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SECOND BEST ?

AT the Salisbury Diocesan Choirs' Festival on June 29th, the preacher addressed himself to a great gathering of 600 choristers and posed to them a vital question: were they, as church workers, too often content with the second best? It was a theme he developed very ably to implicate bishops, priests and deacons, vergers, choristers, bell ringers and all who profess and offer worship Sunday by Sunday. The deadening effect of routine, the dangers of an unimaginative approach to the trivial round and the common task, the mental laziness that tolerates the mediocre and seeks no improvement of talent: these were the points driven right home to us by the skill of the speaker. And to all present who were ringers as well as singers there must have come some ray of revelation and some sudden striking thought of our own weekly routine of service in the belfry.

Repetition, mechanical repetition we should perhaps add, brings almost invariably a lowering of standard, and in our worship it is the set form of the ritual and its ceaseless repetition that makes it difficult for us not to accept it lightly and without fitting thought. Thus, our very acts of regular attendance at the belfry, admirable as they are in their discipline and consciousness of responsibility, are attended by a familiarity that may lull us into a sense of wellbeing, self-satisfaction and a species of indolence.

There are belfries where the standard of attendance for duty is not uniformly high: where there are members who are only too ready to intrude trivial occupations in front of Sunday observance. There are ringers who take no pains to attend practices and rehearsals in order to fit themselves more worthily for their weekly offering of belfry praise. And there are those who, regular in their attendance at service and practice, are yet content to remain in a narrow groove of activity, accepting second or third best, and stirred by no desire to improve their talent. These last are to be commended inasmuch as they are bound by their sense of honour to render their offering without fail, but it is a sad thought that many of them have never known the joy that comes from an uplift to

higher things; and it is a matter for regret that so many of them have arrived at the threshold of a wonderful world, but will never go over into it to enjoy its pleasures to the full.

A state of competence in change ringing can be a very elusive thing, and it is well known that even highly educated and intellectual men and women have failed to acquire skill or proceed very far along the road to proficiency. But such instances are not common, and it can be said, in general, that, given the right approach and armed with a certain determination, an ordinary intelligent person can acquire proficiency in the elements of the art of change ringing and, indeed, go beyond the limitations of the simple standard methods.

But whether it is or is not given to the practitioner to seek and find the higher realms of ringing, there can be no evading the responsibility that rests on him to ensure that what he sets out to ring has had some preparatory thought and study. It is a pitiful and discouraging experience to find a ringer of long experience confessing that he does not know how a bob is made in Stedman Caters or requiring to be tutored on the spot when a single is called in Plain Bob. In these days of ready help, both from simple text books and in the form of personal advice, such ignorance is surely inexcusable. The higher and more difficult forms of ringing may be out of our reach, but the simple fundamentals of the easy methods can be firmly acquired by all who take the trouble. The competent ringer is made, not by any magical means or special intellectual endowment, but by intelligent study and determination.

How often do we hear the cry: 'I really haven't had time'? There are periods in our lives, we all know, when change ringing (and indeed other affairs) must be pushed into the background; but it may be well to recall that the late Ernest Morris was a man of many activities and enterprises, archæologist, lecturer, author, historian and ceaseless tutor of change ringing, and with all this a ringer of 2,000 peals. Time, it is manifest, can be found for any worth-while occupation or essential duty, and the expenditure of so very little more could transform and enrich the offering of ringing in many a belfry.

A few weeks ago T. A. B. remarked that the Church had, over the years, all but expunged the bell from her rituals. Whether or not this be true, there is a strong army of Christians, clergy and laity that still sees the offering of Sunday ringing as an act of worship; and in that act of worship, weak and imperfect though we are, there should be no easy tolerance of the second best. E. C. S.

Washington Cathedral Carillon

Mr. Paul L. Taylor is in the United States for the inaugural ceremony at Washington Cathedral of the 53 bell carillon, which was due to take place on September 25th. Superintending the hoisting and erection of the bells has been Mr. Robert Langton, of Braintree, now back home. The bells were brought from Baltimore in ten trucks and a special crane was provided for raising the 12 ton bell.

Mr. Ronald Barnes, president of the U.S. Guild of Carillonneurs, told Mr. Langton he was delighted with the bells and their fine tone. He is now arranging the training of a full complement of boys in change ringing.

THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE

North Bovey, not at all to be confused with not-so-far-away Bovey Tracey, lies around its village green in a fold in the hills of the eastern slopes of Dartmoor.

The 13th and 15th century church, built of moorland granite, was the meeting place for the now annual event held for the purpose of bringing the change and call-change ringers of Devon more closely together and this occasion proved to be no less successful than those held in previous years. Owing perhaps to the fact that North Bovey lies off the beaten track, not quite so many attended but, on the other hand, this ensured that more ringing was to be had by those present. The delightful six were ringing to call-changes early in the afternoon, followed quickly by members of the Devon Guild, and were kept going until service time at 4.30. In the meantime a party had gone to nearby Manaton to ring.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector, and the collection was given to the church heating fund. Tea followed in the Village Hall, after which Mr. Lavers, of Plympton, gave an account of the peal of 1,069 changes, which he called recently at Plympton St. Mary—much to everyone's interest. Mrs. Hood (East Teignmouth) and Mr. Roberts (Babbacombe), the chairman and secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild respectively, regretted being unable to be present—the former abroad on holiday and the latter in charge of a Sunday School outing.

Moving on to Moretonhampstead, the ring of eight was soon going well to 'method' and call-changes, with mixed bands, until nearly 7 o'clock when, with buses to catch and some with long distances to travel—the Rev. John Scott for one—over the breadth of the county, the 'party' gradually broke up, leaving the local tower captain 'bringing on' two youngsters. So ended another 'annual' with even the weather keeping fine and sunny, for a welcome change.

The day would be incomplete without acknowledgment to the Rector of North Bovey and the Rector of Moretonhampstead for their ready welcome. B. E. B.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Five teams entered for the cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 14th. The test being a rise and fall with 360 changes. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge, and Mr. J. W. Moxon marker. Wentworth were the winners, followed by Shelley, Cawthorne and Wath. Mr. Michael Meadows received the cup on behalf of Wentworth from the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Crick), who made the presentation. Mr. Noel Moxon presided, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. King, Wentworth. Mr. Richard Webster was elected a member. Next meeting: Wentworth, October 19th.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 10



S. BARRY SCHOFIELD

The Yorkshire Association.

For the third time in this series the Yorkshire Association proudly presents to the Exercise one of its most outstanding youngsters.

S. Barry Schofield, youngest member of a well known ringing family, all of whom are members of the Bradford Cathedral band, was born in Bradford on November 23rd, 1947. His education started at Bradford Moor Primary School, and he won a scholarship to Carlton Boys' Grammar School, where he is at present.

Barry started to ring at the early age of nine under the careful and exacting tuition of his father, and in a very short time became a member of the Cathedral band, a membership of which he is very proud.

The high standard of ringing which one enjoys at Bradford Cathedral was a tremendous help to Barry, and it was not long before he rang his first peal. This was when he rang the treble to Minor in three methods at Callingham, Yorkshire, conducted by Mr. Ray Bettley-Cooke.

