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EVERCREECH, 8.50 A.M.

FOR approximately ten years the bells of Evercreech, Somerset, have sounded over the air from the B.B.C. at 8.50 a.m. on Sundays. A first-class ring of bells rung by first-class ringers, they have given joy and encouragement to thousands of ringers and non-ringers practically all over the world. Double Court Minor on the really beautiful front six, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters we have heard Sunday by Sunday.

In the course of the many Sunday morning chores or returning home from Holy Communion, the bells of Evercreech have burst forth suddenly like the sun from behind a cloud, reminding us it is time we began or finished breakfast or started out on our journey to our own tower, and so forth.

And now the B.B.C. thinks there should be a change at 8.50 a.m. on Sundays, and rightly so. The almost perfect bells and almost perfect striking have for some time begun to get stale, for after a couple of the opening changes we know exactly what the remainder will be. Even the best tends to become monotonous. Most certainly it is right to have a change but quite wrong that it should be the same bells, as only a small percentage of the population will notice the difference.

All credit is due to the ringers for the first touch in the new series—a majestic beat to a musical touch of Stedman Triples, with the microphone placed in a better position. Very nice ringing, as perfect as is possible, but tremendously disappointing that the latest B.B.C. recording of church bells was not taken from another tower.

Think of Grandsire Caters from Exeter Cathedral or St. Paul's! St. Paul's!! ST. PAUL'S!!! Yes, St. Paul's; why not? Many thousands of ringers have never heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and are never likely to. There was a time when the mighty twelve at St. Paul's rang out at midnight on New Year's eve, but the practice has, unfortunately, long since ceased. The writer once asked the late Mr. William T. Cockerill the reason for the cessation, and the reply was that the fee received by the ringers was insufficient to get them home at that time of day.

With the hundreds of other fine rings of bells richly deserving the honour that has been allowed (for too long) to Evercreech it should not be at all difficult to produce as good a series from elsewhere. Certainly in this day and age, with the wonderful bells at our disposal, full advantage is not taken of the facilities of the B.B.C. and tape-recorders.

In every county there are wonderful rings of bells of all numbers by various founders, and although there may not be local bands up to the standard of those who took part in the Evercreech recordings it is fairly certain a band from not so very far distant from a church where a recording is required can be collected that can come very near the striking of our Somerset friends.

It is not the intention or purpose of these lines to advise or suggest who should judge exactly what is B.B.C. standard or what is not. But it is felt all over the country that a change of bells broadcast on Sunday mornings would be most welcome, and the sooner the better.

There is general agreement that the ordinary tape-recorder is not able to give a true reproduction of the sound of bells, and so far the only apparatus that can record bells to perfection is that used by the B.B.C.

It is known that several hundred ringers would generously support financially any scheme or project that would provide the means of faithfully reproducing the sound of bells, with the object of forming their own bell-recording library or that of their Association or even the Central Council.

Many differences of opinion could then be settled as to the quality of bells and notes of tenors. (We can with confidence look for generous support from our bellfounders, now alas only two.)

But to return to Evercreech. You, Harry, have great influence with the B.B.C. If you cannot arrange for us to hear Double Norwich Caters from Worcester Cathedral or Grandsire Doubles from Weston Favell, then slip over the hedge to Chewton Mendip or Ditchheat and give us a treat from there.

CECIL W. PIPE.

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THE WEEK-END RINGING COURSE

By PHILIP GRAY

IF you are going to talk about ringing courses you have got to start by talking about the pupils. You have to decide who are the people who are likely to want a ringing course and what it is they want, and ought, to know. In all the courses so far held there seems to have been a unanimity of view about the answers to these questions: they have been designed for the sort of ringer who has practical knowledge of bell-handling, can probably ring Plain Bob and Grandsire, occasionally 'puts a few bobs in' and perhaps does a little teaching himself, but above all is eager to learn more and enjoys his ringing. There are thousands of such ringers, more of this category than any other, and for most of them the opportunities to extend their knowledge are very limited indeed.

Those who are lucky enough to learn in, or near, a tower where there are expert ringers with the gift, and time, for teaching have fewer problems. But they are not the majority. Most belong to bands all of whom are at about the same stage in areas where the standard of ringing is not too high. What can they do to advance? Books are certainly a help, but not everyone is too good at learning from books (you cannot ask a book to stop and explain something a bit more clearly) and they do lack that personal touch which is so essential in ringing. A book becomes of much more value when you have had the elements of, say, method structure or conducting explained and have had your footsteps guided on to the first rung or two of the ladder. In most areas you can find someone to teach you to handle a bell reasonably competently, but after that there is a gap.

The ringing course is one way of filling that gap.

Two things have struck me particularly forcibly (I have now had first-hand experience of four courses) about the students who have come on them. Firstly, young and old (they are mostly under 30, but by no means all) are really avid to learn. The intensity of concentration afforded to the speakers would make any school teacher or university lecturer green with envy. I have never seen anything like it elsewhere.

Secondly, the abysmal ignorance of many of them of even the most elementary principles of their craft. I have met ringers who do not know what ringing a bell up 'wrong' means, ringers of Plain Bob who do not know that dodges come when the treble is leading, 'conductors' who have never heard of a coursing order, tower captains who believe that six ageing gentlemen constitute an adequate band and steeple-keepers who put sump oil in ball-bearings. They do not know these things because no one has ever told them, at least not in a way that they can understand. No art, craft or science can be wholly learnt by practice any more than it can be wholly learnt by theory. We all get plenty of practice but some theory is needed to redress the balance.

NOT FOR THE EXPERTS

This raises a practical difficulty which I am sure all course organisers have experienced: how to get over to ringers beforehand that a ringing course is meant for the likes of them, not for the 'experts.' Say what you will in advance notices, there still remain many people who would profit by, and enjoy, such courses who will persist in the belief that it is only for 'the experts.' Again and again I have heard people say, after a course has been run in their area, that they did not think 'they were expert enough for it.' If anyone can suggest a method of overcoming this will he please say.

There are two types of talk given on these courses: the talk to stimulate interest and the instructional. The first is a 'must' in any course, and is invariably thoroughly enjoyed. I have heard Fred Sharpe, Paul Taylor and Randal Clouston do this sort of talk: each has a tremendous fund of knowledge about bells and their history, each has a supply of excellent slides and exhibits and each is a very accomplished and witty speaker. We are very fortunate to have such people in our Exercise. With the ability to convey their own enthusiasm for the subject so wholeheartedly, such speakers

fill their audiences with delight and stimulate their interest in all ringing matters.

The instructional talk (possibly backed up by some demonstrations in the tower afterwards) cannot be too elementary in its approach. In the time allotted (usually about an hour) it is impossible to get over more than a few basic principles so that the students can go away and learn more by themselves. It would be nice if one were, for example, lecturing on conducting to teach a group of people who had never conducted anything in their lives everything about conducting from Plain Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques, but it just cannot be done. If one can get over to them simply what a coursing order is, how to recognise it and how to transpose it, one has laid a foundation on which they can build. More one cannot hope to do.

TIPS FOR LECTURERS

Of the speakers I have heard some have been good and some not so good (incidentally, I have several times been pleasantly surprised at the excellence of talks given by people who have no previous experience of lecturing or teaching at all) and the not so good ones have invariably fallen down by trying to put too much in. This has resulted in confusion in the minds of the pupils and the talk going on for far too long. I believe that no instructional talk should go on for more than 45 minutes and should be followed by 30 minutes of questions and discussion. If you cannot say it in 45 minutes you are probably trying to say too much. It is a curious thing that we laymen of the Church of England have, so to speak, bashed our clergy over the head during the past half century until their hour-long sermons have been reduced to 10 to 15 minutes, but let us have the rostrum and wild horses will not stop us.

I have heard several excellent instructional talks, but that given by Wilf Moreton at Knuston Hall this summer on handbell ringing was undoubtedly the most brilliant. In less than an hour he taught 40 people the elements of double-handed ringing in such a way that all could surely have gone away and, with practice, develop into competent handbell ringers.

A most interesting feature of several of the talks has been the evidence of original thinking that is going on in almost all branches of ringing. I recall particularly York-Bramble on bell handling and method structure, Brian Price on theory of composition (this definitely was for the experts), Charles Rouse on teaching first steps in change-ringing, Patrick Chapman and Roger Fry on the role of Associations today, and several others to a lesser degree. It is most encouraging to find that such research work is going on, but it does have certain dangers in a course of this sort. The essence of research work is minute analysis and careful definition (and often renaming) of terms. When trying to instruct beginners, however, a display of such erudition can be merely confusing. Analysis must be followed by synthesis before it can be used for instruction. York-Bramble's talks well illustrate this: his technique is to smash his subject into little pieces, rename most of them and then spread all of them out before his audience. This seems to me to be totally inadequate for instructing beginners. It also takes far too long. Speaking as one who has got a little way past the beginners' stage, I found his researches stimulating and applaud them, but the bewilderment of the beginners at the end of them pleased me less.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

All research work does need beating out on the anvil of debate and argument to forge it into something of real worth. This can be done amongst an audience of people who know their subject. I feel that there is enough material about to hold a national ringers' conference (definitely not for beginners this one) at which speakers could present their original views and have them discussed with no holds barred. How about it, Education Committee?

