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SIR HENRY TULSE AND CHRISTCHURCH

MR. Fred Price has been searching for early history of Christchurch Priory bells, and has found the name of 'Henry Tulse' as a signatory to a contract between 'The Assembly of Sixteen' (Corporation of Christchurch) and a Mr. Burden, of New Sarum, for the casting of three bells.

When he lived in Birmingham, Mr. Price rang regularly with Ald. A. Paddon Smith, and when the alderman was elected Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1951 he was also Master of the St. Martin's Guild. It was then stated that that was the second time in history for a lord mayor to be Master of a Guild of ringers, the other occasion being when Sir Henry Tulse was Lord Mayor of London in 1684, and also that year Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

In the hope of identifying the Lord Mayor with Christchurch Priory, Mr. Price approached the librarian of the Guildhall Library, London. A genealogical search into the Tulse family reveals that Sir Henry Tulse's grandfather was William Tulse of Avon (New Forest), gent., who married Rebecca, dau. of Thomas Urry of Thorley, Isle of Wight. His father was Wm. Tulse of Avon, gent., Burgess at Southampton, who had a brother, Henry, of whom there is no record.

The librarian writes to Mr. Price: 'It would seem from this that the Christchurch Priory signature could well have been either the future Lord Mayor of London or his uncle. I am sorry that I can add no further information about either, and if no local information is forthcoming I cannot see how this identity can be definitely established. The Southampton connections of the Lord Mayor certainly suggest the likelihood of a close connection.'

The Guildhall Library obtained information about the Tulse family from Vol. 14 of The Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society, 1897, in an article on the Winders of Lorton, as a cousin (Sarah) married into the Winder family. Mr. Price is hoping that some reader of 'The Ringing World' is able to help him to establish definitely the link of Sir Henry Tulse with Christchurch.

ARE YOU A SQUARE?

YES, 90 per cent. of you are! How often do you catch hold for a touch and find that Tom has caught hold—or Dick, or Harry? Poor old Tom is deaf; he still pulls the same as he used to 20 years ago: they used to sound all right then, should be all right now—but it isn't. Dick, of course, never could strike: nice chap, wouldn't upset him for the world; leads wide at hand, pushes the bells right up in a heap as far back as the tenor. Strikes bang on top of you and in fact could bash anybody, anywhere. Harry, of course, can't ring 'inside,' so he bumps the tenor. To really appreciate him you want to ring round the back end. You come down happily to lead to find the tenor so late that he's pinched your place and you can't get your lead in.

How does the tenor sound to you on the B.B.C. interval signal—good? Well! well!! well!!!

You've met 'em—but are you sure you're not one yourself? Do you hear the treble lead? Do you wince when you make a bad blow, or do you find people making unexplained faces at you? Yes, you're right, they're in pain, and, brother, it's your fault, you're in the 90 per cent.

It's all very frustrating. If you really want to upset anybody tell them they're a rotten driver. And if you want to lose your best friend tell him he's a bad striker.

Why can't he hear the bad blow? It's a mystery to me. You ain't got cloth ears—or have you? And don't flatter yourself you're perfect because you can conduct, or splice 20 methods. I rang a peal on 12 recently. Before we got going the conductor said: 'Come on now, let's have some decent rounds.' A good omen, you might think. You're wrong—it was terrible. The treble and second rang at an 8-bell pace all the way through. Nobody said anything, nobody wanted to hurt anybody's feelings—bah! And the pitiful thing is that he may well read this and it will never for a moment enter his rhythmless head that it's his ringing I'm talking about. That's the trouble, you don't even know you're a square.

I'm getting old now, and selfish and irascible. I want to know who is in the band before I ring a peal. Three hours is too long to put up with your sort of ringing. And it's no good saying I ought to help the youngsters along. You're no youngster—you've been a bad striker for 20 years. Yes, I mean you, dear reader, all 90 per cent. of you.

ANON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Leslie Morris Continuing In Office After 24 Years

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on January 20th, when, favoured by excellent weather, the attendance was well above average, each of the Districts being well represented. Good use was made of the fine ring of bells, and following the statutory committee meeting a fully choral service took place, conducted by the Vicar, who also joined the visitors at the excellent tea that followed.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), who welcomed members and friends to Far Headingley.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and enjoyable service and the choir for their much appreciated attendance, the president said that not only were their best thanks due, but gratitude also, having regard to the fact that permission and facilities to hold the meeting had readily been given after it had not been found possible to arrange the meeting at Leeds, as had been suggested.

In acknowledgment, the Vicar said he was delighted to welcome so large a gathering, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves so far, and would continue to do so. He thought ringers did much good work for the Church, and he felt it appropriate to arrange a fully choral service. He would most willingly pass on the vote of thanks and kind expressions of appreciation to his churchwardens.

A similar vote of thanks to the local company, and the ladies who had so ably presided at the tea tables, was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. A. Johnson replied, saying that arrangements had been a combined effort to try and ensure success.

It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation to hold the annual meeting at Wakefield on May 5th.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley reported that the Snowdon dinner, held at Bradford on October 14th, had been a success, being attended by 136 members and friends. The general secretary said that financially it was also a success, and had indeed worked out almost in accordance with their own estimate. The Bradford Cathedral company had derived much pleasure in arranging the dinner, and were both pleased and gratified by the response. The president congratulated all concerned with the arrangements, which were of a very high standard and befitting the occasion. It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from Mr. H. Walker, president of the York Minster Society, to hold this year's dinner at York on October 13th.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. V. Bottomley moved that the maximum individual grant from the Bell Repair Fund be increased from £5 to £10, in approved cases. Mr. W. Barton seconded, and the motion was carried nem con.

The president reported that the general secretary was due to retire by rota and the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Mr. Morris, who had now held office for 24 years, with distinction. The thanks and gratitude of the Association were due to Mr. Morris for his services over so long a period, and he was pleased to announce that Mr. Morris had once again agreed to stand for election at the annual meeting in May.

The following new members were elected on the motion of Mr. W. F. Morgan, seconded by Mr. N. Chadcock: Dr. Donald H. Niblett (Leeds), R. Gordon Corby (Wakefield) and Eric Dobson (Doncaster). The president drew attention to the course in bellringing due to take place at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, from April 27th-29th inclusive.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

Three members of Southampton University Guild on Wednesday, February 7th, in 2 hours and 17 minutes, at All Saints' Church, Botley, rang 5,040 Original Singles in 840 extents. The ringers were M. Malcolm Powell 1, Jeffrey R. Goodenough 2, Hugh N. Evans 3. This is the first time such a performance has taken place on three bells. The extents were counted by all the band.

A HUNTINGDON BRIDE

Two members of the Ely Diocesan Association were married at All Saints' Church, Huntingdon, on February 3rd. They were Miss Dorothy Robinson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robinson, and Mr. Victor Chamberlain, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamberlain, of Cottenham, Cambs.

Yellow and white spring flowers decorated the church for the service, conducted by Canon L. S. Maurice, Rector of Cottenham, and the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, Rector of All Saints'. Mr. R. F. Lunn was organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown of white lace and her short veil was held in place by cream freesia. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and cream freesia.



The two bridesmaids, Miss Carol Gordon and Miss Jennifer Stewart, both friends of the bride, wore short dresses of peacock green duchesse satin, with headdresses of cream freesia, and white fur muffs, with sprays of cream roses. Mr. R. Chamberlain, bridegroom's cousin, was the best man.

All Saints' Church bells were rung as the happy couple left the church for the reception at All Saints' Church Hall, which had been decorated by ringing friends with handbells and bell ropes. As the guests assembled recordings of church bells were played in the background.

The honeymoon was spent at an undisclosed destination. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will live in Orton Longueville, near Peterborough, where the bridegroom is an architect.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Cary Branch Elect 23 New Members

The annual meeting of the Cary Deaneary Branch was held at Evercreech on January 27th. A service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Branch chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson, the lesson was read by Mr. D. Hoare, and the organist was Mr. P. Allen. A collection for the Diocesan Bell Fund amounted to £3.

Nearly 70 ringers sat down to tea at the Bell Hotel, which was followed by the business meeting.

After the chairman had referred to the death of Dr. D. Brodie, an associate member, during the past year, the secretary presented his annual report and balance sheet, which showed a total of 175 performing members in the Branch, and two new towers affiliated. There was a balance of £33 in the General Fund, and £7 8s. 1d. in the Bell Fund.

Officers re-elected were: The Rev. G. S. Robinson, chairman; Mr. H. J. Sanger, Ringing Master; Mr. L. McCreadie, secretary. Mr. D. M. C. Hill was appointed assistant secretary. Twenty-three new members were elected and ten Association certificates were presented by the chairman.

Meetings for the ensuing year were provisionally fixed for Kingweston with Babarcy, Maperton and Bruton, and Wincanton (annual).

ROVING RINGERS' REUNION

The annual reunion of the Society of Roving Ringers was held at Croydon during the week-end of February 3rd/4th. After taking part in a varied programme of ringing that had been arranged during the day, members adjourned to the Aerodrome Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served.

The business meeting, which followed, was opened by the president, Mr. W. H. Kingcott, who welcomed a record gathering of over 60, which included at least three founder members.

Two proposals were put forward for the 1962 tour—Cornwall and North Wales. Voting was in favour of North Wales, with the week-end at Chester.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President elect, Mr. G. Evenden; Master, Mr. D. Astridge; secretaries, Mr. D. Astridge and Miss M. Gibbs; treasurer, Mr. B. Ongley; and recorder, Mr. C. Lewington. The retiring secretaries, Mr. M. Austin and Mrs. A. Short, were warmly thanked for all their hard work during their term of office. Mr. N. Park, of Darlington, and Mr. F. J. Collins, of Croydon, were elected honorary members for their services to the Society.

Mr. George Morris gave a report on the 1961 tour of the North-East, and this was followed by a varied programme of colour transparencies and films covering the past two years' activities.

Sunday service ringing took place again at towers in and around Croydon, and in the afternoon the Society visited two six-bell towers, at West Wickham and Addington.

Local arrangements for the week-end were made by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chilcott, and we are grateful to them for the trouble taken to ensure its success. J. B.

MR. W. F. JUDGE'S 600 PEALS

Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford, rang his 600th peal in January. His peals have been rung in 115 towers and for 20 Guilds and Associations. His list is appended:

Minor (various), rung 10 (conducted 4). Grandsire.—Doubles 1. Triples 37 (25). Caters 25 (16) (includes 16,271 record), Cinques 4 (4), St. Clement's Bob Triples 1, Double Court Triples 1.