At the age of 13, Barry succeeded in ringing his first peal as conductor, when he called Bob Major at Birstwick on April 22nd, 1961. On August 31st of this year, this brilliant young ringer reached his first century, when he conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Bradford Cathedral. A magnificent and noteworthy achievement for a youngster of 16, and one which surely deserves heartiest congratulations from the whole Exercise. The following is a list of Barry's 100 peals:

Minor.—Three methods 1, seven methods 2, nine methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (conducted 3), Double Norwich 2, Crosstone Imperial Court Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Aldenhams 1, Birstall 1, Bristol 2, Cambridge 9, Dorchester 1, Ealing 1, Heptonstall Little 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lincoln 1, London 7, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Yorkshire 10 (1).

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1, five methods 1, six methods 2, seven methods 2, eight methods 4, ten methods 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5, Plain and Little 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 6, London 4, Pudsey 1, Rochester 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8.

Spliced Surprise Royal.—Four methods 2, five methods 1, seven methods 1, 14 methods 1. Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

Barry desires to express his gratitude to the Bradford Cathedral band and many Yorkshire ringers and others for the opportunities which have been given to him in connection with peal ringing. One of his ringing ambitions is to turn in Bradford Cathedral tenor to a peal of Surprise Royal.

This excellent record must surely be a shining example to all youngsters in the ringing world. Well done, Barry. NORVING.

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First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, August 26th, 1963, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Hancock 1, Hilary A. Swallow 2, Angela W. Burgess 3, R. A. Large 4, J. C. Carpenter 5, Sheila M. Dobbie 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. For Evening Prayer; as a farewell to the Rev. T. E. Yates, who is to be tutor at St. John's College, Durham, in memory of S. A. White, secretary of the tower, 1948-1961.

Our Ambassador

From current issue of 'Overtones' (American Guild of English Handbell Ringers):—

What did you like best at Detroit Convention? 'The presence of Frederick Sharpe among us,' replied Helen Runkle. 'A gentleman with tremendous personality, with a treasury of information about the background of bell ringing with a willingness to share modestly and effectively his talents. He graced our Convention with dignity and charm. Thanks to him the links between American and English bell ringers have never been stronger.'

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WILFRED WILLIAMS' DEVON PEAL TOUR

WHY is it that the first question you are always asked after a holiday is 'What sort of weather did you have?' The dozen or so 'scientific ringers' who made their way to Devon for the last week in August, from all parts of the country, were not particularly bothered about the weather, anyway. It was the usual sub-tropical monsoon stuff, more 'sub' than tropical. It did nothing to deter us from ringing 11 (out of 15) peals. It did nothing to discourage us from finding the best that Devon has to offer of bells, beer and scenery.

The first peal was scored on the Saturday morning at Ilminster (Somerset). Our new recruit (Ralph G.) was put on the tenor here and had enough already by the end of it! The party was then impeded by the notorious West Country holiday traffic and arrived late at Tiverton. The fine bells here already knew the method chosen, Bristol. The band obviously didn't, or they had forgotten it. This was a tragedy. We didn't need to lose that peal.

Our accommodation on the Friday was at the Bath Arms, Warminster. On Saturday night we took up residence at the Royal and Fortescue, Barnstaple. Two rose early on Sunday for early service. The rest had a late rise. Ralph, however, managed to round everyone up to attend Morning Prayer at Chittlehampton. The well known clerical ringer and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), who is Vicar here, was away. In his place was the priest who is custodian of the belfry at Westminster Abbey. He publicly welcomed 'the ten men from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.' Ralph is now shaping well for his new employment, but this surprise announcement nearly caused several fits! In the afternoon, Stedman was scored at Braunton, the first in the method for Derck Jewell. Derek lives at Combe Martin, and kindly arranged all the towers for us in the Barnstaple area, so we were glad to be able to give him this peal as some return for all he had done. It was not only conducted by a Past Master of the College Youths, but also heard by another Past Master outside.

OVERNIGHT TRAVELLING

'That country curate' from King's Lynn must have been getting his backstrokes into some order in his sermon on the Sunday night. In spite of having evening service at 6.30 p.m. he was firmly seated in the 7.42 train from King's Lynn to London with several minutes to spare, and duly arrived on the doorstep of the Fortescue at 6.30 a.m. on Monday in good time to ring two peals that day.

John Eisel had to leave that morning, so we were still 12. Bristol was successfully rung at Bideford in the morning. These bells were recast in 1929. In the afternoon the newly recast bells of Appledore settled down to a fairly brisk peal of Cambridge. Here we were met by the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Guild, who turned up unexpectedly. This capped the morning's experience, when we bumped into the Rev. John Scott in the centre of Bideford. He denied any planning of this. Had he known we were coming he would not have done his shopping in Bideford! Jack Phillips, on holiday in his home country, joined us in the peal at Appledore, and so achieved a lifelong ambition to ring a peal there.

Tuesday saw a return to the scene of two former failures, the beautifully situated church at Tawstock. No clappers broke this time,

and we rang a peal of Rutland. In the afternoon we went to Chulmleigh, which is one of those churches with a beautifully carved screen running right across, for which Devon is renowned. The back six here are by Evans, of Chepstow (retuned 1957) and the tenor is 22 cwt. Two of the party took a delightful walk down to the river valley below the bridge, where they heard the bells to best advantage. Echoes gave the effect of two peals being rung at the same time from two churches. London (Washbrook's) was successfully brought round.

At Witheridge on Wednesday morning eight trusty men rang the first peal of Major on the bells (Lincolnshire). This achievement had so far eluded a certain well-known rhythm king, and so we sent a card post-haste to A. P. Cannon, to break the news. In the afternoon we had a treat in store. We rang a peal of Bristol on one of Taylor's finest eights, at Broadclyst (1937 vintage: tenor 21 cwt.). And there was some good ringing. That night we took up residence at the Golden Lion, Ashburton, 'gateway' to Dartmoor.



The party at Dartmeet (left to right): John Nelson, Tudor Edwards, Eric Hitchins, David Llewellyn, Wilfred Williams, Philip Mehew (dark glasses), Arthur Reed, Giles Galley, Ralph Edwards, Trevor Bailey, Aubrey Bennett, Alan Thirst, Bill Theobald.

SCENERY AND CREAM

On Thursday morning we made our way up to the little church at Buckland-in-the-Moor, a delightful spot outside Ashburton. There is a handy little eight here, and we certainly had them moving. 'Did you have your running shorts on?' someone asked. 5.152 Yorkshire was completed in 2 hours 22 minutes; but the tenor is only seven cwt. Aubrey Bennett met us in Ashburton. He is a man who has done a great deal in the service of bell-ringing in this part of Devon, including the tutoring of the reverend fathers who ring the bells of Buckfast Abbey. In the afternoon he took us to Ashburton Parish Church, where we proceeded to ring London. A trip, however, brought us to a halt. But even though we had lost another peal we were glad of the opportunity to go out in force and inspect some of the gorgeous scenery in the neighbourhood. Aubrey came with us as our guide, and even the sun made an effort! At Dartmeet we had tea, and two of us had so much Devonshire cream that we deserved to be ill. We then posed in front of a Whitechapel camera. In the evening we had a ring on the first-class eight at Kingsteigton.

