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THE FASCINATION

TO explain ringing to the uninitiated is not easy. Most of us have tried; some in public. A few are born story tellers; they can introduce thrills and romance into ringing that even excites the blasé. Others have not these gifts, as speech or writing is not their metier.

One of the clearest expositions about ringing to the outsider is that written by John R. Mayne for 'Research Review,' the house review of the General Electric Company Ltd. and two of its allied companies. Probably the heading of the article, 'Ring Out Wild Bells' (Tennyson), was not John's, as this is immediately dispelled by the caption which states the bells that ring for Christmas and the New Year are anything but wild, but adds that those who ring are subject to 'a stern, though fascinating, discipline.' Does such a discipline prevail? It might in some towers, but in very many there is a laxity that would not be tolerated by our forbears.

How does John explain our art? 'Change-ringing,' he writes, 'is a mathematical rather than a musical exercise, as the object is the mathematical ringing of permutations. There are many "methods" of producing these permutations, some of which are more musically pleasing than others, and great care goes into arranging for the most musical orders to be rung within the scope of the method used. Nevertheless, the music is always secondary to the method. No attempt is made to play tunes, as it would be nearly impossible when no bell can speak twice within two seconds.

'During ringing each bell is controlled by one ringer, who times his bell to strike in the correct position in the permutation. Whatever the method used, the bells are rung successively in different permutations called "rows," with each bell striking one in each row. Every row is different; the bells never strike twice in the same order in the same piece of ringing. A "change" is the progress from one row into the next.'

The article goes on: 'All methods begin and end with rows called "rounds," in which the bells are rung in descending order of pitch. For eight bells this is written (in change-ringing notation) 12345678 from treble to tenor. Rounds are rung several times at the beginning to establish proper control of the bells, and succeeding rows are rung in pairs with a small gap between each pair. The pairing gives form and beat to the ringing, of which the speed is governed by the time period of the bells, being slower for heavier rings. A typical speed is 30 rows a minute.

'While each bell revolves between the blows the other seven speak, so that since the lighter bells turn faster they have to be held at the balance between swings to keep time

with the heavier ones. The tenor is rung so that it never quite reaches the balance, and this sets the pace. Considering the time lag between pulling and striking the bell and this difference in period between the heavier and lighter bells in a ring, maintenance of an accurate beat requires skill. However, in good ringing the beat is maintained throughout all changes.'

We doubt if there is a reader of this journal who does not know these elementary facts about ringing. The pause between rows is essential to the beat. Why if these facts are known do we get such indifferent striking? Probably the answer is the lack of complete correlation between the individual's physical and mental powers. This can only be achieved by perfect bell control, whereby ringing the bell is purely mechanical and the body a well-oiled machine.

Judging by the letters received by this journal and the quarter peals submitted, the majority of our readers would not classify themselves as 'experts.' Mr. Mayne, who most weeks adds a new Surprise method to his repertoire, gives us an insight into the mental calibre of our great men. Pointing out that ringing is always performed without any aid to memory, he states: 'It is not the changes themselves which are memorised, but a diagram of the path of the ringer's bell down the column of figures which represents the method. Expert ringers can memorise such a diagram in a few minutes and use it to place their bell correctly in as many as 5,000 changes, taking about three hours to ring. Do you wonder that it is fascinating to exercise this kind of skill while manipulating a bell weighing perhaps a couple of tons?'

Frankly, very few of our ringers today are among these giants of the Exercise who within a few minutes can master a new method and then ring it to a peal. If accomplishment is so easy why do we see so frequently as a footnote 'Rung without previous practice'? Perhaps, one day, an expert will contribute an article on how to learn a method to the stage of being able to ring it to a peal within a few minutes.

We would say that you have not necessarily to be an expert to find ringing fascinating. Those who have to work hard to master every new method they ring find it equally fascinating, and with this John agrees as he aptly concludes his article: 'Ringing is excellent exercise, both physical and mental, and can be practised all the year round. You can learn in childhood and ring until you are 90. You travel the country, enjoy a wide circle of friends and see a magnificent heritage of church architecture. Finally, there is the æsthetic appeal of the bells—the beauty of their cry and the spiritual significance of their message. Above all, change-ringing is creative—which is more than can be said for watching the "telly".'

RECORD LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE ROYAL

A **NOTEWORTHY** addition to the record lengths of 1961 was the peal of 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at St. Mark's, Worsley, on December 23rd, in 11 hours 14 minutes. This was also the longest length of Yorkshire Surprise ever rung. The conductor, Robert B. Smith, and his band deserve congratulations on their endurance and concentration.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis provided an excellent composition which was easily shortened to 16,920. The umpires—Giles B. Thompson, John Robinson and Anne P. Smith—endured the severely cold weather and they are thanked for giving up their time for an unenviable task.

Thanks are accorded, on behalf of the band, to the Rector and the leader of the local ringers, Mr. J. Michael Lomax, for arranging accommodation for the band and also for providing new ropes for the attempt. Messrs. Pritchards are also thanked for their prompt delivery of the new ropes.

While the average age of the band was only 22.8 years, it contained a number of members who had recently stood in long lengths. The biographies of six of the band were published in 'The Ringing World' during 1961. Details of those not previously published are:—

John A. Anderson (Birmingham), age 22 years. Was second in the list of leading peal ringers last year, when he became one of the few ringers who have rung 100 peals in one year. He rings regularly in the peal attempts in and around Birmingham, and also travels further afield for his peals. Peal total at present is a little over 300, this being his first 'successful' long peal attempt. He has been in several of the attempts at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, including one which went to nearly 29,000 changes. Equally at home whether ringing heavy or light bells.

Brian J. Wylde (Stafford), age 23 years. Employed as a commissioning engineer by English Electric Company. Started ringing 8 years ago, but learned most of his ringing while at Bristol University (1956-59). His peal total at present is 72, and includes one other long peal, 10,080 Plain Bob Major rung for the Bristol University Society in 1958.

Brian J. Woodruffe (Buxton, Derbys), age 23 years. Second in the leading peal ringers of 1958, when he too rang 100 peals. In the same year he conducted a peal in 73 T.B. Minor methods (tower bells), and in the following year he conducted 94 Doubles methods ('in hand'). In 1957 he conducted his only other lone peal, which was 10,000 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Fairfield (Buxton), the band being the youngest to ring a peal of that length.

Brian Harris (Norbury, Hazel Grove), age 28. Married, with 4 children. Learnt to ring at Hoole, Cheshire, but moved to Manchester a few years later, when taking a degree in mathematics. His peal total at present is about 450, and includes 50 peals each of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Last year he rang the tenor to the 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major at Norbury. Some 18 months ago he rang the tenor to the previous record peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire.

R. B. S.

A PEAL AT BROOKLAND

There are very few rings of bells in Kent which have not had a peal rung on them, and the list is now one less, due to a peal at Brookland on December 27th.

The bells have been a ring of five since 1685, four of them by John Hodson and one pre-Reformation bell, and they hang in a wooden structure, resembling three large candle snuffers, which stands at the side of the church. Although there is a floor directly beneath the bells, a large gap remains between the sides of the frame and the side of the campanile, so that the bells are extremely noisy.

For the peal attempt it was decided to muffle the bells, and, when this was completed, the bearings greased and ropes adjusted, the ringing commenced and despite attempts at 'slipping wheel,' the peal was completed without difficulty in 2 hours and 56 minutes.

We are grateful to the Rector and the local ringers, who ring every Sunday, for allowing us the use of the bells.

I. H. O.



A Christmas Wedding

TWO keen members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Miss Jill Margaret Lane, of Guildford, and Mr. Douglas Anthony Roland May, of East Clandon, were married at St. John's Church, Mewrow, on December 30th, the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Ford) officiating. Jill is one of the few women to have called a peal for the Guildford Guild.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length gown of white velvet, with a ruched centre panel from neck to hem. Her headdress was a small pearl and crystal crown with large pearl drops set on a short veil. There were three bridal attendants in bright crimson velvet and a page. Mr. John Hayter was best man.

The reception at Mewrow Village Hall was attended by 90 guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. Douglas May left for their honeymoon at Bournemouth. The bells of Mewrow Parish Church were rung after the service, and also a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Holy Trinity, Guildford, in honour of the event.

[Photo by courtesy of 'The Guildford and Godalming Times']

RIPON CATHEDRAL ROMANCE

Two former members of the Ripon Cathedral Youth Fellowship, both members of the Ripon Cathedral company of ringers, Miss Iris Leatham and Mr. Denis Alderson, were married on December 27th at the Cathedral.