Stedman.—Doubles 1 (1), Triples 147 (102), Caters 41 (30), Cinques 58 (33) (includes 12,663 record), Erin Caters 1 (1).

D.N.C.B.—Caters 1 (1), Major 47 (39), Longney Bob Major 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1.

Plain Bob.—Major 26 (15), Royal 3 (1), Maximus 1.

K.T.B.—Major 9 (2), Royal 3 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 4 (1), Spliced Bob Major and K.T.B. Major 2 (2), Little Bob Major 2 (1).

Cambridge Surprise.—Major 36 (17), Royal 13 (4), Maximus 11 (3), New Cambridge Royal 2 (1); Yorkshire.—Surprise Major 16 (10), Royal 3 (1), Maximus 3 (2).

Other Surprise Major methods.—Superlative 9 (2), Bristol 17 (10), London 9 (3), Ashted 3 (1), Lincolnshire 5 (2), Rutland 5 (3), Painswick 1, Norfolk 1, Wembley 1, Watford 1, Lindum 1, Vauxhall 1, Pudsey 1, Pudsey Surprise Royal 1 (1).

Spliced Surprise Major.—Four methods 10 (8), five methods 2, six methods 2 (2), eight methods 5 (5), ten methods 4 (4), twelve methods 2 (2), fourteen methods 1 (1), sixteen methods 2 (2), eighteen methods 1 (1), twenty methods 1 (1), twenty-two methods 1 (1), twenty-five methods 1 (1).

Total 600 (367).

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Most towers in the area were represented at the meeting of the Western Branch at Cockermouth on February 3rd, and visitors from as far afield as Barrow and Ulverston were welcomed. Methods rung included Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles for learners, and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise for the more advanced.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the Priory Church, St. Bees, on March 3rd, and it is hoped to hold a Surprise methods meeting at Egremont on February 24th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE COMPLAINTS FROM MR. HUMPHRISS

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Brain for his letter: Mr. Chaddock sees fit to distract with a derogatory personal reference and then forgets about it. A number of speakers at the Stoke meeting were not at all happy about the Christmas broadcast; Mr. Brain puts his finger on the trouble; he is quite right, it is the presentation that is wrong. The C.C. committee says, and Mr. Chaddock repeats, that the last two broadcasts have been better, but neither adds that the recording engineer will spend up to two hours to get about four minutes' broadcast material. Who does Mr. Chaddock charge with misrepresentation? The C.C. members for years criticised adversely the live broadcast, preparing the ground for their take over?

What nonsense for Mr. Chaddock to state that the fee interests only me. I first took a band for an audition in the middle 1920's; our fee was £5 5s. I am sorry to read that Mr. Bassett, 37 years later, received only £3 3s. Our fee now is in double figures. My old friend, the late G. R. Newton, rang me more than once to make up his band in the '20's. Because the ringers' fee was not handed over to the ringers some of his band would not ring. The late Dean Dwelly insisted on my charging the B.B.C. for 24 ringers for the first Christmas broadcast from Liverpool some ten years ago. Incidentally, I found we were 25 on Christmas morning.

Mr. Chaddock is wrong in writing that any of the young Woolton band have previously broadcast. I taught a band of boys to ring in a broadcast from Manchester some eight years ago; in both cases I sat back and listened, and for this Mr. Chaddock tells us that I am greedy. I would remind him that I am not in the bellringers' tea correspondence.

I feel very strongly about Mr. Chaddock reporting on us to the B.B.C. Was your information third hand, Mr. Chaddock, and could your method of obtaining this information be called spying? I want to know. Before charging me with posing, Mr. Chaddock, why did you not find out if I was; you could have done so, you know, for the cost of a stamp, or do you prefer making false charges, then making inquiries?

Yes, Mr. Brain, I do read 'The Ringing World.' Do you read 'The Radio Times'? I expected a little more in the 'R.W.', now we have a committee to select for and advise the B.B.C. Who copied from whom? I do appreciate Mr. Brain's humour and the excellent presentation of news by the Editor, but Queens is a milestone in our training, that was why I wanted them in. Our bells are 20 cwt. tenor with a very false struck fifth; my interest is in teaching bands to ring in say two years. I wanted practical experience of this improvement the Stoke Council approved. Now I know and I am disgusted that a C.C. committee should even mention it, knowing as they know the history of the last 15 years. I regret, Mr. Editor, your finding, from your caption, acid in my letter, I am afraid I wrongly allowed anger to creep in at this end.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Lancs.

A correspondent informs us that the ropes have been removed from the six bells at Monewden, Suffolk, and Ellacombe apparatus fitted. These bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in January, 1923.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death suddenly on February 11th of Mr. Herbert Worsfold, of Slough, aged 72.

BELLS THAT MADE HISTORY

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article by Mr. Ernest Morris in your issue of February 9th, especially the section telling part of the story of the bells at Long Clawson, Leicestershire.

His quotation from Nichols' great work 'The History of Leicestershire' of the local tradition that in the reign of Charles I the church folk of Clawson exchanged their great bell for a cracked bell and £20 from the church at Grantham may have some foundation in fact.

Can any of the ringers at Grantham give information from their church records? (The great bell of Grantham is given as 32 cwt.)—Yours, etc.,

W. SMITH.

Long Clawson, Leics.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Ernest Morris' account of 'Bells that made history' and reference to a bell of Johannes de Yorke (who was Mayor of Leicester in 1370) rather intrigues me to ask if 1400-1450 is the correct period of that founder's work at the tower referred to?

If he was Mayor of Leicester in 1370, it seems unlikely that he would be casting bells as late as 1950.

There is in Northants (at Great Billing) three bells, the tenor of 13½-14 cwt., which is a Johannes de York bell, inscribed in large Gothic lettering *Johes Zorke*. Up to the last century there was another (a single bell) at Clopton, on the Northants-Hunts border, also by this founder, whose bells must now be very rare.

That at Great Billing is a fine specimen of mediæval casting—a maiden bell. The other two are of later date—the second, believed by one of the sons of the first Thomas Newcombe, who died in 1520, a bell of 1534, and the treble at Billing being one of the first bells Alexandre Rigby, of Stamford, cast, dated 1684.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS

Dear Sir.—The ring of 12 bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Saturday, June 30th—our Great Ringing Day. I am now making arrangements for lunch and tea for all visitors. As it is difficult to hire a hall at this time of the year, owing to weddings and local social events, I am anxious to make early arrangements.

Will all ringers and friends who intend coming for this great event notify me as soon as possible. Outing secretaries might consider a visit to our tower, and will receive a hearty welcome.—Yours faithfully,

L. E. PITSTOW.

4, Highfields, Saffron Walden.
(Phone 2074 in the evening.)

MISS SNOWDON

Dear Sir.—The many ringers who have benefited from the Snowdon Series of ringing books will be saddened to learn that Miss Snowdon, of Carmel, Lancs. has been obliged to give up her home, and is now residing at Boarbank Nursing Home, Grange-over-Sands. Miss Snowdon, in spite of her advancing years, is wonderfully alert and cheerful, and is keenly interested in anything appertaining to bells in general. I feel sure she would appreciate a cheery letter from ringing friends.—Yours etc.,

A. EDGAR.

Grange-over-Sands.

THE PEWSEY PEAL

Dear Sir.—We would like to clear up, once and for all, any misunderstanding about the Pewsey peal.

Mr. Edward Mould, a local ringer, also a member of our Society, approached the tower captain and Rector—incidentally also a ringer—on the day of the rededication about a possible local peal attempt. They told him that an attempt by the local band would be out of the question for some time, whereupon Mr. Mould asked if he could bring some of his friends from Bristol University to ring a celebration peal. Both the Rector and the Pewsey ringers were very pleased that this could be done, especially as Mr. Mould and his fiancée would then be able to ring. Since none of the band were members of the Salisbury Guild, the obvious solution was to ring the peal for the University of Bristol Society.

We have been in contact with the Rector who says that the peal was rung with his full permission and goodwill. He never imagined that the welcome contribution made by the Guild constituted a right to them to ring the first peal. This is a view with which we entirely sympathise, for if any 'prerogative' was ever involved, then surely this lay within the village in the hands of the Rector, since it was the village which raised most of the restoration fund.

If any 'strings' were to be attached to the Guild's donation, then surely this should have been pointed out at the time it was made. As far as we know the Guild had made no application for the bells before the rededication.

Bearing these facts in mind we feel that there can be absolutely no reason to accuse us of bad manners or lack of courtesy to the S.D.G.R.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK J. BIRD
(Gen. Sec. U.B.S.C.R.).
ANTONY R. KENCH
(Conductor of the peal).

P.S.—I must apologise to Mr. West ('R.W.' page 75) if my so-called 'veiled sarcasm' caused offence, as these remarks were in no way directed at the S.D.G.R. over the Pewsey peal, but represented my own personal views of the general situation regarding peals rung in 'foreign' territory by other territorial Associations.—P. J. B.

TIMING OF BOW BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—There was an error in the figures supplied by me to Mr. Birmingham and quoted by him in 'The Ringing World,' February 2nd, concerning the Bow broadcast. Somehow, ten precious seconds of Cinques were 'lost' in the original timing, possibly due to misreading the watch. The times given below were taken to the nearest half second from a tape recording, recorded and played back on the same recorder, which has excellent tape speed stability.

Rounds obscured by Mr. Dimpleby for 35 secs.
Changes begun after 55½ secs.
Fading commenced after approximately 67 secs.
Total time the bells were audible at all 76½ secs.
i.e. the ringing not marred by talking or fading consisted of 20½ secs. rounds and 11 secs. Cinques.

I apologise to Mr. Birmingham for the mistake. Had I known the figures were being published I would have checked them.

These corrections are, of course, of purely academic interest and do not materially affect our complaint against the B.B.C. It would not have been unreasonable in a programme of this nature for the bells to have been heard for three to five minutes at least. Had the previous interviewing been more to the point this would have been possible in the 20 minute programme.—Yours truly,

P. G. HARRIS.

West Wycombe, Bucks.

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Letters to the Editor—continued

SOME UNRECORDED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I believe that your fears for a decline in the number of bellringers may be unfounded.

Naturally, the C. of E. 'Facts and Figures' cannot be based on anything else but paper returns. How could it be known, for example, that the six bells of Grinton in Swaledale started ringing last year after a lapse of a decade or more, and that the ringers are all local boy and girl teenagers (except the under-aged)?

We have told nobody; we are not paid; we do not (and don't particularly want to) figure in any returns; and we belong to no outside association as yet.

In fact we have absolutely no pretensions at all, except to ring the bells for Sunday services, and this we do with great enthusiasm, though with limited skill.