Finally, a few general points about ringing courses. Finance: since the first course at Dillingham House at Easter, 1959, I think almost all have been run in conjunction with the local education committees. This has enabled them

EXTENT OF MAJOR LOST AFTER 22,064 CHANGES

The attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on November 10th, by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin and his band, failed after 10 hours 57 minutes' ringing. Some 22,064 changes had been rung when a mistake occurred.

Mr. J. M. Saunders, the umpire, in his report states: At 5.18 a.m. on Saturday, November 10th, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry a start was made on an attempt to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major.

By 7.46 a.m. 5,040 changes had been rung in 2 hours 28 minutes, and the quarter way of 10,080 changes was reached at 10.14 a.m. after 4 hours 56 minutes.

15,120 changes had been rung by 12.44 p.m. in 7 hours 26 minutes, to be followed by reaching the half-way mark of 20,160 at 3.13 p.m., having taken 9 hours 55 minutes to ring.

With the half-way passed and the band looking fit and alert, it seemed as if success was on its way, but at 4.10 p.m. the bells were stood after a mistake had been made. In add. 22,064 changes had been rung, in 10 hours 57 minutes.

The band was the same as that which made an attempt last year, with each member ringing his same bell. They stood Dennis A. Chapman treble, Edgar R. Rapley 2, Peter J. Eves 3, Dennis A. S. Symonds 4, Howard W. Egglestone 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Frank B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, Walter Arnold tenor.

The band wish to thank Mr. Paul Taylor for allowing them the use of the bells and for all the arrangements he had made for their visit. Thanks are also accorded to Robert B. Smith and David C. Vincent, for their help and support.

I. J. M. SAUNDERS.

There were many expressions of concern at the College Youths' dinner at the absence of Mr. Albert Hughes. Although he is not permitted to go out at present, his bodily health is quite good and he is able to get up most days. His difficulty is locomotion, as he is only able to walk with the aid of two sticks. Still cheerful, he looks forward to attending the dinner next year.

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to be run for about £2 a head, including instruction, two nights' lodging and all meals. There is no doubt that without the assistance of the ratepayer in this way comparable facilities for a week-end residential course could not be obtained at this price. I am sure that this cost cannot be reduced, but it certainly does deter some people from coming. Only when the course is held in a town (where residential L.E.A. colleges are in any case scarcer) is it possible to hold a non-residential course at a lower cost. Other types of course: all the talks given on these courses are suitable for presentation, individually, at ringers' meetings. An hour or so devoted to a talk and discussion after tea instead of a business meeting may well be appreciated, and it is a means of getting to a wider public at negligible cost. Some Associations have, I believe, tried this, but I have no personal knowledge of it.

Annual courses: some Associations have already held two or three courses in successive years because they know that there are a great many people who want to attend them. There is a temptation to try to avoid repetition and add variety by altering the subjects and speakers from year to year. This is understandable but is not, I think, wholly desirable. Each new set of pupils needs to learn the same things, and a formula of talks which seems to meet the bill should be retained. The need for elementary courses is too great, and will always remain so, to afford the luxury of making annual courses progressive. In some cases there may be a need for parallel courses for more advanced students, but that is another matter.

A week-end ringing course is quite an experience, if only for the pleasure of being with a group of people who are so obviously enjoying it. I have never met a ringer who regretted attending one, regardless of his technical ability.

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READING AND SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITIES IN SCOTLAND

IN eight days' fast moving around towers in Scotland and the North, motor transport for all was an inevitable but unwelcome innovation.

We met at Penrith on Friday night and the following morning admired the bell names in Black Letter at the Parish Church, St. Andrew's. At Great Salkeld tower Cambridge went well, but a puncture in Jane Foster's car was the first and only of the tour. Upheavals for organ repairs forced the ringing of the seventh at Carlisle Cathedral to balance on a girder, and the ringers of some front bells to get used to seeing visitors scores of feet below. We thank the Cumberland ladies for a welcome cup of tea which sped us to Glasgow.

On Sunday morning at Paisley, Felicity Webber joined us and we enjoyed not only the bells but our first experience of Presbyterian services. Our spirits were then dampened by a Scottish Sunday afternoon until Mr. Boumphrey met us at Glasgow Cathedral: here Grandsire Caters went well, but some Stedman lacked the precision the bells demanded.

Rumours of the condition at Inveraray were exaggerated, but the ringers of eight and nine are not advised to jump down heavily from their boxes. Michael Johnson, a former member of the Reading Society, joined us for the day, and we were pleased to welcome Bernard Ongley, who was coincidentally passing through Inveraray as we were ringing.

At Dunblane on Tuesday we found a triple striking treble and a funny two in a fine Norman tower. It was very pleasant to see a cathedral untouched by the reflexes of the Oxford movement. The evil temptation to ring the light eight at Alloa too quickly seduced the band and a course of Kent was unsuccessful.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, suited us and the beginners profited from well struck courses of Grandsire Triples. A young policeman visited us ringing in the gloomy spaciousness of the old steeple; it was purely a courtesy visit: we always kept ourselves the right side of the law. We hurried on to Edinburgh Cathedral to ring a memorable course of Grandsire Caters and wonder at the ringing chamber.

Thursday was our last day in Scotland. Edinburgh St. Cuthbert's proved the best eight of the tour and produced the best Kent. At Leith, the traditional course of Duffell was rung: it came round. A touch of Stedman Triples was happier. Fettes College Chapel was a must, but acclimatisation took too long for the ringing to be above average.

Back in England, the squeaks at Hexham Abbey amused everybody when we took the bells up singly, as did the announcement that two seemingly normal bells were ostensibly stavless.

Newton Hall (6) had to be taken slowly and we thought the eight at Barnard Castle a very rhythmical ring. That night we realised that the handbells had been left in Scotland so one car had to peel off back over the border, missing the next day's ringing. A very fine attempt at Grinton Y.H. to mend the warden's piano compensated for the absence of handbells.

Our last full day, Saturday, started at Grinton: we took some time petting back into Doubles ringing. Southwards to Middleham and Major again, and on to the pleasant six at Kirby Wiske, where we were nobly entertained to tea and scones on a tombstone by Mr. and Mrs. Bashfull. We thank them for their kindness. Our introduction to Yorkshire tails was at Easingwold, an eight not famous for tone. By Acomb most of us had found our feet again in Doubles.

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'Scientifics' and 'Stoney's' Meet Again



[By courtesy 'South Devon Journal']

Saturday, October 20th, saw the second meeting between the 'scientifics' and the 'stoneys' of South Devon! The start made at Brixham last year was happily continued at Dartmouth, when representatives of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild, under their chairman, Mrs. Hood, of East Teignmouth, met their opposite numbers of the South Devon Association at Townstal Church, high on the skyline above the river.

A congenial company rang the light six to call-changes and 'method' until service time at 4.30, when the Vicar of Dartmouth, Rural Dean of Ipplepen, conducted the Guild Office. The collection, which amounted to £3 5s., was given to Blackawton bells restoration fund. A typical ringers' tea (with fresh crab sandwiches

galore) was provided in the adjacent Church Hall, after which the party moved down the hill to St. Saviour's magnificent eight. Here mixed sets of ringers had the bells going to Queens and Grandsire, Stedman and Whittington until well after 7 o'clock.

A successful 'get-together'? Surely it was! Sufficiently so to have it asked of the South Devon Association members: 'Where's it going to be next year?'—which is adequate comment!

Among the towers represented were Rubha-combe, Bighury, Bishop's Teignton, Dartmouth (Townstal and St. Saviour's), Ipplepen, Brixham, Kingsbridge, King's Kerswell, King's Teignton, Paignton, Plymstock, Plympton, Teignmouth (St. Michael's), Tor and Upton. B. E. B.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The special methods were St. Clement's and Kelso when the Biggleswade District met at St. Peter's, Arlesey, on November 10th, but other methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and rounds to London Surprise.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Edgell, conducted a short service, and also presided at the business meeting, when one new member was elected. An excellent spread was put on by Arlesey lady church workers. S. P.

UNIVERSITIES IN SCOTLAND—Contd.

After attending Eucharist in York Minster, we rang there for Matins. Then the five cars and their sixteen travel-weary occupants parted, some straight homeward, but most of the Southampton Guild rang for and attended Harvest Festival at Lechlade.

We are all indebted to Jane Foster for organising so successful a tour, to Peter Wilkinson and Hugh Evans for acting as Ringing Masters and, above all, to incumbents for granting us permission to ring.

OBITUARY

MR. HORACE H. SMITH

The Bedfordshire Association has lost one of its older members by the death in October of Mr. Horace H. Smith, of Ridgmont. He rang over 100 peals for the Association.

Born at Husborne Crawley, he was a gardener and was in the service of the Duke of Bedford. In the First World War he served with the Bedfordshire Regiment and saw action in France.

He was very active at Husborne Crawley prior to and following the war. A very fine heavy-bell ringer, he was associated with the Surprise band at Woburn in the 1920's, when it was in its heyday. He rang many peals with Arthur Sharman and Eddie Hobbs.

Indifferent health and failing eyesight caused him to give up ringing. Of a quiet disposition, he was a member of the Luton District Committee and was much respected.