The bride joined the Cathedral ringers whilst still a pupil at Ripon Girls' High School before proceeding to Saint Gabriel's College, London, where she trained as a teacher. She is now a member of the staff of Moorside Infants' School, Ripon. The bridegroom joined the Cathedral company soon after leaving Ripon Grammar School; he is employed by a firm of Ripon wool merchants.

The bride and bridegroom rang their first quarter peal together on Christmas Eve after the Ripon Cathedral service of nine lessons and carols. This quarter peal (recorded elsewhere) was Miss Leatham's first and only quarter as a single woman.

The bride, wearing a full length gown of white brocade, arrived at the Cathedral in a flurry of snowflakes to be greeted by the ringing of the light six. She was given away by Mr. D. Blackburn, a friend of the family, and was attended by her two younger sisters, the Misses Sylvia and Betty Leatham.

The ceremony was performed by the Succentor, the Rev. M. Heckingbotham, assisted by the Dean, the Very Rev. F. Llewellyn Hughes. At the organ was the Cathedral organist, Dr. Philip Marshall. In the course of a homely address the Dean paid tribute to the services which the bride and bridegroom had rendered to the Cathedral, and mentioned the fact that Iris was the first bride for many years to be welcomed at the Cathedral by the sound of the bells.

As the happy couple left the Cathedral the bells were fired, an excellent 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung and the bells were lowered in peal, the ringing ending on the stroke of midday, when another service in the Cathedral was due to begin.

Desiring to pay a further compliment to the bride and bridegroom, ringers from the Cathedral company, together with other ringing friends, returned to the Cathedral in the evening and rang a quarter peal of Bob Major, recorded elsewhere.

At a recent ringing practice in the Cathedral Mr. Edward Hudson, on behalf of a number of their ringing friends, presented Iris and Denis with a handsome tea service and an illuminated scroll written by Colin Hale, of the Cathedral company of ringers. Their best wishes for many happy years of married life and many happy years of ringing together were expressed by Mr. Hudson and echoed by all ringing friends present at homely and happy little ceremony.

GUILDFORD GUILD TO DISCUSS MERGER

An extraordinary general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at St. Saviour's Church Hall, off Woodbridge Road, Guildford, to vote on the proposed merger of the Guildford Guild and the Surrey Association.

The following motion, which has been formulated by the Masters and secretaries of both bodies, will be submitted to the meeting:

'Following exploratory discussions by the sub-committees appointed by both bodies, it has been found possible to propose a common basis of agreement which would allow the merging of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association. Considerable detailed negotiation would still be necessary to ensure that the new organisation represents the best interests of both memberships, and safeguard the traditions of both societies.'

'This meeting approves, in principle of a merger between the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Surrey Association of Change Ringers, subject to a final detailed proposal being worked out, and being approved by both societies at further Special General Meetings in due course.'

In view of the possible implications of this motion on the Guild rules and finances, etc., it has been agreed by both Associations that not less than three-quarters of the votes of the members present and voting are required for the motion to be carried. Voting will be by ballot, and the ballot papers of the Guild and of the Surrey Association will be counted and the results made known on February 24th at Croydon, after the Surrey Association have held their meeting.

It has also been decided that the Guildford Guild Rule No. 9, para. 2, shall be cancelled for the purposes of this meeting, so that junior members may be permitted to vote.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 12th, 1912.—

Henry Burstow, whose reminiscences have just been published, and were referred to in 'The Ringing World' a fortnight ago, again assisted to ring the old year out and the New Year in at Horsham, for the 66th consecutive year. This is a record which few if any can excel. Mr. Burstow is now 86 years of age.

The Whitechapel Foundry staff have a change ringing band, and they started for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Clapton last Saturday, but, after 1½ hours' ringing, got out through a shift course. The band comprised S. Laurence 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2-3, D. Gibbins 4, A. Hughes 5, Wilby Hazell 6, A. A. Hughes 7, L. A. Hughes 8.

REDEDICATION

ST. HELEN'S, ABINGDON.

On Sunday, November 26th, the ten bells of St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, were rededicated by the Bishop of Oxford, after being rehung on ball bearings by Mr. F. White, of Appleton.

The bells have all been fitted with new wheels and headstocks, iron headstocks for the ninth and tenth, which have had their canons removed, and elm for the remainder. On the previous Wednesday night, the bells were rehallowed by the Vicar, in the presence of all the ringers, and on the Sunday evening, before the bells were first rung for service, the Vicar dedicated a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber, which carries the words: 26th November, 1961.

In thanksgiving for the rehanging of these bells, and in memory of Albert E. Lock, 1878-1960, Master Mason and Bellringer, Member of this band from 1920, Captain 1934-1960.

J. H. S. Dixon, Vicar.

Bromley Challenor.

E. R. Bailes, Churchwardens.

Because opportunities for visitors to try the bells on the Sunday morning were rather limited, an 'open night' was held on the following Wednesday, when, it is hoped, everyone who wanted to had a chance to ring on the newly rehung bells.

The following Sunday at Matins, the Rector dedicated a new oak seat and chest in the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church, given as a memorial for the life and work of Albert E. Lock by the North Berkshire Branch of the Oxford Guild and the Church Council.

For the information of visiting ringers (who are always welcome) ringing on Sundays is at St. Nicholas' 10 to 11 a.m. for Matins, and at St. Helen's 5.45 to 6.30 for Evensong. Practice nights are held alternate weeks at the two churches on Wednesdays.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BELL IN
NEW SOUTH WALES

The only bell hung on a wheel for ringing in the Diocese of Grafton, on the north coast of New South Wales, is at Alstonville Parish Church. The Rector, the Rev. E. Williams, went to Alstonville 30 years ago from Swavesey, Cambridgeshire. He has three churches in his care, two without bells.

About a year ago he visited Swavesey. Two bells from the village were given to him—those from the disused school and mission church. Friends at Swavesey paid for the bell to be transported to Australia. A report of the dedication of the parish church bell appears in the Alstonville Parish News for September, and the Rector, who is a ringer, writes on the importance of a bell to the community.

Mr. B. Prime, of Ashcott, near Bridgwater, in sending us this item, states that there must be many unusual bells in this country that could be put to good use overseas as these are at Alstonville.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE
MAJOR

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS

	B	M	W	H
25634	X		2	—
45236	X		—	3
62534	—		—	—
42635	X		—	3
42356	X		—	—
54326	—		—	3
63425	—		—	—
53624	X		—	3
34625	—		—	2
23456	X		—	2

No 82s or 83s.

Rung at Crich, September 7th, 1961.

SEQUEL TO SAGA OF
ST. GEORGE'S

Thee's may remember as 'ow I told 'ee 'bout the Tenor King losing 'is attempt on St. George's tenor: down to Bristol way. Well, there were one thing said in the local after which were taken up, 'cause the old King was fool enough to say to thick new feller from Brum, 'When thee's can ring thick tenor to a peal, I'll write 'ee out cheque fer five quid.'

Now this yer Ralph Edwards bain't no fool so, together wi' some o' the young Bristol lads, 'e fixed up to 'ave a go 'round the beginning of December. Young Dr. Heighton 'ad perfected 'is 'drip feed' at St. Michael's, so 'e were asked to come along. The seven lads met outside the tower, bang on six, but our Ralph were nowhere to be seen! Bein' as there were no one fit enough to take 'is place they all packed up and went 'ome, cursin' 'im for 'aving cold feet. Later, 'e said as 'ow 'e forgot, but us didn't let 'im fergit it and told 'im as 'ow 'e were worse than the 'King.'

'Course, Ralph made 'em fix another go to prove 'em all wrong, and said 'as if 'e couldn't ring 'un wi'out the drip feed 'e wouldn't ring 'un at all. So there they was last Wednesday, all fit and rarin' to go. They played safe wi' Plain Bob this time, and young Dr. Heighton called 'em to 'go' in fair ol' style. The first three quarters went pretty good, considerin', an' us began to think as Ralph were goin' to ring 'un wi' no trouble at all. 'Owever, in the last quarter, young Reggie began to look a bit pale an' sick, on the seventh, but 'e said 'e were all right. Then Ralph started to ring wi' one 'hand an' walk around in circles! 'Ow many more courses?' sez 'e.

'Seven,' sez the Dr.

'That be seven too many,' sez Ralph, but 'e kep' going 'il' er run round. 'Twere a good effort all round, but Ralph said after as 'ow 'e'd never felt like that in a peal before, even though 'twere only for a moment. Us supposes as 'ow the 'King' 'il' come an' 'ave another go, but us 'opes 'e'll pay up as well!