I suppose we ought to have ambitions to ring a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, join the nearest outside association, or make a tour of other towers. Perhaps some day we shall do all three things. But that day is a long way off, and our progress is slow. We feel that anyway we are performing one useful function (perhaps our main one) and that the rest can come later.

I am sure that there must be quite a number of other bands like ours, unrecorded in any way and therefore unknown to 'Facts and Figures'—or indeed to anybody else outside the immediate neighbourhood.

If this is so, then the picture you painted will be brighter than you had supposed. Let us hope so.—Yours faithfully,

F. T. C. WILLIAMS.

High Fremington,
Richmond, Yorks.

IDENTITY OF SURPRISE MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I think I may be of some help to Mr. Herschell, whose letter, on page 92, asked for information regarding certain Surprise Minor methods, as I have come across six of the twelve methods he mentioned.

Seven Surprise Minor was first rung to a peal under the name of Fryerning in July, 1960. Thames Surprise was name Hathern Surprise, which was given as 6ths place Sedlescombe, when the first peal was rung in February, 1960. In the same month the first peal of Redbourne Surprise Minor was rung, which Mr. Herschell gives as Welland. Shannon Surprise was given the name Blunsdon, when a peal in the method was rung in March, 1960. Avon Surprise, first peal in July, 1960, was named Brentford, and Medway was named Cranford, rung to a peal in May, 1960.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. DALE.

Disley, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—I have information on some of the Surprise Minor methods which Mr. Herschell asks about.

Thames was rung to a peal at Hathern on 27-2-1960 and called Hathern.

Clyde was rung to a peal as Caithness, but I have no note of the place or date.

Shannon was rung to a peal on 5-2-60 at Blunsdon, Wilts. and called Blunsdon.

Humber has been rung to a peal as Flamstead.

The first three were claimed as 'firsts in the method,' but I do not know whether the last one was so claimed.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. BANGHAM.

Twickenham.

DOUBLE SHIPWAY

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Price's letter on page 91, giving the correct name of 'New Duffield' as 'King's Norton Pleasure,' the other method he gives as Kidderminster 'Major' or 'Premier' has an older name. It is the Double form of 'Shipway's Principle.' I expect some of your readers will remember Mr. York-Bramble's abortive attempt to introduce Shipway's principle under the name of Steadfast, even attempting to get a Central Council ruling on the matter.

I discovered Double Shipway myself one evening, when 'mucking about with figures,' and sent it to Mr. Albert Relf to see if there was a name for it, mentioning that it seemed the proper way to adapt Stedman to an even number of bells. I also asked if he thought it could be rung to a peal. His reply was that he could not name it, but it had probably been composed before, when several attempts were being made to get an acceptable form of Stedman on even numbers. He did not think it could be rung to a peal as there was a large number of false course ends to the plain course.

On paper Double Shipway has a very musical plain course. If it is started like Stedman i.e. in the middle of a quick eight with rounds as the fifth change of the eight (making a back stroke start), Tittums is the thirteenth change. Queens the twentieth, the Back Change halfway, reversed Tittums the 77th and reversed Queens 84th.

Here is the start of my version of the method. If the band who ring 'New Duffield' care to try this method, I would be very pleased if they would do me the courtesy of giving their comments on its musical qualities in the tower, either through you, Mr. Editor, or in your columns.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst,
Kent.

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50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 1st, 1912.—

Brewood, Staffordshire.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On Saturday, 24th February, 1912,

in Two Hours and Twenty Eight Minutes,

At the residence of Mr. J. Perry,

'The Lowlands,' Hill Top.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

In the following ten methods: Four six-scores each of Reverse Bob, Grandsire Bob, Reverse Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Clement's, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles and Grandsire, and six of St. Dunstan's.

John Perry .. 1—2—3

Thomas Perry .. 4—5—6

Umpire: R. Pickering.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting held at Thornhill on February 10th. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when the next meeting was fixed for March 10th, at Thrybergh, and the outing for June 2nd. Mr. Buckley, of Frieze-land, called attention to a contest to be held at Saddleworth, near Oldham, on the last Saturday in May, provided eight teams entered. The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Christchurch District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Christchurch on February 3rd, when 60 members and friends attended the Guild service, which was held in the beautiful Priory Church. The Rev. D. J. Shearlock (curate) conducted the service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Flather, of Fordingbridge.

The annual meeting followed a splendid tea, which was prepared and served in the Church Hall by the lady members of the Guild, under the direction of Mrs. A. V. Davis.

At the commencement of the meeting, the chairman of the District, Mr. Fred Price, welcomed visitors from Southampton, Fawley and Dorchester.

In his annual report, the chairman referred to the loss by death of the following members of the District: The Rev. H. Cooksley (Vicar of Lyndhurst), Mr. Martin Stewart, Mr. W. H. Godfrey, Mr. W. Fowler and Mrs. E. Turnr, M.B.E. As a mark of respect for these members the company stood in silence.

Mr. Price also reported that a number of clergy, who had always given their full support to the Guild, had left the District to take up new appointments. Among these were Canon Price, Vicar of Christchurch, who had now become the Dean of Hereford; the Rev. J. L. Featherstone, Vicar of St. John's, Bournemouth, who had left to become the Vicar of Barton Mills, Suffolk; the Rev. F. O. Brackley, Vicar of Breamore, who had moved to a new parish in Jersey, C.I., and the Rev. J. B. Elliott, Vicar of Hordle, who had retired to Christchurch.

The District secretary, Mr. W. T. Godfrey, reported that the total membership of the District had risen from 117 to 122. He read the reports from tower correspondents of 10 out of 13 towers in the District. These reports showed that the members of these towers were actively engaged each Sunday ringing for divine service and in teaching a large number of beginners during the weekdays.

The Guild peal recorder, Mr. D. T. Matkin, reported that during 1961 eight peals had been rung by members of the District.

Meetings for 1962 were agreed to, subject to permission, as follows: Quarterly meetings: June 2nd, Fordingbridge; September 1st, St. Peter's, Bournemouth; December 1st, Ringwood. Annual District meeting: February 2nd, Christchurch. Practice meetings: March 3rd, Milford-on-Sea/Hordle; April 28th, Lyndhurst/Brockenhurst; July 14th, Hinton/Christchurch; November 10th, Lymington/Milford-on-Sea. W. T. G.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

31 Years As District Secretary

As a token of their appreciation of his long and faithful service as their District secretary, members of the Leatherhead District presented Mr. Arthur H. Smith with a cheque when he retired from office on February 3rd. Mr. Smith was first elected at a meeting at Ewell on July 8th, 1930, and had therefore served for over 31 years.

The presentation was made by Rev. E. Wood at the District annual meeting held at Leatherhead. The members present decided to nominate Mr. Smith as a vice-president of the Guild.

Mr. Smith's place as District secretary has been filled by the election of Mr. C. W. Munday, of Ewell.

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MR. KEITH WHITE

The following appreciation of Mr. Keith White, of Hagbourne, has been forwarded to us:

With the passing of Keith White, at the age of 65 years, many of us, and the village in general, have lost a very loyal friend and servant.

All his life he had been a real bit of Hagbourne and the only time he left the village was on active service during the 1914-18 War. Throughout the last war he devoted all his spare time to Civil Defence. All through his life Keith had been happy and content to enjoy the simple life of Hagbourne and surrounding villages. His business was marked by his loyal service throughout the district and secured him many friends.

From his boyhood days he had been a keen player and supporter of all sporting events. He played football and cricket for the village club, and in these two sections he took over the treasurership from his father and carried it on till recent years. He joined the Bowls Club at its formation in 1937 and became a trustee when the club was formed in 1946 on its present site. He also served the club as chairman and president. The tennis club was another venture he started.

Great service he had given to Hagbourne as a parish councillor, school manager and member of Didcot Hospital Committee. For many years he gave quiet and unassuming help to his wife in her valuable work with the Conservative Association.

For over 50 years he was a church bellringer and a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It is at this moment that I must express my deep sincere thanks to Keith for the good companionship and very loyal support he gave to me over the past 35 years, the two of us working together as chairman and foreman of that very happy society, the Hagbourne Ringers. This work we enjoyed together in complete and happy harmony, which I am sure has resulted in such a good relationship between the ringers and the church we serve. Right up to the last ringers' supper on January 23rd, Keith carried out his duties in the faithful way we shall always remember.

With our love and sympathy to Mrs. White and relatives, we conclude with 'thank God for the life of Keith White. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

A. H. WEBB and the Ringers.

MR. E. E. ELKINS

With the sudden passing of Mr. Ernest Edward (Ted) Elkins, Wellow (near Bath) has lost a very faithful member of its band.

Ted was a railway guard and the church was filled to capacity for the memorial service with fellow employees, villagers from both Wellow and Midford (where Ted lived), and ringers from Norton St. Philip, Widcombe, Twerton and the local company.

Reference was made by the Vicar, the Rev. Ralph Thomas, to the unselfish devotion to duty of Ted to Sunday service ringing and on practice nights on the bells that he loved so much.

Our sympathy is extended to his widow, Mabel, who is also a ringer at Wellow.

A. F. L.

MR. E. G. L. COWARD

AN APPRECIATION

The Exercise has been sadly dismembered with the untimely passing of Ted Coward.

He was a splendid ringer, a God-fearing man, who spent most of his time and energy encouraging Sunday service ringing. Since the war he had helped to form bands at Ashted and Dorking, and had done a considerable amount of work quietly in the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

The blind folk with whom he worked, teaching them the trade of brush making, were also greatly grieved at their loss. So dedicated was he that he would often call in during his holiday, to make sure they were all right.

Although dismayed, we are all thankful for the life of such an exemplary Sunday service ringer.

D. C. ASTRIDGE.

TAYNTON RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND

By the death of Admiral Thomas Drummond Gilbert, a former churchwarden of St. John's, Taynton, Oxon, on January 24th, at the age of 91, the local ringers have lost a sincere friend.

He was one of the churchwardens at the time Taynton bells were rehung and augmented to six in 1937 and his name was inscribed on the old treble which was recast and is now the third. He always liked to hear the bells ringing, and often inquired who the ringers were. Due to his long service in the Royal Navy, no doubt, he was very keen that the bells should be rung and the flag hoisted for royal occasions.

The funeral took place at Taynton on January 26th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Plain Bob) was rung half-muffled to his memory by: W. J. Dixon 1, F. W. Goden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, B. J. Hall 4, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some 50 ringers attended the Sheffield and District meeting at Handsworth, with Treeton bells also available during the afternoon. Methods up to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung.