Another failure was in store for us at Buckfastleigh on Friday morning. Only seven courses of Superlative to go and a trip and 'Stand.' Just as well, really, because just as we finished lowering the bells one of the ropes went. Talking of lowering, we do not recommend visitors to Devonshire to come with a band that cannot raise and lower bells in

peal with some accuracy. Devonshire ringers very rightly set great store by this part of their ringing, and their high standards of striking are an example to many.

Having refreshed ourselves in Buckfastleigh we made for Plymouth and rang a peal of Pudsey Royal at St. Andrew's, where we rang Yorkshire Royal two years ago. Aubrey came with us again to-day, and we should like to express our gratitude to him for all he did to welcome us and make arrangements for us. At Plymouth we were pleased to meet Tom Myers again and also Roy Bould and his wife. The evening finished with the customary conviviality.

Most of the bells we were privileged to ring were good if not outstanding, but that could hardly be said of the eight at Highweek, where one of the bells is slightly cracked. All of them were a bit odd-struck. Nevertheless, we rang a peal of Yorkshire there, and apparently they did not sound too bad outside. We were grateful to the Vicar of Highweek for accommodating us at such short notice, and also to the clergyman responsible for allowing us to ring at Wolborough in the afternoon, at similarly short notice, in place of East Budleigh.

DROWNING THEIR SORROWS

Off we went to Exeter, to hear how the Cambridge University Guild were faring with Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral. They were unlucky, but it was good to hear the bells anyway. It was good to meet old friends, even if they were drowning their sorrows.

Eight of us left on the Sunday morning and called at Bovey Tracey in time to ring for morning service. The bells are very nice and easy to ring. The local band was short that morning, so they were pleased to let us ring. After a week's practice we were able to demonstrate that 'scientifics' too, can raise and lower bells! After this the party began to diminish further, but the chronicler was able to grab Bristol Cathedral in the afternoon. Evensong at Bucklebury (near New-

bury) turned out to be at six o'clock, so we arrived just too late to ring. We hurried on to St. Mary's, Reading, again only to hear the last few minutes' ringing. So near and yet so far! And we nearly came to grief on the M.4 when we were 'buzzed' by a fanatical Japanese driver. 'What a nit!'

Thank you, Wilfred, for another most enjoyable tour. Thank you, too, all the clergy and ringers and hoteliers who welcomed us to their towers and entertained us.

G. C. G.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The attendance was above average when the Southern District met at Gorseinon on September 7th, and nearly all the towers were represented. A variety of methods was enjoyed and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Trevor Evans) conducted a short service, which was followed by tea.

At the business meeting the best wishes of the company for a speedy recovery were sent to Mr. W. Dobbins. A peal is to be attempted to mark the 40th anniversary of the diocese. Thanks were proposed to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies for the excellent tea.

Next meeting: St. Mary's, Swansea, November 30th.
J. A. M.

Letters to the Editor

The Peal at Penn

Dear Sir,—In reply to the continued opposition to the recognition of the peal at Penn, I should like to make a few points clear which at present seem to be seen 'through a glass darkly.'

(1) Mr. Oglesby claims he has 'done everything possible to persuade the conductor to withdraw the "peal".'

(2) Reference to the front page article (or the C.C. Handbook) will reveal that the Conditions for Peals demand that 'any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be made in writing to the conductor . . . at the earliest date.' Just what has been done by Mr. Oglesby or anyone else in this respect?

(3) As soon as the peal was over there was some discussion as to the calling of the penultimate extent: I attempted to explain what I had been calling and that I had been calling it by the bells fixed in 5-6 in the blocks of three.

(4) A new line of attack was then opened, this depending for its 'validity' on the fallacious argument that 'the same bell did not make 2nds at both of the singles.' This is quite true—and anyone who knows anything much about composition will know that such is not a necessary (or sufficient) condition for the treatment of a Q-set involving singles. Indeed (as was the case here) two are bobbed, two are plained and two are singled, with the same bell making 2nds at the plains, 3rds at the singles and 4ths at the bobs.

(5) Some further discussion ensued during tea, but the trivia of peal-ringing were soon forgotten as our visceratomic natures got the better of us and we were soon lost in the sumptuousness of the repast. At no time did any member of the band state that he or she did not wish the peal to be published or that they did not wish their name to go in the peal report.

(6) A week later I was in the company of some of the members of the band on a day's outing—at no time was anything of consequence said in reference to the peal.

(7) A little time elapsed and I heard that one of the band was making negative remarks about the peal to totally disinterested parties—in reply to this I furnished a long, explanatory letter, to which I received no reply.

(8) On June 8th I was in a peal attempt with almost the entire band who had taken part in the Penn peal—again nothing was said, indeed I seem to recall that there were about five successive bobs at Home before the 'conductor' (H. Oglesby) realised that something might be amiss and called 'Stand.'

(9) The final paragraph in Mr. Oglesby's letter is a misunderstanding on his part as to which peal attempt I was referring to when I mentioned that it is sometimes difficult to keep a band of conductors straight in certain methods. I was, in fact, making reference to two occasions on which I have lost peals of Minor with what could be referred to as a 'solid' band (i.e., mainly experienced ringers and conductors of Minor) due to them becoming crossed over and hopelessly lost in Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

(10) The point that the 6th extent (Plain Bob) took 27 minutes as against the first extent taking 25 minutes (Treble Bob) is surely of minimal value in trying to show an alleged superfluity of two courses—the variation in time of two minutes between the first and penultimate extents in a 2 hour 50 minute peal is neither here nor there.

Bearing in mind the above 10 paragraphs, let us consider 1 and 2 in the light of 3 to 8 inclusive—

(11) Mr. Oglesby and the opposers of the peal have clearly made no effort to dissuade

publication or later to obtain a withdrawal, thus it would appear that they were not really worried whether or not the peal was claimed. To my mind this shows a lack of intellectual honesty on their part, since, if truly concerned with the issue, they would have taken positive action (as I have done myself in the past on more than one occasion) either in seeking a withdrawal immediately or setting their bells when the supposed repetition occurred—as advised by Tony Smith in his letter. Rather it would seem that Giles Shadden's letter stirred up overstuffed memories of a pleasant afternoon's ringing and precipitated the furore it is now your readers' sorry burden to witness.

(12) It was not I who sent the peal up for publication in any case—this was done some little time later by another member of the band, who (as I later discovered) did not include the peal in his own records! If this is not evidence of a desire to see the peal published and let other people see it then what is his reason for sending it in?

Finally, let me say once again that I am not aware that I miscalled the extent in question or that there was any repetition in the coursing order or lead-heads, and that I entered the peal in my own records at the time with a clear memory of the peal and a clear conscience as to its truth.

Manchester.

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Collection of Right Place Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—We shall shortly have completed a tabulation of all possible right place Surprise Major methods producing Plain Bob lead ends. Although at present we have not derived false course heads for all the methods, we hope to do so in the near future.

In order to estimate the demand for such a collection, we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in obtaining a copy. It would be helpful to know whether they would be interested in a list without false course heads, which would be available in two or three weeks, or whether they would prefer to wait a little longer (possibly until the New Year) until we have completed the list of false course heads (including lead incidence).

The collection was produced partly by a Hollerith 1,202 Computer in Belfast and partly by an English Electric 'Deuce' in Chelmsford. As we are not certain what computer will be available for the production of false course heads, we are unable to give a more definite date for their publication.