Horace Smith was 73 years old. A wife, two sons and a daughter survive him, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Rest in peace. H. B. W.

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RINGERS FROM FROME AREA VISIT ISLE OF WIGHT

Although the mini-bus which left Frome on Friday, October 19th, carried 13 people, nothing occurred to prove this an unlucky number. Perfect weather, enjoyable ringing, good food, comfortable beds and excellent organisation combined to make a memorable week-end.

A smooth crossing from Lymington to Yarmouth on Friday evening, was followed by an hour's ringing at All Saints', Ryde (8). A Newport hotel provided our hungry ringers with piles of sandwiches, and handbells were rung before we retired.

The following morning, refreshed and well fed, eleven ringers and two small children left the hotel to tackle a lengthy programme. Before lunch, three churches were visited, with nearly an hour's ringing in each tower.

First came St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, a fine church with eight bells, rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Although all the ropes were new, the bells were easy to manage. A tablet in the ringing chamber, dated 1777, records a peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples. St. George's, Arreton, which is partly Saxon, has a small tower with enormous buttresses. Crops here grow as if to emulate these buttresses, and the church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival, with flowers, and with huge cabbages, cauliflowers and pumpkins. One member of our party must have felt very much at home among these giants. The six bells are light and easy to handle.

As our band arrived at Newport to ring, a party of ringers from Swindon was leaving the tower, and they gave a kindly warning that these bells would prove difficult to manage. The treble was, indeed, very tricky, and the best ringing took place on the back six.

After lunch four villages were visited before tea—Whitwell, Godshill, Chale and Niton. Godshill was one of the highlights of the week-end, as the six bells are both musical and easy to handle.

BRADING'S LADDER

After tea, which was difficult to obtain with the holiday season over, the mini-bus arrived at Brading, a little behind schedule. Here, one has to climb an almost perpendicular ladder to the ringing chamber, from whence the church interior may be seen.

Two more towers were on our programme for the evening, but the bells at Brightstone could not be rung as the key was missing. The last, Shorwell, has five bells, with very long ropes, which are very difficult to strike correctly, but the braver members of our party gave a creditable performance. Later in the evening, recordings of the day's ringing were played back, accompanied by the munching of many sandwiches.

Sunday provided a happy ending to a pleasant week-end, with ringing on two musical sixes, at Freshwater in the morning, and Brightstone after lunch, where the Rector and his dog met and welcomed the band. Bishop Ken, buried at St. John's Church, Frome, was Rector at Brightstone from 1666 to 1670. The ringers were pleased to find six bells, as the new edition of Dove lists Brightstone as a five. The Rector explained that all the bells had been recast by Mears, and a new treble added. The weight of the old tenor is given in the tower as 7 cwt.

On the return journey, the wait at Yarmouth was enlivened by handbell ringing, which continued in the minibus, while crossing by ferry to Lymington. This roused a certain amount of interest and speculation among other passengers, and it is understood that the mini was mistaken, by one lady, for an ice-cream van.

Thanks to the three organisers (D. Robertson, D. Withers (tenor, 17½ stone) and R. Baker), everyone enjoyed this most successful outing, and a special 'thank you' is due to David Robertson, who did all the driving.

H. M. M.

ST. PETROCK'S BELLS, EXETER, RINGING AGAIN



Following the article in 'The Ringing World' of May 25th by Mr. William Shepherd on the bells of St. Petrock's, Exeter, which had been silent since 1936, Mr. Norman Mallett made a detailed inspection of the tower. After a short while he formed the opinion that no major work was required to the bells, but the tower itself (constructed of Heavitree sandstone) required certain structural works if the bells were to be made ringable.

The Vicar, Rev. J. A. Grundy, was later approached by Mr. B. H. Thompson, a Heavitree ringer and architect, and Mr. Mallett, with a recommendation that if a window was rebuilt on the south side of the tower and a new beam placed over the five bells on the lower level to carry the fourth bell (in a wooden turret) at the top, the tower would be safe for ringing, subject to a general overhaul of the bells.

The Vicar, now 83 years of age, having been in this parish since 1935, agreed to have the work completed. This is now finished and the bells, after 26 years' silence, were rung to a quarter peal on November 10th, details of which appear in the quarter peal columns.

The dedication of this church is to a British saint, St. Petrock, the abbot of a monastery at Bodmin, who died on June 4th, A.D. 564. Details of the bells (tenor approx. 5½ cwt.) are:

Treble.—A. Rudhall, 1742.

2nd.—Cast by J. Sadler, 1693.

3rd.—Johannes est nomen Ejus. This bell shows the arms of Henry V, who came to the throne in 1413.

4th.—Cast by T. Pennington of Exeter, 1683.

5th.—Soli Deo Detur Gloria. Cast 1677.

Tenor (no inscription).

The bells were restored by Doble and Son, of Taunton, in 1922. The recent overhaul was completed by Mr. S. Sharland, a local engineer and ringer.

Subject to the necessary arrangements, it is hoped that the bells will be rededicated on December 8th, during the annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers; thereafter the newly-formed Exeter University Guild anticipate making this their Sunday tower.

N. M.

RINGERS' SUNDAY IN ESSEX

Arranged by Mr. F. Lufkin, bell ringers' Sunday was again held at Kirkby-le-Soken Church on November 4th. Ringing began at 7.15 a.m. for Holy Communion, and among the 29 ringers present were visitors from London and St. Albans. Breakfast had been prepared for them by ringers' wives.

There was an hour's ringing before Matins, at which the Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick, of Lambeth, a bell ringer, preached. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells instead of the anthem, the band being W. Ayre 1—2, B. Fairhead 3—4, E. B. Smith 5—6, F. Lufkin 7—8. The lessons were read by Mr. H. Millett and Mr. W. Ayre.

In the afternoon Mr. Lufkin and other ringers gave a talk and demonstration to the Sunday school. Evensong took the same form as Matins. The lessons were read by two local ringers—Messrs. G. Ingar and F. Lufkin—and another ringing parson, the Rev. Giles Galley, of King's Lynn, preached. In the handbell touch Mr. U. Wildney deputised for Mr. Ayre.

As a final send-off to the day the ringers choir and congregation were the guests of the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Thomas to tea and a social half-hour in the Church Room. The Vicar thanked Mr. Lufkin for his hard work to make the Sunday a success.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Stratton Branch

The annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch was held at Week St. Mary on October 27th, and proved very successful, nearly 50 ringers being present, including the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. T. Simpson) and a grand tea was provided by the ladies of the church.

At the annual meeting the following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. W. T. Simpson; secretary, R. J. Hicks; treasurer, A. J. Hamby; Branch Ringing Master, H. Stacey. Whitstone was chosen for next year's festival on the last Saturday in October. R. J. H.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

The joint meeting of the adjacent Districts of the Ladies' Guild, the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was once again very successful. Ringing in the afternoon at St. Andrew's and St. John's was in a variety of methods, and with the assistance of the younger members of the International Association, included London Surprise Royal.

The service was conducted by Rev. F. C. Tyler, of St. John's, and the sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. J. Hoyal, Vicar of Stanwell. Taking as his text: Ecclesiastes iv. 12, 'and a threefold cord is not quickly broken,' he spoke of the many references to ropes and cords in the Bible, and compared the strength of the Exercise with the strength of a rope, both due to the intermingling of their component parts.

After the usual satisfying tea, Mr. Tyler welcomed the visitors to Hillingdon, and Miss D. Hague, of the O.D.G., replied and thanked all those responsible for the arrangements.

Further ringing at St. John's again ranged up to London Surprise Royal, and the evening's entertainment included the Canadian film 'Ringers Wanted,' which was much appreciated. The annual cricket match resulted in the Middlesaxons imposing an innings defeat on those from the other side of the River Colne.

The Hillingdon joint meeting has been held regularly since 1932, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the St. John's Society for being excellent hosts each year.

F. T. B.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS

'POULARD' BELL ROPES

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THE COTSWOLDS IN NOVEMBER

Very heavy rain fell on the morning of November 3rd, but the sun broke through to join the rector in welcoming a small party of ringers to Elkstone Church. The tower contains a nice five (11½ cwt.), but the stairway was not made for oversize ringers.

After ringing the party moved to the home of Mary Bliss where she and her mother provided hot drinks for the ringers to take with their sandwiches in a nice warm room.

Next visited was Rendcomb (a very handy six, 12½ cwt.), where the Rev. J. P. Hart welcomed the band. After half-an-hour here, a move was made to Chedworth, where the Rev. E. M. de Lucy Mann was awaiting the party. These bells (6, 11 cwt.) go well, but were unfortunately fitted with new ropes more suitable for Sherborne Abbey tenor.

A member of the local band welcomed the party at Upper Slaughter, and apologised that mice had eaten the rope ends. The five (13 cwt.) go well but will not be hurried.

After tea at a café in Stow-on-the-Wold the convoy of cars moved across the border into Oxfordshire to Ascott-under-Wychwood. The bells (6, 7½ cwt.) go like tops and were voted the best of the day, and the ringers were sorry to leave them to go to their homes in Gloucestershire, Somerset and Worcestershire. Ringing ranged from rounds for seven-year-old Andrew Jopp to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

E. T. P. F.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The inaugural meeting of the Radnor District was held at New Radnor on November 3rd. The bells were available before and after the meeting. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Llanbadarn and the Rev. R. Griffiths (Vicar) gave a short history of the church. An excellent tea was prepared.