Canon Fernaby, the Rector, who presided at the business meeting, after extending a cordial welcome to those present, expressed appreciation of his own ringers and the hard work put in by his Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who had 'carried the torch' since the retirement of Mr. Fred Watkinson many years ago. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. Watkinson, who is now 83, was in the City General Hospital recovering from an operation. A message of good wishes was sent to him from the meeting.

The Society proposed to hold a day's outing in the summer. Next meeting, Ranmore, March 3rd.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Banton (first quarter and attempt) 1, E. Lindley 2, P. Harrison 3, W. Hick (cond.) 4, W. Stead 5, C. Sollitt 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Barker 8. For the commissioning service of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Beds And Northants Branch

The annual meeting of the Beds and Northants Branch was held at Henlow on January 27th. Members from Bedfordshire attended, but there were none from Northamptonshire.

The Rev. R. Howard conducted a short service, and joined the ringers for tea at 'The Five Bells.'

At the business meeting officers were elected as follows: vice-president, Mrs. M. Mann; secretary and treasurer, Miss K. Rivett; committee, Mrs. F. Spavins, Miss S. Percival, Miss S. Collins, Mrs. G. Watson. Two new members were elected to the Guild.

Ringing after tea was very varied and continued until 8.15 p.m.

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District was held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on January 27th. This meeting attracted a large crowd of ringers, drawn from a very wide area, and included some 22 ladies.

The service, held in the Lady Chapel, was conducted by Canon Harry Williams, who warmly welcomed the Guild and expressed his delight at seeing so many young people present.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Room, prepared by Mrs. Whitworth and the Swansea ringers. Mr. R. E. Coles sincerely thanked these kind people. Canon Williams and the organist were thanked on behalf of the Ladies' Guild by Miss Dilys Hulbert.

At the business meeting an encouraging report for 1961 was given. Fifteen new members had been elected during that year and three meetings had been held, including a joint meeting with the Western District at Penarth. Miss Hazel Way was elected vice-president and Mrs. Jacqueline King re-elected secretary. Committee members elected were: Mrs. Bruten, Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. James, Mrs. Coles and Miss Rosemarie Jones. Five new members were elected from Sketty, Eardislea and Ebbw Vale.

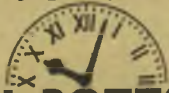
The suggested programme of meetings for the year was: Bristol on June 2nd, Bedwelty on July 16th and Cowbridge on October 6th.

Southern District's Annual Meeting

A cold but fine early spring day made the visit of the Southern District to Frensham and Farnham for the annual meeting most enjoyable. The ringing in the four standard methods, with rounds for beginners, included several well struck touches.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Hawthorne, of Thames Ditton, was elected vice-president for the ensuing year, with Mrs. Christine Harbutt (20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey) to continue as secretary. Meetings for the following year were discussed, and it was agreed to try to visit Alton, Hants, in early May. It was to be hoped that more members would try to attend at least one District meeting each year, as the membership now stood at 54, the highest for several years.

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 79)

Joe Smith, head ringer of Hexworth tower, faces a milestone in his career—his 100th peal. The pros and cons of this momentous occasion are discussed with his wife, Annie, his accomplished daughter, Phyllis, and his schoolboy son, John.

THE HUNDREDTH PEAL

Joe, who was never a prolific peal ringer, always regarded a peal more as a means to an end than an end in itself. The purpose of a peal, he maintained, if not rung for some specific purpose such as an induction, a holy day celebration, wedding, funeral (half-muffled), anniversary or similar occasion, should be to gain mastery in striking and method ringing, over a more extended period than was possible on a practice night, so that Sunday service ringing to the glory of God could be performed to a greater degree of perfection. In spite of the high ideals expressed in this resolution he was not, however, averse to ringing a peal for pure pleasure, and had rung quite a few which had been, in the words of a namesake of his that once appeared in the footnote of a peal, "Rung for the love of the art." There were no afterthought footnotes in his peals, and he sometimes encountered opposition from disgruntled ringers who wanted to tag on some personal appendage to a recently completed peal, and although he knew that in this particular respect he was regarded as 'stubborn' or 'obtuse' he stuck to his guns.

'The peal was not arranged for that purpose,' he told a ringer, whose first-born had arrived the previous day and wanted this momentous event announced to the fraternity in a footnote to a peal that had just been rung. 'Much as I would like to fill with joy the hearts of thousands of ringers, it would be wrong to say that the peal had been arranged with that end in view.'

He ignored both protests and entreaties, and was most annoyed later to discover in Belfry Gossip that the peal had been rung 'to welcome a son and heir to the ringer of the second.'

Joe liked all his peals to be 'good 'uns.' 'A peal,' he stated on one occasion, 'should be the culmination of the joint efforts of the ringers concerned, the target at which previous practice has been aimed, the finished product of master craftsmen.' He would not tolerate slipshod ringing in the peals in which he rang; each one was a polished gem of rare beauty.

'Don't you think,' asked Phyllis, who was fond of arguing with her father, 'that in peal ringing you are too much of a perfectionist? Wouldn't it be better, father, if you compromised a little? Your standards would still be higher than most people's, even if you lowered them somewhat. A lot of young ringers enjoy ringing peals, they love to see their names in the peal columns of "The Ringing World," they gloat over their rising peal totals. Why condemn them for doing that which they enjoy? After all, they are hurting no one and they could be doing far worse things!'

'Goodness me, lass, I don't condemn them. I am only too happy to encourage them. So long as they don't acquire a distorted sense of values and it doesn't become a question of "a peal at any price," they can ring a peal every day of the week so far as I am concerned. But I have seen too many ringers pushed into peals before they were ready for them, as though being able to ring a peal was the be-all and end-all of ringing.'

'A peal,' observed John, looking up from a massive tome on Atomic Physics that he had borrowed from the school library, 'may be regarded, I think, as "The Concise Campanological Calibrator," as it is frequently used, rightly or wrongly, to measure the progress either of individuals or teams. It is like the 11-plus examination: not perfect by any means, but difficult to replace by a

better system, simply because it is doubtful whether a better system exists.'

'In an examination,' pointed out his father, 'it is possible to measure standards of achievement. There is no guarantee on seeing a peal published in "The Ringing World" that any standard has been reached, apart from the methods rung.'

'That isn't true,' said Mrs. Smith. 'Surely the names of the ringers who took part is sufficient guarantee on many occasions that a high standard of ringing has been reached, otherwise the peal would have been stopped long before it reached the publication stage. No one knowing you, for instance, would doubt for a moment that any peal in which you had taken part was anything but a good one.'

'Thank you, mum,' laughed Joe. 'But there, you see, you have hit the nail on the head, for the guarantee holds good only for anyone who knows me and realises that I wouldn't continue ringing in a peal that didn't measure up to my standards.'

'Which is where I came in,' said Phyllis. 'Have you got this week's "Ringing World" please, so that I can enter your last peal in your peal folio?'

This question was addressed to her father. Ever since his first peal Joe had kept a record in a separate folio. He had typed each peal out carefully, tapping away as was his wont, with the forefinger of each hand, and with furrowed brow and anxious eye, he bestowed on the operation more concentration than the average conductor requires for calling Holt's Original. It had always been his practice to wait until 'The Ringing World' was published and then to use the published peal as a copy. Because of his aversion to typing he often put off the evil moment until 'a more convenient time,' with the inevitable result that when he was ready for 'The Ringing World' it was not ready for him.

'Anybody seen "The Ringing World" for October 10th?' he would ask.

'Where did you put it after you had looked at it?' Annie would inquire. 'If only you would keep them all together on the shelf under the wireless...'

'If only...' Joe would mutter beneath his breath.

'Didn't I see it on top of the piano under Beethoven?' Phyllis would chime in, and Joe would sigh and walk into the room only to discover that the 'R.W.' under Beethoven was for October 17th. Why was it on these occasions one could always find the one before and the one after?

And then he would look, for the fourth time, through the pile of papers that were 'on the shelf under the wireless,' and being unsuccessful repeat the process on the pile half behind and half under the cushion on the easy chair. After looking in the piano stool, in John's school's satchel and through all the drawers of the sideboard and the pigeonholes of the bureau, he would declare someone must have lit the fire with it and then sink exhausted into an easy chair.

At which juncture Annie would put down her iron, walk across and look carefully through the pile of 'Ringing Worlds' on the shelf under the wireless, unearth the elusive paper and walking across to Joe silently place it on his lap.

Things were different now. Since Phyllis had taken over, any peals which Joe rang were entered in the folio on the Sunday following the publication of 'The Ringing World' which contained the peal. Furthermore, in her methodical and systematic manner she had indexed and classified her father's collection, listing the churches, methods and ringers contained therein. In answer to Phyllis' question Joe produced 'The Ringing World' and handed it over and soon the typewriter was tapping merrily, and the job quickly finished.

As she put the folio back in the top, left-hand drawer of the bureau Phyllis remarked, 'Only two more to your hundred now, dad.'

'Eh?' said Joe, looking up from the Sunday paper. 'Only two more?' and he rose and walked across to the bureau and took out the folio from the drawer, examined it carefully and then replaced it.

'So there is,' he murmured, 'so there is,' and he scratched his head in wonder.

'That means,' said Phyllis, 'that the peal you are ringing at Undercliffe next Saturday will be the 99th.'

'And,' continued Annie, 'the one following that will be the hundredth.'

'Mathematics, it may be observed,' said John, 'is no longer the prerogative of the upper classes. Even females of the proletariat...'

He was silenced by a well aimed cushion.

'Have you arranged any peals after the one at Undercliffe?' asked Annie.

Joe shook his head.

She turned to Phyllis. 'What was the date of his first peal?'

Her daughter took the folio out of the drawer again and consulted it. 'November 27th, 1936,' she announced.

'November 27th?' Mrs. Smith looked at the calendar. 'Why, that's a fortnight next Monday. It will be 25 years to the day since he rang his first peal. Now just think of that.'

'When you go down to church tonight,' she went on, turning to Joe, 'just fix a peal up with William and Old George. George will be only too pleased to ring the treble. Then, Henry and you three will complete the team. What were the methods he rang in his first peal?' The last question was addressed to Phyllis.

'Oh, it was Plain Bob Minor,' answered Phyllis, glancing at the folio. Annie grunted.

'We want something better than that for the hundredth peal,' she said. 'What about the seven Surprise methods from "Standard Methods"? You've been going to ring those in a peal for a long time now.'

'Yes,' Annie continued, 'you are all familiar with the London and Cambridge work, and you were ringing Chester only the other week. If you make a special point of practising the methods the next two Wednesdays you shouldn't have a great deal of difficulty. Tell William and Henry to look up the methods in good time.'

'Thanks,' said Joe dryly. 'I think that about fixes everything.'