Would those interested please write to J. W. McClenahan, Christ's College, Cambridge, or A. S. Hudson, Clare College, Cambridge.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON,

J. W. MCCLANAHAN.

Thanks, Isle of Thanet

Dear Sir,—I would like to say a few words of thanks to all those ringers in the Isle of Thanet who have for a number of years always afforded me a warm welcome in their belfries at practices and Sunday ringing. Particularly to Mrs. N. Bridges, captain at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, whose devotion to her duties as a ringer and to all her learners is outstanding.

Thank you, Thanet, for many happy hours of ringing and for the social activities that always followed.

A tip for future visiting ringers: Mrs. Bridges cooks an excellent supper!—Yours sincerely, FRANK C. W. KNIGHT, Winchester.

Incidence of Falseness

Dear Sir,—I was not at all surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, that the long length of call changes, rung at Plympton St. Mary recently, has created some interest outside the county.

In Devon call change towers any lengths of changes are called peals, 60 being a favourite. It is not unusual on a Sunday, when the ringers turn up on time, to hear a remark, such as, 'Come on, we have time for three peals this evening.' I know, in method ringing that a peal must consist of 5,000 changes or over, so there is really now comparison between the two systems.

Long lengths such as the 1,069 are very rare now, but have created quite a lot of enthusiasm in this part of the county. The system of producing this peal is to use the musical combinations, Titus, Queens, Whittingtons, Reverse Queens and others. When the bells are called into one of these, the treble is kept plain hunting, as in Grandsire or Plain Bob, throughout, changing a pair every time she arrives behind or comes to lead. The calls are made chiefly at every other handstroke, never over, and with short periods every time.

No aids were used in the calling of this peal. It may be of interest to your readers to learn that a long length, believed to be a record, was rung at St. Peter's Church, North Tawton, Devon, on Saturday, January 17th, 1914, consisting of 2,861 in 4 hours. Conducted by William Fewings (tenor 18 cwt.).

I would very much like to know if any band has rung a greater number. This was certainly a great effort. The conductor of the Plympton peal for the 'Devon Association' is also a member of the 'Devonshire Guild' and enjoys a little method ringing occasionally.

It is hoped, some time in the future, to make an attempt on the North Tawton record, providing a conductor can be found whose vocal chords will stand the strain.

Should S. K. A. Huson be in our area on holiday or otherwise, and would like to take part, in say 500. I feel sure it could be arranged.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton St. Maurice.

Place Notations

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I can enlighten Mr. Ketteringham on the subject of place notations. With a little thought it is obvious that all place notations must start with an odd place and end with an even place in even bell methods. Hence when Cambridge, for example, is written:

3x4x25x36x4x5x6x7

the rule for extending this to the full place notation is to add a 1 or an 8 where necessary to make it start and end with the appropriate place. With a little practice this can be done automatically and for those who ring by place notations it is much easier to learn the abbreviated place notation above rather than the full one because it involves no redundant information. As for the classification of leads by letters this is set out very clearly on page 40 of the C.C. Plain Major Methods booklet.

While in print I should like to point out that the 393 Stedman Caters in the Ringers' Diary does not come round as printed.—Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

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LETTERS—Continued

'Circling' a Tower

Dear Sir,—In answer to inquiry in 'Belfry Gossip' regarding the most times 'circling a tower' to peals, the late Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, 'circled the tower' there nine times. Had he scored one more on the third bell he would have 'completed the circle' ten times. Although he got within a few courses (and once within a few leads) of accomplishing this—it just wouldn't go!

During his term of office as Ringing Master at Lavenham tower (1888-1935) he had the honour of standing in every peal attempt on these bells. This last peal was one of Double Norwich at Stowmarket, Suffolk, in 1935, when eight Symonds took part.—Yours sincerely,

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

[See also Belfry Gossip.]

Uniform Use Advocated

Dear Sir,—As one who, until the recent correspondence on the subject, was mystified by 'L. E. B.', may I advocate the uniform use of '2nds place i.e.'? Almost everyone knows what this means, and of those who do not it is extremely doubtful if 'L. E. B.' would enlighten them.

With reference to Mr. Frank S. Cheney's letter on Sunday morning ringing, why should it be more difficult to raise a band of ringers for an earlier service? The 'rot,' which is usually a combination of selfishness and lack of enthusiasm, must have already set in to make such a difference. Fault very often seems to lie with the incumbents who rarely place their Ringing Master on the same standing as their choirmaster. Are there any ways of prodding neglectful parsons into greater awareness and understanding of their ringers, and not just at periodic intervals?—Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH TIMMINS.

Tettenhall, Staffs.

Huntingdon Thanked

Dear Sir,—I have just spent three months in Huntingdon. On arrival, after the usual introductions, the Huntingdon Branch of the Ely Diocesan Guild made me most welcome and the Huntingdon ringers made me feel that I was one of their own band.

I was most willingly transported to and from Branch meetings, practice meetings and quarter peal attempts. The generosity and kindness received from the ringers of Huntingdon was a true act of Christian friendship towards a fellow bellringer. Thank you, Huntingdon.—Yours sincerely,

Lyneham, Wilts.

G. PLUCKROSE.

Speed—a Sign of the Age

Dear Sir,—A peal board in the belfry of the Parish Church, Burghill, Herefordshire, records that, on November 6th, 1922, 5,040 Grandsire Triples were rung in 3 hours 10 minutes. On July 1st, 1963, on the same bells and bearings (tenor 10½ cwt.) a peal of 5,088 Vancouver Surprise Major was rung in 2 hours 36 minutes.

Did peal ringers generally of half a century or so ago take their ringing, as well as many of their other activities, at a more leisurely pace than ringers of the 1960's? ... Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY VISIT 10 COUNTIES

ON Sunday, July 28th, equipped with a 44 tower itinerary and an ambitious array of duplicated methods, we set out for a week's tour around Shropshire. This time we decided to break from the traditional Youth Hostels (and bicycles!), and went to both extremes—most of us staying in an hotel, and a splinter group camping.

At Pershore Abbey on Sunday afternoon, we found the 'cage' quite as frightening as we expected—the female members of the party were too terrified even to keep themselves right ringing Grandsire. Through the kindness of the local ringers we were afterwards able to 'grab' St. Andrew's. Headquarters for the week was at Church Stretton. By coincidence we had chosen the same hotel as the Clerical Guild earlier this year, and, with such apparently respectable predecessors, we were a little surprised to be told by the manageress that we were the second party of ringers she had had, and 'she didn't want any more'!

The first full day started at Conover. At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, the early arrivals were able to try the new light eight. We were unable to do justice to the heavy six at Clive; and found the light eight at Hodnet more to our liking. Stoke-on-Tern produced the first ladies' touch of the tour; and at Atcham the tenor man, exhausted by the heat, had to be carried bodily to the tower—no mean feat.

On Tuesday, Ted and Nancie Colley met us at Chirbury, the first awkward bells of the tour. After this we entered Wales to ring at Montgomery, a six obviously manned by midgets! In the afternoon we found that we were the first touring party to ring on the recently augmented eight at Berriew. At Newtown a course of Puncastre put our timing so far out that Peter and Felicity skilfully contrived to get left behind and returned to Church Stretton in disgust. While search parties scoured the countryside, the rest of us 'explored a wide field' in Doubles at Clun, under Doreen's guidance. We found the Warner six at Clunbury well worth braving a revealing ladder; and finished the day at Wistanstow, where the loose headstock we remembered on the six had mysteriously transferred itself to the fourth.