BELLS THAT HAVE MADE
HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

ST. SEPULCHRE'S HANDBELL

Another small handbell, now preserved in St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, London, has a very different history. It was the duty of the bellman of St. Sepulchre's, near Newgate, to rouse, the night before the execution, the unfortunates lying in prison condemned to death. He solemnly exhorted them to repentance, in bad rhyme, thus:

'All you that in the condemned hole do lie,
Prepare you for tomorrow you shall die;
Watch all and pray: the hour is drawing near,
That you before the Almighty must appear.

Examine well yourself: in time repent,
That you may not to eternal flames be sent,
and when St. Sepulchre's Bell in the

[morning tolls,

The Lord have mercy on your souls,

Past 12 o'clock.'

The custom originated in a gift or bequest of £50 made by Mr. Robert Dowe in 1605. St. Sepulchre's was partially destroyed in the Great Fire, 1666, the south porch and tower alone remaining of the old church. It has been restored several times since—1738, 1837, 1863 and 1875. Tower and pinnacles 150 feet high—contains a ring of 10 bells on which a number of historic peals have been rung.

The old bell that once hung in Newgate Prison, on the site of which the present Old Bailey now stands, is preserved at Madame Tussaud's.

[To be continued]

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE T. MITCHISON

A LAST LINK WITH HENRY JOHNSON

The many ringing friends of the older generation will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. George T. Mitchison, of Perry Barr, Birmingham, on December 15th, within a few days of his 90th birthday.

'Mitch,' as he was familiarly known, started his ringing career at an early age, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. John's, Perry Barr, in 1887, at the age of 16.

A member of St. Martin's Guild, he was a familiar figure at the annual Henry Johnson dinner and for a number of years was the only one present to rise in response to the chairman's inquiry, as to 'Who remembers and rang with the "Grand Old Man?"'

George was not a prolific peal ringer, and did not keep an account, but in fact rang quite a number of peals up to twelve bells, but he will always be remembered as a regular Sunday service ringer, an immaculate striker and for his firm handling of beginners, of whom many passed through his capable hands.

He was always proud of the fact that he introduced change ringing and taught a band at the neighbouring six-bell tower of Great Barr.

He was an excellent organiser and, as churchwarden, Ringing Master and chorister, he applied his talents to the full. It was with a certain regret that he severed his connection with Perry Barr and joined the Aston Parish Church band, where his valuable assistance to the Sunday Service ringing and the choir was continued.

The last few years, unfortunately, had seen George confined to his room, but in full possession of his faculties and with a remarkable memory for ringers and ringing matters in general; his reminiscences of well over half a century were indeed a delight to listen to.

R. C. I.

MR. THOMAS NEWMAN

The death took place on Boxing Day of Mr. Thomas Newman, of Hucclecote, Gloucester, at the age of 87.

'Tommy' was born at Sandhurst, Gloucester, where he learnt to ring on the six bells, under Walter Pugh. He rang his first peal of 6,000 Doubles in about five methods for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, 1897.

Soon afterwards he joined the St. Michael's Juniors and the Crypt Youths and rang peals on higher numbers of bells and methods, and it was not long before he called a peal of Stedman Triples. In the early 1900's he left Gloucester for London, where he and his wife were in service together. He joined the Cumberlands and rang a lot of peals with the late J. D. Matthews.

A peal of which he was most proud was the first of Cambridge Maximus for the Cumberlands at Shoreditch, and also those when the Cumberlands were visiting Stroud and Painswick for their annual outing. He rang a peal of Bob Major in a train, and was in the first in a train passing through five counties. He rang in many handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques and also conducted Stedman Caters and Cinques on tower bells.

He returned to Gloucester to live in 1938 and was a regular member of St. Michael's until the church was closed in 1940. He then rang at St. Mary-de-Crypt and the Cathedral until three years ago, when he had a stroke. Since then he had only rung once although he would come and listen. No record of his peals has been kept.

He was buried in Hucclecote churchyard, in the same grave as his wife, who predeceased him nine years ago.

L. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—May I inform all our friends, through the medium of the columns of 'The Ringing World,' that our bells at Chesterfield have not been adversely affected by the terrible fire which occurred recently.

I know that many will have heard and read announcements in the public press and T.V., and will be wondering how the belfry has fared. Apart from a lavish application of grease to the bearings and a new set of ropes, the upper tower is as usual. Our beautiful ringing room. I regret to say, is ruined. Charred woodwork, blistered peal boards, ceiling and stone walls burned black with heat, not smoke, and the trap-door, with the mahogany table and three chairs, fallen through into church below.

In the opinion of the fire safety office, a few more minutes without discovery and the spire would have gone, and the main body of the church as well. However, this catastrophe was averted, due to the splendid efforts of the fire brigade, and after two days with scrubbing brush and soap, not excluding backache, the room is again, at least, habitable.

We have not any light or warmth, but ringing by candlelight has been done before and is something of a novelty.

As soon as we are permitted to do so, we shall make a start on decorating and hope to restore the room to its former condition, before so very long.—Yours sincerely,

SAM SCATTERGOOD,
Ringing Master,
Chesterfield Parish Church.

THE LADY'S DISAPPROVAL

Dear Sir.—I was dismayed to note an absence of five and six bell rings in the Christmas Day broadcast on B.B.C. radio (Home Service). I feel sure that there are many such towers in the country whose standard of ringing is of a higher criterion than those featured in the broadcast. Furthermore, I was appalled at the ringing from Tewkesbury Abbey on New Year's Eve (I.T.V., Midland).—Yours faithfully,

HILARY KNIGHT,
Geddington, Kettering.

CAROLS HELP BELL FUND

Dear Sir.—Our bell restoration fund received a most welcome boost, when the Northfleet ringers came out with their handbells, for three evenings before Christmas, and rang carols. We collected about £27. A very noble effort on the part of Northfleet—and one that has already given a promise of future help.—Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER,
Captain,
St. Peter's, Ash-by-Wrotham.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir.—Owing to having to ring at our own village church from 9 until 9.30 on Christmas morning, the broadcast of bells at 9.10 a.m. on the B.B.C. Home Service was missed.

Is there any ringer who has a tape recorder and recorded this? If so, could he please let me know, so that I could send a tape along for a copy.—Yours sincerely,

F. FOWLER JUN.
9, High Street, Stourton,
Warminster, Wilts.

COLLECTION OF MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Browsing through the Central Council's Collection of Compositions of Major Methods the other day I came across a footnote which is so obviously wrong that I feel sure other persons must have noticed it, yet I cannot remember having seen any reference to its incorrectness in 'The Ringing World.'

The misleading footnote is on page 58 and reads: 'Any Composition of Superlative which does not reverse the bells in 5-6 at a course-end may be rung as Spliced Superlative and Cambridge by ringing all full courses CSCXCSC and all short courses CSSC.'

Immediately above this footnote is an arrangement of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, using Pitstow's well known Three-Part peal of Superlative for the calling. It could be that a conductor, looking at Mr. Cashmore's peal and then reading the footnote under it, might be tempted to use this easier and more regular arrangement of CSCXCSC to that calling; if he did so the result would be rather disastrous for the peal would then be hopelessly false, with 27 repetitions, involving 108 rows.

Being curious to see what would happen I chose two peals at random from the same collection, one, 5.088 by Arthur Knights, the other, 5.056 by C. H. Martin, both Superlative and both on page 26. After applying the formula CSCXCSC I found that 50 rows repeated in the first one and 56 repeated in the second.

A misprint may be the explanation of the wrong information for if the methods are reversed so that the arrangement is SCSXSCS then the statement will be true, for both Cambridge and Superlative will then have a clean proof-scale in themselves and the false course-ends between the two methods will all be 6-5s, i.e. 24365 for the 1st lead of Superlative against the 2nd lead of Cambridge and the 6th lead of Cambridge against the 7th lead of Superlative: 32465 for the 2nd lead of Cambridge against the 3rd lead of Superlative, and 43265 for the 5th lead of Superlative against the 6th lead of Cambridge, so that any composition of Superlative not having bells reversed in 5-6 will run true providing the arrangement SCSXSCS is adhered to throughout with the short courses rung SCCS.

CSCXCSC will run true to any peal of Cambridge with the tenors together, that is, to Middleton's and its variations.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARTON,
Pudsey, Yorks

STONY STANTON RINGERS

Dear Sir.—Regarding the biography of Mr. Alfred Ballard in 'Personalities of the Exercise' No. 50, it is stated that no change ringing band exists at Stony Stanton, where Mr. Ballard was taught to ring by the late Rev. R. P. Farrow.

