, to Chippenham and Steeple Ashton; 10 certificates of proficiency gained; and the affiliation of new bands at Broadchalke, Coombe Bisset and Tisbury, bringing the Branch membership up to 146. Messrs. F. Haines, of Wilton, and W. Roberts, of Berwick St. John, had been elected honorary life members, and we had said goodbye to Brian Lawes, who left Salisbury on January 2nd for Medina, W. Australia. (May we take this opportunity of commending this very keen and popular member to any ringers 'Down Under' whom he may be able to meet?) The accounts were presented, showing a satisfactory balance.

At this point the chairman presented the honorary secretary on behalf of the Branch with a Revelation suit-case and a travelling clock to mark her ten years' service in office. In thanking the members for this unexpected and undeserved gift, the secretary said that many others had done very much more for ringing, mentioning the examples of her own uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelden, and saying that credit was due to the team work of the Branch, with an active committee and a businesslike chairman who had been in office exactly as long as she had.

The dates and places for 1961 meetings were eventually adopted. Subject to necessary alterations they are: March 4th, Coombe Bisset; April 22nd, Codford St. Peter (quarterly); May 27th, Semley; July 15th, Winterslow (quarterly); September 9th, Wilton; October 21st, Shrewton (quarterly); November 25th, Martin; the 1962 annual on January 27th, at St. Martin's, if the bells are then available. The possibility of filling a coach for the Guild Festival at Calne on May 13th will be explored; and it is hoped to explore Hampshire on an outing on October 7th.

The chairman and secretary were re-elected together with vice-chairman (Mr. A. Trimley) and auditor (Miss M. Page). Mrs. H. Abrahams undertook the work of assistant secretary to organise the outing. Messrs. Cecil Haines, Leslie Page, Edward Haines and Raymond Haines were elected Ringing Masters, and J. Lewis and Mrs. Abrahams additional members of the committee. Messrs. Herbert Abrahams and Arthur Haines did not feel able to stand for re-election as Ringing Masters owing to demands of their employment, and were thanked for the good work they had done, as was Mr. Ronald Marlow, of Fordingbridge, for arranging extra practices for eight bell ringing.

The evening ended with more ringing at St. Paul's and St. Thomas', where the heights of Yorkshire were reached.

LONDON PRACTICE NIGHTS

Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth (8) and Putney (8). Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. not 7.30-8.30 p.m. in term time only. Visitors welcome.

Strange but true: the first quarter of Major ever rung on the bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, was 1.280 Plain Bob, on July 7th, 1929 (Thanksgiving Day for the recovery of King George V). After a break of nearly 32 years the second quarter was rung on January 22nd. Messrs. S. O'Shaughnessy and three ringers took part in both.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

The comparatively new band of Chertsey ringers were hosts to the Chertsey District on January 28th, for their annual meeting. Well over 50 people attended which was most encouraging considering the rather depressing weather.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Archibald, himself a ringer, and an excellent tea followed in the Church Hall. In the absence of the secretary, the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins, dealt with most of the business, with the Vicar in the chair. As there were no other nominations the District officers were re-elected en bloc.

The news that Mr. C. Denyer was not standing again as Guild Master was received with much regret and on the proposal of Mr. Collins it was agreed to support the Farnham District's nomination of Mr. F. Hawthorne, a well known and respected member of the Chertsey District. The rest of the officers were nominated.

The Ringing Master reported a membership of 109. Most towers had managed to hold their own during the year, and improve their ringing standard. The average attendance at meetings had risen to 37, which was a great improvement on 1959. Mr. Collins was pleased to announce that East Molesey bells were ringing again. That District dinner was very successful and it is proposed to make this an annual event.

Seven new members were elected. Mr. J. King's suggestion that a District practice should be held each month at various towers was approved.

Having read in 'The Ringing World' of the Guild's proposal about the jubilee celebrations, Mr. Collins expressed concern in the fact that the summer festival is not to be held this year.

Mr. W. Shepherd closed the meeting with the usual votes of thanks. He thought it was the best A.G.M. he had attended for many years, with some new faces and a few of the old ringers whom he had taught to ring in 1915!

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION

All the officers of the Northern Branch were re-elected at the annual meeting at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, Norwich, on January 7th. They are: Mr. A. G. Bason, chairman; Mr. J. R. Smith, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, secretary; Mr. W. Clover, Mr. G. Sayer, standing committee; Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. F. Carter, F. C. Goodman, D. W. Pardon and R. W. Balls, Branch committee.

Mrs. F. N. Golden was transferred from an honorary and John Knights from a probationary member to ringing members, and the belfry elections, prior to peals, of the following were ratified: Messrs. D. Cubitt, of Norwich; P. S. Stearman and N. Wright, of Corpus; G. M. Brewin, of Rothley; and D. T. Darby, of Humberstone, Leicester, and Shirley Parsons, of Cheltenham.

Meetings are to be held on April 15th, July 8th, October 14th, January 6th (annual) and Wymondham Abbey ringing day, June 10th.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Father D. E. Rac for conducting the service and the use of the bells, Mr. Mitchell the organist, the choir boys and Mrs. Golden and her helpers for arranging and serving the tea.

The Barkingside band honoured Mr. I. Attwater, an esteemed member, and Mrs. Attwater on the occasion of their diamond wedding with a peal at Woodford, Essex, on January 14th. Four members of the band rang their first peal. Good work, conductor Leonard W. Bullock!

LATE NOTICE

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