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SAMUEL J. HECTOR

ON September 14th, 1962, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild celebrated its 80th anniversary, and was able to survey a long and honourable period of expanding activity and increasing influence. In his foreword to the report of 1960-61 the president pays tribute to all who have contributed to the growth of the Guild from the small beginnings of the '80's to the present network of Branches covering this large diocese. 'There were "giants" in those days,' writes Canon Cox, 'such men as J. R. Jerram, W. W. Gifford, T. Blackbourne, G. T. White, W. S. Wise, T. Hervey Beams and the Rev. H. Drake . . .'; and we shall readily add the name of the president to this list. But, as the Book of Ecclesiasticus reminds us, there are others whose names come not so prominently on the roll of fame but whose work has not been forgotten and whose names live for evermore. Among these stands that stout son of the West Country, Sam Hector.

The ancient town of Trowbridge 'lies pleasantly,' writes the Rev. P. J. Goodrich, 'in its setting of woodland and down,' and from its centre rises the noble spire of St. James' Church, marked with the Fleur-de-Lys that couples it with John of Gaunt and the royal line of Lancaster. Notable in literature is the town through its distinguished poet and priest George Crabbe, famous as the home of Isaac Pitman (witness the shorthand on the peal board in the belfry), and no less notable to ringers as the scene of the activities of Samuel J. Hector.

In the early part of the century Hector came from North Curry, Somerset, where he had learned to ring, and became an under-gardener in the service of Mr. Francis Hobson, a man of wealth and influence, whose name, as churchwarden, is found on the present fifth bell. The property passed to Brigadier Palmer, a well-to-do cloth manufacturer, and Sam managed to interest him in bells and ringing, with the result that the General presented a new ring of eight bells to Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. This was Hector's second enterprise, for while at Hilpertown he had already been largely instrumental in the augmentation of St. Michael's bells from four to six.

On the death of General Palmer, Sam became licensee of the White Swan Inn, Church Street, and this was, as may be imagined, the meeting place of ringers. A ringing publican has always been popular, and Sam, following the tradition of Cooper and Elijah Roberts of ancient days, of Alf Grimes and others of modern times, provided a rendezvous where much ringing business was transacted and much good hospitality enjoyed. At the Trowbridge

tower our host of the Swan speedily came to the fore, and it was not long before his particular genius for the promoting of repair and restoration work was again in evidence. In 1912 the eight bells were rehung in a new steel frame; in 1923 he organised a scheme which resulted in the rehanging of the bells and their increase to ten; and, crowning achievement, in 1934 he arranged a public meeting, stirred the enthusiasm of people and tradesmen, and succeeded in bringing about a recasting and rehanging, and an augmentation to 12, thus giving to the diocese its first and only ring of this size. It is a notable and significant fact that the second bell was presented by the Salvation Army.

It has been said that Sam was not a great ringer, and it is true that he does not figure among the gigantic ringing feats of his day. Nevertheless, those of us who have had the pleasure of ringing peals with him know that in Grand-sire Doubles or Stedman Cinques he had a grasp of his art and technical ability enough to suit any tower and any company. His true genius, however, was constructive, and his personality persistent and persuasive. The recollections of his influence on Mr. Hobson and General Palmer, of his driving enthusiasm in the town of Trowbridge, and of the superb self-confidence that led him to organise a public meeting must arouse wonder and admiration.

But to his intimate friends there remains (a rich and treasured thought at this time) the memory of his genial personality and kindness to young ringers. Roger Fry, who knew and loved him, wrote: 'Sam set a fine example, an example which the older ringers may respectfully admire and one which the younger ones would do well to emulate.' And Canon Cox may have the last word: 'Any pride we may feel, therefore, in the progress and achievements of the present day must redound to their honoured memory. "Other men laboured and we have entered into their labours".'

E. C. S.

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Up And Coming Youngsters — No. 5



Miss **RITA M. JOWETT**,
Yorkshire Association.

In number two of this series Miss B. Gillian Schofield made reference to her closest ringing friend, Rita Jowett. It is not surprising, therefore, to see the latter's name appearing in these columns.

Rita was born in Bradford on August 20th, 1944. She was educated at Dudley Hill Junior School and Bolling Grammar School. From school she entered the civil service and is at present in the telephone accounts section.

A pupil of Mr. Harold Schofield, Rita learned to ring at Bradford Cathedral, starting at the age of 14. Taking advantage of the many opportunities offered her by the Cathedral band, she made rapid progress and soon became one of its members, ringing London Royal and Spliced Surprise Major for Sunday service ringing. This is surely a standard of ringing to be proud of, and an example which could well be followed by so many youngsters at so many towers today.

Rita scored her first peal on July 12th, 1959, which she rang the treble to Plain Bob Major at Todmorden Parish Church, conducted by Peter Schofield. She states that the peal took 3 hours and 23 seconds to complete, and her reward was 20 beautiful blisters, which she

was very proud of in spite of the fact that they were very sore for many days.

In a very short time this brilliant young ringer has already taken part in some 68 peals. An excellent and most interesting collection, which includes Cambridge Surprise on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. Yorkshire, Rochester and London Surprise Royal, Spliced Royal in four and seven methods, Plain and Little Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire, Bristol, Lincolnshire, London and Dorchester Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in two, four, six, seven and eight methods, Plain and Oxford Bob Major, Plain and Little Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cross Stone Imperial Court and Minor in four spliced plain methods.

It should not be long before Rita scores her first peal as conductor, thus enabling her to fulfil her ambition in ringing.

On one occasion when Rita and Gillian were travelling some distance for a peal the sandwiches which they had prepared for their lunch mysteriously disappeared. After a quick and frantic search they were given up as lost. Luckily for them they did not lose the peal.

NORVING.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells at 'The Wayside,' 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Sunday, March 3rd. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. The composition, probably by Rev. H. Law James, is appended.

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—
56423	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
35264	—	3	3
56342	2	2	3
64523	2	2	3
42635	2	2	3
23456	2	2	3

—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.
p.p. Peter J. Staniforth.

WARMLEY RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place at Warmley Parish Church, Glos, on February 16th, of Miss Rita Webb, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Webb, of Church Avenue, Warmley, and Mr. William Lampard, who came to England from Adelaide, Australia, two years ago. The bride and bridegroom both ring at Warmley.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. Pearce, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress of heavy brocade. She was attended by four bridesmaids, all of whom are ringers. They were the Misses Elizabeth Webb (her sister), Jean Palmer, Gloria Newton and Sandra Lewis (friends), and were dressed in royal blue satin, with white fur headresses and muffs. Mr. Alan Lee was best man.

There was a large number of ringers present and it was possible to have the bells rung both before and after the service, while another team formed an archway holding handbells.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, and among the greetings telegrams were some from Australia, including one from the St. Peter's Society of Bellringers, Adelaide. A quarter peal, conducted by the best man (Mr. A. F. Lee), was successfully rung.

THE HASTINGS STAY

Dear Sir,—I fail to see why Mr. Halls should call the Hastings stay a monstrosity. I consider it to have all the advantages of the two-way stretch. Surely he does not want to return to the ones found on the village pump in the 18th century.—Yours, etc.,

A. FLAT.

TOWER CAPTAIN MARRIED



The marriage took place on February 9th between Mr. Robert John Purnell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Purnell, of Bradford-on-Avon, and Miss Christine Lansley, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lansley, of Stratton St. Margaret.

They have both been keen ringers for six years, the bridegroom being tower captain of Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and the bride former secretary and treasurer of Stratton ringers.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, Rev. R. Bryant, with Mr. T. Chamberlain at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length white brocade dress, with a small train and a short bouffant veil held in place by a coronet of pearls. She carried a shower of red roses and trailing fern. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pauline Lansley (bride's sister, chief), Carol Reid (bride's cousin) and Carol Hulbert (bridegroom's cousin). The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Philip Gaisford (bridegroom's cousin).

The couple left the church to the sound of St. Margaret's bells and walked through an archway of handbells.

IN MEMORIAM PEAL TO MR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR

On February 16th a band, representing London, Reading, Swindon, Taunton, Evercreech, Radstock, Warminster, North Bradley and Trowbridge assembled in the belfry of St. James' Parish Church, Trowbridge, to attempt a peal to the memory of Samuel J. Hector. Before starting the peal the Rector, the Rev. George Brett, M.A., conducted a short service in the tower, during which a peal board, recently erected to record a peal of Stedman Cinques rung in 1947, was dedicated.

This was Sam's 50th peal in the tower and his 250th in all, but, alas, it proved to be his last, as shortly afterwards he left Trowbridge for a while and after his return he was taken ill and, acting on his doctor's advice, did not ring another peal.

Sam died on February 14th, 1952, and it has since been the custom to attempt an 'In Memoriam' peal on the Saturday nearest that date.

The peal rung on February 16th, 1963, is recorded in our peal columns.

5,120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,120 Superlative Surprise Major, given on page 120 of the issue of February 15th, is an inferior transposition of a composition of A. Knights (No. 120). The original arrangement had the advantage of having the 6th the extent home and the 2nd the minimum number of courses in 5th for this type of composition.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' February 28th, 1913.—The following paragraph, which appeared in 'The Norfolk Chronicle,' of January 30th, 1813, will be interesting, as it records some ringing at Norwich a century ago by that old master, Mr. Samuel Thurston:—

'On Sunday morning last, that musical peal of six bells belonging to St. John's, Maddermarket, rang a Funeral Peal of Seven Hundred and Twenty, called the Revolution Peal (as a mark of respect at the interment of Mr. Dunn, many years a Clerk to that parish), in a very masterly style, under the direction of Samuel Thurston, by ringers which justly may be termed Odds and Ends, as none of the St. Peter's ringers had any hand in it, and it may be fairly presumed from the steady perseverance of Mr. Thurston in this art, and his already acute knowledge, he is likely to become one of the first ringers this or any country ever produced.'