I am sure that the ringers of this church are too modest to write to you to say that they probably have more active ringers at this tower than any other eight-bell tower in the diocese. It is only fair to point out this error, bearing in mind the excellent work which has been going on in this belfry for several years.

May I also say that the ringers of Barwell were sorry to hear of the passing of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, as he dedicated the bells there after retuning and rehangings in 1934.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON,
Birstall, Leicester.

THE PEAL OF MINOR AT PEWSEY, AND CALL CHANGES

Dear Sir.—There are two points in letters in your issue of December 22nd which I should like to take up.

I may have misunderstood his letter, but W. C. West seems to imply that the peal at Pewsey on November 4th should have been credited to the Salisbury Guild. As general secretary of the Society to which the peal was credited, I would point out that the University of Bristol Society is non-territorial, and since its members belong to various Diocesan Guilds, peals by groups of members are usually credited to the Society, without violating any unwritten rules. In this case I believe that only one member of the band was also a member of the Salisbury Guild.

It is also my personal opinion that visiting bands should credit their peals to their home Association, wherever possible. This would seem to give a fairer picture of the position, but it seems that certain organisations may make it a little difficult for visitors to get towers if their peal booking fee and life membership subscription are endangered.

Henry Allen's description of the call changes at Bow also interests me, for I was taught to ring at Dulverton, Somerset, where the method of calling he describes was standard practice, as I believe it is throughout Devon's call change towers. We often laughed at the muddles that a visiting 'scientific' would get into while ringing with us, and I have since found that there is a great ignorance of the proper way to ring call changes among method ringers. If 12345678 is to be changed to 12354678, the correct call is simply 'four, five,' not '5 to 3' or '5 to 3, 4 to 5, 6 to 4' (it takes a good breath to get that in!), or even worse, I have heard '6 to 4.' The 'Golden Rule' for ringing is simply 'know the bell before you, and the bell before that' and for calling 'call the pair to change places.' If everyone plays their part by looking at the bell before them, this requires much less ropesight than is required for method ringing, and hence allows much more concentration on striking.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK J. BIRD.

Bristol.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1961

We are in the process of compiling our records of peal ringers of 1961. Will those who have rung 25 peals or more please send details of numbers rung on tower- or handbells and the number of each conducted.

MINOR AT PEWSEY

Dear Sir.—With reference to the peal of Minor rung at Pewsey, Wilts (the home tower of one of the band), by the University of Bristol Society on November 4th, may I thank the honorary secretary of the Salisbury Guild for correcting our records? The information that it was the first of Minor on the bells came from the Rector of Pewsey, and I apologise for the inaccuracy.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. KENCH.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

WM. PYE'S 1,000th PEAL

Dear Sir.—In your issue of December 22nd, under the caption '50 Years Ago,' you published an account of Wm. Pye's 1,000th peal. This peal was rung at Sepulchre's, Holborn, and not at St. Clement Danes', as stated.—Yours, etc.,

A. W. COLES.

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A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

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APPENDIX II—PERFORMANCES

1. PEALS

1-10-59 Peals rung and submitted for recognition.

7-6-60 C.C. recognition of peals of Minimus rung since 1959.

23-5-61 C.C. limitation to tower-bell peals, in 4-bell towers.

(a) Tower Bells.

1. 1-10-59 Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Newtown, Hants. 6 cwt. 5.040 in 2 hrs. 18 mins. G. K. Dodd. Five methods, being A, B, C, E, H. (42 extents each). First peal for two ringers.

2. 30-9-60 Oxford Diocesan Guild, Stanford Dingley, Berks. 6 cwt. 5.040 in 2 hrs. 26 mins. G. K. Dodd. Two methods, being A, B. (105 extents each). First peal for treble, a local ringer.

3. 4-2-61 Ely Diocesan Guild, Conington, Cambs. 7 cwt. 5.040 in hrs. 11 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (210 extents). First peal for two ringers.

4. 25-3-61 Oxford Diocesan Guild, North Aston, Oxon. 7½ cwt. 5.088 in 2 hrs. 10 mins. R. H. Jones. One method, being A, Plain Bob (212 extents). First peal for 2 ringers.

5. 4-4-61 Oxford Diocesan Guild, Towseley, Oxon. 7½ cwt. 5.088 in 2 hrs. 20 mins. R. H. Jones. One method, being A, Plain Bob (212 extents). First peal for 1 ringer.

6. 26-4-61 Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Guild, Wapley, Glos. 5 bells, 17 cwt. 5.040 in 2 hrs. 32 mins., tenor covering. H. N. Evans. Five methods, being A, B, C, E, H. (42 extents each).

*7. 1-5-61 Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Newtown, Hants. 6 cwt. 5.040 in 2 hrs. 22 mins. G. K. Dodd. One method, being Kent Treble Bob (105 extents).

8. 3-5-61 Non-Association, Randwick, Glos. 8 cwt. 5.040 in 2 hrs. 12 mins. G. R. Drew. Eleven methods, being all the Plain methods, A-K.

* If the C.C. Decisions on Minor and Doubles are taken to apply to Minimus, on which there is at present no relevant Decision, this peal will not be recognised.

(b) Handbells.

1. 29-6-60 Oxford Diocesan Guild, High Wycombe, Bucks. 12 in F. 5.040 in 1 hr. 33 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (210 extents).

2. 17-7-60 Leicester Diocesan Guild, Leicester. 12 in F. 5.064 in 1 hr. 25 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (211 extents).

3. 30-10-60 Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Guild, Bristol. 5.040 in 1 hr. 28 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (210 extents).

4. 2-11-60 Non-Association, Oxford. 11 in G. 5.040 in 1 hr. 25 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (210 extents).

5. 11-12-60 Leeds University (non-Association), Leeds, Yorks. 8 in C. 5.040 in 1 hr. 35 mins. Three methods, being A, B, C. (70 extents each). One man, 4 bells in hand.

6. 11-3-61 Non-Association, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham. 4½ in D. 5.088 in 2 hrs. 5 mins. One method, being A, Plain Bob (212 extents).

2. MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

30-7-38 5,040 Plain Bob on handbells, Marple, Cheshire.

Other peal lengths during the following year. Lists of 4-bell towers appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

June, 57, Carlton, Beds. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

8-8-57 Biddisham, Somerset. 1,272. 53 extents in 4 methods, A, B, C, P.

4-9-57 Carlton, Beds. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

28-9-57 W. Chinnock, Somerset. 1,296. 54 extents in 3 methods, A, B, C.

P. B.-Knights' article published.

24-12-57 Carlton, Beds. 1,296. 'New Little' (i.e. Bastow) and Plain Bob.

25-1-58 Pen Selwood, Somerset. 1,296. 54 extents in 9 methods, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I.—all the plain methods published by P. B.-Knights.

28-3-58 Little Hadham, Herts (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

22-5-58 Tuxford, Notts (8). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

14-6-58 Batheaston, Somerset. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

8-8-58 Otterhampton, Somerset. 1,296. 54 extents of 'Grandsire' (i.e. S. Court).

19-7-59 Shebbear, Devon (6). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, 5-6 covering.

11-10-59 Carlton, Beds. 1,440. Eleven methods, A, B, C, E, F, G; M. N. (or were they I, J?) 'New Little' (i.e. Bastow Little Court).

20-11-59 Shebbear, Devon (6). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, 5-6 covering.

4-12-59 Swindon, Wilts (8). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, 5-6 covering.

5-4-60 Lechlade, Glos. 1,272 Plain Bob on handbells.

6-5-60 Spetchley, Worcs. 1,272 'Spetchley Court Bob.' (What is this, please? Is it Reverse or Double Court?)

C.C. Meeting. Peals of Minimus recognised.

15-7-60 Wistaston, Cheshire (6). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, 4-6 covering.

-7-60 Huyton, Lanes. 1,272 Plain Bob on handbells.

16-7-60 Old Marston, Oxon (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

23-8-60 Minster-in-Thames, Kent (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

8-9-60 Wimbledon, Surrey (8). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

9-9-60 Llangasty Tal-y-Llyn, Brecon. 1,416. 59 extents of Plain Bob.

12-9-60 E. Langdon, Kent. 1,296. 54 extents in 3 methods, A, B, C.

18-9-60 Bristol. 1,272 Plain Bob on handbells.

4-10-60 Llangasty Tal-y-Llyn, Brecon. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

29-10-60 March Baldon, Oxon (5). Two quarter peals, each 1,272 Plain Bob, tenor covering.