STAFFORD'S BLACK JACK

Judi White joined us on Wednesday at Stafford, where Mr. Garbett showed us the ringer's black jack, kept in the church (presumably it solved the problem of ringers who go straight from the tower to the pub). We were allowed to exceed our time on the pleasant eight at Uttoxeter, where the first touch of spliced came round. We were much impressed by the lovely church at Ashbourne, but found the bells difficult owing to springy ropes. At 11 a.m. the Rector told us that the remarkable noise made by the third was caused by 'just a little crack'—investigation revealed a large chunk out of the sound bow—and stays made from fencing posts. At supper the hotel party encountered the Wimberry, which, served in a variety of forms, dogged our footsteps for the rest of the week. Later the local band made us most welcome at Stokesay.

Brian Shingler had left Somerset at 6.30 to meet us at Stanton Lacy on Thursday morning.

The first course of Reading Triples by the Society was rung at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth. At Madeley the ringing suffered badly from the heat. We had heard so much of the ten at Coalbrookdale that reality was inevitably disappointing. However, apparently 'a perfect roll-up' was tape recorded here—unfortunately everyone got so excited that it was accidentally erased before most of us had heard it! Miss Edge met us at Much Wenlock, and kindly allowed us to overstay our time on this lovely eight.

A monumental touch of spliced at Oswestry on Friday morning helped to make us all late for Overton-on-Dee. After lunch we rang Lincolnshire—without deliberate variations—on the heavy eight at Gresford. A large contingent of Brownies, who were being shown over the church, watched us at Malpas. What may well have been the first (and last!) half course of Leasowe Delight was rung on the eight at Whitchurch to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of William Shennstone—probably only one-eighth of the band was aware of this, however! The rest of us sat on the nave roof and got our fingers pinched by the lead of the freely moving tower. After supper we went to Bromfield, where the women became ambitious and tried Cambridge.

Saturday's ringing started at Leominster, where the 'local' who met us was John Coates, a Past Master of the Society. Reports of this ten had been mixed, and we were very pleasantly surprised. Some time was spent at Hereford Cathedral looking for the door before we realised that we had walked straight past Mr. Wingate, who was waiting for us in the porch. A peal attempt had been arranged on the lovely eight at Eardisland, but end-of-week non-peal-mindedness defeated us, and a trip at the end of half an hour's cautious Cambridge provided an excuse to call it a day. Meanwhile the rest of the party had been ringing at Pembridge, Lyonshall and Kington.

At the Saturday evening end-of-tour meeting we agreed that the tour had been a worth while and enjoyable venture. Finally, next morning, we completed our programme by ringing at Ludlow for the service, before making our various ways home. Thanks are due to John Croxton, on whom much of the organisation fell; and—even more important—to all the clergy, who allowed us to ring their bells; and the people who met us.

A. R.

St. James', Taunton, Ringers' Outing

Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. A. Drowley) and Mrs. Drowley, St. James' teenage band held their first outing on September 5th. Travelling by coach, driven by their captain (Mr. Reginald Beale), the party of 25 visited and rang at four towers, viz.: Drayton (8), South Petherton (8), Seavington St. Mary (6) and Kingstone (6). At all towers this young band (the youngest being nine and the eldest 15) did remarkably well. Tea was taken at South Petherton and home was reached at 7 p.m. Thanks were accorded to incumbents and to the captain for making the arrangements.

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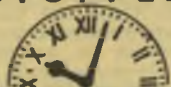
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OBITUARY

MR. E. H. LEWIS

APPRECIATIONS

I should like to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. E. H. Lewis, for the work he did for the Church and ringing in Frodsham. When he took up his appointment in Widnes, he came to live in Frodsham, in rooms near the church, became a regular Sunday service ringer, and also often read the lessons for service. Frodsham then had a ring of six bells and a band who rang call changes for service and were struggling to ring Bob Minor on practice nights. Mr. Lewis' ability as a teacher and conductor must have been a great help at that time.

One of our treasured possessions at Frodsham is a diary and record book kept by him and in it is recorded every touch, with compositions, that was rung while he was here. The first entry in the book is, '720 Bob Minor rung on June 5th, 1907,' and the last is '352 Bob Major rung for Evensong, Easter Day, 1915.' This would be his last Sunday before taking up his appointment in Scotland. Many and varied are the footnotes to the touches recorded—720 Bob Minor on Sunday, April 21st, after Matins, with the clappers half-muffled out of respect for the 1,635 passengers and crew of the R.M.S. Titanic, which sank off Cape Race on Monday, April 15th; 'Sunday, Feb. 9th, 1913, after Matins, 490 Oxford Bob Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Captain Scott and his four companions, who died on their return journey from the South Pole.' Royal weddings, funerals and birthdays are often footnoted—on Thursday, April 29th, 1909, 720 Bob Minor was rung for the wedding of Mr. E. H. Lewis and Miss A. J. T. Richardson in Southwell Cathedral.

Mr. Lewis bought a piece of land among the bracken and heather on the high ground behind Frodsham, on which he built a house in local red sandstone. He took a great interest in the laying out of the gardens, and the dry stone walls he built himself are still standing. Also standing in the garden were some old wooden headstocks, which, I believe, came from Southwell Cathedral.

In 1911, through his initiative and perseverance, our bells were sent to Loughborough to be retuned and two trebles added—it was at this time that he was made head ringer. In September, 1913, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells was rung by the Cambridge University Guild. The ringers were Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, E. H. Lewis, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, E. M. Atkins, W. D. James, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. H. Law James and Rev. E. Banks James. This was a peal of which he was particularly proud and a peal board in the belfry records it.

My earliest memory of Mr. Lewis is, as a boy of seven, when he used to call at our house each Monday evening to ring handbells. My brother and I rang 1—2, Mr. Lewis 3—4 and my father 5—6. I can still recall the epic struggle to ring our first 720—that quiet patience we all knew so well in Mr. Lewis must have been sorely tried by two young boys who had been brought away from play. The standards that he set as a churchman and ringer are still maintained and I am happy to say that, since his time in Frodsham, we have always had a full Sunday service band. We, at Frodsham, are very grateful that such a man as Mr. Lewis once passed our way, and we should like to tender our deepest sympathy to his widow and her family in their great loss.

FRANCIS BIBBY.

As convener of the Essex Association Central Council representatives, I would like to pay a short tribute to the late Edwin H. Lewis.

He was of a kindly disposition, extremely clever, and an outstanding president of the Central Council. A very modest man, he did a tremendous amount for ringing, especially in his capacity as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN.



MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN

Last week we briefly announced the death of Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen on September 13th at Braintree. He made a big contribution towards the advancement of ringing in his native county, Essex. He was 82. He had been in poor health for the past 18 months, but attended the Braintree practice on his 82nd birthday (August 26th), when he conducted a touch of Stedman Triples and rang a course of London faultlessly.