ALBERT WALKER REMEMBERED AT HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

A PLEASING ceremony took place at the 75th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on February 16th, when Mr. Fred Walker, son of the late Mr. Albert Walker, presented a framed photograph of his father, with a request that it should be hung in the belfry of St. Martin's Church. The gift was received by the Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) with great thanks.

Only the previous Thursday a peal of Solihull Surprise Royal was rung at Birmingham Cathedral as an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Walker.

Probably on account of the weather, the number of guests present was not as many as usual. The Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, was this year's president, and with him was Mrs. Warman and also Bishop Sinker, Provost of Birmingham, and Mrs. Sinker.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, Mr. Frank E. Haynes proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' His statement that he held a record for the number of times any one person had proposed that toast was promptly challenged by Mr. Frank W. Perrens. Unperturbed, Mr. Haynes boldly asserted that they were all members of the Church and State—the State being their political entity and the Church their religious entity.

Appropriately, the speaker brought in the individual's indebtedness to both by a quotation from Ibsen: 'A community is like a ship; every one of us should be prepared to take the helm.' That preparedness, emphasised Mr. Haynes, meant that whether it was in ringing or any other activities, they should all be willing to undertake their part.

NO ANTI-BELLS CLERGY

The happy way Bishop Sinker had fitted in with St. Martin's Guild was mentioned by the speaker, who said relationship between ringers and clergy was an important factor in their lives, and in Birmingham they had been particularly fortunate in their chairman and also the Provost. 'We have never had any clergy who are anti-bells, and for that we should be very grateful.'

The Provost in his reply said if there was to be a vote on the question of establishment, he would be one of those who would vote against establishment. He longed to see the disestablishment of the Church; when that took place they would go forward more quickly than in any other time.

'I think,' he said, 'the Church can be of tremendous benefit to the State—and that is what the Church is here for—but I dislike many of the occasions and many of the ways in which the State forces itself on the Church. One of the things I dislike is the State appointment of the bishops.'

Throughout his life, the Bishop said, he longed for a church with a ring of bells, and that was not fulfilled until he retired from his appointment in India and came to Bakewell, Derbyshire. It was a great pleasure to him to meet that evening Mr. Paul Taylor, because he took the whole of his ringers to Loughborough to see their bells attended to. At Birmingham Cathedral there was a magnificent ring of bells, and he often went into the ringing chamber and watched the ringers at work.

Mr. G. E. Fearn, the hon. secretary, had a long list of apologies. These included the Bishop of Birmingham; the Rector, who was in America; Mr. Paddon Smith, this being the first occasion since 1901, except on two occasions when he was in India on business, that he had missed; Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who in sending his best wishes for a successful evening said

the dinner would be one of the very few he had missed in 50 years; and Mr. Jack Millhouse.

'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by the chairman, who said in many past years that toast had been proposed by a practical bellringer who could really appreciate the great part Henry Johnson did play in the history of the Society.

He knew that Henry Johnson learned and practised his ringing at Aston and was very prominent among the ringers of Birmingham and neighbourhood. His tombstone was in Aston Churchyard and was erected by the bell-ringers of England. He was not only a great ringer and composer; they were told he was a man of great integrity, a man of great kindness and was held by many people in affection and esteem. For many years it was possible for people to stand up at that dinner who had seen Henry Johnson in the flesh. That was not now possible. At any rate they held that dinner to his memory. The toast was drunk in silence.

The toast of 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Mr. Anthony Ager. His mind went back ten years ago when he came to Birmingham University and within a fortnight he had been asked to ring in a peal of Cambridge. Birmingham ringers really made one welcome—in a social as well as a ringing sense. The prosperity of the St. Martin's Guild was partly due to them all pulling together.

The response was by the Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram), who said one of the main things for continued prosperity was the younger ringer, and they in Birmingham were very fortunate with their young ringers, many of whom did church work other than bellringing. A number of young people came year by year to Birmingham University and attached themselves to their Guild. Their influence was not only felt in their towers but some of the things they had learned from St. Martin's Guild went back with them to their own towers.

The Guild were fortunate in their secretaries—they had had five in 100 years and the two predecessors of Mr. Fearn served for 20 years, and he would soon have reached 20 years in office. While it was a good thing to change certain officers it was not a good thing to change their secretary, and he hoped that Mr. Fearn would continue in office for many years to come.

During the afternoon's ringing he was sitting down watching the ringing at the Cathedral of a touch of London Royal. 'I was fascinated by a young lady and the masterful fashion she rang, and I have never seen a bell better handled. Next to her was another fine ringer, Mr. Jack Pinfold. The young lady he referred to was Miss Gillian Schofield, who was recently elected a life member of the Guild. With such ringers the St. Martin's Guild had no fear for the future.'

Mr. John McDonald proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and asked that every Guild or Association should appoint one member to push sales. He regarded it as most unsatisfactory that only about one in eight of the Sunday service ringers in the country took the journal. It was the duty of the Guilds to undertake this work because, in his opinion, 'The Ringing World' made the biggest contribution towards the wellbeing of the Exercise.

A MODEST PROFIT

The Editor in his reply welcomed the suggestion of Mr. McDonald. To those who would push sales he was only too willing to send specimen copies. At one time there was a young lady who would always take with her a number of copies when she went to a Saturday afternoon meeting, and was very successful in her

sales. If notice was given in advance, copies of the current issue would be sent for sale purposes.

Mr. White mentioned that the past year had concluded with a modest profit. Whether that was adequate to see them through 1963 remained to be seen, as the cost of labour had increased by 7 per cent. It was essential for 'The Ringing World' to maintain its revenue fully during 1963—under all headings—and to increase it. He appreciated very much the support given in the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column and those who ordered extra copies for people who rang their first peal or quarter peal.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was drunk on the call of the Master, who referred to the front page article on their chairman in 'The Ringing World,' which had been written by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. With the toast they would also like to associate Mrs. Warman. She and her husband were also very welcome.

Canon Warman, in thanking the company, said what Mr. Edgar Shepherd had written about him was largely untrue. He thought that in ringing there was a certain amount of 'gamesmanship'—that was the art of winning without cheating. He was very proud of Aston bells and they had a very good band of 12. He had noticed at times when he had been in the ringing chambers and the bells had gone less smoothly than usual so that 'Stand' had to be called. Morris J. Morris would say so-and-so ought to have done so-and-so. He afterwards learnt that that was part of Mr. Morris' gamesmanship. [Laughter.]

Concluding, the Canon said: 'I must again disclaim many of the things Mr. Shepherd wrote about me, but I do thank you for the honour you paid me by inviting me to be your chairman.'

There was handbell ringing during the evening. A touch of Stedman Caters was brought round at the second attempt by R. C. Ingram 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, P. Border 7-8, J. McDonald 9-10. Later came Grandsire Caters by F. E. Haynes 1-2, R. Pipe 3-4, J. McDonald 5-6, P. Border 7-8, J. Anderson 9-10.

THE COMPANY

With the chairman and Mrs. Warman on the top table were the Bishop and Mrs. Sinker, Mr. R. C. Ingram (Master), Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Fearn, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. J. Pinfold, F. E. Haynes, F. W. Walker, R. S. Anderson and T. W. White.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens.

Messrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward, B. C. Ashford, A. Ager, J. McDonald, F. Ross, D. Vokes, J. A. Anderson, H. J. Turner, R. G. Morris, R. W. Pipe, A. Wood, P. Handley, J. Foot, H. H. Fearn, C. A. S. Webb, D. A. Bennett, D. R. Ingram, A. Crabtree, T. Warner, C. Dale, M. Baverstock, R. Lumley and P. D. Warren.

The Misses N. Price, R. Fearn, Reay, Crawley, J. Cotterell, L. Hughes, D. J. Perrins, E. M. Yardley, G. Schofield and R. Simons.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The February meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Clifton on February 9th. Over 30 ringers attended, which helped to make it a successful meeting. Mr. G. Mayers acted as Ringing Master. The Rector, Rev. E. Hall, conducted Evensong, with one of the ringers, Mr. T. Harris, at the organ.

Tea was in the Church Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. L. Bywaters in the chair. Four new members were elected—Mr. C. Goodwin as an ordinary member, and Mr. A. Mayers and Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris as non-resident life members. Next meeting: Arlesey, March 9th. S. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR W. HOODLESS

With the passing of Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, at the age of 79, Barton-on-Humber lost a life-long churchman. He was for many years a member of the Parochial Church Council and was at one time churchwarden, but he will best be remembered for his connection with ringing in this parish for 60 years.

For over 50 years he was captain of the band which rang on the eight bells at St. Peter's, and also on the four at St. Mary's. It was a great joy to him when these were augmented to eight in 1947, and the first peal on the bells in 1961 was conducted by Arthur, who rang the tenor, at the age of 77—a remarkable achievement.

During these 50 years he taught many learners, and the writer is sure he would have been very proud of the way one of his latest young recruits rang the treble in a peal to his memory.

In all the difficulties which come to bands over such a long period Arthur always remained very loyal to his church, and was most regular in his attendance for service ringing.

He did not keep a record of his peals, but it would appear from information available that he rang approximately 118, five of these on handbells, and conducted 19.

After the funeral service, held at St. Mary's Church, the beautiful eight were rung half-muffled by the local band as the cortege left the church, and later visiting ringers joined in the ringing, a tribute to one who had served his church so faithfully throughout his long life. J. B.