13-11-60 Beckley, Oxon (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

26-11-60 Yapton, Sussex. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

4-12-60 Old Marston, Oxon (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

31-12-60 Carlton, Beds. 1,440 in 15 methods, being 4 extents each of all plain methods, A-K, and Original and 90 changes each of 'New Gainsborough Little Bob' and 'Gainsborough Alliance' mixed up with 108 changes of 'New Little Bob.' This is easily the best performance so far and was a fitting end to the year.

1-1-61 Brighton (St. Mark's). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

23-1-61 Westwood, Wilts. 1,248. 52 extents of Plain Bob. (Missed being a quarter by one extent.)

4-2-61 Woodford, Northants (6). 1,296. 54 extents of Plain Bob, 5-6 covering.

11-3-61 Chideock, Dorset (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

11-3-61 March Baldon, Oxon (5). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

12-3-61 Northampton (St. Edmund's) (8). 1,296. 54 extents of Plain Bob, tenor covering.

10-4-61 Old Bampton, Derbys (6). 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

C.C. Meeting. Peals decision confirmed, with restrictions.

26-6-61 Margate, Essex. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles, with a 'dumb' treble!

2-9-61 Brownsea Island, Dorset. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob.

27-10-61 Southampton. 1,272. 53 extents of Plain Bob on handbells.

About half of those quarter peals rung on tower bells were in 4-bell towers, and of the other half all were Plain Bob only!

(Concluded)

EAST RIDING RINGERS' DINNER

The East Riding ringers held their second annual dinner at the Beverley Arms Hotel on December 30th. Towers represented by the 35 ringers and friends were St. Mary's, Beverley, Cottingham, Hesse, Howden, Kirk Ella, Sutton-on-Hull and Walkington. The dinner was preceded by ringing at St. Mary's, Cottingham, and St. Mary's, Beverley, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Following the dinner the party were entertained with tune ringing on handbells by the Sutton ringers, and a display of colour slides taken on the ringing tour last summer. Slides were also shown of places of interest in various parts of the country, including pictures of Somerset, which the East Riding ringers plan to visit this year.

Thanks are due to Mr. Johnson, of Kirk Ella, for making the excellent arrangements for the dinner.

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FOUR PEALS WITH THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD

The usual Christmas week peal tour in Northants and district, organised by Miss Diana M. Lawless, was only spoilt by the bad weather conditions. An attempt for Cambridge at Oakham lasted for 1½ hours on Boxing Day, and another for Superlative at Billesdon on December 27th did not go more than a course owing to some people forgetting the blue line.

However, with the arrival of the Surrey enthusiast, things began to liven up and a good peal of Double Norwich was rung at Uppingham in the evening. Ronald Hill, captain of Oakham, rang without a mistake to score his first in the method. The journey back to Kettering was made difficult by ice.

The first tower for December 28th was the fine Gillett eight, in the equally fine tower at Tichmarsh, and Peter Fleckney did well to ring Yorkshire as his first peal on eight bells. After a fish and chip lunch at Thrapston, a move was made to the tower to ring Cambridge. Here Frank Crozier rang his first peal on eight bells 'inside,' and Peter Fleckney rang his second peal of Surprise on the same day. A call was made at Cranford to join the local practice night for a course of London.

By Friday, December 29th, the snow had arrived and we wondered whether we should all get to Desborough in the morning for Lincolnshire. However, the peal was duly rung, and two having their first course in the method. By this time the snow was falling thick and fast, so it was decided to go to Moulton by bus. However, we only met five, so, after some Stedman Doubles, we went on to Weston Favell, where the Vicar kindly gave us permission to ring.

To get to Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics. on Saturday morning, four of the band travelled by train. Three others arrived by car, in very bad weather conditions, but number eight, who should have come from Rothley to complete

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our band for Superlative, failed to turn up! The local ringer, Mr. Albert Martin, kindly joined us for Double Norwich and Plain Bob, before we all returned home.

So, apart from the elements, four peals were scored and the writer would like to thank all his Northants friends, for another very enjoyable three days. A. P. C.

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It is expected that the new 12 bells at Southwell Minster will be ready for ringing about June. Towards the cost one donor gave £8,000.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Grantham on December 23rd was conspicuous in that it was the first peal at Grantham by the Sunday service band for 41 years.

Thrussington, Leics. comes into the peal columns again after an absence of 40 years. The last peal was on April 16th, 1921, conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris, who was again in the company.

After a break of 30 years Mr. L. E. Towers has rung a peal of Stedman. In this peal, rung at Stoney Stanton, Leics, on Boxing Day, was Mr. Alfred Ballard, who took part in the former.

Mr. Edwin A. Cracknell made a welcome return to peal ringing at Barking, Suffolk, on December 29th. His last peal was in July, 1947: his absence from the peal columns has been through ill-health. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. L. G. Brett, Master of the Suffolk Guild. Messrs. Cracknell and A. T. Brett kindly stood in at short notice.

Peals from Mancetter, Warwickshire, are infrequent, and the one rung on December 24th is claimed to be the first by the local band. The oldest bell in this tower dates back to 1352 and the wooden frame, erected in 1751, is still in good condition. This is an anti-clockwise, ground floor ring, with a draught of 55 feet.

After 5½ years' exile in south-east England, Mr. P. W. Cave was glad to be back with his old ringing friends and colleagues at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, at Christmas. He had the pleasure of calling Kenneth Hesketh's first peal of Stedman Caters. Nearly 17 years ago, on February 3rd, 1945, he called Kenneth's father's first of Stedman Caters at Worsley. His comment is that, 'Young Kenneth rang as faultlessly as ever his father did, and that is saying something.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Godalming has a very young team of ringers in the charge of Miss Elizabeth Stevinson. The youngest is Nicolai Stroud, aged 11, and she very competently conducted a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Christmastide.

During peals many ringers get blisters on their hands, but during the peal at St. Andrew's, Derby, on December 9th, the treble ringer managed to get one on his foot!

Four of his old pupils rang in a peal at Batheaston, Bath, on December 23rd, to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. Roger O. Fry.

The band which rang the peal at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, Yorkshire, would like to record hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dove, for refreshments generously provided afterwards.

Ringers at Dean Prior, Devon, followed their peal for the festival of Christmas with a tea and social evening, during which handbells were introduced.

Mr. A. D. Barker informs us that the name of the 12 bell composer mentioned in our article on 'Compositions of Caters and Cinques' (December 29th) was his friend George R. Fardon (not J.R.).

During the Christmas octave ringers at Warsop, Notts, attempted a quarter peal for every service. Only one of the seven attempts was lost—that at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day. Eleven ringers took part. In addition, there was handbell ringing for carols at the services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

We have heard of Gayton ringing at Gayton and Tysoe ringing at Tysoe, but at Weston Favell on December 30th, Michael R. Harvey nearly rang a peal on a bell dedicated after his name—sake, being cheated out of the efforts to enable Mr. G. F. Roome to 'complete the circle.' The 2nd bell at Weston Favell bears the inscription: 'Wm. Harvey: Rectoris. 1683.' Rev. Wm. Harvey, sen., was Rector of the parish for 59 years, 1677-1736.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 2 version.	Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.
CAROL FERNLEY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 6
EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	PETER LAFLIN 8
JOHN WORTH 4	BASIL JONES 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

In memoriam Mrs. P. H. Derbyshire.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 6
AUDREY M. SHORT 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 7
*RONALD D. SHORT 3	GWILYM SALMON 8
PETER C. WRIGHT 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 9
ERIC NAYLOR 5	†JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal. †25th for the Association. First of Surprise Royal to be rung for the Association by a band resident in the diocese.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 2	DAVID HOARE 7
*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR 8
*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 4	*PETER C. WRIGHT 9
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal of Yorkshire Royal. A farewell peal for Howard and Janet Collings, who are moving to Tring.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Transposed from Ernest Morris'. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*MARION LEATHERBARROW Treble	†PETER A. SLIGHT 6
†CHRISTOPHER C. NOAKES 2	FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 7
*BERYL STANNIDGE .. 3	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 8
†COLIN MACARTNEY .. 4	§J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 9
†DENIS A. FRITH 5	†JAMES R. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

*First peal. †First on ten bells. §150th for the Guild. §First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal at Grantham by the Sunday service band for 41 years.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*TREVOR TARBATT .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD 7
JOHN F. BRYANT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND 9
DONALD NIBLETT 5	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 11 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 16920 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 3	DEREK OGDEN 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS 9
BRIAN J. WYLDE 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Umpires: GILES B. THOMPSON, JOHN ROBINSON and ANNE P. SMITH. This is the longest peal of Royal and the longest peal of Yorkshire Surprise ever to be rung.