The sarcasm in his voice was wasted on Annie.

'Oh no it doesn't,' she continued blandly. 'I'll prepare a bit of a spread and then you can bring them all along after the peal. Old George won't mind that, I know.'

Of this, Joe was quite well aware. Annie's idea of 'a bit of a spread' was coloured by her experience as a maid in her younger days at the local squire's residence. Squire Tregarthy had been a traditionalist and if his crumbling estates could not sustain a retinue of servants as heretofore, he still clung grimly to the pale shadows of his family's former glory. Annie could still remember the sumptuous dinners, the roaring log fire, the silver plate and candlelight, when the local doctor, the solicitor, the mine-owner, with their respective wives, together with an odd collection of faded gentry, gathered in the great hall.

Annie could not supply the silver plate, and used candles only when the shortcomings of the electric supply compelled her to do so, but her dinners were no mere pale imitations of those prepared by the squire's cook, and Phyllis herself was able to supply more modern exotic dishes, some of which had been ushered in with the advent of the refrigerator.

'We mustn't forget,' said John, 'that Con, Dewitt's "Travellers" have arranged to attempt a peal here on Saturday, November 25th, two days before your attempt.'

'Yes. One o'clock, isn't it?' asked Phyllis.

Joe nodded.

'I'll mention it to Josh,' said Phyllis, 'but I don't think there is anything else on. I told him a fortnight ago, but he's probably forgotten.'

'Josh' was, of course, her employer Josiah Bertram, who was a good sort, but rather pompous. It would be as simple for Joe to 'mention it' to the Vicar as it was for Phyllis to ask the Vicar's warden, but the latter method made Josiah happy, and did nobody any harm.

THE SMITHS—Continued

No objection was ever raised by the inhabitants of the village, whatever amount of ringing was done; in fact most of them took a lively interest in all kinds of local activity, whether it was football, cricket, bellringing or the darts and domino knock-out competition. It was in matters such as these, Joe thought, that small communities scored over large ones. He knew of a well known ringer whose name, which figured prominently in 'The Ringing World,' was known throughout the land wherever ringers met and who had rung for at least 25 years at a cathedral church in a large town. One Saturday afternoon, when a Guild meeting was being held at his tower, he was walking in the precincts of the cathedral listening to the bells when he encountered one of the wardens.

'Bells sound nice,' said the latter conversationally. 'Something going on?'

'Yes, it's the monthly Guild meeting.'

'Oh, and are you a ringer?'

Some excuse may be offered for the man as he had only been a warden for a mere two or three years, although he ought even then to have recognised one of his own ringers, who was, after all, a fairly frequent attendee at the church services.

It was unthinkable that such a thing should happen in a comparatively small place such as Hexworth. Here, in fact, not only would the warden have been familiar with the ringer, but would also have been able to supply his life history and delineate his family tree. In Hexworth the ringing functions were as much common property as the football or cricket fixtures and it was not uncommon for Joe to be accosted in the street by someone who would ask such questions as:

'Did you get your peal last Saturday?'

'How did you fare at the contest last week?'

'D'ye think young Harry will make a ringer then? I hear he broke a stay last week!'

(Continued next column)

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The best annual meeting for the past few years was the general verdict of the meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, on January 27th. The younger generation was in the majority and it was the young team (leader F. Newsome) at Adwick-le-Street, previously a silent tower, who received the 'Walker' Cup for Sunday service ringing. The presentation was made by Canon Jowett, who had conducted the service before tea.

In expressing appreciation to the officials for their good work during the year and to the Canon for his services, Mr. F. Brunt said if one took a look round the room 'the dying art' was never so much alive. The ladies who provided tea in the Memorial Hall were also thanked.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, finishing at 9 p.m. with Cambridge Minor on the back six (tenor 30 cwt.)

Consequently in arranging any ringing that was outside the normal sequence of church services, although formal permission was always asked, it was really only necessary to ensure that the ringing did not collide with any 'extra' services. In this connection Annie could give a fairly accurate forecast of any wedding likely to take place during the next few months, although occasionally even her calculations misfired as when, for instance, Robert Wilkinson and Harriet Jones were married by special licence (a procedure that Annie regarded with some suspicion), whilst Joe, being the only undertaker in the village, could generally manage to arrange the times of funerals to the mutual satisfaction of ringers and mourners!

That evening in the belfry he arranged his team (as stipulated by Annie) for Monday, 27th, and asked the members thereof, with the exception of Old George, to study the methods, ready for the following practice night.

[To be continued]

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Rochester District**

The Rochester District's first quarterly meeting of 1962 was held at St. Botolph's Parish Church, Northfleet, on January 20th. Mr. G. Butcher, local captain, supervised the ringing that preceded the service. This was conducted by the Vicar, who is learning to ring. The lesson was read by Mr. A. Dunk.

Tea, kindly given by local young ringers, was served to a company of about 50. The Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and Mr. L. Mitchell, assistant secretary, deputised for Mr. T. Barton (secretary). Mr. F. J. Cheal presented a report of the K.C.A. committee meeting at Maidstone. Eight new members were elected to the Association, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Dunk.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

Handbells were rung as the ringers entered the church from the tower for the service preceding the annual meeting of the Guild held at Rippenden on February 3rd. High tea was enjoyed at the Queen's Hotel.

The Rev. Mr. Barnes, Vicar, presided at the business meeting, when four new members were elected. The officers are to continue for another year. Elected to the committee were Miss A. Flatter (All Saints'), Messrs. R. Senior (Kirkheaton) and H. Quarmby (Armitage Bridge). Members are now looking forward to the joint meeting with the Leeds and District Society at Drighlington on March 31st.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Elmes (first of Minor) 1. Judith A. Harding 2. A. M. Cunningham 3. A. G. Rose 4. C. A. Bull (first of Minor 'inside') 5. R. G. W. Robertson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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At Grundisburgh it was hoped to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. James Bennett (February 15th) with his 1,500th peal. It was a bitter disappointment when members of the band heard that Jim has been compelled to withdraw from ringing. In January, severe rheumatic attacks in both arms and shoulders developed, and he was in considerable pain when he rang his 1,299th peal. A course of hospital therapy has brought some relief. His many friends at home and abroad wish him a quick return to good health.

Mr. H. J. Eldred, of Ealing, celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, February 17th. His many ringing friends wish him many more years and many more quarter peals.

Congratulations are extended to Alan Barber on his first peal at Swaffham Prior, Cambs. 'Long may he continue ringing in his present enthusiastic manner,' writes his conductor.

Every year, Mr. and Mrs. Butt provide a welcome spread to Twerton peal ringers visiting Dunkerton. This year's peal was a ruby wedding compliment to them, and the 'Thank you' was extra special.

After a break of two years, Mr. Norman Harding has been appointed captain of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. The Rev. Giles Galley is now priest-in-charge of St. Nicholas', King's Lynn, and he has been duly welcomed by a peal.

Through the tenor rope fraying about half way, a peal attempt to mark the 40th anniversary of the first peal at Scothern, Lincs, was lost. After the rope had been repaired a quarter peal was rung. Ringing the third was Mr. C. V. Cade, who rang the same bell in the peal 40 years ago.

The Misses Philippa and Elaine Dixon, daughters of the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon (Vicar of Abingdon) and Mrs. Dixon, selected Cambridge Surprise Major for their first peal, and according to the conductor, Mr. Alan Pink, both rang well. Their mother is also learning to ring, so the Oxford Diocesan Guild may have another mother-and-two-daughters peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Cowbridge Grammar School, Glam., has some enthusiastic ringers and, joined by two girls from the local High School, has scored its first quarter. The school band ring every Sunday morning from 10 to 10.30 before the 'regulars' take over. The pupils also join the older ringers when called upon and attend on practice nights.

Mr. F. Fowler jun., of Stourton, Warminster, thanks readers who offered to copy 'Christmas Bells'; a recording has now been obtained. He asks if there are recordings of St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and St. Clement Danes' (with oranges and lemons chimes).

Mr. Wm. Smith, of Turramurra, New South Wales, who is living at Holwell Lodge, Melton Mowbray, writes: 'I am deeply impressed with the warmth and sincerity of the welcome given to me in so many towers, and have decided to stay in England for the coming summer.'

Having been ringing as a newly-formed band for 18 months, East Meon ringers now manage Grandsire Triples most Sundays. With valuable assistance from the Petersfield ringers, even the youngest members of the band, quite a number of whom are not yet 14 years old, can now ring Grandsire Doubles and are advancing to the stage of ringing their first quarter.

The peal at Burton Latimer, Northants, on February 3rd, was Mrs. Enid Watson's first for 11 years. During this time she has become the mother of three children and taught the eldest to ring. Her previous peal was Yorkshire at Olney, Bucks, in September, 1950. Her husband has still to catch up with her by ringing a peal of London Surprise Major.

Work on Waltham Abbey bells was started by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, in January, and includes the rehanging of four bells on ball-bearings. Unfortunately, when the headstock of the tenth was removed, a crack was discovered across the top of the bell. An order was given for its recasting, and the bell is now at the foundry. Due to the extra work, the bells will not be back for Easter as was originally planned.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH Treble	*JOHN M. JELLEY 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	E. ALAN JACQUES 9
ROBERT B. SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 10
JACK P. KESTERTON 5	PETER J. STANFORTH 11
ALFRED BALLARD 6	JOHN A. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung half-muffled to the affectionate memory of Harold G. Jenney, for over 50 years a regular member of the Cathedral Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 8
FREDERICK ROSS 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	DAVID J. PURNELL 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS 4	BARRIE HENDRY 10
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5	JOHN McDONALD 11
FREDERICK ROSS 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
ALAN A. POTTS Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 8
CAROL FIERNLEY 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 9
HAROLD LONYON 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung in memoriam Sam Jones, of Eccleston, and Percy Derbyshire, of Worsley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 23½ cwt.
WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	JOHN DREWITT 5
ALISON McFARLANE 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE 6
SYDNEY D. EDWARDS 3	BRIAN R. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLFIELD 4	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The conductor's 600th tower-bell peal, having rung his first peal in the same method and on the same bell in 1912, in which also the ringer of the fourth bell took part and conducted.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5043 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

WM. DAVIES Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
KENNETH W. KNOWLES 4	RODERICK J. LEES Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by RODERICK J. LEES.

Rung to welcome the Rev. N. Fisher, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. Fisher to the parish.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

FRANK E. CROSIER Treble	*MURRAY A. COLMAN 5
MRS. ENID WATSON 2	BRIAN AUSTIN 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 7
ALAN J. FROST 4	ARTHUR GIBBS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 172).