MR. R. C. THRIFT

Mr. Reginald Charles Thrift, of Chelmsford, whose death occurred suddenly at his home on January 20th, a few days before his 66th birthday, started his ringing career at Boreham and was elected a member of the Essex Association in July, 1914.

He served in H.M. Army during the 1914-18 War, and on his return to civil life was employed by the late Frederick J. French, a builder, of Chelmsford, and was largely responsible for interesting his employer in the art of bellringing, with the result that in 1947 Mr. French presented the 13th bell in the Cathedral ring as a memorial to his own father.

After his marriage, Mr. Thrift moved to Chelmsford and was, for over 30 years, a member of the Cathedral band. In his earlier days he took part in a number of peals and was well known as a good striker and reliable ringer. Always regular in his attendance for service ringing, Reg will be sorely missed at the Cathedral. He was a member of the Essex Association Committee and a regular attendant at Association meetings.

On January 21st a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at the Cathedral.

The funeral service in the Cathedral on January 24th was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Bradbury, the Precentor, and a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Caters was rung as the cortege left the church.

Among those present were Messrs. E. W. Roast and P. Saltmarsh, the Master and secretary respectively, of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association, and Messrs. L. Ainger, G. Andrews, L. J. Clark, J. Crawley, Miss A. Edwards, Messrs. J. Edwards, A. Everett, P. J. Eves, R. Harrison, I. Panton, D. A. S. Symonds, H. W. Shadrack and H. Wame.

MR. W. G. NEWBERRY

It came as a shock to his many friends to hear of the death of Mr. W. G. Newberry, which occurred after a short illness at Leatherhead Hospital on February 4th. He was 58. The funeral service, held at Ashted Parish Church on February 9th, was attended by many friends. Cremation followed at Leatherhead.

'Bill' was a native of Dulverton, Somerset, and here as a lad he learnt to ring, under his father's tuition. In 1927 he went to Surrey and settled at Leatherhead, where he worked as a joiner. He was finally assistant manager of the Ashted and Leatherhead joinery works.

While not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung some in various methods. A peal he always seemed proud of was that of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leatherhead, rung by the local band in 1939.

As a tribute to his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on February 17th, by the following: W. J. Williams 1, G. Marriner 2, Mrs. P. Smith 3, G. P. T. Peters 4, F. G. Oakshot 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. This was also a tribute to G. A. Cook, who passed away the same week at Ashted, where he was a ringer for many years.

MR. GEORGE COOK AN APPRECIATION

Apart from one occasion, four or five years ago, when his wife and doctor weren't looking, Mr. George Cook, of Ashted, Surrey, who died on February 9th, hadn't touched a bell for 12 years.

During this long period of illness he fought off stroke after stroke with incredible courage and calmness. His once active life, of playing cricket for the village, peal ringing in plenty and strenuous gardening jobs was rapidly reduced to long, helpless hours in bed. In the early stages of his confinement, he produced some exquisite embroideries and tapestries, and would potter steadily in the garden. In the last few months it was all he could do to get out of bed and walk round the room.

George maintained a keen interest in both cricket and ringing right up to the end. He rang in well over a hundred peals, mostly of Major and Triples. He rang many new Surprise methods, like Ashted, Ipswich and Cornwall, but could remember few of them. He would often 'run a course of London through his head to stop himself going potty,' he would say with a twinkle in his eye. He could not understand why people wanted to splice methods together or ring peals at great speed, but he appreciated good striking and didn't despair the standard methods.

He went on several ringing outings, but by some curious chance never rang at a six-bell tower. A proud recollection that would quickly bring on a chuckle was the time he rang with Rev. F. E. Robinson. George must have been about eleven and just learning to handle a bell when the Old Man came to ring a peal at Ashted. One of the locals persuaded the visitor to give the lad a few rounds, but after a few minutes of this the reverend gentleman put a stop to it with 'That's enough of this nonsense—let's get on with the serious business of the day.'

In one sense his passing will be a relief to him and those who love him, as it was a sorry thing to see him becoming ever more restricted and helpless. George was the most perfect gentleman one could wish to know, a wonderful example of humility and loyalty. He possessed more than his share

of every virtue and the village he loved so much will miss him greatly.

A great tribute must be paid to his wife, who nursed him with relentless courage and cheerfulness. Together they enjoyed a wonderfully happy life, in spite of all the sacrifices that these last long years have demanded. Our heartfelt thanks and sympathy go to Mrs. Cook. D. G. A.

MR. F. W. HYDE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Fred Hyde, a much respected member of the Powick, Worcs, band of ringers, after a very brief illness. He passed away in hospital on February 11th, aged 58 years, and was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester, the following Friday.

Fred lived in St. John's, Worcester, and assisted with the Sunday evening service ringing. He spent most of his life in the service of the Worcestershire County Council, as an official in the motor tax department, from which he would have retired in two years time.

In response to an announcement in the Powick Church magazine for ringing recruits in 1944, Fred offered his services. Full of enthusiasm, he became most consistent and reliable, which was characteristic of him. Ringing the 23 cwt. tenor was his great joy, and while he had not rung many peals he was always happy to cover when required. Ringing the tenor to the first peal on the bells by a local band in 1947 gave Fred his greatest thrill. He had a great sense of duty, and was resolved to maintain Sunday service ringing. Ringers' outings were great occasions for him and he much enjoyed visiting country parish churches.

Fred was secretary of the Western Branch, Worcestershire Association, and the esteem in which he was held was marked by the many ringers who attended the funeral service at Powick Church, and who took part in the muffled ringing to his memory.

The sympathy of his fellow ringers is extended to his wife in her sad bereavement. G. J. L.

DEDICATION

THAMES DITTON, SURREY

The restored ring of six bells at St. Nicholas' Church, Thames Ditton, were rededicated by the Bishop of Guildford (the Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp) on Wednesday, January 30th. The dedication was followed by the singing of 'The Bell Anthem.' Assisting in the service was the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop). The congregation included many ringers.

The six bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, at an approximate cost of £900. The bells were originally cast in 1753 by Thomas Swain, of Shoe Lane, Holborn. Previously there had been four bells in the tower, of which the first mention was in 1552. The inscriptions are:

Treble.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. E. Hopkins, I. Monday, churchwardens.

Two.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. I. Monger, vestry clerk.

Three.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. Charles Gardner, Wm. Radford.

Four.—Tho. Swain made me, 1753. John Dean.

Five.—Tho. Swain made me. Feset 1754. Mr. Simmonds, Mr. Hewett.

Tenor (8 cwt. 2 lb.).—Thomas Swain made us all, 1753. E. Hopkins, I. Monday, churchwardens. Recast 1962, Taylor, Loughborough. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar. John Huxter, Harry Swales, churchwardens. Frank Hawthorne, captain of the bellringers.

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Letters to the Editor

Five Bell Towers and Meetings

Dear Sir,—I was enjoying reading the article by Mr. R. H. Dove, on page 109, about the heavy ring of five at Meanwood, when I was suddenly confronted with the statement, 'It is not to be expected that a large territorial association should visit a five-bell tower while the local district society has, in my opinion, a stupid rule whereby it cannot hold meetings at any tower unless it has members there.'

And why should the large territorial association, presumably the Yorkshire Association, not hold meetings at a five-bell tower?

My full membership of the Yorkshire Association covers over a decade longer than Mr. Dove's, and never to my knowledge has the Yorkshire Association refused to go anywhere that it has been invited to. I have known it happen that the Yorkshire Association have asked permission to hold a meeting at a tower, but the local ringers have refused to entertain them, and gone ringing a peal at another tower on the same day.

Referring to the local society, presumably meaning the Leeds and District Society, having stupid rules, is it not the obvious thing for Mr. Dove to do to raise the question at the annual meeting (providing Mr. Dove is a member), and try to convince the members that they are running a fairly flourishing Society with rules that are stupid and against the progress and welfare of the Society?—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON

Darlington.

Northern Handbell Teams

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. Ogden's letter on page 108. He asks for further information of northern handbell tune ringing bands. At Ecclesfield Grammar School, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, there is a team of 10 ringers using an old set of bells which, I believe, once belonged to the Ecclesfield village team, whose bells (now in London) were sometimes used by the school team.

The school team was revived in January, 1959, after about a 5-year 'silence.' Since then this team has been quite active, and, although the present team has none of the members of 1959, the bells (about 60) are still used and rung. The school team has made several appearances in the local vicinity. Practices are held after 4 p.m. on Thursday nights, under the guidance of Mr. G. Mitchell (senior physics master and leader of the Ecclesfield village team). Anyone wishing to see this team in action would be advised to contact Mr. Mitchell at the school or the headmaster, Mr. A. H. Jennings.

The Wentworth Parish Church team (near Rotherham) also indulges in tune ringing, especially at Christmas time, when a tour of the village is made. Here is a set of 17 bells, although at present eight of these bells are on loan to St. John's College, York. The team has six ringers.—Yours sincerely,

M. KING.

York.

Cheapside Bob and Queen Victoria

Dear Sir,—The methods given by Mr. A. Bishop as Cheapside Bob and Queen Victoria may well have been rung under that name as there were many local names for many Minor methods.

The method quoted as Cheapside, however, appeared in Campanalogia (1702) as Tulip and has been rung under the name up to the present time. The early editions of Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' contained the method (if my memory serves me right; it is a long time since I saw an early edition).

The Tulip which appeared in the 1907 Collection was a misnomer. There was a Cheapside Bob in the above mentioned 'Campanalogia': x,36,x,14,x,56,x,16,x,34,x,6. 1.e.6. 15634.