Average age of the band is 22.8 years.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 2	*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 7
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	†BARRY SULLIVAN 8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	†ROGER J. LUMLEY 9
†RITA M. JOWETT 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

*25th peal together. †50th peal. †First of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JACK N. BROWN 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
*KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
WILLIAM E. COURT .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5	STEWART H. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

*First peal of Stedman, and of Caters.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. Treble	*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 6
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 2	*MICHAEL ELSON 7
†MARLENE E. JONES .. 3	CLIVE M. SMITH 8
*ANN BARR 4	*JEFFREY B. WEBB 9
†LUCY ALLEN 5	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL ELSON.

*First peal of Plain Bob Royal. †First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor. Rung by members of the Sunday service band for the Festival of Christmas.

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

FOUR PEALS IN RUTLAND AND NORTHANTS

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*AUDREY M. HALES .. Treble	ARTHUR GIBBS 5
*RONALD J. HILL 2	BARRY HENDRY 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as an engagement compliment to Diana M. Lawless and Alan J. Frost.

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

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

*BRENDA COLLINS .. Treble	*PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS 2	†MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	BARRY HENDRY 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal on eight bells. †First of Yorkshire.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DIANA M. LAWLESS .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 2	BARRY HENDRY 6
*PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
†FRANK E. CROZIER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal of Cambridge. †First on eight bells 'inside.' The conductor's 875th peal (conducted 448).

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

BRENDA COLLINS .. Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES 6
*RONALD J. HILL .. 3	BARRY HENDRY 7
*FRANK E. CROZIER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First course of Lincolnshire. The conductor's 250th peal of Surprise Major (conducted 92). First in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. 2	HAROLD LEATHER .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
HUBERT E. MITSON .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. George Bennett, who for many years belonged to the Helmingham company.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 2	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 7
HAROLD HAMER .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as a welcome to Clare Deborah Ruth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson, born October 27th, 1961.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative; with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

JOHN R. GILDEN .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	BASIL JONES .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3	PETER LAFIN .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	*GAEL BROWN .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 2	†BARRY SULLIVAN .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT .. 3	ROGER J. LUMLEY .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal on eight bells, and first of Surprise. † First in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble	TERENCE J. MILSON .. 5
J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 2	DAVID J. BARNETT .. 6
ALAN F. LEE .. 3	REV. ROGER O. FRY .. 7
GEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ROGER O. FRY.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

PERCY J. SPICE .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
HILDA M. OAKSHETT .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 4	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 2	ARTHUR J. SMITH .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
GEORGE HAWKINS .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Alfred E. King, who died December 20th, 1961, and who was a pioneer of change-ringing in this power.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
*KATHLEEN BURCHNALL .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	PETER A. SHARP .. 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,600 London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Watford, Wembley, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 140 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
AVRIL IVIN .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of 10-Spliced by all except the ringers of treble and 5.

Rung in honour of the forthcoming marriage of Jean Mary Addicott and James Harold Pailing on December 30th.

STAFFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 HASELBACH SURPRISE MAJOR

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Society, and by all the band.

Rung with best wishes to Colin Sherwood (ringer and secretary of the P.C.C. at St. Mary's) and Margaret Holmes, for their forthcoming wedding on December 30th.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

ALFRED BALLARD .. Treble	MICHAEL VERNON .. 5
LEONARD E. TOWERS .. 2	GEORGE E. VERNON .. 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
JOHN VERNON .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by MARTIN C. FAULKES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Towers; also as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

*KEITH H. MILDRED .. Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER .. 5
MRS. H. POYNER .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	A. JAMES POYNER .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 14).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*T. FELICITY WEBBER .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Surprise.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

JENNIFER SCENEY .. Treble	NOEL R. WAITE .. 5
BARRY J. DAVIES .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 7
RONALD K. RUSS .. 4	HOWARD OGLESBY .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*JEREMY A. TANDY Treble	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	REGINALD J. CHANCE 6
YVONNE EDWARDS 3	JOHN C. EISEL 7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Major.

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

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
H. GEORGE HART 2	D. KAY ADKINS 7
REGINALD ROWLEY 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
300th peal on the bells.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

*JANET WARWICK Treble	THOMAS COOKE 5
*PATRICIA M. DOWSE .. 2	†ERNEST PANNELL 6
*BRENDA COOKE 3	THOMAS M. COX 7
ROHILLA M. COOKE 4	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*JANET E. CLEEVE 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	GEORGE FRANCIS 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding day compliment to Jill Lane and Douglas May.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

Heywood's transposition.	
WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
J. HOWARD R. FREPBORN .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
JOHN DREWITT 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 4	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins; also as a compliment to William Stone (aged 85 years), as the senior member of the above Society.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	PETER J. COLES 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.
100th peal on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Child-wall and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Double and Fulbeck Bob; 92 changes of method.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

MICHAEL R. THOMAS .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 4
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 5
*MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. 3	*ALAN V. PROTHEROE .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal.

Tenor 7 cwt.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Plain, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE N. BAILEY .. Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4
ARTHUR BASON 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first recorded peal on the bells, cast in 1814 by Dobson.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. Treble	TERENCE J. MILSOM 4
ALAN F. LEE 2	HAROLD L. PARFREY 5
*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.' First in more than one method as conductor.

Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. Roger O. Fry in Wells Cathedral.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN RYDER Treble	ROY WORRALL 4
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
WALTER SHERRATT 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and 26 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JACQUELINE A. REASON .. Treble	ALAN F. LEE 4
TERENCE J. MILSOM 2	J. JAMES JEFFERIES 5
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3	DAVID J. BARNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells, and the first since November 27th, 1937.

Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. Roger O. Fry, who taught the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and tenor to ring.

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STOKE-PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four Morris' 240's and 34 120's, in ten variations of calling.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*MARTIN POWELL .. . Treble	†JOHN WHITTALL .. . 4
†CATHEEN S. HEANEY .. . 2	PAUL CATTERMOLÉ .. . 5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. . 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. . Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal on a working bell. † First on six bells.
 Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

MANCETTER, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HENRY LAPWORTH .. . Treble	*GEORGE BULL .. . 3
JOHN WILSON .. . 2	*REGINALD BURGESS .. . 4

*ROBERT BACON .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BACON.

* First peal. First on the bells by a local band, and believed to be only the second peal since the bells were rehung in 1927.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Syston District.)

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Northrepps and Southrepps.
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*A. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. 5
†ALAN HOLLING .. 3	‡DAVID M. BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal attempt.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. E. W. K. Bailey, Vicar of Barkby.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
 NORMAN B. FAVARGUE .. Treble J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4

*FRED J. TAYLOR .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
*JOHN B. E. MOORE .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Single Court, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES V. CADE .. Treble	JOHN M. BURTON .. 4
*G. ANGUS DIXON .. 2	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*WALTER G. SMITH .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: Two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
LEONARD J. MINNS .. 3	PAUL CATTERMOLÉ .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLÉ.

Rung within the Octave of the Festival of Christmas.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Norwich.
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	BRIAN HUNT .. 4
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
EDWARD C. COLLEY .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING-MOOR, YORKSHIRE.
THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being the following extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. PERRETT .. Treble	JOHN S. RANK .. 4
JANET I. PORTER .. 2	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. 5
KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. 3	RONALD DUCKER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

First peal in 12 Minor methods by all, and on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. 4
JOHN J. PRENTICE .. 2	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 5
AUBREY T. BRETT .. 3	ROBERT E. LESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

Rung by West Central District members as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. G. Brett, Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT .. Treble	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 4
YVONNE C. PORTER .. 2	D. ROY BOULD .. 5
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD, HINCKLEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 3—4
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5—6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Beasley, of Hinckley; also a birthday compliment to A. Ballard and P. J. Stanforth.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 10, PLASTURTON GARDENS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten extents and two 240's (Pitman's and Morris') of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob.
 Tenor size 10 in F (approx.).

*DAVID S. BISHOP .. 1—2	*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
†PETER J. SHIPTON .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal of Doubles, and in eight methods. † First of Doubles 'in hand.'

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5—6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3—4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 16 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) London Bob, Lytham Bob and Westcott Bob; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob; (3) College Bob, Wavertree College and Rodbourne College Bob; (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (5) Kent T.B.; (6) Oxford T.B.; (7) Plain Bob.
 A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. 3—4

ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First handbell peal in 16 methods by all the band, and for the Association.