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in the method.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALEC W. FRY Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES 6
*ANDREW M. MACVE 3	*MARTIN L. HOWE 7
RALPH BIRD 4	*TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	*WINSTON S. GIRLING 6
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL 3	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 7
HUBERT A. MITSON 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	NORMAN B. FOVARGUE 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 7
KEITH R. DAVEY 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,088 Yorkshire, 1,024 each of Rutland, Cambridge and Superlative, 896 Lincolnshire; with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

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

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	PETER D. WARREN 6
JOHN McDONALD 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HENRY C. WEAVER Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 5
*ANGELA GRAINGER 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
J. RICHARD WILSON 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7
ALBERT W. BOND 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to commemorate ten years' reign by Queen Elizabeth II; also the gift of a daughter (Margaret Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. D. Mitchell.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.	
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 2	ROGER J. LUMLEY 6
*CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD 7
RITA M. JOWETT 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal of Surprise.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	*TREVOR A. CROSS 6
*ANDREW M. MACVE 3	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	*PETER J. COLES 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.	
JEAN L. LAVENDER Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER 5
GILLIAN R. PARSONS 2	FRANK E. DARBY 6
JOHN SCHOFIELD 3	PETER BERESFORD 7
*ROBERT W. HINDE 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire and Bristol; 129 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.	
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALIMARSH .. 5
*JOHN A. WARNER 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	PETER J. EVES 7
ALAN R. SYDER 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of 8-Spliced. First of 8-Spliced as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS Treble	*DON C. EXELL 5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	JAMES J. TAYLOR 6
*REGINALD G. HOOPER 3	*PATRICK J. BIRD 7
*PETER BRIDLE 4	*D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
*DAVID J. TAYLOR 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 10-Spliced.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
*PHILIPPA J. P. DIXON .. Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
†DAPHNE J. POLLARD 2	PETER A. SHARP 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
*J. M. ELAINE DIXON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First of Surprise Major.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.	
ERNEST A. SHIPP Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 5
JOHN WILSON 2	M. ROWLAND REED 6
ROBIN SHIPP 3	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 7
*JOHN WATERS 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Arranged to welcome the Rev. Giles C. Galley, priest-in-charge of St. Nicholas' Chapel.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HEADINGLEY.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
JOHN A. HERVEY Treble	ROBIN BROWN 5
FRANCES FAIRBANK 2	MICHAEL G. SWIFT 6
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 3	W. RUSSELL READ 7
LAURENCE SHEARD 4	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.

First peal in the method for all the band except the conductor. First in the method as conductor.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.	
*JOHN D. GUNNER Treble	ANTHONY R. CARTER 5
NICHOLAS R. TUMBER 2	PAUL G. HOLMES 6
DENNIS B. BROWN 3	PHILIP N. TUBBS 7
*HADLEY HUNTER 4	JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal attempt.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.	
PHILIP A. CORBY Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE 5
*JANET H. BUSS 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 6
†ANDREW J. CORBY 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' 400th peal as conductor.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.	
ALAN E. BAGWORTH Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	J. KEITH WARD 6
DAVID J. TAYLOR 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method by all.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OLD COULSDON, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being two six-scores Dedworth, 12 April Day, two 12-scores and ten extents Grandsire and 14 Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr, 14 lb, in A flat.

*DAVID C. GREEN Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLÉ 3
*MARY S. TAYLOR 2	*ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 4

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLÉ.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 4
RAYMOND E. FINCH 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
JOHN S. BARNES 3	ANDREW M. MACVE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of Minor in the method by all, and for the Association.
A compliment to the ringer of the second and Jeanette Winchester upon their engagement.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: Cumberland Bob, Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain. Tenor 10 cwt.

JUDY EXON Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	RON CARTER 5
JOHN TICKLE 3	TOM HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1962, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being two extents each of Wychbold Pleasure, Dedworth and Salwarpe, six each of Clifford's Pleasure and Grandsire, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3½ cwt, in E flat.

DAVID C. GREEN Treble	MARY S. TAYLOR 3
PAUL CATTERMOLÉ 2	*ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 4

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLÉ.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, as follows: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt, 3 qr, 6 lb.

JOHN WOOLLEY Treble	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
*ROY W. SPENCER 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 25th peal together, and first in eight methods.

A birthday compliment to Desmond W. Musson, the conductor's son.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods, viz.: (1 to 6) Clifford's Pleasure Bob, (7 to 12) April Day, (13 to 18) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (19 to 24) Kennington Bob, (25 to 30) Old Bob, (31 to 36) Southrepps Pleasure Bob, (37 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*NOEL D. KIRK Treble	*E. ANDREW HARRISON .. 3
†THELMA E. STAPLES .. 2	†MARTIN J. KIRK 4

*JOHN A. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by E. ANDREW HARRISON.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

Rung for the Feast of Candlemas.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 14 methods, being seven extents: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford; (2) Willesden, College Bob; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk; (4) Norbury, College Exercise; (5) Capel, Sandal; (6) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure; (7) Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROBERT WINSTANLEY .. Treble	*PETER HUMPHREY 4
*CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
DOREEN BRADLEY 3	*BRIAN MILLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal in 14 methods.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. M. Poppleston

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Treble	RONALD O. NEEDHAM .. 4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 2	DAVID LEE 5
ERIC ROBERTS 3	MICHAEL W. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 42 methods and variations, viz.: (1) Besthorpe, (2) Old, (3) Seighford, (4) April Day, (5) Kennington, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Shrapham, (8) Carsington, (9) Elford, (10) Eynsham, (11) St. Albans, (12) St. Simon's, (13) Mileham, (14) St. Peter, (15) Austrey, (16) St. Leonard, (17) St. Paul, (18) St. Martin, (19) Costessy, (20) St. Columb, (21) Little Aston, (22) Clifford's Pleasure, (23) Rev. Canterbury, (24) Southrepps, (25) Norwich, (26) St. Thomas, (27) Sharesill, (28) St. Andrew, (29) St. Nicholas, (30) St. Giles, (31) Walsingham, (32) St. Luke, (33) Ryton, (34) St. John, (35) Winchendon Place, (36) St. Miles, (37) Rushall, (38) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (39) Northrepps Pleasure, (40) Fortune, (41) Newborough, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	FRANK REED 4
ROBERT HATCHER 2	GEORGE COUSINS 5
A. BRYAN ELLSMORE 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

Most methods rung to a peal by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for the tenth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne; also a 100th birthday compliment to Preb. Parker, of Hereford Cathedral and late Vicar of Brinton, on February 7th, 1962.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWARK DELIGHT MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt, 13 lb in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR 4
RAYMOND G. SMITH 2	FRANK C. PRICE 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	JOHN HILL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr, 22 lb, in A

RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. Treble	IAN FRIEND 4
CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	*DAVID MURCOFF 5
FRANK BEECH, JUN. 3	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILLOW.

* First peal 'inside.'

DEEPPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOAN CROSS Treble	*KEITH R. DAVEY 4
*ROGER D. BAILEY 2	ALAN G. PAYNE 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and five extents and one 240 (Morris) Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*JEAN PALMER Treble | GEORGE J. HAWKINS 4
 ALAN F. LEE 2 | CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 5
 HAROLD L. PARFREY 3 | ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal attempt. First in eight methods by all.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt.

GERMANSWEEK, DEVON.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAN'S,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of Stedman, 18 Plain Bob and 20 Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. Treble | HARRY STACEY 3
 ALAN CARVETH 2 | CHARLES E. TAYLOR 4
 ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

First peal on the bells.

A first birthday compliment to Ian M. Southwood.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Surfleet, (2 and 3) Beverley, (4 and 5) Cambridge, (6 and 7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*DONALD FELLOWS Treble | †CHRISTINE M. RIMMER 5
 *KENNETH J. DARVILL 2 | STANLEY HUCKLE 5
 *CECILIA J. BLAND 3 | GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

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

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 11 cwt.
 GEORGE ORBELL Treble | DEREK TAYLOR 4
 *ALAN M. BARBER 2 | †GEORGE E. THODAY 5
 DONALD F. MURFET 3 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal. † 75th for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1962, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
 MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4
 B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
(Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
 PETER L. BILL 1—2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 3—4
 MARTIN D. FELLOWS 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

First peal as conductor 'in hand.' First 'in hand' for the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT CLARE COLLEGE MEMORIAL COURT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 1—2 | *B. CLARE WEBSTER 5—6
 *ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3—4 | HILARY MUIRHEAD 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
 * First peal of Major on handbells. The conductor's first peal on handbells.

Quarter Peals

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great, on Jan. 28th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Miss H. Muirhead 1, J. R. Hough 2, D. J. Mundy 3, J. Smith 4, J. W. MacLennan 5, L. H. R. Smith 6, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 7, H. C. Lewis 8. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: J. W. MacLennan 1, J. R. Hough 2, M. L. J. Jordan 3, D. J. Mundy 4, H. E. Bishop 5, L. H. R. Smith 6, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 7, H. C. Lewis 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung by the University Guild for Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on Feb. 6th, 1,277 Stedman Caters: P. H. Pigg 1, Miss C. Dillamore 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, H. Muncey 4, S. Brown 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. Foster 8, P. J. Bergdahl 9, H. C. Lewis 10. First of Stedman 4, 8 and 9. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's 10th anniversary of accession to the throne.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Hilary Knight 1, R. H. Jones 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 4, H. Homans 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. H. Carver, on completion of five years as Vicar of Claines.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, M. Armstrong 4, W. Tyson 5, N. Errington 6, R. B. Skelton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (R.C.P., Grandsire and Plain Bob) (4, 6 and 8 covering): A. W. Ivings 1, C. C. Clarke 2, R. C. Huntriss (first quarter) 3, W. H. Minnear 4, W. Ivings 5, R. G. A. West 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner 8. Rung as a compliment to Roger and Susan Gardner on the birth of a daughter (Louise).

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara M. Spencer 1, D. A. Hogg (first quarter) 2, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, Janet M. Besant 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge 7, J. E. Chapman 8. Rung for Confirmation, and for the dedication of the new Church of St. Stephen, Langley Vale.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 2, H. Collins 3, J. Lindsey 4, J. H. Muston 5, R. Musson 6. Rung in honour of the 10th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Single Court Minor: P. Thompson 1, R. Fuller 2, M. Major 3, G. Meyes 4, M. Press 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Minor (720 London Scholars' Pleasure and 720 Sandal): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Old Oxford and St. Clement's): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Nulty 1, J. R. Norris 2, N. Wright 3, Valerie Mephum 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, H. W. Brown 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. F. Allen 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, Miss E. Layton 2, R. A. Peakman 3, C. F. Jukes 4, C. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Evensong.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Scott 1, E. N. Harrison 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, M. Maughan 4, K. Arthur 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Swann, a ringer at this church for over 60 years, who was interred this day.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. E. Lester 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Mrs. C. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, Sandra Goodship (first quarter) 4, Miss A. E. J. Lester 5, C. W. Pipe 6.

ORMESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hodgson 1, R. Jackson 2, W. Ellerington 3, M. Bland 4, A. Crosby 5, J. Roach 6, P. Wishart 7, T. M. Cox (cond.) 8. First in method for 5 and 7, and as conductor.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Harris 1, M. S. Cloke 2, A. J. Adams 3, H. W. Badger 4, J. H. Gardner 5, C. Coles 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, S. D. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Clavey (first quarter) 1, V. James 2, G. Skelly 3, M. Horseman 4, B. Goodliffe (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Saye 6.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Paul (first quarter) 1, A. J. Paul 2, R. W. Smith (first 'inside') 3, G. C. Paul (cond.) 4, M. R. Harvey 5. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 4th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Ann Carden (first quarter) 1, S. P. Darvill 2, K. J. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, Shirley Slade (first on 10) 5, Joyce Dodds 6, F. J. Spicer 7, C. E. Slade (first on 10 'inside') 8, T. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Pearce (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, Miss B. C. Chambers 3, R. F. Ewer 4, W. Little 5, G. Dodds 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, J. E. Ewer 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woodward (first quarter) 1, W. Simpson 2, C. Webb 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): N. R. May (first in as many methods away from tenor) 1, M. G. Wood 2, K. H. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson (first in as many methods) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Norman 1, Carol I. V. Corton (first 'inside') 2, D. W. Stenson 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, K. H. Mildred 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol I. V. Corton 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, M. G. Wood 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May 8. First in the method for 1, 4, 5. For Evensong on Dedication Festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Cooper 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Ann Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, F. Harvey 5, P. W. Mills 6. For Evensong.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Plain Bob and St. Simon's): M. A. Coleman 1, F. Coles 2, C. L. Bell 3, P. M. Fleckney 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Riddle (first quarter) 1, I. G. Hughes 2, Mrs. D. T. North 3, G. J. Gammon 4, K. W. Thorne (first 'inside') 5, W. Stevens 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, R. Hatcher 2, N. Instance 3, A. Williams 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, Kathleen Goodwin 6. In honour of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Dykes, Almeley.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 1, Geraldine Piper 2, D. G. Astridge 3, G. Marriner 4, G. P. T. Peters 5, Rev. E. Wood 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. Half-muffled in memoriam E. G. L. Coward.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Lockwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood (first quarter) 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, W. S. Girling 5, E. Houtine 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester, Joseph Prentice and the Rev. De La Bere.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, at St. Mary's, Bathwick, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Viner 1, Mrs. J. P. Stubbs 2, E. H. Goater 3, K. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Ted Elkins, interred this day.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Carr (first quarter) 1, F. Briscoe 2, A. H. Smith 3, A. S. Smith 4, P. G. Smith 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Elaine Rosemary, second daughter of Alan and Sheila Smith, both ringers at this tower.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—On Jan. 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Howarth 1, A. Tomlinson 2, K. A. Earnshaw 3, J. Parsons (first quarter) 4, T. Wilkinson 5, G. Wignall 6, B. A. Tomlinson 7, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Wignall.

BOOTLE, LIVERPOOL.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. A. Freeman (first quarter) 1, R. J. Shea (first 'inside') 2, Miss H. A. Arrow-smith 3, M. C. Rogers 4, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 5, M. Pilgrim (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Clare Bickell, by members of the Liverpool University Society.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob): R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Congratulating the conductor's wife, Mrs. A. J. Bull, on her 69th birthday.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, N. F. Whittell 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, R. Rose 4, P. M. Adcock 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. Rung on the pretty six after meeting short for a peal of Royal.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, A. Leeming 3, H. Hodgkiss 4, T. Clark 5, C. Cook 6, C. Woolley (cond.) 7, I. Norris 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3. For Confirmation.

CHADLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): K. Wakefield (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, B. Cooper 3, R. Datson 4, W. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6. A farewell to the Rev. David P. Lane, after 15 years at Chadlington.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): I. McMillan 1, Elizabeth Thomas (first 'inside') 2, Alana Thomas 3, G. Jones (first as cond.) 4, P. Evans 5, M. Scott-Cook 6, E. Thomas 7, D. Robinson 8. First quarter 1, 5, 6, 8. First quarter by Cowbridge School pupils (average age 15). For morning service, also a birthday compliment to treble ringer and Mr. Iolo Davies.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Meredith 1, S. M. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, J. Meredith 5, R. J. Hill (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Scrivens.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Stubbington (first quarter) 1, J. E. Clark 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Walker 4, K. Tipper 5, N. Lambert 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss M. Chapman (tower secretary) to Mr. R. Walker (vice-captain).

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. A. Finch 1, Miss J. M. Winchester 2, P. J. Joyce 3, W. W. Wright 4, D. P. Treble 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Terry 1, Mrs. D. Nicholson (first quarter) 2, C. Eades 3, F. Farnsworth 4, W. S. Palin 5, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, G. Nicholson 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. G. Bilner 2, H. Nichols 3, J. Papworth 4, A. R. Syder 5, J. A. Warner 6, C. W. Burton 7, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Newman, a ringer at Feering for over 60 years.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Valentine (first of Triples) 1, W. White 2, Mary Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, H. L. Bishop 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, L. F. Cox 8. For morning service.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. F. Bryant 1—2, R. E. Moulds 3—4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5—6, G. F. Bryant 7—8, J. N. Parkin 9—10. First quarter in the method on handbells by all the band.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, at the Church of All Souls, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, R. E. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, C. E. Hindle (first quarter) 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, J. N. Parkin 6, E. M. Fielden 7, G. F. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Eileen J. Osborne 1, R. Farnsworth 2, F. Cardwell 3, E. Dorice Kelly 4, J. S. Scager 5, Lynne Thompson 6, J. I. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, G. K. Chaddock 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the death of Fred Watkinson, for many years Ringing Master at this church.

HELMDOON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Saunders 1, R. Somerton 2, W. J. Chester 3, B. Saunders 4, G. Sheppard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 2 and 5. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Saunders.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, C. L. Bell 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 11th, 720 Ipswich and 720 Cambridge Minor Surprise: H. S. Peacock 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, C. L. Bell 4, D. F. Murfet 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Pauline Drury 1, C. N. Chinnery 2, *Pamela Bird 3, Gwen May 4, H. Colcombe 5, I. Martin (first in method) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 720 Willesdon, 720 Duke of Norfolk: R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 28th, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: D. Bradley and C. Froggatt 1, B. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to M. W. Harrison (tower captain).

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Bills 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, J. J. Wallcut 2, D. Bedford (first in method) 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. Before Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, J. Goodchild (first of Minor 'inside') 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell 6. For parish Communion, on the first anniversary of the Vicar's institution.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, at the Church of St. Matthias, Burley, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and St. Clement's): J. Hervey 1, M. G. Swift 2, Judy Moir 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, Frances Fairbank 5, W. R. Read (cond.) 6. For Matins, by Leeds University Union Camparalogical Society.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Measday 1, M. Smith 2, J. Broad 3, S. White 4, D. Holness (cond.) 5, T. Young 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Saunders 1, D. Hewett 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, I. Pantan 4, R. Chapman 5, F. V. Gant 6, P. Saltmarsh 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8, C. E. Willmington 9, D. A. Symonds 10. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. M. Harvey 1, C. W. Otley 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, E. Razzell 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. Rogers 6, F. Ranson 7, J. Perrot 8, W. Oatway 9, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 10. For Matins.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Joan Hanning 1, Nancy Kempell 2, W. Dunn 3, A. Shelton 4, K. Game (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For Matins.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Kent Major: Mrs. A. Smith 1, H. Colcombe 2, Pamela Bird 3, Joan A. Smith 4, D. Leach 5, C. Webb 6, J. Martin 7, J. King (cond.) 8. First of Major in the method for all except 2 and 4. For children's service.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Bills 3, J. Martin 4, A. D. Leach (cond.) 5. For morning service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Lindsay 1, N. Donaven 2, D. Nicholls 3, S. Armeson 4, N. Chadcock (cond.) 5. First quarter of Doubles for all except the conductor. Rung by members of Kimberworth Secondary School Ringers Society.

ST. PETER'S, THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Jackson 1, Miss A. Postlethwaite 2, Miss S. Davies 3, Mrs. N. Bridges 4, J. Baxter 5, E. Fowles 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. On the occasion of the engagement of Miss P. Woodward to B. Marshall, and a birthday compliment to B. J. Luck.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Paul's, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Angela J. Williams (first of Major) 1, L. A. Page 2, Miss M. R. Page 3, J. E. Daniels 4, R. Haines 5, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 6, R. N. Marlow 7, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 8.

SAXILBY, LINC'S.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (in six methods): M. L. Mann 1, Miss S. Guymier 2, Miss P. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, H. W. Cox 5, H. Dove 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving for Leicester, and who has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

SCOTERN, LINC'S.—On Feb. 10th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob): G. A. Dixon (cond.) 1, P. Buxton 2, C. V. Cade 3, W. S. Smith 4, R. Applewhite 5, T. Burton 6. To mark the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which the ringer of the third rang the same bell.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Linda J. Kew 1, Jennifer Sceeney (first of Surprise) 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, W. Birmingham 4, A. J. Glass (first of Surprise 'inside') 5, D. P. Hilling 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. Rung for the Candlemas service.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Moore (first quarter) 1, H. Miller 2, D. E. Belcham 3, W. Wainwright 4, S. G. Peck (cond.) 5, R. O'Connell (first quarter) 6. For the parish Communion.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Matin 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, Miss C. Bibby 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. For morning service.

STANWELL, MIDD'X.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Medway 1, M. Blagrove 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3—4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: D. Boniface 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, M. Bartlett 5, D. Pickett 6. First of London by all and on the bells. A compliment to C. Stevenson, of Harlington, who is going abroad. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Lane 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Miss M. Gibson 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. 200th quarter peal on the bells. For Evensong.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Knight 1, E. Whitmore 2, A. Biale 3, L. Priestley 4, J. Skerritt (cond.) 5, S. Chambers 6. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the new Bishop of Peterborough.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Webb (cond.) 1, D. Salter 2, Janet Real 3, P. Dobie 4, J. Knight 5, C. Joyce 6. First quarter 4 and 5.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Beale 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, F. Matravens 3, F. Morris 4, N. K. Maggs 5, A. King (first quarter) 6. For morning service.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, Christine Smith (first 'inside') 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. Cloughton 5, W. Sear 6, A. Stripp 7, D. Edwards 8. For evening service.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Meriel Narbett (first away from tenor) 1, Hazel Everett 2, J. D. Evans 3, Christine Glastonbury (cond.) 4, W. H. Dure 5.