It is the first time I have met the method Mr. Bishop names Queen Victoria.

There was a method of that name 'composed' by Wm. Woodcock, of Darfield, and rung both at that tower and Wath-on-Deane a long time before it was published and named by the C.C. as 'Balmoral.' It also has the names Kettering and Hawthorne. I have no information regarding the other two methods mentioned.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

Design of Stays

Experience in the tower at Westham, Sussex, where the bells have Hastings stays and a deep set has shown a number of things which can be done to reduce stay breakage. In the past our stay casualty rate with beginners has been very high.

Inspection of broken stays revealed that the usual point of breakage was across the bolt hole, just inside the socket, this was remedied by leaving this bolt out and the stay undrilled at this point. The breakages were reduced considerably after this. It was then found that the nature of the break had changed; they now commenced at the edge of the socket and then split along the grain.

The remedy for this was accidentally discovered when our only spare piece of wood was of an undersized section, this fitted the socket in one dimension, so it was used as an emergency measure with a wood fillet 1/2" thick at the back and front of the stay to make a snug fit in the socket. These fillets extend a short distance out of the socket and protect the stay from the sharp square edges of the socket.

Using this method makes it possible to use timber of parallel rectangular section, as advocated by the writer of the article on page 100.

The depth of set has also been reduced on the handstroke of the bells used for beginners. Stay breakages have now become a rare occurrence instead of a commonplace event.

Woods other than ash have been tried due to the difficulty of supplies of ash (a source of supply has been found 25 miles away), but these have proved to be a waste of money and effort; ash is far superior and cheaper in the end.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, which was held on February 11th, Mr. F. N. Golden was elected Ringing Master, in the place of Mr. A. G. Bason, who resigned the position, through health reasons. Mr. G. Sayer was elected as deputy.

The president, the Rev. F. Jarvis, paid tribute to the splendid work Mr. Bason had done both for the Guild and the church over the number of years that he had held that office. He also thanked Mr. R. Barber, for the work he had done while being responsible for the upkeep of the bells for the last 21 years. Mr. Barber now felt he must give up this work.

Miss M. A. Higdon was elected a member of the Guild, and Mr. C. Bird was re-elected secretary.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Syston District were hosts for the Guild quarterly meeting on February 9th at St. Mary's, Sileby. Four towers in the Soar Valley were open for ringing—the eights at Mountsorrel, Quorn and Sileby and the six at Barrow-on-Soar. Some good ringing was heard at all these towers, except Quorn, where even the general secretary had some difficulty in ringing the treble, although some were able to master its peculiar habits far better.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Hunting) conducted the service and gave an excellent address in St. Mary's, Sileby, and the local ringers served tea to the 80 members present.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to the following members who had passed away since the last meeting: Mr. F. Staniforth (Kibworth), Mr. T. Templeton (Melton Mowbray), Mr. W. Martin (Hingham-on-the-Hill), and Mr. E. Vallance (Hinckley).

The following have been transferred to the list of honorary members: Mr. E. F. Payne (Syston), Mr. C. Brown (Sapcote), Canon P. Lister (Humberstone).

Nominations for 1963 general officers were received at the business meeting as follows: President, Mr. F. K. Measures; vice-presidents (two), Mr. B. S. Payne, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. J. H. Cook; honorary general secretary, Mr. B. G. Warwick; honorary treasurer, Mrs. B. G. Warwick; honorary peal secretary, Mr. J. A. Acres; trustees, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. C. Harrison.

The main alteration proposed to rules concerned peal fees. One proposal was to increase the peal booking fees to one shilling per person, while another proposal was to abolish peal booking fees altogether. Voting on these proposals will take place at the annual meeting in Leicester on April 20th.

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A B.B.C. MORNING STORY

THE OUTING

By GEORGE EWART EVANS

THE Middleford annual bellringers' outing had suffered a drop in temperature. Something was missing this year. The coach was full of ringers and their wives; and though they were as cheerful as usual, expecting an enjoyable tour of the churches, there was a brittleness about the gaiety—as if it wouldn't take much to shatter it altogether. This was plain as old John Marjoram entered the coach, his red shining face more severe than usual. He took his seat at the back and said with vigour: 'He should never ha' said it!'

There was a pause in the talk and laughter: one or two of the ringers glanced round; and for a moment it looked as if the old man's theme would be taken up. But heads turned to the front again almost immediately; and for the time, at least, John Marjoram's glimpse of what was under the surface was forgotten. Just before the coach started, Philip Linstead, the Ringing Master, got up with a paper in his hand. He was a rather small man, thin-faced and earnest:

'You all know the route. Pretty much the same as usual.' Then he recited a list of churches: 'We'll ring at Sandacre St. Peter's, Furzewood St. George's, Fressinghall St. Michael's, Gislingfield, Northall and Melham St. Andrew's; stop for a snack at Fressinghall and finish up as usual at Norton St. Jude's, where we'll meet some old friends and have a meal.' The ringers called out their approval, but John Marjoram said darkly: 'And right glad I am to hear we still got a few friends!'

The coach started, and the talk soon took the usual rhythm, a quiet commentary on the state of the crops in the next parish, the county show, the bells they'd rung on previous outings. Then suddenly above the quiet time-passing came Mrs. Thurlow's loud, decisive 'Oh, I could have gone after him and knocked his hat off!' Again there was a silence, and Philip Linstead said firmly in a quiet voice: 'Best to forget about it,' as if to close up the little trickle quickly and stop it developing into a flood. But old John Marjoram, now that he had an ally in his friend's, Josh Thurlow's wife, went straight in to widen the breach: 'But some of us can't forget it, Philip. He had no call to say it, especially at a time like that.'

There were one or two noises which clearly meant approval of what old Marjoram had said; but the ringers as a whole were not ready; it appeared, to discuss it. The business in hand was more important; and there was hardly any further talk until they reached their first church and rang their first bells. Then, having loosened their muscles and got into the rhythm of all the past ringing outings, the talk became more free. But it was then that Philip Linstead startled them all. As soon as they'd got back into the coach after coming out of the church, Josh Thurlow called out in his gruff voice: 'I feel kinda better after that—Gorseby Lion next stop!'

There was a laugh and a shout of agreement; but the Ringing Master stood up again at the front of the bus and faced the rest of the party. 'I think we should go careful today, boys,' he said, 'after what happened. This is our chance to prove him wrong. Keep out of the pubs altogether; that's what I'd advise.'

There was an outcry. Old John Marjoram was on his feet in a moment, his face redder than ever: 'You're out o' bed, Philip. You're greatly out o' bed over this. If we were to keep away like you say, we'd be just like a lot o' schoolboys who go careful just because the master starts a-swishing his cane.'

But Philip Linstead was stubborn, and he knew how far he could go. The fact was, the ringers respected him as one of the best all-round men on bells in the Eastern Counties; and they respected his judgment, too. Yet to alter the pattern of the ringers' outing by sug-

gesting they miss out the pubs was more than they could take—even from Philip Linstead. There was a real tussle, with old Marjoram leading the attack and the Ringing Master standing firmly on his conviction, that after what had happened they should be on guard. The flood was now loosed, and the words that had been pent up since the previous Saturday, now swirled round in a torrent. Then in the midst of it all, someone called out: 'We've passed the Goresby Lion'

The exchanges had become so hot that no one had remembered to tell the driver to stop. There was a groan, and the talk tailed away. Most of the road to the next village of Furzewood—through beautiful open heathland heather-covered with the blue sky a background to a quick notation of nimble white clouds—they travelled in a sullen silence. The tower of Furzewood St. George's held eight bells and it was one of their favourite calls. Today they rang the bells competently, without any zest. Their ringing was accurate, but it lacked flow. Philip Linstead remarked as much when they returned to the coach. Then John Marjoram said: 'Look, Philip, I got to speak ma' mind. It fare to stick in ma' gullet, all this do. I got to get rid on it.'

'That's right, John: get it off your chest,' Josh Thurlow encouraged. 'Do you preach us a sermon like the bishop.'

There was a laugh, but old Marjoram wiped his moustache with the back of his hand and said with conviction: 'I reckon I couldn't do much worse than he done. Leastways, I know there's a time for talking and a time for keeping silent.'

'Yes, yes, yes,' Philip Linstead said. 'You're right, no doubt, John. But though we don't agree with the bishop, he was only doing his job according to his light.'

'Yeh, according to his light,' John agreed. 'The trouble is, Philip, I fare to think the bishop's light do get whoolly dim once he starts a-climbing into the bell chamber.'

'I could ha' gone after him and hit his hat off, that I could!' Mrs. Thurlow said again.

'What about that sermon, John?' Josh persisted, and the other ringers—partly wanting any diversion that would help liven up the trip—called out: 'Let's have it, John. Tell us where the bishop ought to be.'

'The bishop know hisself where he ought to be,' John said modestly. 'I don't wish the bishop no harm. But this is how I see it. Last Saturday they ask him to come and rededicate the bells at Middleford Charch, after they'd been recast—and a finer set o' bells you won't find this side o' Cambridge. The bishop, he does his job well enough; but then he gets into the pulpit and he let's fly at the ringers. He smites 'em hip and thigh, and tell 'em they ought to be ashamed o' themselves a-rushing into the pubs straight after ringing in the tower.'

'Yeh, we heard him, John,' Josh Thurlow said morosely, 'we was there.'

'But why did he say it?' John went on. 'A rededication o' the bells is not the place to go a-picking faults in those who use 'em. And he say about the ringers' outings....'