PINEHURST BOB MINOR

x 14 x 123 x 5 2nds place 1.-e.

HALF PEAL

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: H. Hamer 1, R. Leigh (cond.) 2, M. D. Fishwick 3, J. P. Partington 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. Thorley 6, I. Kay 7, D. Butterworth 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. G. V. H. Eliott, M.A., who is leaving to become Vicar of Holy Trinity, Horwich.

DATE TOUCHES

BRISTOL.—On Dec. 28th, at Christ Church, 1,961 Grandsire Caters: Sally Oates 1, J. H. Gilbert 2, E. J. Chivers 3, J. Stallard 4, D. G. Yeo 5, P. Bridge (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, M. J. Horseman (first of Caters as cond.) 7, J. Brain 8, D. E. Cobb 9, J. C. Fray (first on ten) 10. Rung on Holy Innocents Day.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,961 Doubles: (41 April Day, 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 120 each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Old, April Day and Clifford's Pleasure): I. Campbell 1, C. Hobson 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, G. Pybus 4, J. Rank (cond.) 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. Rung to herald Christmas.

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Gundy 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, M. V. Powell 3, C. Phillips 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, on his retirement.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,316 Plain Bob Triples: H. Clatsworthy 1, D. W. Kerley 2, G. E. Kerley 3, P. Jones 4, D. L. Kerley 5, D. G. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Aldridge (first quarter) 1, J. Smith 2, S. Bristow (cond.) 3, J. Manning 4, H. Bristow 5, P. Smith (first quarter) 6.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Boxing Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Hammond 1, S. G. Atwell 2, H. Atwell 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, E. G. Lambert 5, M. G. Dunkerton (first quarter) 6. Ringers of 1, 3 and 6 are members of the local band.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and Grandsire): M. Barrett (first on treble) 1, Amy Warnes 2, Ann Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, A. Holling 6. For Matins.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Rutter (first quarter) 1, M. Uphill 2, Mary Heath 3, A. Millidge 4, J. H. W. Harrold (cond.) 5, B. Holdaway 6. Rung for service of blessing the Christmas crib.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. A. Clarke 1, M. D. Barnby 2, D. F. Moore 3, R. Lloyd 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. Lovett 6. Rung by the Humphrey Perkins Campanological Society, before the school carol service.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Colver (first quarter) 1, J. Hough 2, T. C. Belton 3, J. Hill 4, A. A. Lucas 5, A. Hough (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, C. Lucas 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Joseph Needham, ringer at this church for 70 years and parish clerk for 53 years, who was interred this day.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. R. Boggis 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Miss J. Cooper 5, C. H. Rogers 6, Miss D. Constance 7, T. G. Page 8, H. W. Rogers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia Turk 1, Mrs. E. Daniel 2, Brenda Foster 3, Judith Cox 4, Mary Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Hilton-Cox 1, V. M. Cox 2, G. C. Smith 3, J. T. Brayshaw 4, J. D. Cox 5, D. R. Fenton (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Mr. Sam Halliwell, a ringer at this church for 61 years, who died on December 20th.

BRENTFORD, MIDDx.—On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Fennell 1, D. Green 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, N. J. Davies 4, J. C. Eisel 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Brentford Bob Minor: D. Green 1, Pauline Fennell 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, N. J. Davies 5, J. C. Eisel 6. First in method by all.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Doubles: T. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, W. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for 8 a.m. Holy Communion service.

QUARTER PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower, on Dec. 17th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Ballam 2, L. Nice 3, H. Fuller 4, R. Stannard 5, H. Clarke 6, D. Rowlands 7, R. Rose 8, P. Everett 9, F. Buckle 10. First on ten for 4, 5, 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, R. Stannard 2, H. Fuller 3, H. Clarke 4, D. Rowlands 5, J. Kerry (first quarter) 6, F. Buckle 7, G. Jennings 8. For morning service.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Dawe 1, June Damen 2, Terha Barnett 3, R. Sturmeay 4, E. A. Amey (cond.) 5, V. Furnage 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 College Exercise and Cambridge: Mrs. I. M. Holland 1, Lynne Thompson 2, Eileen J. Osborne 3, I. M. Holland 4, R. Sheekleton 5, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 6.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. E. Down 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, G. W. Rendell 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field 5. Rung silent and non-conducted. First non-conducted quarter in the method by all the band.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Washbrook 1, E. J. Gower 2, M. Washbrook 3, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, V. J. C. Wood 5, F. Price 6, C. Wignall 7, P. Jenkinson 8. For the service of nine lessons.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6, R. Oliver (covering). Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. H. Briggs, a former Vicar. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Errington 1, Miss M. Pearson 2, J. G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, M. Armstrong 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CROYLAND ABBEY, LINCs.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Bates 1, C. Perkins 2, Miss P. Adams (first quarter) 3, R. Strickland 4, H. M. Brown 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Arranged by Wm. Smedley. A compliment to the captain, R. Strickland, for his 75th birthday.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: C. Snelling (longest length since 1924) 1, E. Whiting 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, H. B. Fuller 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. J. Minns 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Minor. The band thank Mr. Corby Snelling for standing in at short notice for the quarter.

DUNHOLME, LINCs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet M. Smith 1, W. S. Smith 2, P. Burton 3, J. Burton 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1961.

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, W. Cook 2, G. Heath (cond.) 3, J. Cannings 4, W. Alexander 5, E. Smith 6. For the wedding of Miss Jean Harding, daughter of the churchwarden and a ringer, to Mr. Clive Wordley.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Rachel Batton-Foster (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud (first as cond., aged 11) 2, D. Debenham 3, J. Hagley (first in method) 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, K. Rivers 6, P. G. Stroud 7, B. Vince 8.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 Plain): R. F. Taylor 1, W. S. Girling 2, H. A. Mitson 3, R. Rose 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, J. E. Ivings 6. For Christmas Festival, after a peal attempt was miscalled.

HAMPTON, MIDDx.—On Christmas Eve, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Woodcock 1, Margaret Essen 2, Anna Smith 3, Pauline Jefferson 4, B. M. Cox 5, P. A. Lawrence 6, W. S. Deacon (cond.) 7, S. J. Woodcock 8. For Evensong.

HARPENDEN, HERTs.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Rushton 1, J. Newman 2, R. Newton 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, M. Amy Coburn 5, A. J. Smith 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Hill, a member of the local band for fifty years.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: H. Levens 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 960 Plain Bob Doubles and 300 Grandsire: J. Bills 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, B. Priestley 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. For morning service.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. M. Shipley 1, J. W. Sampson 2, T. J. Brock 3, M. Utton 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5. For morning service.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, L. H. Colcombe 5, A. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in respect for the father of the conductor, whose funeral was the previous day.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Wilkins (first of Major) 1, Anne Garnett 2, B. Coatsworth 3, B. Bull 4, D. Leach 5, A. Clayton 6, A. Bagworth 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Conquest 1, W. Insley 2, Angela Grainger 3, Valerie Willard 4, H. B. Whitney 5, B. Grainger 6, I. Pett 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8.

LONG BREDDY, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Goringe (first quarter) 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, G. Goringe (first on five bells) 3, C. W. Rendell 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells, which have recently been augmented from 4 to 5.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Turner 1, A. Best 2, P. Huggett 3, H. Turner 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. Willis 6. A compliment to Mr and Mrs. F. Willis on their golden wedding anniversary.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Tutty 1, J. W. Raithby 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, Miss M. E. Chilton 4, A. E. Chilton 5, C. F. Briggs 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. A. Raithby 8. To complete the annual ringing for Gopher. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Tutty 1, Miss M. E. Chilton 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. E. Chilton 5, F. W. Midwinter 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. A. Raithby 8.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 31st, at St. James', Benwell, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Barr (first quarter) 1, M. Todd 2, M. Maughan, 3, C. S. Dixon 4, F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Barrow (cond.) 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Thomas (first quarter) 1, P. Mason 2, R. Smith (first 'inside') 3, Geraldine Wainwright (first quarter) 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5, D. Birrett (first quarter) 6. Rung for midnight Communion.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, S. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. F. Pallfrey 1, Miss V. Mathews (first in two methods) 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Miss J. E. M. Hills 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. To celebrate Christmas.