The Vicar presided at the meeting, and the general secretary explained the reasons for the formation of the District. Mr. Colin Lewin gave details of the towers that would constitute the District. Mr. Hughes, of New Radnor, proposed that full support be given to the formation of the new District. This was carried, and it was decided to call it the Radnorshire District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The rules of the Guild were accepted into its constitution.

Mr. A. J. Lewis was elected hon. District secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Leslie Allen hon. auditor, the office of Master to be left for a later date. After a long discussion on the appointment of an instructor, it was decided to leave the matter open. Mr. Leslie Evans said he would give every possible assistance in teaching, but he didn't want to take office.

Next meeting, Llanbadarn, Rads, on February 2nd. Combined practice, Dolou, Rads, on December 1st. Mr. Colin Lewis thanked the Vicar.

J. A. H.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A warm welcome was accorded the Barnsley and District Society by Canon Clarke, who hoped the Society would come again, when they visited Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on November 10th. An excellent tea was served to representatives of 14 towers present. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—1



ROGER F. OVERINGTON,
Ancient Society of College Youths.

It is by pure coincidence that, like the recent series 'Personalities,' the College Youths provide No. 1 of this new series.

Roger F. Overington was born on November 13th, 1944, at Surbiton, Surrey. He has three brothers but is the only member of the family interested in bellringing. He now lives at Chapter House, St. Paul's Churchyard, his father, Mr. H. V. Overington, being the Dean's Virger at St. Paul's Cathedral. (The spelling of 'Virger' is peculiar to St. Paul's.)

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A very good meeting was held at Hucknall on October 27th. The blind organist assisted in the short service, and an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by the ladies of the Guild. Recordings were made by Miss A. Henson on her tape-recorder of some of the methods rung and of the organist who played so beautifully.

50 Years Ago

November 15th, 1912:—

Seldom, we should think, has the recasting of a peal been accomplished in such an interesting fashion as those of Portsmouth Parish Church. This church has more than parochial claims. It stands almost in the position of a national institution, and its new bells will for ever bear evidence of this fact.

The peal of eight have all been recast, one by the parishioners, one by the children, one by the Clergy of the Rural Deanery, one by the doctors and another by the lawyers. The fifth has been recast by the soldiers, and, marking the national interest in the church, the sixth by King George. Portsmouth should be proud of its bells.

Roger was educated at the City of London School, where he admits he devoted more time to bellringing than to his studies. Whilst there he sang in Her Majesty's Chapels Royal as a treble. He left school at the age of 16 and joined the staff of the National Bank Ltd. At the age of 12 he was drawn by the sound of the bells to the tower of St. Paul's, where he met that well-known character Mr. W. J. Rawlings, who invited him to look at the ropes. Roger was so fascinated that he went again and Mr. Rawlings began to teach him to handle the five-minute service bell which is rung each day before services. He soon mastered the art of handling, and is unique in that he is the only person ever to have learned to ring at St. Paul's. He is now well known in London towers and is a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Paul's and St. Luke's, Chelsea.

Roger's first peal was with the College Youths, when he rang the treble to Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Hampton, Middlesex, on July 2nd, 1960, conducted by Frank C. Price. His total of seven peals includes two of Stedman Caters and three of Stedman Cinques. At the age of 16 he rang the treble to a peal at St. Paul's, and says his greatest moment was when he heard the bells come round after 3 hours 43 minutes. He has two ambitions: (1) to conduct his first peal of Stedman Triples, and (2) to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Finally, Roger pays a tribute to that well-known and much-loved gentleman Alfred B. Peck by saying he will always remember with gratitude the help he gave him, for his plain speaking, and the kindly way he spoke to him when he did something wrong. NORVING.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Good use was made of the fine eight bells at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Rochester District on October 20th. Many youngsters were attending their first annual meeting and were looked after by the District Ringing Master, the Rev. Peter Bond.

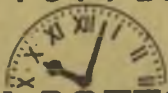
Friends from the Canterbury District were included in the congregation of 70 at the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Meacham. Tea was given by the Sittingbourne ringers and friends and served by the Mothers' Union. Mr. Bond was voted to the chair for the business meeting, during which the company stood in memory of Mr. A. Hewitt, of Frindsbury, a faithful member.

The District secretary, Mr. T. Barton, reported that 34 peals had been rung during the past year, and there was a balance in hand of £34 9s. 9d. Mr. Barton, who had held office for five years, tendered his resignation, and was thanked for his valuable services. Other business included the election of 13 new members.

Officers for the coming year elected were: Secretary, Mr. L. Mitchell, Newington; District Ringing Master, the Rev. Peter Bond; District representatives, Messrs. A. J. Dunk and F. J. Cheal.

Mr. W. Hollands announced that the Railwaymen's Guild would be holding their annual meeting at Rochester next year. After the votes of thanks the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY TOURS CORNWALL

MANY new and welcome faces were to be seen on this year's tour, which took place from July 29th to August 11th. The party numbered 14 in the first week, reducing to ten in the second.

The main activities began on Sunday, July 29th, at St. Mary's, Launceston, where Wilfred Boucher and his band gave us full use of their fine octave to ring for Matins, which we attended. This was followed by St. Thomas' cramped tower, where we had our first encounter with really long ropes. After lunch Boyton, North Tamerton (a ringing Rector) and Whitstone preceded ringing for Evensong at Launcells (a fine six). The day ended with Stratton (8, tenor 21-3-16), where we rang out the congregation. Methods included Stedman and Yorkshire.

Friends from Cardiff and Orpington joined us next morning at Poughill, a fine-toned Gillett six. Morwenstow Church is renowned for its former eccentric Vicar, and also for its fine views, spoilt on this occasion by drizzle. Then followed Kilkhampton, Marhamchurch, Week St. Mary, Poundstock's toneless bells, Davidstow, Lesneath and St. Juliot, and the day ended at historic Tintagel, whose church has a commanding position on the headland.

A CHURCH IN A FIELD

Bodmin's octave have recently been restored and we greatly enjoyed our visit here on the Tuesday morning. It was a pity that our Hertfordshire campers broke camp too late for a pull here. Blisland is well worth a call, for it has one of the few village greens in the county, together with a most interesting church. The Rev. W. H. Minors, one of several Cornish ringing incumbents, met us at St. Breward, before we moved to Advent, a church in a field with five bells, and with ferns growing profusely on the tower's inside walls. Lanteglos, St. Teath, St. Tudy (very rough going), St. Mabyn and St. Kew preceded the magnificent six at St. Endellion. St. Minver, Egloshayle and St. Breock concluded a day whose ringing had included Bristol and a Cornish-style 'peal'.

Wednesday's ringing began on the easy-going eight at St. Columb Minor. Then followed St. Mawgan, St. Eval (in the middle of a disused arnfield) and St. Merryn, before arriving at Padstow (unusual for Cornwall in that a climb was needed to reach the ringing room). The next ring, at Little Petherick, was rather dismal, but the Vicar kindly showed us the magnificent set of vestments. A course of Rossendale was attempted at St. Issey before we rang at St. Columb Major, where the ringing chamber is over an archway. St. Dennis and St. Stephen-in-Brannell, both in kaolin mining country, ended the day, but not before Oxford Bob Triples put some of us to the test.

Two pleasant sixes—Crantock and Newlyn East—were followed on Thursday by a very good ring at Perranzabuloe, which were heard in a touch of Spliced Minor. St. Agnes and Redruth preceded Illogan's detached tower, where, as at our previous call, sound chutes were in evidence. A course of Cornwall Surprise was rung at Tuckingmill before going on to Camborne: we read that these bells grow on one—we were unimpressed by them. Crowan, Gwinear (a majestic six), Phillack and Ludgvan completed the day.

FINE SCENERY SPOILT BY RAIN

Friday, August 3rd, was conspicuous for continuous drizzle. Gallery ringing rooms seem more popular this end of the county, and Gulval has panelling provided by the local captain. The musical octave at Madron was followed by the noble six at Paul (14 cwt.). There is one thing to be said for Cornwall in wet weather—its beaches are not covered with holidaymakers and cars, as we found at lunchtime. Ringing followed at Sennen, and then a normally scenic ride to Zennor and Towedack. At the latter two towers we were pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parfrey from Somerset. St. Hilary and Lelant brought us to practice night at Carbis Bay. When ringing the ten the treble seems too noisy and the second too quiet—due probably to their being on different levels.

Next morning, in contrast, was bright and sunny as we arrived at Helston, whose good Taylor octave began the day. Calls at Cury and Mullion brought us to Landewednack, whose interesting church had examples of the local serpentine stone. Lunch was taken on the rocks of Church Cove, while some of the party enjoyed a swim. Across the Goonhilly Downs and past the Telstar station to St. Keverne, a fine 18½ cwt. eight, to which we did not do justice. However, we were vastly better at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, where Cornwall Surprise was enjoyed. Manaccan, Mawgan-in-Meneage, Wendron, Constantine and Mabe—all sixes—provided the menu for the rest of the day.