'Just a minute, John,' Philip Linstead interrupted. 'He hardly said anything about the outings. Let's be fair.'

'Yeh, yeh, let's be fair, Philip, as fair as a judge. He didn't say anything; but he meant it: a-hinting that we take too much when we go on an outing. But tell me, who's ever seen a ringer like that? I've been coming on these outings for nearly fifty years, and the only time I see anyone with a drop too much was forty years ago—the time we rang a touch o' Stedman's Cinques at Farlingfield. That were owd Tom Rumbelow. And poor owd Tommy had a good reason to drown his owd

row that day, for his missus had just up and slipped off with a knife-grinder and left him with a houseful o' kids to look after.'

There was an outburst of laughter; but John was just warming up: 'It's no use for the bishop to go a-shooting out his crook and a-catching sinners by the hinder leg, like a lot o' sheep—trippin' on 'em up in season and out o' season. There's no kind o' government in that! The shepherd only do that once a year when a sheep wants a-seeing to. Someone ought to tell the bishop his crook is for leaning on most o' the time, just to show he's a bishop, not for tripping up bellringers who are some on his best supporters. It's a bad shepherd who goo a-drubbing his sheep at shearing time. The dedication—look! the dedication o' the bells is a kinda harvest like the sheep-shearing, a time for rejoicing not for moaning and a-mortifying.'

'Hear, hear! Well done, John!' his fellow ringers called out; and even Philip Linstead, at the front of the coach, seemed to be nodding his head in agreement.

'And what if we do go into a pub? The bishop likes talking to his friends in his palace. Well, I ain't got a palace, but I like talking to ma' friends; and if I go to a pub where I can talk in peace what harm's there in that? You can praise God with a pint o' good beer as well as anything else, even if the brewers and the Chancellor o' the Exchequer gits a cut out of it as well. We ringers know when to stop. Temperance! That's the word—which is not the same thing as having nawthen at all. But, look, we're coming into Fressinghall, where we're going to have our snack. And if Philip don't mind we'll have suthen with it to wash it down.'

The Ringing Master made no objection; and even seemed convinced by old John's sermon. But it was noticeable that few of the ringers went into the bar of the inn where they were served with a cold lunch. And it was a very subdued band that stopped at the next church of Gislingfield.

Philip Linstead, too, was gloomy. The bishop had spoken a few disastrously ill-timed words and they had rippled out and disturbed the rhythm of the ringers' outing. None of the ringers here deserved the bishop's strictures. In any case, if he had anything to say on that score he could have said it at some other time. Old John was properly upset; and that was a great pity because at his age he couldn't be expected to take part in many more ringing tours like this. Perhaps the trip would brighten up when they got to Norton. At least, Charlie Appleton would see they got a proper welcome there.

They rang at Gislingfield and the next two churches, but again without the usual enjoyment. At last, however, the coach pulled into Norton, a small coastal village with a huge church overlooking the sandy heathland behind it. The party's spirits rose when they saw Charlie Appleton—a big fisherman, conductor of the Norton ringers—waiting for them. He was grinning all over his face as he met them coming off the coach.

'Your bishop's been handing it out, ain't he? You together ought to train him better than that. You ought to git our owd vicar to have a word with him.'

'What you mean by that, Charlie?' John Marjoram asked as they shook hands.

'Never you mind, John. But wait a minute. You don't know it's our charch celebration, do you? It's been up five hundred year.' Then he whispered to John Marjoram before turning again to the others: 'Dew you keep quiet for a while, John; I'm going to ask them suthen. Hold you hard a minute there! Dew any of you know what a **gotch** is?'

There were blank looks and a 'Never heard of it!'; but old John's face lit up at the word; and the light came back into his eye, the light that had been missing ever since they started that morning. Although he refused to tell Charlie Appleton's secret, John's change of heart soon affected the others. Philip Linstead sensed that there was a better feeling in the bell chamber, and the Norton ring was easily the best of the trip. There was a flow in the striking, and it was as crisp and accurate as the tick of an old clock.

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The Outing—Cont.

When they'd finished they went to the village hall, where the usual meal had been prepared. But there were glasses of water on the table; and there were some very wry faces among the visiting ringers as they sat down. But Charlie Appleton's band was evidently in the secret, too; for they were as cheerful as if they were helping at a wedding. Then, when the meal was nearly over, Charlie stood up and said with a wink at old Marjoram: 'And now we'll show you what a **gotch** is. It's been in the church tower for a rare long time, and the Vicar he say, since it's our quin-cent—what-you-call-it, we can have it out and give it an airing.'

Then at a nod, two of the Norton band slipped out and immediately returned bearing a huge earthenware jug with two handles. 'Tell 'em, John!' Charlie Appleton called. John was on his feet in a moment: 'It's a ringer gotch,' he said, 'and I reckon I don't want to tell 'em what's in it.'

There was a shout and cries of 'Good owd Charlie!' But Charlie waved aside all thanks: 'I see it in the paper that the bishop don't wish for you to call anywhere, he say. So some on us thought it would be best to have some refreshment brought in. Help yourselves together, and give no thought to anything else.'

In the expectant silence that accompanied the orderly passing of the gotch, John Marjoram rose slowly to his feet.

'You're not a-going to preach us another sermon, are you, John?' Josh Thurlow asked nervously.

'No,' said John looking contemplatively at his full glass of beer. 'Just a little text: Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof. Raise your glasses, boys. And I reckon us'll all agree we should put the first un down for the bishop.'

[This was the Morning Story in the B.B.C. Light Programme on October 17th, 1962, by kind permission of author.]

Christ Church, Southgate

WHEN Christ Church was dedicated, in 1862, it possessed only one bell, a small one, which had formerly hung in the Weld Chapel, on the site of which the present church was erected. This bell, which is still rung for week-day services, was cast at the

Whitechapel Foundry and bears the date 1616. Public subscriptions and private donations enabled the back six of the present ring of ten to be cast at Whitechapel and they were rung for the first time on Whit Sunday, 1874. In 1879 further subscriptions raised enough money to augment the ring to eight and finally in 1920 two more bells were added—the gift of the Barker family, of Southgate. The first peal on the bells was rung on April 21st, 1880, and the total number of peals is now 192. In addition, many hundreds of quarter peals have been rung.

From time to time Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out minor work on the bells, but in recent years it has become obvious that a major overhaul was needed. Accordingly Mears and Stainbank inspected the bells and submitted a detailed account of work which needed doing at a cost of approximately £1,000.

The Parochial Church Council agreed and work was started at the end of August last year and completed in time for Christmas. The chief work carried out consisted of removing the canons and drilling out the staples from the eight larger bells; rehanging all the bells with new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, wheels, etc., in the old frame, which is in good condition.

During dismantling it was discovered that the 5th had a very fine crack in the crown, which was repaired, but the 3rd was cracked beyond repair and had to be recast. The new bell weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. and was tuned to fit in with the remaining bells.

In addition, the louvres have been boarded up to within two feet of the top and as a result the bells sound much better in the vicinity of the church. The bells were rededicated by the Vicar after the Parish Communion and then rung for Matins on Sunday, December 16th. S.G.P.

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The band at St. Mary's,
Reading, is about to become
severely depleted with the
loss of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Diserens, who will
be moving to Storrington in Sussex, and Mr.
R. K. Russ, who is emigrating to Adelaide,
Australia.

A band of bachelors rang a peal on St.
Valentine's Day at North Stoneham. Here's
to hoping!

Two Birmingham ringers—Norman Goodman
and John MacDonald—completed their 100th
peal together with a peal of Stedman Triples
rung at Erdington Abbey.

The 100th peal in Australia was rung at St.
Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on February 7th.
It was Pritchard's 5056 Plain Bob Major and
was conducted by Mr. G. W. Pipe.

'There can be no doubt that Yorkshire
cooking is England's best.'—Statement by
ringer who attended a Yorkshire ringing
dinner. We can only assume that he was a
Yorkshireman.

Recently the ringers of All Saints', Leicester,
on their practice night, started with Grandsire
Doubles, then Minor, Triples and (eventually!)
Major. The evening concluded with a well-
struck 24 of Grandsire Minimus!

Quote from the January number of 'The
Tape Recorder': '... the weariest man of all
at the end was Ernest Morris, who kept the
whole thing going with consummate general-
ship.' Is this a revival of his boundless en-
thusiasm in a new field?

The London University Society announce
with great satisfaction that their long length
handbell peal of 15,840 Plain Bob Minor on
February 20th was completed in 6 hours 12
minutes. The ringers were John C. Eisel 1—2,
Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4, Nicholas J.
Davies 5—6. Congratulations.

Miss Jill Swanne, who has been holiday-
ing in Sydney, N.S.W., rang in three quarter
peals at St. Mary's Cathedral and was with
St. Mary's bellringers for their Tennis Day in
Prince Albert Park, and enjoyed swimming
with them. She returned to New Zealand
on January 30th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the wedding at Warmley,
Glos, on February 16th of
Miss Rita Webb to Mr.
William Lampard, of Adelaide, Australia, the
bride and bridegroom, four bridesmaids and
best man are ringers.

To ringers attending the Sir A. P. Heywood
memorial dinner on March 2nd, Ashbourne
bells are available from 12.45 to 2 p.m.

A lucky quarter was rung at Ewhurst,
Sussex, on January 31st. The rope of the
third parted as the last change was struck.

Mr. Robert B. Smith writes stating that
official notification has been received that the
Methods Committee do not accept the extension
of Durham Surprise rung at Leicester.

The Ilkeston District of the Derbyshire
Association, which was amalgamated with the
Derby District 10 years ago, due to lack of
support, is now operating again as an in-
dependent District.