RIPON, YORKs.—On Christmas Eve, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: G. Payne 1, Iris Leatham (first quarter) 2, J. A. Brown 3, D. Alderson 4, C. Hall (first quarter) 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. First quarter by an entirely resident band since the restoration of the bells in 1933. Rung on the light six. Also at the Cathedral, on December 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Payne 1, A. G. Dalton 2, W. H. Johnson 3, A. Bashforth 4, A. Willis 5, C. Hall 6, J. A. Brown 7, E. Hudson (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for all except 3 and 7. Rung as a compliment to Iris Leatham and Denis Alderson, members of the Cathedral company, whose marriage was solemnised earlier in the day.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, M. S. Hart 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, T. R. Hayward 6, C. Bragg 7, G. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

STAPLETON, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Hussey 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, Jacqueline Reason 4, D. J. Hunt 5, A. Bennett (cond.) 6.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Hammond (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Bond 2, Miss B. D. Mundy 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. L. Dunkerton (first quarter) 6.

WHATTON, NOTTs.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): Susan Meredith 1, T. G. Goodwin 2, D. A. Frih 3, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 4, W. L. Exton 5. Rung to welcome Timothy John, son of Pam and David Clarke.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, M. Church (first 'inside') 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, Gwen Marshall 4, F. Farr (cover) 5, R. Clist 6, E. Hunt (cover) 8. For Midnight Eucharist.

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HUNT.—To Blanche (nee Ball) and John, of Farcham, Hants, on Dec. 27th, 1961, at Vacoas, Mauritius, a son (Ian Paul), a brother for Sally. —c/o Admiralty Offices, Vacoas, Mauritius. 9443

NIBLETT.—On January 5th, 1962, at 14, Allerton Grange Drive, Leeds, 17, to Ruth (nee Hodgson) and Donald Niblett, a daughter (Elizabeth Anne). 9462

SILVER WEDDING

MARSHALLSAY—WHITE.—On January 16th, 1937, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth. Frederick John to Marcia. 9476

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 9393

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9405

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Short business meeting in vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 9355

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—January 13th, meeting at Withyham. Tea in The King's Hall. Names to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells. Have you got your ticket for the dinner on February 10th?—C. A. Bassett. 9394

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9395

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells: St. Benet's, 3 to 4 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, 3.45 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Great St. Mary's, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at St. Andrew's, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 9422

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—A.G. meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 9361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester, St. Peter's, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9376

Guildford Diocesan Guild NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Saviour's Church Hall, off Woodbridge Road, Guildford, on Saturday, January 13th, 1962, at 6 for 6.15 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the Guildford Diocesan Guild/Surrey Association proposed merger. All paid-up members, whether honorary, ringing or junior, can vote. It is your duty to come and indicate your views for the future of your Guild.

C. W. Denyer,
Guild Master.
S. T. Russell,
General Secretary.

Orchard Cottage,
Ash Hill Road,
Ash, Aldershot.

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Correction: Annual general meeting Southover, Jan. 13th, and not Jan. 6th. Same arrangements.—Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 9427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Aylesford, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9379

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and F. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting and evening ringing, 6 to 8 p.m. 9412

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. All visitors welcome, but names for tea, please, by Jan. 8th, to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 9425

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 13th. East Retford (10). West Retford (6) and Babworth (6) afternoon and evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Cafes in town for own tea arrangements. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 9380

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Fareham on January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Hall. Names to Mr. A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 9403

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Bells available after tea, Hurstbourne Priors, also during afternoon. 9415

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—An extraordinary general meeting will be held in Sacred Trinity belfry on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, at 9 p.m. First practice of term, Jan. 16th, at 7.30 p.m. 9457

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9428

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Chew Stoke (6), Saturday, Jan. 20th, 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9450

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Business in belfry 5.45 p.m. Names for tea MUST be sent not later than 17th to Mr. R. Kendall, 9, Canberra Gardens, Limbury, Luton. 9436

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Sat., Jan. 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 17th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9454

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 17th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 9465

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9464

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 17th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 9478

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available 4 to 5.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, followed by meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea very important by Jan. 18th to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. Private address now: Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9455

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For teas please notify Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9452

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.30 p.m., St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Newcastle upon Tyne. 9434

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m. All Saints'. Huntingdon (6). 4-4.30. Service, All Saints'. 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at All Saints' until 9 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9470

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Sible Hedingham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (available to all who notify by Tuesday, January 16th). Names to Mr. B. W. Pettitt, 9, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, Essex. 9400

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick, January 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names essential by January 16th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9469

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting, Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey. 9449

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 9458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Albans: St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 9423

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux (6), Saturday, January 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash, please, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, by January 17th.—T. C. P. 9384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Northfleet, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet. 9414

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please inform for tea by Jan. 17th A. Martin, 6, Kimberley Road, Kibworth Beauchamp.—L. W. Allen. 9461

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Gainsborough. Ringing 2 to 5.30 p.m. Service. Dinner and social evening in the Old Hall 6.15-11 p.m. Please notify me by previous Tuesday for dinner, price 10s.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9381

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual business meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at All Hallows'. Names for tea before Jan. 18th to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whiston.—F. T. Blagrove. 9447

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Jan. 15th to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 9440

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thatcham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 16th, to A. C. Christopher, 59, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berkshire. 9466

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Finedon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Chapman, 22, Sidley Road, Finedon.—J. E. S. 9418

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 9439

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Poole, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 17th I. Davis, Little Scarsdale, 18, Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Parkstone. 9451

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Fordington (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 17th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 9421

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Calne (8), January 20th. Names for tea.—E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne. 9475

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Ramsbury. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9433

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held in the crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 20th. Ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30-3.30 p.m., and St. Giles-in-the-Fields 3.30-4.45 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 9430

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 20th, at 3 p.m. in Upton Church Hall, Torquay. Tea available and Upton bells (8) afterwards until 7.30 p.m. 9402

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Newark. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark. 9411

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Annual District meeting, Palgrave (8), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also available: Redgrave (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m., and Thrandeston (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea must be in by Jan. 16th to H. Mitson, Lefley Hall, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 9406

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Betchworth (8), January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9406

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, St. Michael's, Southampton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 17th, please, to Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Bugle Street, Southampton. 9437

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. and business meeting. Numbers for tea by January 17th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook', 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 9479

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rowley Regis, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 18th to Mr. K. Chatwin, 5, Mill Road, Cradley Heath, Staffs.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 9401

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. prompt in the school rooms, Otley Road. Tea and general meeting in same premises at 5, preceded by service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 18th to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, Leeds.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 9401

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Nicolas' after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th, to S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming 2176. 9445

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Swansea, Saturday, Jan. 27th. St. Mary's bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea.—J. S. King. 9441

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at the Parish Church, Bolton, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea, Tea 5 p.m., free for those who send names by previous Monday to Vincent Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton.—Thornley, Sec. 9446

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Annual District meeting to be held at Asfordby on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 24th, please, to Mrs. D. V. Cook, 718, New Street, Asfordby. 9472

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service, St. Thomas', 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Red Lion 4.45. Bells: St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8; St. Paul's, 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (4s., juniors 3s.) essential by 23rd to Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9433

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 24th, to Mr. R. J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 9430

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, 1672.—Joint annual meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) on January 27th, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m.—A. Henson (Sec., S.Y.). Mrs. Warwick (Ladies). 9468

SUFFOLK (S.W. and N.W. Districts).—Joint dinner and social will be held at Cockfield Institute, near Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, January 27th, 1962, 7 p.m. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, obtainable before January 20th Hartley Place, Hockwold, Thetford. Ringers from other areas also invited. Lavenham from the Dinner Committee or Miss G. Reeve, bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9308

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Bungay (8), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 9448

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, Beddington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room, The Square, Carshalton, 5 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon. Carshalton bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9424

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Dinner, January 27th. Programme: St. Philip and St. Jacob. 9.30-10.30 a.m.; St. James'. 10-11; Stoke Bishop. 11 a.m.-12 noon; Emmanuel, Clifton. 11 a.m.-12 noon; Filton. 2-3 p.m.; St. Stephen's 2.30-3.30; St. Mary Redcliffe. 3-4.30; Christ Church. 4-5; St. Michael's. 5.30-6.30. Service 6.30. Dinner 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. A meeting for all past and present members in the Scouts' Hut. 5.15 p.m. 9477

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9435

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Quarter Peals

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Beckwith 1, F. Claydon 2, G. Lorkin 3, F. Limb 4, G. Trendell 5, T. Bird 6, R. Lyon 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

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KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. G. Harrison 1, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 2, N. D. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Rung for Advent Sunday Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. B. Williams 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, R. W. Powell 3, H. F. White 4, R. E. Morris 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, F. Price 8.

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