MAJESTIC TEN AT TRURO CATHEDRAL

Sunday saw us ringing for morning service at St. Budock, and after the service at St. Gluvias, followed in the afternoon by Stithians. The bells at Gwennap's detached tower could do with the attention of a bell hanger while in sharp contrast are the glorious 12½ cwt. six at Perran-ar-Worhal. Ringing for Evensong was on the majestic ten at Truro Cathedral, with methods up to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. After Evensong we inspected this impressive building before proceeding to Kenwyn, with an excellent octave and a band to match.

Following tradition, it was raining on Bank Holiday Monday as we travelled to St. Clement's, Truro (a musical ring of four). From here to another four-bell tower, St. Michael's, Penkevil, where there is an eight-bell frame containing approximately 1, 3, 5, 7 of the octave. St. Kea and St. Erme followed, and then Ladock, whose bells could do with rehanging. After leaving Ladock one of the cars was involved in an accident, fortunately without injury, but the fact that the car had to be left in Truro for repairs, and the unavoidable delay, curtailed our stay at Probuc, with its fine tower and bells. For some people Vervan was very exciting, because it enabled them to complete the alphabet for towers—perhaps the first to do so? St. Gorran, St. Ewe and St. Mewan completed the day.

St. Austell's is another church where a fine tower is matched by its bells. A call at Roche brought us to Withiel; Mr. Aggett, bell hanger of Chagford, Devon, apparently cast a few bells, as some of his products were found here. After lunch we rang at Lanivet and Lanhydrock, before journeying to Lostwithiel, whose band is renowned throughout Cornwall for its excellence in call change ringing; our scientific stuff badly let the side down. Lanlivery and Golant preceded a climb up the very tall tower at Fowey, and here methods included Yorkshire and Double Norwich. Tywardreath and Luxulyan, our first anticlockwise ring, brought the day to a close.

PENNINGTON'S VIRGIN PEAL

We did eventually find St. Winnow Church on Wednesday, August 28th, nestling alongside the banks of the River Fowey. This parish is joined with St. Veep, where a beard proclaims that this is a virgin peal (1770) by Thomas Pennington. After Lanteglos, we enjoyed Lansallos bells, where the local band holds the shield of the East Cornwall Bellringing Association. Afternoon ringing was partaken at Talland, Lanreath and Broadoak, followed after tea by Cardynham and St. Neot, where we paused to admire the mediæval stained glass windows for which the church is renowned. St. Cleer preceded St. Ive.

Thursday morning began at Liskeard, whose tower was rebuilt in 1902 and contains a pleasant Mears octave. A selection of sixes followed: St. Keyne (anti-clockwise), Duloe (where five and six are loose on their headstocks), Morval, St. Martin-by-Looe and Menheniot, where the Vicar (a keen ringer) joined us in 120 Grandsire, afterwards showing us numerous items of interest in his church. Our longest intermediate journey of 16 miles brought us to Maker, on the headland overlooking Plymouth Sound, though fog and heavy rain spoilt the impressive views normally obtainable from this point. Antony, St. Germans (a magnificent Norman west door), Landulph (where the Queen and Prince Philip had recently signed the visitors book) and

Botus Fleming brought us to the impressive six (16-1-15) at St. Stephen's-by-Saltash.

An unfortunate misunderstanding resulted in a long wait to get into the tower at Saltash next morning, but some of us made use of the time by inspecting the new suspension bridge. Pillaton and St. Mellion preceded Calstock, where the Rev. G. W. Ruming rang with us; an unusual feature here was numbered studs in the floor to identify each rope. Afternoon's ringing was at Callington, Linkinhorne and Lewannick. Altarnon's octave provided another gallery ring, and the last call was to the noble 15 cwt. six at South Petherwin.

Our concluding day opened at two sixes. Lawhitton and Lezant, where the Vicar recited short prayers before we rang. Werrington has probably the first complete Simpson-tuned ring, and from here a quick pull at North Petherwyn, before another grand octave at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston. After lunch, the Rev. John Scott stood in a course of Cambridge on his good Mears six at Clawton. Then followed Ashwater, Germansweek and the Pennington ring at Bratton Clovelly, where the local captain called a 'peal' for us. Three uninspiring sixes brought the tour to an end—Thrushelton (probably the worst of all those visited!), Stowford and Broadwoodwider.

This account would not be complete without a sincere 'thank you' to all those who contributed to the success of the tour; in particular, we would thank Rev. A. S. Roberts, Rev. A. J. Vincent and Bob Southwood for giving that little extra bit of assistance that makes an organiser's life easier. I. H. O.

RADLEY COLLEGE RINGERS AROUND SWINDON

Radley College Campanological Society took advantage of 'X' day (the one day a term on which a holiday is given for various Societies) to visit six towers in the Swindon and Upper Thames area on October 26th.

These were South Marston (6), where some of the best ringing of the day took place, Broad Blunsdon (6), baffled by the long, unguided draught and heavy, wet ropes, and Castle Eaton (6) before lunch. This was at the George Hotel, Kempsford, where the landlord, on the spur of the moment, provided bacon and eggs, and sorrows were drowned with local ale. In the church's central tower, built by John of Gaunt, we did not do justice to the pleasant, heavy ring.

Although the ringing was slow and the tenor a bit sluggish, the striking was pretty even at Cricklade (5). The last tower was Meysey Hampton, where the ringing was rather rough and not up to standard because we were all tired. Tea was taken at the Bull Hotel, Fairford. Back at College a vote of thanks was passed to the organiser (the secretary) and to the president and vice-president for providing transport. Without exception, everybody gained much useful experience. R. N. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch at the two Ogbournes on October 27th attracted a good company, visitors coming from as far afield as Suffolk. First ringing and also the service, conducted by the Rev. H. W. Dunn, was at Ogbourne St. Andrew. A bountiful tea had been prepared by Mrs. A. Whiting and helpers at Ogbourne St. George, and the Vicar in a welcome commented how nice it was to hear the bells which were too often silent. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. George Newman. Ringing at St. George's continued until late evening.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Bruce 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, N. Donovan 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, S. Armeson 5, G. S. Lee 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jack Jones, M.P. for Rotherham, who was killed in a road accident on October 31st.

RING OF TEN INSTALLED AT GROTON, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—I wish I had the time to write at greater length about the wonderful new ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt. in F) which the Whitechapel Foundry has made for us, of the efficient supervision of the hanging by Mr. Harry Parkes and of the generous co-operation of the Groton School authorities—all combined to make ours an ideal tower indeed.

What are the boys going to do with the bells? First, the best handling I am capable of teaching, with the consequent good striking. Secondly, opening ringing within our capabilities. Having rung quarter peals of Stedman Doubles in the motherland last summer, our ambition is to become a Stedman tower.

We still need a schoolmaster-ringer (English) to produce the best results however.—Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School,
Mass, U.S.A.

ALREADY NAMED

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in the peal columns and Belfry Gossip of Mr. G. K. Dodd's 'new' methods—Ascension and St. Stephen's Doubles.

These methods are exactly the same as Salwarpe (in the case of Ascension) and Windrush (in the case of St. Stephen's).

The methods were first rung as Salwarpe and Windrush by a well-known Worcestershire band, led by Mr. P. Caltermole on March 29th, 1961, at Wychbold ('R.W.', dated April 14th, 1961, in peal columns and on page 255 in the letters).—Yours, etc.,

MARTIN J. KIRK.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

LETTERS

LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE SOCIETIES' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Unless Mr. Robert Smith wishes to differentiate between the singular and the plural of the word college, the peal rung for 'The Loughborough Colleges Society' on Wednesday, October 17th, was not the first tower bell peal for the Society, as claimed.

Myself and five others, who were at the time students at Loughborough, rang a peal of Bob Minor at Diseworth on Wednesday, February 25th, 1953, which we credited to 'The Loughborough College Society,' of which we believed ourselves to be the founder members.—Yours sincerely,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Dear Sir,—Those interested in lighting failure in the belfry should note that there is now a portable emergency lighting unit which can be plugged into the system. The light of this unit is kept off by the electricity supply, but upon the supply failing it automatically comes on.

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N.B.—the writer has no shares or interest in this firm.—K. F.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I herewith give notice of an attempt to ring 10,944 Rutland Surprise Major at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent, on December 9th, 1962, commencing at 10.30 a.m. The composition is as follows:

23456	B	W	H
63425	4	—	—
46325	5	—	—
34625	5	—	—
23645	5	—	—

Twice repeated.

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

London, S.W.

LONG LENGTH ALTERATION

The attempt for 15,120 Plain Bob Minor on handbells has had to be postponed on November 21st, and will now take place on November 28th at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, London, E.C., commencing at 2 p.m.—B. J. W.

NO PRIDE

Dear Sir,—I wish Mr. Hector G. PRIDE had rung in the false Cambridge at Coalbrookdale instead of the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

HECTOR G. BIRD.

Highbridge, Somerset.

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Deserving of special comment is the peal of Grandsire Doubles, Broad Hinton, Wilts, which was the first peal for four of the band, the first of Grandsire Doubles by the other two and the first as conductor.

The Cumberlands had a seaside excursion to Great Yarmouth on November 10th to score the first peal of Cinques on the bells.