Mr. John Camp, of Jesus College, Oxford,
asks if any reader has particulars of a legal
case in which either the bells or clock at
Hammersmith Parish Church were or was
restrained from ringing or striking.

We have just heard by air mail that, in
honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen, the
first peal has been rung on the heavy eight of
Adelaide Cathedral on February 20th. The
peal, Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part)
was called by Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts.

Through a broken arm Mr. N. Roderick
Ellway, of Swithland, Leics, has been out of
peal ringing—in fact this limited his total of
peals last year to 24. He is now in the peal
columns again with a peal at the Lough-
borough Foundry Campanile on February 23rd.

Mr. J. Ralph, of Gillingham, Dorset, writes
pointing out that the footnote to the peal of
Doubles in 16 methods rung at Bradford-on-
Avon on January 26th (see page 99), claim-
ing most methods to a peal for the Salisbury
Diocesan Guild, is incorrect. A peal in 21
Doubles methods was rung at Evershot,
Dorset, by the local band (conductor Dennis
Bishop) about 1938-39.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MAURICE C. HUGHES ... Treble	*PETER S. BENNETT ... 7
*SUSAN FUNNELL ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 9
FREDERICK ROSS ... 4	DAVID J. PURNELL ... 10
RODERICK W. PIPE ... 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ... 11
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 6	PETER BORDER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Maximus.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS ... Treble	TREVOR N. BAILEY ... 7
BRIAN DOWNES ... 2	DAVID T. DARBY ... 8
RONALD F. DISERENS ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9
JOHN D. ROCK ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ... 5	BRIAN HARRIS ... 11
PHILIP MEHEW ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 8
BERYL N. REED ... 3	COLIN W. REED ... 9
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ... 4	JAMES W. RATHBY ... 10
JOHN FREEMAN ... 5	GEOFFREY PAUL ... 11
*WILLIAM L. EXTON ... 6	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ... 7
JOHN CHILCOTT ... 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS ... 8
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 9
ARTHUR H. REED ... 4	HENRY J. SANGER ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	FRANK C. PRICE ... 11
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 6	WILLIAM H. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

In memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RODERICK W. PIPE ... Treble	FREDERICK ROSS ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 3	DAVID J. PURNELL ... 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
HENRY H. FEARN ... 5	JOHN McDONALD ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 5).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 250th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY ... Treble	FREDERICK ROSS ... 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
JOHN McDONALD ... 3	DAVID J. PURNELL ... 8
E. GEORGE MORRIS ... 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON ... 9
HENRY H. FEARN ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDWARD W. COLLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK ROSS ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
RODERICK W. PIPE ... 3	DAVID J. PURNELL ... 8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON ... 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 5	PETER BORDER ... Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Albert Walker.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

SIDNEY HOUGH ... Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
IVOR JENKINS ... 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... 7
*JOHN O. FREEMAN ... 3	*MICHAEL THOMSON ... 8
VICTOR NEAL ... 4	†PETER HORN ... 9
*GEOFFREY A. YARWOOD ... 5	*CHRISTOPHER JONES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Howard, wife of the ringer

of the sixth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block, reduced.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

BRIAN J. BULI ... Treble	MARCUS P. BARTON ... 5
*ALAN R. MILLIDGE ... 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE ... 6
PAULINE FENNEL ... 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ... 7
PHILIP G. ERITH ... 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Biddenden Surprise Major by all the band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Part, No. 2.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*JOHN McDONALD ... Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	CHARLES WEBB ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	DAVID PURNELL ... 7
†JAMES INSLEY ... 4	FRED ROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* 100th peal together. † First of Stedman.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

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

*DAVID W. STENSON ... Treble	BRIAN M. SMITH ... 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK ... 2	*KEITH H. MILDRED ... 6
*MARK G. WOOD ... 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7
*CAROL I. V. CORTON ... 4	*CAROL L. NORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung by the Sunday service band on the 70th anniversary of the dedication of this church, the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER S. NOKES ... Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB ... 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON ... 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES ... 6
PETER S. BENNETT ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	DAVID J. PURNELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN A. ANDERSON.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*GWEN ROPER ... Treble	†IVAN PAGE ... 5
MONICA E. COLLINS ... 2	†HAROLD McDONALD ... 6
DIANA M. PIPE ... 3	JOHN J. F. ROPER ... 7
GRAEME W. HEYES ... 4	GEORGE W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in Australia, and 'inside.'
Believed to be the 100th peal rung in this country.

A welcome to Harold and Valerie McDonald. from Canada and Ireland.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.
*KEN B. WILLIAMSON ... Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ... 5
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	†LEONARD CROUCH ... 6
DAVID K. PUTNAM ... 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 7
†CHRISTOPHER OSENTON ... 4	LESLIE R. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First in the method, and first on eight bells. ‡ First in the method.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

BERYL E. CAWSE ... Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 5
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ... 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 4	E. ALAN JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	GEOFFREY R. CRISP ... 5
GEOFFREY PRATT ... 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 6
EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ... 3	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 7
DAVID J. ALLEN ... 4	PETER BORDER ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BITTERNE PARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 41 lb. in A flat.

DEREK C. JACKSON ... Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN ... 5
RAYMOND HAINES ... 2	DAVID E. HOUSE ... 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL ... 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 7
DAVID J. FORDER ... 4	MICHAEL J. THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. First of Surprise on the bells.

For dedication festival.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

HAROLD DOWLER ... Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW ... 5
NORMAN SHERRATT ... 2	*HARRY WINDSOR ... 6
REGINALD A. CHALLINOR ... 3	DENNIS LATHAM ... 7
PAUL J. ATKINS ... 4	WALTER SHERRATT ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS LATHAM.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells since the addition of two trebles in May, 1962.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

JACQUELINE A. REASON ... Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS ... 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ... 2	DON C. EXELL ... 6
ERIC J. HITCHINS ... 3	D. JOHN HUNT ... 7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WATERMOOR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

MAURICE C. HUGHES ... Treble	*GEOFFREY H. PULLIN ... 5
ANN E. FELLOWS ... 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES ... 6
SUSAN FUNNELL ... 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK ... 7
PHILIP J. ROTHERA ... 4	PETER S. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells, and 50th on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Davies.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 18 cwt.
ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Treble	*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 5
JOHN P. MORRIS ... 2	JACK PETCH ... 6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 3	PHILIP H. REYNOLDS ... 7
NORMAN B. FOVARGUE ... 4	WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. REYNOLDS.

* 150th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morriss on their silver wedding anniversary.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY ... Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 6
*JOHN O. FREEMAN ... 3	*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ... 7
*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the birth of Jonathan, second son to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holland.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,248 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS ... Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD ... 5
PATRICIA E. BUSS ... 2	JOHN N. DISERENS ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	RONALD F. DISERENS ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	NOEL J. DISERENS ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the sixth and also a grand-daughter to the ringer of the third.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

*JOHN R. PHILLIPS ... Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY ... 5
†MALCOLM M. POWELL ... 2	DAVID E. HOUSE ... 6
†EDWARD D. ELDERKIN ... 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN ... 7
DAVID J. FORDER ... 4	MICHAEL J. THOMAS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung by a band of bachelors for St. Valentine's Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 MOTTRAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ... Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN R. MAYNE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 231).

MOTTRAM SURPRISE MAJOR
34—58.4—58—38.14—14.5.36—16.5
8th place L.E. 6ths place bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE ... 5
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	*IAN H. ORAM ... 6
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ... 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH ... 7
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*JOYCE M. GURNHILL ... Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	*GEOFFREY PAUL ... 6
NORAH M. RANGLES ... 3	*PETER A. SHARP ... 7
*LOUIS WILLIERS ... 4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Rochester Surprise Major.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN Treble	JOHN VERNON ... 5
JUDITH A. MACHILL-COX ... 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY ... 6
MONICA M. MOORE ... 3	A. JAMES POYNOR ... 7
JOHN M. JELLEY ... 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by H. KINGSLEY MASON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

Holt's Ten-Part.	
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ... 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
JACK S. DEAR ... 4	F. JACK ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

First peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples by all the band.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH Treble	*RALPH BIRD ... 5
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	*IAN H. ORAM ... 6
*STANLEY JENNER ... 3	*JOHN R. COOPER ... 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ... 2	D. JOHN HUNT ... 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS ... 3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS ... 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERIC J. HITCHINS.

* First peal as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

*IVOR GOULTER ... Treble	*PETER T. HURCOMBE ... 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW ... 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 6
GORDON W. LAND ... 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW ... 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ... 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 2,016 Rutland, 1,728 Yorkshire and 1,344 New Cambridge; with 92 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*EDNA H. POULTER ... Treble	†JOHN H. SOANES ... 5
*JANET WARWICK ... 2	*JOHN C. BALDWIN ... 6
*KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW ... 3	DEREK OGDEN ... 7
†DAVID W. JAMES ... 4	†EDWARD F. P. BRYANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods for the Guild.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT ... 5
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 3	MARTIN L. HOWE ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Anne Riddington.