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ENGAGEMENT

STRACEY.—MOULTON.—The engagement is announced between Betty F. Moulton, of Streasley, Beds. and Michael E. Stracey, of Duxford, Cambs. Both are serving with the R.A.F. at Changi, Singapore. 9726

MARRIAGE

STAINSBY.—ASH.—On February 17th, 1962, at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford, David, son of the Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Stainby, of Edenham, Lincs, to Sheila Veronica, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ash, of 82, Greythorn Drive, West Bridgford, Nottingham. New home: 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. 9723

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Coward and family wish to thank all ringing friends for the messages of sympathy, and also the floral tributes in their bereavement. 9746

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new secretary of the Peterborough Branch is Mr. Michael J. Roberts, 3, Fulham Road, Peterborough, Northants. 9712

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual tour, Malvern, April 21st-27th. Will anyone considering coming please reply to the circular, or ask for a circular, as soon as possible?—J. G. Pusey, New College. 9718

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—Practice night in future will be held on Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—J. Roberts, Hon. Sec. 9708

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Winscombe. Bells (8) 5-8 p.m.—David H. White. 9716

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Carhampton, February 24th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 9722

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 24th, at Great Longstone. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9695

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9692

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilfracombe Parish Church, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Jewell, Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 9684

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—February 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Martin's (12) 2-3.30 p.m., St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 3-4, Cathedral (12) 4-5.30 p.m. 9696

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24th. Service 6.30 p.m. Celebration supper 7.15 p.m. (by reservation only). Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (Tel. 2260). 9614

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6, recently restored) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Woolley 9, Sackville Close, Hothfield, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 9637

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 9687

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 24th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate (opposite Liverpool Street), 5 p.m. St. James', Clerkenwell, 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 9654

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 9678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9670

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams Memorial meeting at Bradpole on February 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lodgers tower also open 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9669

SLOUGH.—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Stoke Poges (8) and Farnham Royal (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.45 to 5 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and social to follow. Names for tea, please, to Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9622

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. 1672.—Joint meeting with the DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District), on February 24th at St. Andrew's, Derby. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Blore, 67, Park Grove, Derby. 9682

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh (not Leigh), February 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9681

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 24th, 1962, for the purpose of considering the proposed merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Bells will be available at 3 p.m., service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Resident members are asked to come and vote on the future of the Association and all other ringers are welcome. Raymond Parsons, General Secretary.

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 9690

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mudford and Chilton Cantelo, Saturday, March 3rd. Service (Mudford) 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by February 27th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9720

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cople, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 9749

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Pulford, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, March 1st, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 9740

COVENTRY GUILD—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, at Alderminster, near Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 9736

DEVON GUILD—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting. Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, March 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 1st to F. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth. 9710

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD—Quarterly meeting at Bradley on March 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston. Staffs, by Wednesday previous.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 9715

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 3rd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murrell, Dis. Sec. 9714

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9698

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bristol City Branch.—March 3rd. Corporate Communion, 8 a.m., Christ Church (city). Emmanuel 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for breakfast (3s.) and tea by March 1st.—A. Bennett. 9745

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Practice meeting at King's Walden on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9694

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Watford District.—Bushey (8), March 3rd, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, 4.30. Meeting, 6 p.m., in Institute.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—March 3rd, meeting at Cathedral. Arrangements as committee meeting. Branch business follows tea. All intending to go to Slaidburn on April 7th are asked to inform me at this meeting.—J. Pilkington. 9706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Rainford, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford.—F. Pearson, Sec. 9750

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAM-PANOLOGICAL SOCIETY—Annual dinner at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on March 3rd at 7.30 p.m. Probably ringing beforehand. Tickets, 18s., from W. J. Couperthwaite, 65, Royal Park Avenue, Leeds, 6. 9738

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Leicester District.—Meeting, All Saints', Leicester, March 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and service details next week. Names for tea by February 28th to A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Leicester. 9743

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 3rd, in the Red Cross Hall, Syston, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from District Secretary, G. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley. Syston bells available in the afternoon. 9737

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting at Spalding, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, February 28th, to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. 9673

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Epworth, not Upton, Saturday, March 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9727

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting, St. Giles', Norwich, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft in the evening. Service 4.15. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 5 p.m. Methods for practice: Hethersett Delight and Yorkshire. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 28th, to C. Bird (Hon. Sec.), 27, Warwick Street, Norwich, NOR 48 F. 9677

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley, by Wednesday, February 28th. 9704

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, March 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Middleton Cheney, on Saturday, March 3rd. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec. Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9732

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, West Lavington, March 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Erlstoke (6) after tea. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9729

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 9739

SOUTH WALES NOMADS—Meeting at Nash (near Cowbridge) on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 3-6 p.m. Visitors welcome. 9730

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd. Daybrook. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Method: Double Norwich. Names for tea by February 28th to Mr. P. E. Ball, 1, Devon Circus, Redhill Arnold, Nottingham. 9701

SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, February 28th.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9711

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD—Southern District.—Meeting at Aberavon, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by February 24th to Mr. D. Wyatt, 3, Wern Street, Aberavon. Port Talbot.—J. A. H. 9665

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Milford-on-Sea, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing after tea at Hordle. Names for tea, please, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 9683

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Prior, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Hanbury (8) also available 7-9 p.m. Practice method: Oxford Treble Bob Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, February 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9721

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Saturday, March 10th, annual meeting at Colemans Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business, in the Parish Room. Names by 8th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Everyone please support.—C. A. Bassett. 9713

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—The annual general meeting will take place at Guildford on Saturday, March 10th. Ringing: 2.30-4 p.m. at St. Nicolas', Holy Trinity and Stoke: 6.45 approx.-8.15 p.m. at St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's, Woodbridge Road. Tea (buffet) and business 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, 6th, to S. T. Russell (Hon. Sec.), Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 9734

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Meeting, Kislburghy, Saturday, March 10th. Names for tea must be sent to me by Saturday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9731

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—Annual supper and social in Danbury Village Hall on Saturday, March 17th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets available from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, at 5s. 6d. S.A.E. please. All welcome. 9699

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17th. Names for tea to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by Wednesday, March 14th.—M. R. Cross. 9525

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on February 3rd, and was a great success, nearly 60 ringers being present from the Branch, with visitors from various parts of Devon and Cornwall, and one visitor from Somerset. Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, and rounds for the 'beginners'.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. Young), assisted by the Rev. T. McCabe (curate). The Vicar extended a very hearty welcome to all the ringers, particularly to Preb. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton and president of the Guild. Mr. Young said he was brought up in the neighbouring parish to Chittlehampton, where his father was then the vicar. In his address the Vicar said he felt the message of the bells was 'to call the faithful,' 'to call the unheeding,' and 'a reminder to the sick that they were being remembered in the prayers of the church.' An excellent tea was supervised by Mrs. Sims (wife of the captain of Emmanuel).

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel). Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's), honorary secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, gave a very encouraging report as secretary and as treasurer. Twenty-seven quarter peals had been rung, and 15 peals. A record was created by Miss Yvonne Porter (St. Andrew's), who, although laid up for two months following an emergency operation for appendicitis, had rung at 114 new churches, and taken part in three peals and six quarter peals during the year. Very hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. Myers for all he does for the Branch.

Miss Priscilla Drake and Mr. B. T. H. Perry, both of Emmanuel, were presented with their Guild certificates by the Vicar. Four new members were elected, all being from the Lifton area—Messrs. Freese, Pearce, Mead and Glover.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman for the 12th year; Mr. T. G. Myers, to his three offices for something like the 17th year; Mr. J. P. Sims (Emmanuel), Mr. R. Boulton (Tavistock) and Mr. D. Wheeler (St. Andrew's) to the General Committee. Mr. Wheeler was elected to a vacancy caused by Mr. W. G. Lavers being now a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Owen Thomas (Emmanuel), auditor, and Mr. H. H. Thomas, press officer.

Mr. T. G. Myers moved sincere thanks to all the incumbents who had entertained the members of the Branch at meetings and for quarter peals and peals. The ringing of quarter peals as a means to encourage better striking was emphasised. It was also stated that to ring quarter peals on Sundays, except an occasional one, where there were 15 or 16 ringers, and 7 or 8 would not be required, was not felt to be helpful.

The Vicar and the Rev. T. McCabe and Messrs. Clarke and Metherell (churchwardens at Emmanuel) joined the party at tea and for the meeting, and they were thanked for their interest. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Grant Arnold (organist), to Mr. J. P. Sims (captain), with the ever ready help of Mr. W. Collier for ensuring the ropes and everything was in order, and to the ladies for their united efforts in providing tea.

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HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, on handbells, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bryant 1—2, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 3—4, G. F. Bryant 5—6, Miss A. Flather (first quarter) 7—8. Also on Jan. 21st, at the Church of All Souls, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss P. Hardwick (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 3, J. F. Bryant 4, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 5, J. N. Parkin 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds 8.

STRANTON, W. HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Garbutt 1, R. Webster 2, Margaret Machin 3, Janet Payne 4, J. Maughan 5, P. Draffan 6, M. Maughan (cond.) 7, G. Wright 8. For the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. L. Heatley.

SIREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Immanuel, on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Marilyn Barton 1, B. R. Cox 2, C. C. Pain 3, J. C. Eisel 4, M. P. Barton 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. For family Communion.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Suckley (first of Doubles) 1, Miss H. Shone (first of Doubles) 2, Miss I. Marshall (first of Doubles) 3, T. Holmes 4, R. J. Lee (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, K. Speed (first quarter) 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at 121 Lillington Street: J. V. Clark (first on handbells and 'inside') 1—2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3—4, R. A. Yeates (first of Minor on handbells) 5—6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): T. E. Roberts 1, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbidge 4, W. F. Eyden 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6, J. Linnell 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Linford (first on eight) 1, J. Linnell 2, C. Truman 3, F. C. Case 4, D. Burbidge 5, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. E. Green 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam A. J. Green, former tower captain, on the fifth anniversary of his death.

WORCESTER.—At St. Swithun's Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Knight 1, Cathleen S. Heaney 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. Rung at the request of the Rev. N. M. Denlegh-Maxwell (Rector), as a compliment to the Rev. C. H. Carver, on completing five years as Vicar of Claines.

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