All ringing has been suspended at St. Mary's, Weldon, owing to the frame having become loose. It is hoped that work on the bells will start in the not-too-distant future.

Mr. H. Oglesby enquires whether Miss Jennifer Sceeny (aged 16½) is the youngest lady to conduct a peal. (See peal at Hitcham, October 18th, page 740.)

Mr. E. Chambers, who was awarded the M.B.E. for his service with the Hertfordshire Fire Brigade, is now in charge of the county fire prevention office. He is one of the most regular Sunday ringers at St. Michael's, St. Albans.

The bells at Uffington, Lincs, have been silent for many years, but after attention and rehanging they are a very good going and musical six. A good first peal was scored on November 3rd, with Miss Julia Larkinson ringing the third like an expert.

Congratulations to Mr. Frederick Gamble who rang his first quarter peal at Bedworth on October 28th. Mr. Gamble has been a loyal ringer at Bedworth for a great many years, and the rest of the band tender their best wishes for many more happy ringing years.

Mr. Lester Gray, of Liverpool, realised two ambitions when he visited London for the College Youths' dinner. One was to meet his old friend Herbert Langdon, and it was good to see Lester, now 80, and Herbert, 81, with their heads together discussing old times. His other ambition was to ring the treble on the new bells at Holborn to three courses of Stedman Triples, called by his old friend Frank Smallwood. This was fulfilled, and we imagine he returned to Liverpool a happy man.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A few years back a well-known church had installed an amplification system for broadcasting bells. The Bishop was there to dedicate them in the presence of local dignitaries and a large congregation. Unfortunately, when the verger had been sent out to purchase a suitable record, he had chosen 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' with Bing Crosby!—St. Jude's Parish Magazine, South Kensington.

The 600th peal has been rung at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith.

An English schoolmaster-ringer is required to produce the best results on the new ring of ten at Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., writes Mr. Russell S. Young.

A new record has been heard from the tower of St. Jude's, South Kensington—St. Mary's, Thatcham, Berks, instead of a somewhat asthmatic broadcast of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Mr. John Ashcroft informs us that the peal reported on page 756, November 9th, of four Minor methods for the Lancashire Association was actually rung at Deane, Bolton. He sends his apologies for the error.

At Great Addington, Northants, a new band was started from scratch 18 months ago. Now at the second attempt, a first quarter of Plain Bob Minor has been rung. Keep on going!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise rung recently at Rainham was not the first peal of Surprise by the treble ringer (Mr. F. J. Cheal). Mr. W. A. J. Knight informs us that he conducted Mr. Cheal's first—Cambridge Surprise Minor—at Upchurch in 1952. The peal at Rainham was his first of Surprise Major.

A Radley College ringer, in rather an absent-minded mood, addressed a matron to her face as Miss Cross. When the boy's housemaster was informed of the incident by the matron, his comment was: 'Oh, did it ring a bell?'. 'No,' was the matron's reply, 'it just dropped a clanger!'.
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†B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	*†KENNETH J. DARVILL 8
†HILARY MUIRHEAD 3	†ALFRED E. RUSHTON 9
†ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL 10
*†MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 5	†GERALD PENNEY 11
†GEOFFREY DODDS 6	MICHAEL D. FROST Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal on 12. † First in the method. ‡ 75th peal. First on 12 as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS G. MYERS Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
NORMAN MALLETT 2	FRANK D. MACK 8
HERBERT C. SPENCER 3	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD 9
SIDNEY SKINNER 4	CHARLES P. YATES } Tenor
D. ROY BOULD 5	GEORGE SKINNER }
H. FREDERICK MYERS 6	

Composed by J. ROGERS.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Rung by resident members on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; also to commemorate 800 years of local government in the City of Exeter, and a compliment to the Devonshire Regiment (1st R.V., T.A.) on receiving the Freedom of the City.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

DENNIS KNOX Treble	DEREK FRANCIS 6
*DAVID A. CORNWALL 2	†RICHARD E. DEAN 7
†JOHN A. SIMMONS 3	E. DENNIS POOLE 8
GEOFFREY HARRISON 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 9
†JOHN YOUNG 5	LIONEL A. TIMMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Caters in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN J. STANIER Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	JOHN C. SLATER 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
ALAN R. PATTERSON 2	GORDON BENFIELD 7
ERIC N. HARRISON 3	BRYAN PATTISON 8
ROBIN G. TURNER 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 9
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by BRYAN PATTISON. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association. First on the bells since the rehanging of the back eight.

Rung as part of the celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the church's consecration.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
IRIS LEMARE 2	DAVID SMITH 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 8
JOHN F. BRYANT 4	RICHARD E. PRICE 9
STUART ARMESON 5	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 GREENFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYNIDR AND PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROBERT HATCHER .. Treble	*MISS A. GLADWELL 5
COLIN A. LEWIS 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 6
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 3	*REGINALD G. POWELL 7
*JOHN HOPE 4	GEORGE T. COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. First of Major on the bells.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Holt's Original.	
DAVID VINCENT Treble	STANLEY ANDERTON 5
JAMES MOSSOP 2	JOHN F. WOOD 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
FRED W. BROWNLOW 4	RICHARD HOLT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

Rung upon the Feast of All Saints; also to welcome home Peter Crook, sen., after another memorable holiday in Canada.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE WRIGHT Treble	*SHEILA J. STALEY 5
PETER M. FLECKNEY 2	†FRANK E. CROSIER 6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 3	SHELAGH R. COLLINS 7
IAN W. HALL 4	†MURRAY A. COLEMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Guild. ‡ 50th peal. First of Double Oxford Bob Major by all the band except the ringer of the third.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. A. Finch, who is going to Hastings-leigh, Kent.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

SUSAN FUNNELL Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
*JOHN PINFOLD 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
FREDERICK ROSS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 850th peal.

GREENFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

(G. Lindoff, No. 38)

58 4 58—12 36 14 58 14 7 1b 2nds

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
*MARGARET A. LADD 4	MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 75th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

IVAN KAY Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
NEIL BENNETT 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

100th peal on the bells.

Rung as a very warm welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. G. T. Batey, M.A., who was inducted the previous Tuesday.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DAVID K. PUTNAM Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ANDREW J. CORBY Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
*ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 100th peal on the bells. 600th peal on the bells.

In memoriam Frederick James Cullum, for many years steeple-keeper (1915-1931) at this church.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb.

RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER Treble	†DENNIS R. MUTTRAM .. 5
*MARY E. MARSHALL 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 6
*TONY PRICE 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
†ARTHUR J. STACEY 4	†ANTHONY C. CHRISTOPHER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal to be rung in the tower by the Sunday service band.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MONTY W. GILBERT Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
DAVID K. PUTNAM 2	ANDREW M. MACVE 6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3	JOHN W. COLEMAN 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

HUBBARD'S Treble	*GRAHAM C. PAUL 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	†RICHARD J. DANBY 6
PERCY AMOS 3	GEORGE F. ROOME 7
*ROGER W. SMITH 4	*DAVID TRUENAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples by all except the treble ringer. Believed to be the first of Bob Triples on the bells, which have been an eight since 1782.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of All Saints.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitman's Treble	DEREK ASTRIDGE 5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE 6
ROY TIEFFIN 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL 7
*ALAN BRIDGES 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 CRAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	JOHN HILL 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 81).

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced. .. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E.
DIANA M. KENCH 2	PAUL CATTERMOLE 5
YVONNE EDWARDS 3	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 4	JOHN C. EISEL 7
MARY S. TAYLOR 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
RALPH BIRD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*DANIEL T. PHILLIPS .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH 6
*DERICK W. PARDON 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 7
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. 4	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the christening of Andrew Phillips and Sarah Smith, son and daughter of the ringers of the treble and sixth respectively.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Dexter's Eight-Part. .. Treble	NORMAN G. N. KNEE .. 5
*ERNEST E. BRAY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
†NIGEL T. ABBOT 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4	RONALD H. ('JACK') LUCAS Tenor
*EUNICE D. OVEREND 4	

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples. The ringer of the third bell has now 'completed the circle' four times in peals in this tower.

Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

CRAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—4.58—12.36.14—14.5.16—16.5

8th place L.E. 13527486. 4th place bobs.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Pudsey, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

STRETTFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 51 lb. in G.

JANET WARWICK .. Treble	DAVID J. BAKER .. 5
EDNA M. POULTER .. 2	JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 6
*JEAN A. ALLEN .. 3	†IAN N. GOLDTHORPE .. 7
†MARY BROWNE .. 4	‡DAVID W. JAMES .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ 75th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ian N. Goldthorpe; also as belated wedding compliments to Margaret and David James, Pat and George Nix, Jean and Barry Sheppard and Cynthia and Robert Warrilow.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in F

KENNETH G. E. WANNELL Treble	JOHN M. CARTER .. 4
CHARLES J. TURNER .. 2	CYRIL C. DEEM .. 5
DAVID A. WILLS .. 3	SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

Rung in memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild from 1933 till his death in May, 1961; he was also the incumbent of this parish from 1939 to 1947.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*AUBREY BRADFIELD .. Treble	*DENNIS A. POWNEY .. 4
*SAM COTTLE .. 2	†GEORGE PLUCKROSE .. 5
*DAVID J. SELF .. 3	†GEOFFREY E. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PLUCKROSE.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First as conductor.