HEDON, EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnston's variation.	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
*JILL RILEY ... Treble	†DAVID S. JOHNSON ... 5
†JANET I. PORTER ... 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER ... 6
*F. CHARLES HOBSON ... 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES ... 7
†PAMELA M. TURNER ... 4	†ROBIN H. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge. First on eight bells as conductor.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.
*DAVID R. EVERETT ... Treble	*ELLIS N. THOMAS ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 2	WILLIAM T. PEITY ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
GWYN I. LEWIS ... 4	*REV. DEREK E. FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal on eight bells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOAN M. WICOCKSON ... Treble	TREVOR E. CARLESS ... 5
*SUSAN M. WHITE ... 2	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ... 6
*ANDREW KETT ... 3	JOHN R. MAYNE ... 7
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH ... 4	LEONARD J. NORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Stedman.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE ... Treble	DAVID T. NORTH ... 5
REGINALD BEALE ... 2	ALBERT W. DYER ... 6
*JAMES E. BREWER ... 3	H. E. GEORGE JEANES ... 7
REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL ... 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Major.

Rung on the eve of the first anniversary of the passing of W. G. Gigg, former captain of this tower and Ringing Master of the Taunton Deanery.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. M. GODLEY ... Treble	REV. C. MARSHALL ... 5
C. W. H. POWELL ... 2	FRANK G. KNIGHT ... 6
G. S. MORRIS ... 3	H. G. KEELEY ... 7
NORMAN MALLETT ... 4	*F. ALAN KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Roger Keeley and Miss Patricia Sharp.

SIX BELL PEALS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent each of Hereward and Plain, St. Clement's and Plain, Single Oxford and Plain, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*RAY LACEY ... Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS ... 4
VALERIE LACEY ... 2	RON CARTER ... 5
CELIA HARRIS ... 3	TOM HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb

JUDY EXON ... Treble	JOHN TICKLE ... 4
*VALERIE LACEY ... 2	RON CARTER ... 5
DAVID SWIFT ... 3	TOM HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* 25th peal.

A birthday compliment to Valerie Lacey.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

*PATRICIA CHANT ... Treble	CHARLES R. MUXLOW ... 4
*MRS. MILLICENT SHORT ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
WALTER WESTON ... 3	HENRY P. COLLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal attempt. † First in more than one method.

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

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. ANGUS DIXON ... Treble	W. ROBERT PARKER ... 4
PETER BURTON ... 2	WALTER S. SMITH ... 5
CHARLES V. CADE ... 3	LOUIS WILLIERS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

BROMHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

AUBREY A. BRADFIELD ... Treble	DENNIS A. POWNEY ... 4
SAMUEL J. COTTE ... 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 5
*JAMES W. ABBOTT ... 3	L. MICHAEL NOAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Bting one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Reverse Canterbury, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

NEIL BELSON ... Treble	GEOFFREY RIGLAR ... 4
*MARTIN SCEENY ... 2	JENNIFER SCEENY ... 5
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 3	HOWARD OGRESBY ... Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGRESBY.

* First peal (aged 14). 75th peal on the bells.

PATTISHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being ten extents of Grandsire and 16 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	ROGER W. SMITH ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	GEORGE F. ROOME ... 5
ALAN A. PAUL ... 3	GRAHAM C. PAUL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN A. PAUL.

First peal as conductor, at first attempt.

Rung in memoriam Robin Paul, cousin of the ringers of the third and tenor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 24 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) Westminster and Allendale; (3) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (4) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; with changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

RITA M. STRATFORD ... Treble	BRIAN L. BURROWS ... 4
LAWRENCE WATKINS ... 2	JOHN WATKINS ... 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD ... 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal in 24 Surprise methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

A fifth birthday compliment to David, son of the conductor.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb in F sharp.

FRANK TAYLOR ... Treble	KEITH R. DAVEY ... 4
ROGER D. BAILEY ... 2	DEREK J. JONES ... 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ... 3	ALAN G. PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

First peal in nine methods for all except the treble ringer.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

KENNETH HAMILTON ... Treble	*PATRICK DENNE ... 4
*LLOYD SWEATMAN ... 2	JOHN RICHARDS ... 5
*RUTH HAMILTON ... 3	JOHN CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH HAMILTON.

* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method by all the band. First on the bells by a local band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Patrick Hamilton, youngest son of the conductor.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

H. DAVID HARRISON ... Treble	†IAN P. UNSWORTH ... 4
GEORGE P. HAMMOND ... 2	GEOFFREY PRATT ... 5
*RAYMOND D. HART ... 3	DAVID J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. ALLEN.

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

HANDBELL PEAL

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN ... 1-2	*ANTHONY R. MANN ... 3-4
ROGER BALDWIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Fuller 1, R. J. Fuller (first of Triples 'inside') 2, T. M. Barlow 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, J. W. T. Smith 5, Jill Lenham 6, D. R. Fuller 7, A. R. Baldock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archbishop Godfrey and Mr. Hugh Gaiskell.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Juliet S. Stoy (first quarter) 1, R. J. Cook 2, F. E. Roberts 3, Jean L. Lavender 4, Jeanette M. Finch 5, R. F. Finch 6, J. Schofield 7, R. J. Talbot 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. Talbot 1, R. Finch 2, Jean Lavender 3, Olive Tester 4, F. Darby 5, J. Schofield 6, S. Kimber 7, R. Hinde (cond.) 8.

BENTWORTH, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pl., Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Kercher 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison 5.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Durent 1, L. Pizzey 2, Janet Cleave 3, Gillian Webb 4, P. Newling (cond.) 5, B. Redgers 6. By Durham Colleges Society for Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. First of Kent by the local hand. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. Streetfield-James recently at Canterbury.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of 3 and 6. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jeanne Ansell (first quarter) 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Susan Devey 3, Shelagh Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, R. D. Baker 6.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on October 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ernsten 1, L. Hewitt 2, J. Riley 3, B. Couzens (first quarter with of the Equator) 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, W. J. Smith 6, R. H. Stickley cover. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Also on January 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ernsten 1, W. J. Smith 2, R. Law 3, L. Hewitt 4, J. Riley 5, B. Couzens (cond.) 6. To commemorate the silver wedding of the ringers of 5th.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe 1, H. Hatfield 2, G. Gregory 3, M. Baggett 4, E. Evans 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans, parents of the ringer of fifth. Mr. Evans was a former ringer.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Jope (first quarter) 1, M. Foster 2, Barbara J. Leigh 3, June Mead 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, G. Clarke 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8. Rung for Christmas.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 576 Beverley Surprise Minor, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. C. A. Hunter 1, Cherry White 2, K. Sansom 3, Elizabeth Stevenson 4, D. H. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Fuller 1, Mrs. M. Percy 2, Janet Percy 3, Christine Fuller 4, H. Reynolds 5, I. Smith 6, J. Barlow 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ERRW VALE, MON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stephens 1, Mrs. D. Bruten 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, R. Stephens 4, J. Alsop 5, B. J. Wyldie (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Barbara Stephens and Mr. Brian J. Wyldie, on their engagement, and to Mrs. R. Alsop, on her 80th birthday.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise): F. E. Collins (first quarter) 1, M. A. B. Wilson 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, R. St. C. Wilson 4, M. M. Peterson 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine Bowen 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Bowen 3, H. Howson 4, J. Towers 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Bailey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Adrienne Gibson 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, F. Oakshott (cond.) 4, D. Herschell 5, J. Munton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Eric B. Young, late member of the Parochial Church Council, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

EWTHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, W. Button 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. The third's rope parted as the last change was struck.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Willes 1, H. E. Good 2, Sally Parrott 3, Gladys Anderson 4, P. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, D. Herschell 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. D. Woodford 1, C. Yates 2, C. P. Yates (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Barnett 4, M. J. Lock 5, T. Wills 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, S. F. Skinner 8. Rung in honour of the induction of the new Vicar.

EXETER.—On Feb. 17th, at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, Miss C. Bland 3, B. H. Thompson 4, G. Skinner 5, J. Glanville 6, S. Skinner 7, H. C. Spencer 8, F. Wreford 9, J. A. D. Woodford 10, F. D. Mack 11, W. Harvey and C. Yates jun. 12. First quarter on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Howard 1, Mary N. Haslam 2, A. Tubbs 3, D. S. Voss 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. Rung as a compliment to Evv and Peter Parry on the birth of a son, Philip Everett.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): Joy Munson 1, Susan Wenden 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. H. Gould 4, A. G. Semken 5, P. G. Erith (cond.) 6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Ollen 1, R. A. Gage (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, Miss P. Laycock 4, Miss L. Simpson 5, C. W. Simpson 6, A. Martin (first quarter) 7, R. Saunders (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. M. G. Gage.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bishop 1, Carol Jarvis 2, Ann Bond 3, H. Gates 4, Susan Williams 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6, R. Kench (covering) 8. For Evensong. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Canon C. H. Plummer.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 4, R. Newman 5, J. A. Hales 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong.

IRNHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Doubles (in three methods): B. J. Hansford 1, C. F. Baxter 2, M. G. Buckberry 3, R. D. Baxter 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. Rung after Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., who was 90 years old on the previous Wednesday, and who served the church as a ringer before the war.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ferrier 1, Barbara J. Leigh (first in the method) 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, G. Clarke (first 'inside') 4, R. E. Clarke (first in the method) 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, A. Beusworth 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Walton 4, D. Hughes 5, Susan Ellenor 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. May, honorary secretary of the Liss ringers.

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Feb. 17th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: S. Boar 1, F. N. Golden (cond.) 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Sayer 4, D. Cubitt 5, C. Goodman 6, W. Love 7, G. Sayer 8, H. W. Barrett 9, C. Bird 10. Rung before Evensong, as a birthday compliment to treble ringer (80 on February 20th).

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): R. Saw 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6. Method changed at every extent. First in three methods 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment and best wishes to Robin and Pam Trebilcock, on their marriage.