WENDRON, HELSTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Reverse Canterbury, eight of Plain Bob, six of April Day and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*SHEILA M. SCALES .. Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	PETER J. CAME .. 5
ALAN CARVEITH .. 3	*J. CHARLES WEARNE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVEITH.

* First peal.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the rededication of the bells; also during the octave of Wendon Feast.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CASTLETON DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. Treble	JOHN A. WARNER .. 4
ALAN R. SYDER .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

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

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	RON CARTER .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. 2	FREDERICK H. DERRY .. 5
VALERIE LACEY .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*VAUGHAN WILSON .. Treble	BRIAN DAWSON .. 4
DOREEN M. MURFIN .. 2	MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. 5
*DENNIS J. MURFIN .. 3	JOHN F. MURFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.

* First peal.

A compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their engagement; also to Miss Alice Kirkman on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. Stephen Turnbull.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

MRS. MARIAN WOOD .. Treble	FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 4
PETER L. WOOD .. 2	PERCY W. MILLS .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	BERNARD G. NORTH .. 4
CHARLES B. SKINNER .. 2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
BERNARD J. STONE .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung in memory of Thomas Cherriman, for 20 years a ringer at this church.

WINDRUSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PETER PEARCE .. Treble	MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	BRIAN W. HALL .. 5
*PETER G. HOLDEN .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal 'inside.'

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor at first attempt.

Rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 90th birthday.

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On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob Doubles (four callings) and 21 of Grand-sire Doubles (ten callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.

*KENNETH J. TYLER .. Treble	†JOY SMITH .. 4
WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. 2	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 5
*JOHN F. I. TURNER .. 3	ANTHONY E. STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL V. POWELL.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

CHRISTINE J. HART .. Treble	MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 5
ROGER I. KENDRICK .. 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung half-muffled to the affectionate memory of Frederick Bennett, late of this tower.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. Treble	J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4
*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3	FREDERICK DERRY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Doubles methods. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BURTON .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
G. ANGUS DIXON .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 5
CHARLES V. CADE .. 3	W. STANLEY SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

Rung on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Surprise.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

BARRY J. DAVIES .. Treble	ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. 3
MARK W. SAYERS .. 2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

Most methods and variations yet rung by all the band, and on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Jo and Wilfrid Moreton, of Wakefield, on the birth of a second son.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 44 methods: (1) St. Bartholomew and Rev. All Saints, (2) St. Sebastian, (3) Stedman S.C. and Coxwell Place, (4) St. Botolph, (5) Shipway's Place, (6) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C., (7) Shipway's Place and Tandridge, (8) Westminster II, (9) Westminster II and Knapton, (10) Westminster II and Chesham S.C., (11) Blackburn Place, (12) Blackburn Place and Lyng, (13) Blackburn Place and Broughton S.C., (14) St. Hilary and Ockham S.C., (15) St. Hilary and Intwood, (16) St. Hilary, (17) Rev. Plain Bob, (18) Canterbury Pleasure, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (21) Plain Bob and Boxford, (22) St. Simon's and Braywood, (23) St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., (24) St. Simon's, (25) St. Martin's and Welford, (26) St. Martin's, (27) St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., (28) St. Osmund, (29) St. Osmund and Longworth, (30) St. Osmund and Merton S.C., (31) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (32) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Ravensingham S.C., (33) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton, (34) St. Nicholas, (35) St. Nicholas and Fudenhall, (36) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C. and Winchendon Place, (37) Winchendon Place, (38) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (39) Winchendon Place, Thornborough S.C. and St. Nicholas, (40) St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C., (41) St. Remigius, St. Nicholas and Harpley, (42) St. Remigius; 72 Bobs, 177 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

*JOHN C. EISEL .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 44 methods. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1962, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT AMERICAN SCHOOL, BUSHEY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 1—2 ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1962, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

AT 2, PARK VIEW COURT,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents, in 21 methods, being two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Northrepps, Grandsire, Kennington, St. Albans, St. Paul's, Southrepps, St. Giles, St. Miles, April Day, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Andrew's, St. John's, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob and St. Nicholas' Bob. Tenor size 10 (approx.) in G sharp.

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

Jointly conducted.

* First peal in more than eight methods. First in more than eight methods on the bells, and 'in hand,' by all the band, and for the Association.

Rung on saucer bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 30, 1962, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 1—2 BRIAN BLADON .. 3—4
*†A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal together. † First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair. First in the method by all the band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1962, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAN S. PONT .. 1—2 DAVID F. MOORE .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1—2 JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 FRANK C. PRICE .. 7—8

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

QUARTER PEALS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The following quarter peals were rung on November 11th for Remembrance Day services:

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Powell 1, Mrs. A. Bennett 2, Miss C. Bennett 3, M. Sayers 4, J. Sayers 5, M. Coleman 6, B. Davies (cond.) 7, D. Guntripp 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Jackson, on his 94th birthday.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day) (7, 6, 8 covering): F. Gamble (first quarter, age 81) 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, K. F. Gardner 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, G. P. Hammond 5, J. Taylor 6, D. Harrison 7, K. Knight 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pratt, married the previous day.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Amor (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. D. Fearnough 2, K. Scrimshaw 3, P. Watson 4, T. Taylor 5, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 6.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Alice Ward 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. Farewell to Ronald, who is leaving for Whitechurch, Bucks.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Jones 1, Elisabeth Thomas 2, Alana Thomas 3, E. Thomas 4, P. Evans 5, I. Davies 6, D. Robinson 7, G. Thomas 8. Called jointly by 1, 3, 4, 5. Rung half-muffled by the band of the Cowbridge schools, for the Grammar School annual Remembrance Service.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Bultbee (first in method) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, K. E. Pinney 7, Rev. R. O. Fry 8.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on Nov. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Barnett 1, J. A. Woolford 2, M. Lock 3, F. Wreford 4, G. Skinner 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. First touch on the bells since 1936, having recently been overhauled and made ringable again. Rung by members of the Heavitree band.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,288 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 2, A. C. D. Mayes (first 'inside') 3, L. B. Scoot 4, T. Hatchett (first of Major) 5, Miss J. Sanderson 6, Miss E. Willis 7, E. G. Buck 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Crisp 1, J. Arbury 2, C. J. Turner 3, J. Ayres 4, R. J. Quick 5, E. J. Manley (cond.) 6, C. C. Deem 7, C. C. Turner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook (first of Triples) 1, W. Dunn 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. Game (cond.) 4, E. G. Talbot 5, W. H. Inwood 6, R. G. Talbot 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Gillian M. Brearley 1, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 2, A. R. Carter 3, F. W. Ellis 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, M. Sherrick 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SHEPHERD, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Sherwood 1, Jennifer M. Tyack (first 'inside') 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, A. R. Cope (first 'inside') 4, Susan E. Smith (first as cond.) 5, S. G. Smith (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods by all the band.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): S. G. Elsey 1, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 2, W. W. Cousins 3, V. Bowen 4, J. E. Fox 5, C. Cousins sen. 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barker. Mr. Barker is a churchwarden and a member of the Ely Diocesan Association for several years.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Ralph (committee member) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley (Ringing Master) 2, Rev. R. N. Longridge (hon. secretary and treasurer, and Master of Guild) 3, B. Ridout (Ringing Master) 4, W. C. Shute (Ringing Master, cond.) 5, E. C. Chant (committee member) 6. For the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, by North Dorset Branch officers.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ensor 1, Miss D. Trimm (first of Minor) 2, L. L. Willis 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 5, E. Hill 6. In memoriam J. Alcock, late churchwarden.

CALL CHANGES

PLYMPTON ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 31st, 800 to 2 hours: W. G. Lavers (cond.) 1, C. J. Nicholls 2, E. Woodman 3, W. Witheridge 4, W. Edworthy 5, J. Bushin 6, W. Crump 7, N. Harris 8. Rung by the Sunday service band (except conductor) to commemorate the induction of the Vicar, Rev. F. A. J. Matthews, as Archdeacon of Plymouth.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: J. R. Rowson (aged 11) 1, Anne M. Rowson 2, Jane Carruthers 3, A. G. Rowson 4, Philippa J. P. Dixon 5, C. I. Rowson (first as cond.) 6, F. M. Larkin 7, R. W. Ellaway 8.

ALFORD, Lincs.—1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss B. Willoughby 1, J. I. Smith 2, D. Maultby (cond.) 3, R. Willoughby 4, G. Willoughby 5, C. Wilkins 6. First quarter as conductor, being part of course in ringing for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award silver medal, which D. Maultby is taking.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. I. F. White 1, Mrs. J. A. Woodruff 2, A. J. White 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, J. Gates 6. Half-muffled. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter on bells by Sunday service band.