OWSLERY, HANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Haskell (first away from tenor) 1, Myrtle Williams 2, Mary Carr 3, D. Brown 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTANTS.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branson 4, M. Parker 5, R. H. Daw (first as cond in method) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5. For morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Dawn Handley (first 'inside') 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper 5, W. Davison 6. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Clavey 1, V. James 2, R. Goodliffe 3, G. Skelly 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. An engagement compliment to Brian Goodliffe and Maureen Franklin.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, A. W. Myers 3, J. W. Perkins 4, D. R. Bould 5, F. E. Day 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Feb. 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, F. E. Day 2, J. W. Perkins (first of Stedman) 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, D. R. Bould 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Muggidge 1, F. J. Lambert 2, A. Hoad 3, A. Smith 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, Gwen Fellows (15) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert E. Edwards, for many years a ringer at this tower, who died on January 27th, aged 88 years. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,280 Grandsire Major: D. R. Fuller (first of Major) 1, R. J. Fuller (first of Major) 2, Jill Lenham (first of Major 'inside') 3, Valerie Mepham (first of Major) 4, Christine Fuller (first of Major) 5, T. M. Barlow 6, A. R. Baldock 7, I. V. J. Smith (first of Major as cond. and comp.) 8. First of Grandsire Major for all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Sadler 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Haywood 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, M. Sinden 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Parish Eucharist. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Mildred (first of Treble Bob) 1, N. R. May (first of Kent 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Festival Evensong. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. W. Grassby (first of Major) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, R. Caporn 3, E. Colcombe 4, A. D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the parish clerk, who was interred the same day.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Clarke (first quarter) 1, G. Pickering 2, P. Wright 3, B. Pickering 4, L. Pickering (first as cond.) 5.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick (first of Doubles) 1, Mrs. M. Roden 2, Miss A. Sanderson 3, T. Hatchett (cond.) 4, L. Hatchett (first 'inside') 5, C. Werboys (first on six) 6. For Evensong, and as birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Hatchett.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson (cond.) 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, R. W. Young (first in the method 'inside') 4, M. J. Young 5, J. R. H. Palmer 6. 50th quarter 2 and 3. For Evensong on the Feast of St. Scholastica.

WILLINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jacqueline Finch (first quarter) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, Janet Biscoe 3, Janet Percy 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, Gillian Whittard (first quarter) 6. Rung by pupils of Bexhill Grammar Schools, average age 15 years.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mullins 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Mrs. C. Godfrey 3, C. Godfrey 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, M. Turner 6. Rung for family service.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: J. M. Lenham 1, R. J. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 3, D. R. Fuller 4, A. R. Baldock 5, W. A. Binsted 6. First quarter in the method by all. Ringer of fourth has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Olive D. Tester 1, D. J. M. Cox (first of Major) 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, G. Fry 4, J. E. Warner 5, R. W. Hinde 6, B. E. Jeffrey 7, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 8. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

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CANCELLATION

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—The Clayworth meeting for March 9th has been cancelled.—H. Denman. 2042

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch).—Joint meeting at Oakley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. W. Rivett and Miss K. Rivett Hon. Secs. 2014

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me, please. A good attendance is desired as important matters will be discussed.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1935

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2015

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—The new bells at St. Peter's will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Bells available after the service. 2052

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 4 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd. Service 6.15 p.m. Supper 7 p.m., by reservation only. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1963

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, March 2nd. Please note business meeting will be held, thus making this a quarterly meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, Rochester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. G. H. Griffiths, The Rectory, Whittington, Carnforth, Lancs. 2016

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Maids Moreton. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pightle, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Haseley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1991

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Rammoor, Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1997

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual meeting, Ipswich, March 2nd. St. Clement's 2.45 p.m. St. Margaret's 4 to 5.10. Tea, opposite Manor House, 5.15. St. Mary-le-Tower 7 to 8.15 p.m. For tea please notify Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2007

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kempsey (6), March 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Eastern Lodge, Old Road, Kempsey. Names for tea to D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lape, Twynning, Tewkesbury, Glos. 1999

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 4th, at 7 p.m. 2028

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, March 5th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in March, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 12th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 26th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 2030

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Silkstone, near Barnsley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 2040

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Arlesey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Primrose and Fulbeck.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 2048

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Cottingham (8), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in King Street Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss J. Woodbridge, 316, Bricknell Avenue, Hull. 2018

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, March 9th. Ringing at: St. Benet's 2-3 p.m., St. Andrew's 2.45-3.45, Great St. Mary 3.30-4.30, R. Catholic 5-6, Chesterton 5.30-6.30 p.m. 2064

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The Western Branch annual meeting will be held at Egremont on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th to Mr. A. Eilbeck, 2, South Street, Egremont. 2056

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cheshamfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 7th to Mr. L. Barlow, please, at 'Lilac House', Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1997

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Coleman's Hatch (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, by March 7th. Ringing in the evening at Coleman's Hatch and Hardfield (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 2027

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Melbourn. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2035

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Fryerning, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ingatstone in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1966

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Churchdown (6), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 5th to A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, near Gloucester. 2047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Standish, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by March 5th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2038

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, March 9th, Stratton St. Margaret (8). Social at 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Upper Cam (6), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 2050

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbleton Cottage, School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 2051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, March 5th (together with cash).—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1950

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Winford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Ball, The Forge, Winford, Bristol.—H. Kingcott, Hon. Sec. 2024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Saturday, March 9th, Ambleside, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 2057

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, March 9th. Refreshments provided. Preston-Blackburn old road, Rochdale-Blackpool bus route, 158. Also buses from Preston, P.26, p.29—L. Walmsley. 2041

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Walsden, Todmorden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs.—J. P. Partington. 2032

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, March 9th, Swithland (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to Mr. R. R. Brown, 34, Swithland Lane, Rothley, near Loughborough.—J. A. M. Cox, Ois. Sec. 2044

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, March 9th, Christ Church, Southgate (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield, by previous Wednesday.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aston Abbots (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bleckley, Bucks. 2019

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, March 9th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 2034

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), March 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 2039

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shaftesbury, Holy Trinity, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All welcome. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham, Bourton 316. 2045

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Roger B. Morris, 18, Ferraers Road, Oswestry, by previous Wednesday.—E. M. 2059

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cropwell Bishop, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Queens', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 2063

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoughton (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2049

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, Thetford (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Euston bells (5) available in evening. Names for tea to Secretary, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, March 13th. If interested in coach from Ipswich and district contact Sec.—A. E. J. L. 2031

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Chivers Coton (10), Saturday, March 16th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwicks. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2043

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Bardney (6), March 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Oxford. London Bob, Ockley, Capel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Simpson, 1, Harvey Kent Gardens, Bardney.—S. A. Chambers. 2060

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Limpsfield Chart. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart. St. Andrew's and St. Peter's bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2016

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th at Giggleswick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, by March 12th, followed by business meeting.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2055

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite the unfavourable weather, 55 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Society, held at Beverley on February 9th.

The afternoon's ringing was on the 10 bells at the Minster, whilst the equally fine ring of 10 at St. Mary's was put to good use in the evening. A service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Walker, who warmly welcomed the Society. An excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed.

At the business meeting the members heard a recording of the half-muffled ringing at Beverley Minster on the evening of the funeral of their late president, Mr. Albert E. Sellers. An annual competition is to be inaugurated, with a cup named in memory of Mr. Sellers.

Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington), the present vice-president, was elected to fill the vacant office of president, whilst Mr. N. Castle (Walkington) becomes the new vice-president. Other officers and committee members were re-elected. Mr. F. C. Hobson (Kirk Ella) being elected to continue as Assistant Ringing Master, following upon his temporary appointment to that office last November on the resignation of Mr. R. Ducker. The Rev. G. Storer (Hutton Cranswick) was thanked for his continued interest as Society's chaplain.

The annual report showed an increased average attendance at the monthly meetings, and the enrolment of 32 new members during 1962. The total membership is 174, of which a large proportion are of the younger generation. Increased membership from students at Hull University was reported.

Mr. D. Johnson, presenting the Ringing Master's report, stated that there had been a decrease in peal activity, but that this was more than offset by the large number of quarter peals rung, including many 'firsts'.

Future meetings are to be at Cottingham on March 9th, and at Walkington on April 6th, when the film 'Ringers Required' is to be shown.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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Further details later.—Wheeler. 2065

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Aug. 19th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, R. L. Clark 2, W. D. Watson 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, J. H. Fryer 5, W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for team.

Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gazzard 1, W. M. Rowe 2, L. Bruce 3, R. L. Clark 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. First in method 1 and 3.

Sept. 16th, 1,260 Victoria Little Court Major: L. Bruce 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, J. H. Fryer 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, J. J. Cummins (175th quarter) 6, W. D. Watson 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8. First in method in Australia.

Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. L. Clark 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, R. W. Ferris 5, J. C. Sheehy 6, W. D. Watson 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8.

Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Hull Surprise Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. H. Fryer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, W. D. Watson 4, L. R. A. Curran 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for all and in Australia.

Oct. 14th, 1,320 Allendale Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, J. H. Fryer 2, R. L. Clark 3, W. D. Watson 4, J. J. Cummins 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First by all the band and in Australia.

Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, Jill Swanne (first in Australia) 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

Dec. 31st, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: R. L. Clark 1, Jill Swanne 2, W. D. Watson 3, E. J. Fowell 4, J. H. Fryer 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8.

Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Fowell 1, R. L. Clark 2, W. D. Watson 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, J. H. Fryer 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. A wedding compliment to William Boyce and Kathleen Hardy.

Jan. 27th, 1,320 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, Jill Swanne (first in method) 2, J. J. Cummins 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Farewell to Jill Swanne, who returned to New Zealand on January 30th.

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