BARKBY, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (six methods): Ann Barnes 1, Amy Barnes 2, A. Holling 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, K. Robinson 6. Half-muffled.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. G. Godwin 1, J. R. Perkins 2, F. K. Thompson 3, M. White 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. Half-muffled.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily Lane 1, M. Anne Burton 2, Patricia Collins 3, R. J. Lear 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, D. T. Haines (first quarter) 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. R. Chandler 1, V. J. C. Dale 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Half-muffled.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Boucher (first on eight) 1, Mrs. G. F. Nix 2, K. Scrimshaw 3, Mrs. G. D. Fearnough 4, G. F. Nix 5, P. Watson 6, T. Taylor 7, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Millidge 1, Miss F. Webber 2, J. Eisel 3, V. Green 4, N. Waite 5, R. Sanders 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbot 8. First of Stedman 1 and 5.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. P. Stone (first as cond.) 1, Audrey M. Evans 2, Jean M. Warner 3, Angela Wright 4, Angela Granger 5, C. W. T. Riddlestone 6, A. W. Bond 7, B. G. North 8. Half-muffled.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Rootes 1, E. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, R. Rowley 4, Kathleen Baldwin 5, C. Woolley (cond.) 6, R. Baldwin 7, V. Green 8. Half-muffled.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hawkins 1, J. Philpen 2, V. Bull 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, R. Holly 6.

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EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Mansfield 1, Mrs. F. P. Brangwyn 2, C. W. Rigby (first of Major) 3, Miss B. M. Mansfield 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, H. A. Cashmore 6, W. A. Denny 7, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 8. Half-muffled, also in memoriam the Hon. J. B. Fernor Hesketh.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Coulson (aged 13, first quarter) 1, John Mills (aged 11, first of Minor) 2, Miss C. H. Sharmar (first 'inside' and first of Minor) 3, Miss S. Ferguson (aged 14, first quarter) 4, A. D. Sansom 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First quarter for the All Saints' Society, Great Addington.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Weatherley 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss P. Popham 3, A. V. Queen 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. Burford 8. Half-muffled.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. W. Farnworth 1, D. W. Camm 2, D. J. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, Miss S. Marsh 6, G. Faulks 7, D. W. Bannister 8. Half-muffled.

HORSELL, SURREY.—1,270 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, J. Martin 3, J. Bilis 4, B. Priestley 5, Miss P. Drury 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Powell 1, M. Spackling 2, C. A. Hughes 3, J. W. Smith 4, M. Stacey 5, P. Smith 6, A. Fuwell 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Watway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. Half-muffled.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, T. C. Uden 6. Half-muffled. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcolmson 6. For Evenson.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Gardner 1, Miss K. North 2, A. L. Pearson 3, G. Lister 4, D. Young 5, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 6, J. Blackwood 7, G. Gibbs 8. Half-muffled.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire): H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, R. Stubbs 3, J. Parish 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. C. Jones 2, J. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. R. Williams 4, W. Price 5, Jane Owen 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Smith (first quarter) 1, Cherry Withell 2, R. Saw (first 'inside') 3, A. Jobson 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, H. Badger 6. Half-muffled.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Jane Walker 1, R. Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, W. Davison 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6. Half-muffled.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, W. E. Watson 4, G. Cornick (cond.) 5, A. J. Slade 6. Half-muffled.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Fellows (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, G. Penney (cond.) 3, M. D. Frost 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Dodds 7, J. R. Pemble 8.

SALFORD, LANCs.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Edna M. Poulter 1, Shirley B. Aston 3, Bryl W. Baldwin 4, Janet Warwick 5, Margaret James 6, D. J. Baker 7, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 8. First of Kent Major for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled by the Manchester University Guild.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. R. Foot 1, J. Corbett 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, P. J. Rothera 5, I. C. Maycock 6, J. K. Foot 7, J. W. Jones 8. Half-muffled.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—1,320 Minor (600 Kent, 720 Oxford T.B.): D. Scargill (cond.) 1, H. Wood 2, W. Pygot (first quarter) 3, R. Pygot (first quarter) 4, O. Coulthard 5, Heb. Wood 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDx.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Mitchell 1, D. G. Rowlands 2, P. Phillips 3, H. W. Impey 4, F. Bedford 5, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 6.

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born Talgarth, Breconshire
now of Maesteg, Clarendon Road,
Craig-y-don, Llandudno.
died Thursday, November 15th, 1962,
aged 76 years. 1463

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd, in the Old Bursary, New College, at 8.15 p.m. Complete revision of the rules is proposed. Copies of the proposed rules obtainable from J. Camp, Jesus College. 1471

UNTIL further notice the secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will be Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Phone 66956. 1444

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MEETINGS

ALL SAINTS', SHRUB END, COLCHESTER.—Dedication of new ring of six bells on November 24th at 3 p.m. 1 and 1A buses from High Street pass church. Tea available for those notifying H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1370

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1402

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland (6), Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1373

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Thames Ditton, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. 1417

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Mereston Road, Redhill, Hereford. 1412

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Iwer (8), Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 1387

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Club. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1408

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Enford, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1401

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaminstor, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea to Mrs. Pannell, 214, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor. 1421

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pontefract (All Saints'), Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1434

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Bicton (6) on Saturday, November 24th. Ringing from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. 1335

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Mortlock, 7, Church Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, please (no names no tea). 1342

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Hastings, on Nov. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing at Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 to 8. Please send names for tea to F. Beeny, Sec., Bakers Farm, Horsebridge, Hailsham. 1416

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Annual general meeting will be held at Halifax Parish Church on December 1st. Names for teas to me by previous Wednesday.—D. Smith, 9, Bower Road, Elland. All welcome. 1442

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Taunton, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1426

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, December 1st at Martock (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1450

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Annual meeting at Kingston Seymour, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, November 29th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune', Brockway, Nailsea. 1354

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge St. Paul's, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge, before Tuesday, November 27th.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 1467

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 1st, at Napton-on-the-Hill, near Southam. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 1465

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, East Budleigh (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 26th, to Mr. C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh.—R. T. Perry, Sec. 1376

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 1st, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Murcott, 'Medina', 18, Monkseaton Drive, Whitley Bay. 1451

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next quarterly meeting will be at North Wingfield (evening only) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available 5 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting during evening.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, joint with the Hunts District on Saturday, December 1st, at Over. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1449

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—A.G.M. at Ruardean, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 1448

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridge-north District.—An evening practice will be held at Coalbrookdale (10) on December 1st. Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. 1468

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1445

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth (Tel. 6377).—Jennifer M. Bunyan. 1440

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Colman, Ruckinge, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 1466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Major S. Self, 51, St. Margaret's Street, Rochester.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1414

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle (New Lane) on December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business to follow.—J. Pilkington. 1443

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lancaster Cathedral (10) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 1475

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, December 1st at Knigh-ton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Laker, 35, Sidney Road, Leicester, not later than November 28th. Guild's first meeting in the extended church.—A. J. Poyner. 1441

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service in St. Andrew's Church, Holborn Viaduct. 4.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements are: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30 to 4; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be ensured for those who notify by previous Wednesday either T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts (Tel.: Hatfield 2866), or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, London, S.W.18 (Tel.: Vandyke 7472), Hon. Secs.—T. J. L. 1391

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting at Winhill, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1473

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, December 1st. Stoke-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 28th, to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. 1395

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Hon. Branch Sec. 1429

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, December 1st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, by November 28th.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1439

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, December 1st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1464

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 1461

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, December 1st. South Wilford (5) 3 to 5 p.m. Clifton (6) 6 to 8 p.m. No teas.—S. Adams. 1469

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting, Henley, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to J. B. Morley, 14, Upton Close, Ipswich. 1406

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 1st, Horsham (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cott., Groombridge. 1438

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoc, Swansea.—J. A. H. 1388

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 1365

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, December 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Thruxton (6) after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. E. Samway, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, Andover. 1472

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Dodderhill, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: Double Norwich C.B. Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 1409

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing, St. Mark's, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Manston Hall, 5 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 1424

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Womersley, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Womersley Common. Bramley bells after. 1436

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Barking, Suffolk, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Red House Cafe, Needham Market, 5 approx. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at Offton (6) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, December 5th, please. Committee members please be at Barking Church by 3.15 p.m. for short meeting. 1446

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, December 3rd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1462

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke (8), December 8th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke. All visitors welcome. 1460

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Godstone, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 5th to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 1410

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION 80th anniversary commemoration dinner,

Saturday, December 15th, at the George Hotel, Burslem, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets £1 ls. each. Applications together with remittance and names to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, by November 26th, 1962. Please note individual names must be sent.

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QUARTER PEALS

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BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Lovell 1, J. Coombs 2, S. Lewis 3, G. Prescott 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, E. Hunt 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 1, P. H. Pigg 2, H. J. Muncey 3, C. J. Rees 4, R. M. Damerell 5, C. H. Rogers 6, P. Bergdhal 7, S. C. Walters 8.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, C. M. Smith 3, R. Chapman 4, J. F. W. Allen 5.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 9th, at Holy Cross Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Simon's): B. A. Richards (cond.) 1, L. Parker (first quarter) 2, P. H. Wright 3, W. Swain 4, J. Swain 5.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. D. Short 1, H. E. Best 2, H. J. Cavill 3, H. A. Price (cond.) 4, R. D. Short 5, R. I. Ford 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Short, married at neighbouring village of Charlynch. Mr. Short is a former ringer.

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THEALE, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. Adams 1, Mrs. F. Wilcox 2, T. Price 3, D. Wilcox 4, A. Carr 5, J. Allen 6. Conducted in alternate 120's by 4 and 5. First as conductor for 5. For Evensong.

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