Born at Colne Engaine, he was taught to ring as a boy. When 18, he went to Ipswich and joined the famous St. Mary-le-tower Society and rang with them in many outstanding peals. He was the last survivor of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower on August 15th, 1908. He took part in the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, and also in a 10,080 Double Norwich C.B. Major. His first peal of London, in 1903, at Coggeshall was conspicuous. It was with the Pye brothers and the same day the band, with one exception, rang a second of London at Great Tey!

In 1912 he moved to Wyke Regis and was very helpful to Dorset ringing. After a short stay at Guildford he returned in 1922 to Braintree, where he had been attached to the Parish Church ever since, being for a long period Ringing Master. His service to the Essex Association has included the duties of Ringing Master, Northern District, peal secretary, Central Council representative (1936-38). In 1949 he was honoured by being elected a life vice-president. His membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths dates back to 1902.

APPRECIATIONS

Lewis Wiffen will long be remembered for his outstanding ability as a ringer and conductor. He had done much to further the art in Essex, Suffolk and Dorset. His insistence on good striking at all times was admirable. A very modest man, with a list of great achievements, he taught me all I know about change ringing, and his kind encouragement will always be treasured in my memory. Many others will also remember him with gratitude for his unfailing help during their early ringing days. May his soul rest in peace. H.G.S.

He was a modest, unassuming, friendly man, associated with James Motts, of Ipswich, and later with William Keeble. He was, no doubt, happy to accept the leadership of these great ringers and only in later life was he to come into his own as a conductor. But what a conductor he was, particularly when it came to London Surprise Major. He would not tolerate sloppiness or bad striking and did not mince his words when he was ringing if he felt the performance of any member of the band left anything to be desired. He set a standard that is very hard to follow and one ringer at least feels it a great honour to have known and to have rung with such a man. P.A.C.

MR. DEREK OGDEN

It is with great regret that we record the sudden death after an operation on September 17th of Derek Ogden, Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral and the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, at the age of 30.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on September 21st, followed by committal at Manchester Crematorium. Many of Derek's ringing friends were present at the services, the Association being represented by the vice-president, Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite, the ringing secretary, Mr. John P. Partington, and by Mr. Stephen L. Parry on behalf of the general secretary, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, who was abroad on business. The bearers were representatives of the Cathedral band, the Lancashire Association and the Manchester University Guild, with all of which Derek had close connections.

His death is a tragic loss to the whole Exercise, and our deepest sympathy is extended at this time to Mrs. Ogden and the family.

TRIBUTES

It has come as a great shock to members of the Manchester University Guild to learn of the sudden and untimely death of their president, Derek Ogden.

A graduate in chemistry of the University, he took part in many of the early peals of the Guild. Subsequent to leaving the University, he continued to take an active interest in the affairs of the Guild. In the last 12 months, he had conducted the first peals for the Guild of Spiced Surprise Major (the only peal yet to be rung by past and present officers of the Guild), Surprise Royal and Surprise Maximus. Thanks to him, the Guild has established and maintained close links with the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association.

A man of many talents, he was always ready to help others to improve the standard of their own ringing. We will long remember with gratitude the help that he gave to successive officers of the Guild in the management of Guild affairs. An active supporter of the Guild's yearly tours, as recently as August of this year he and his wife accompanied us on our tour of the Norfolk Broads. As we return to Manchester, at the start of a new University term, it is hard for us to appreciate fully that he will no longer be there to guide us. We have all lost a true friend.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their sorrow. E.F.P.B.

The death of Derek Ogden stuns and mystifies; and if his passing is a tragedy to the ringing Exercise, how much more so to his wife and two small sons. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joyce, who knows that if her ringing friends can assist her in any way they will do so.

Derek was an outstanding personality in ringing. There was no branch or facet of the art in which he did not excel. Though an outstanding peal ringer, conductor and composer, this to Derek was but a small part of his ringing. He was deeply concerned with the affairs of the Lancashire Association, and in particular the Manchester Branch, and it is due to Derek's enthusiasm that ringing in the Manchester district has progressed continuously during his all-too-short life.

Derek graduated at Manchester University, and that University's Guild was very dear to him. He it was who forged a strong link between the Guild and the Manchester ringers which led to complete understanding and harmony between the two bodies. Derek supported the University Guild after graduation and gave it the continuity which has been its strength.

Derek knew that the strength of the Exercise is its Sunday service ringing, and in this he never failed, maintaining an excellent band at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, until he married, then moving to Manchester Cathedral. He was always ready to teach when required.

A quiet man by nature, Derek was truly a leader, not forcing others into submission but by his right judgment, ability and humility commanding respect and admiration. B.H.

RAMBLING RINGERS' TOUR

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. D. Sansom 1, Iris Lemare 2, F. Shallcross (cond.) 3, D. Wilford 4, D. J. Marshall 5, M. C. Faulkes 6, B. G. Brown 7, R. K. Mason 8. First quarter of Bristol Surprise Major on the bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 13th, Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, London, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, with 34 changes of method): A. D. Sansom 1, Iris Lemare 2, F. Shallcross (cond.) 3, D. Wilford 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, R. K. Mason 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Christine A. J. Froggatt 1, A. D. Sansom 2, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, D. Wilford 5, B. Mills 6, R. K. Mason 7, F. Shallcross 8. First quarter of London on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Gibbs (first quarter) 1, B. Piper 2, D. Astridge 3, Diana Prynne 4, J. Haynes 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, M. Harbutt 7, R. Mills 8. For Matins on St. Giles' Day. Also the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples for Evensong: R. Bradbury (first quarter) 1, G. Williams 2, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 3, R. Mills 4, Geraldine Piper 5, J. T. Symonds 6, D. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Haynes 8.

EALING, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Fulwell 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 1, E. J. Lockwood 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, N. F. Whitell 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Sinden (first of Triples) 1, Jane M. Hough (first of Triples) 2, L. Mannerling 3, Vivienne M. Dye (first quarter) 4, P. J. Bryan 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. For Patronal Festival (St. Eanswythe's Day).

QUARTER PEALS

FREELAND, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, W. Dixon 6, T. Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, who had been band chairman the last 12 years.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): R. Dew 1, Miss G. Winnett 2, J. H. Payton 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, Miss N. Phillips (first quarter) 6, Miss R. Moore 7, T. Phillips (first quarter) 8.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Hurden (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Shaw 2, C. W. Daws (first 'inside') 3, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, K. B. Buchan (first quarter) 6.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Rickard 1, Rev. H. H. Dixon (first 'inside') 2, H. Rickard 3, S. Parmenter 4, C. F. Jerram (cond.) 5, O. Lovesey 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, L. Preece 3, T. Bounds 4, R. Preece (first as cond.) 5, M. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Hedley Evans, for 10 years churchwarden.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. M. Sturmy 1, F. Simmonds 2, J. W. Rose 3, J. Vardy 4, Miss B. J. Dyke 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. For the wedding this day of Miss Jane Davies (a ringer at this church), daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Davies, to Mr. Peter Pike, of London.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Locke 1, F. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (cond., 25th quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 3, A. Rowsell 4, R. C. Beale 5, K. Welch 6. Rung in memoriam of Harry Bungay.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. J. Cheal 1, Miss D. R. Southam 2, Miss J. Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, S. V. Rayfield 6, C. R. Percy 7, T. S. Wraight, R.N., 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Wilce 1, Joy Tyler 2, K. Tyler 3, L. Smith 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, D. Bowers 6, H. Meek 7, J. Harpur 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Harpur, late ringer of this tower.

SEVENHAMPTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dancy 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, T. Collins 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. J. Purnell 5, M. J. Stanley 6. For Harvest Festival, also the centenary of the church (July 25th).

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, E. Steele 8. For Evensong, and the blessing of the Lady Keymer Memorial.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Eyre (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Nash 2, J. Chalk 3, Miss B. D. Nash 4, A. R. Crowsan 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. Adams.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Arnold 1, D. Pennel 2, J. S. Walton (cond.) 3, B. Angel 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. Ferris 6. For the engagement of Janet Arnold and Bryan Angel, and as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covers): Mrs. E. Weatherley 1, I. Weatherley 2, R. A. Stone 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. J. Bura 6, J. H. Payton 7, M. D. Fuller 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. Mayes 1, A. Bishop 2, Miss J. Geiringer 3, Miss R. Rawlings 4, J. M. Uphill 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Shallcross 1, C. Lomax 2, T. Royle 3, P. Malloch 4, J. Robinson 5, I. Bentley 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, N. Bennett 8, D. Mottershead 9, A. M. Lomax 10. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Y. M. Billington and Mr. D. Nuttall.

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We endorse to the full the
plea by Mr. C. E. Jeffries, of
Bromham, Beds, that the fam-
ous band which rang the extent of Major should
meet again at an early date to be photographed.
Posterity demands it!

Ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, at their an-
nual outing on September 14th rang at five other
churches dedicated to St. Mary.

D. F. Redding, of Reepham, Norfolk, rang
his first quarter before joining the Army. We
feel certain that a warm welcome will await him
at Chepstow, where he is to be stationed.

Mr. Alan R. Bridges, writing on 'circling
towers to peals,' submits the record of the late
Mr. James M. Bailey, of Leiston. He 'circled'
to peals St. Margaret's, Leiston, on 14 occa-
sions, and only required the tenor twice more
to make it 16 times.

The 'Monday' band who rang the first peal
of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major have now fol-
lowed the request of Brian J. Woodruffe in the
'R.W.' of July 27th, 1962, by ringing a peal of
Ob Surprise Major.

The band which rang in the peal of Plain
Bob Major at Dorchester Abbey on September
4th regret the failure of 5,476 Bob Major at
Warborough, Oxon, in which Michael Zobel
was making his first peal attempt. Better luck
next time, Michael.

The first of the courses in elementary change-
ringing promoted by the Surrey Association
was held at Christ Church, Mitcham. It at-
tracted seven instructors and four pupils. A
profitable evening was spent. This was reported
at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District
at Addington on September 7th, when local
ladies prepared an excellent tea and Canon
Greenaway conducted a short service.

The late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis conducted the
first peal of Miss Doris E. Colgate, the well-
known secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Miss
Colgate took part in a memorial peal to Mr.
Lewis on September 14th at Westerham. It was
appropriate that the peal should be rung at
Westerham since Mr. Lewis often rang there,
and from the churchyard it is possible to see
Brasted Church, with which he was associated
for so long.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Cuckfield ringers, led by
their tower captain, Mr. Regi-
nald Johnson, staged on Sep-
tember 4th a demonstration of tower- and hand-
bell ringing for the benefit of students attending
a course on 'Church Activities' at Lodge Hill,
Pulborough, under the direction of Mr. H. T.
Kirby, an extra-mural tutor of Birmingham
University. It was a most successful evening,
the ringers' skill and warmth of welcome mak-
ing, according to our contributor, 'an everlast-
ing memory.'

The peal at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton (see
page 634), was a 21st birthday compliment to
Miss Margaret E. Fort and not as printed.
Apologies, Margaret!

The 'Mid-Devon Advertiser,' in a report on
Wilfred Williams' 1963 peal tour, states: 'Wol-
borough is one of the few churches with a com-
plete set of eight bells. Staying at Ashburton,
the ringers sounded a peal at Wolborough for
more than two hours.' Alas, the attempt was
lost after about two hours.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Norton to
commemorate the diamond jubilee of Letch-
worth Garden City was quite creditable as only
two of the band ring peals regularly; the others
live in Letchworth or work for I.C.T., a com-
pany which has still very strong connections
with the first garden city.

Because Penryn, Cornwall, Town Hall is on
the site of a former chapel its bell is rung every
Sunday. The borough council have acceded to
the request of the Vicar of St. Gluvias' (the
Rev. R. G. Perry-Gore) that as the site is holy
and consecrated ground the bell should be rung
on Fridays. The Vicar thought 15 pulls of the
bell would be adequate.

Owing to a call of duty, Cpl. Eric Holtine,
R.A.F., who is now serving overseas, was un-
able to participate in the outing he arranged
for ringers of Ipswich and Stowmarket areas on
August Monday. We are asked to let him
know it was a great success. Ringing took
place at Cowlinge, Poslingford, Kedington,
Great Thurlow, West Wrattling, Linton, Whittles-
ford and Duxford.

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MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR OF DEVONSHIRE

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ALAN F. THIRST Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 6
JOHN C. EISEL 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANNOCK,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.
WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	*DEREK JEWELL 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	JOHN C. EISEL 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Triples on the bells.

ALL THE FOLLOWING PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS 5
F. JOHN NELSON 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ALAN F. THIRST 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
First peal of Major on the bells.

TAWSTOCK, DEVON.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.

PHILIP MEHEW Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS 6
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHULMLEIGH, DEVON.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 6
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of London on the bells. Tenor 22 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

WITHERIDGE, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
ERIC J. HITCHINS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 7
ALAN F. THIRST 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 8
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 9
ERIC J. HITCHINS 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Pudsey in the county, and by the Guild.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE CAMPANOLOGISTS' TOUR OF SOMERSET

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	† P. GERALD MCILHON 6
*FRANK BEECH, JUN. 3	ROYSTON BLACKLER 7
CECIL T. CLARKE 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

BARBARA WYLDE Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 3	RICHARD J. WARRLOW 8
*P. GERALD MCILHON 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 9
† IAN FRIEND 5	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Arranged by R. W. PIPE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

BERYL E. CAWSE Treble	† IAN FRIEND 5
*BARBARA WYLDE 2	P. GERALD MCILHON 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
*FRANK BEECH, JUN. 4	*ROYSTON BLACKLER Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

CECIL T. CLARKE Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 2	FRANK D. MACK 6
ANTONY R. KENCH 3	RICHARD J. WARRLOW 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT DEAN Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	FRANK D. MACK 7
IAN FRIEND 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

JOHN ROBINSON	Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
NEIL BENNETT	2	RONALD M. EDWARDS	8
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	9
BASIL JONES	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	10
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
DEREK A. ASHTON	6	ROBERT B. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

First peal of York Surprise Maximus for all the band except the tenor ringer, on the bells, and by the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

DEREK OGDEN	Treble	DEREK A. ASHTON	6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	8
JOHN ROBINSON	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	9
NEIL BENNETT	5	DENIS MOTTESHEAD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

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

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. David Nattall and Miss Yolande Margaret Billington, daughter of the rector of this church.

LIVERPOOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIERHEAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	Treble	KENNETH J. HESKETH	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
DAVID VINCENT	3	F. JOHN NELSON	8
V. DAVID JENNER	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	9
JOHN N. BROWN	5	PETER S. BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray on the occasion of his 81st birthday.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANTIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

AND

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

W. BRO. DAVID VINCENT, P.M., De Sala Lodge 5657	Treble
*BRO. HUBERT RICHARDSON, M.M.,	
Cycling and Athletic Lodge 2335	2
BRO. NORMAN TOMPKINS, M.M., Egerton Lodge 2216	3
W. BRO. NORMAN HEAP, P.M., Unity Lodge 613	4
*W. BRO. WILLIAM HORNER, P.P.A.D.C., P.M., Norley Lodge 7139	5
BRO. JOSEPH THORNLEY, M.M., Farnworth Lodge 5301	6
BRO. JACK N. BROWN, M.M., Adeste Fidelis Lodge 7425	7
W. BRO. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M.,	
Thermopylae Lodge 4386	8
BRO. PETER J. STANFORTH, M.M., Highcross Lodge 4835	9
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., M.M., S.W., St. John's Lodge 221	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRO. PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Caters.

Rung as a token of respect and farewell to W. Bro. the Very Rev. Herbert A. Jones, M.A., B.Sc., P.P.G. Chaplain, Dean of Manchester, on his retirement as dean.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS	Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
BARBARA WYLDE	2	PETER BRIDLE	7
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	8
ERIC T. LEE	4	D. JOHN HUNT	9
DON C. EXELL	5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all except ringer of tenor.

Rung as a compliment to Mick and Jacky Hobbs on the birth of a son (Christopher Paul), born 9 a.m. this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BASIL JONES	Treble	NEIL BENNETT	5
JOHN ROBINSON	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	DENIS MOTTESHEAD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

Rung to commemorate the wedding of Miss May Foster, of Leicester, and Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DAVID J. SHRUBBS	Treble	JOHN A. DODD	5
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY	2	J. DAVID SHAW	6
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	3	†DAVID W. PARKIN	7
EILEEN J. OSBOURNE	4	DOUGLAS DERBYSHIRE	Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEOFFREY N. GOODALL.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*VICTOR R. FOX	Treble	*ANDREW J. JOBSON	5
STEPHEN J. FRANKLIN	2	†ROGER M. HEYWORTH	6
FRANK E. GODDEN	3	P. GERALD McILHONE	7
BARBARA M. BUTLER	4	FRANK ABSOLEM	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by P. GERALD McILHONE.

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

Rung as a wedding compliment to Helen Butler and Andrew Howes.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*JOHN R. BIBBY	2	†DENIS MADDOCK	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
FRED JACKSON	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

MARGARET E. FORT	Treble	MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	5
BERNARD MOSS	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
*MARGARET CROSSTHWAITE	3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	7
PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE	4	JAMES H. PAILING	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Turner, of Adlington. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

PETER J. HERITAGE	Treble	ROBIN S. TREBILCOCK	5
DAVID P. HILLING	2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (B.4). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method.

A farewell to the Rector, Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, on his preferment to Etwell-with-Eggington, Derbyshire.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
TREVOR N. CROSS	4	MARTIN L. HOWE	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

LANGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 4 x 5 x 6 x 2 x 3.4.36.4.7

Lead-end 5738264. 2nds place method.

F.C.E.'s: 24365, 43265 and 32465.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARIA E. KIRBY Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 6
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
CYRIL A. WRITTEN 4	*GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a welcome to Robert Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry S. Sheppard, born August 15th, 1963, in Waterford, New York.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

BETTY J. DAYSH Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 5
PAMELA R. GOUGH 2	TOM PAGE 6
PATRICK PAGE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ALEXANDER PAGE 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5280 BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

DAVID S. OSENTON Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 2	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 6
RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE 7
*IAN H. ORAM 4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Middleton's.	ERNEST J. LADD Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
	*THOMAS E. SONE 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT 6
	MARGARET A. LADD 3	*CYRIL S. JARRETT 7
	*KEVIN S. HOHL 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

* 50th peal together. † First of Cambridge Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt.

CHARLES COLES Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
ALAN R. PINK 2	BRIAN W. HALL 6
KAY ADKINS 3	*JOHN B. COGGINS 7
FREDERICK W. SODEN 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

JEAN SANDERSON Treble	*MICHAEL D. TRIGG 5
WILLIAM J. HITCH 2	WILLIAM D. N. FOOTE 6
*ANDREW C. D. MAYES .. 3	C. MICHAEL ORME 7
DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 4	MARTIN MAJOR Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Letchworth, the first garden city.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

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

MRS. SHIRLEY HARRIS .. Treble	*FRANK SISMEY 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 2	*GILBERT F. COWLIN 5
LEN BRIGHTON 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in seven methods

Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of the treble and tenor ringers.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

*ROBERT G. OAKLEY Treble	COLIN JOHNSON 3
JOHN E. GOODWIN 2	ALAN M. BARBER 4
GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* First peal.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob, six of St. Martin's and four of St. Simon's.

CHARLES H. BLAKE Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 2	*ROBIN CHURCHILL 4
†HARRY B. FULLER Tenor	

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in four methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. L. Blake.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

KEITH H. MILDRED Treble	ALAN R. MILDRED 4
RAYMOND BENFIELD 2	*ROGER I. KENDRICK 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 37 methods, being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Shrop-ham, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, Mileham, Austrey, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Norwich, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, Sharesill, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columba, Southrepps Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, Walsingham, Ryton, St. Luke, St. John, Seighford, Beshorpe, Old Bob, Kennington and April Day, two of Plain Bob and five of Grandsire.

RUPERT A. CLARKE Treble	STUART H. J. EDWARDS .. 3
MICHAEL W. BROWN 2	DAVID F. MOORE 4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

First peal in 37 methods by the band.

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FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt in A.

*PETER FENNEY Treble	*JEFFREY J. FOX 4
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*JOHN WEAVER 5
*R. FRASER MACK 3	*C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal in seven methods of Minor.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

M. JANE FOSTER Treble	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4
MICHAEL COWLING 2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
JEREMY P. BRANDON 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

HINSTOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob and one each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Kent T.B.

Tenor 7 cwt.

E. MARION KEY Treble	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. 4
PETER MORRIS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 3	RICHARD E. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in five methods.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PHILIP G. ROGERS Treble	VERNA RIX 4
DAVID G. CARR 2	*ANTHONY H. SMITH 5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	MARTIN MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY H. SMITH.

* 25th peal.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*MICHAEL J. ROBERTS .. Treble	ALAN R. MILDRED 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	DAN S. PONT 5
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 3	KEITH H. MILDRED Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: Six each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*HOWARD FLYNN Treble	ANTHONY R. TRICKETT .. 4
HERBERT SUTTON 2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 5
FRANK R. MORTON 3	JAMES S. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal, first attempt. First in seven methods as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Herbert Sutton.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

ANTHONY H. SMITH Treble	BRIAN B. HULLAH 4
*AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 2	ALAN M. BARBER 5
MARTIN PRESS 3	MARTIN MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* First peal in seven methods. First of seven Minor methods as conductor.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

VERNA RIX Treble	MARTIN MAJOR 4
MARTIN PRESS 2	ANTHONY H. SMITH 5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	ALAN M. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

Average age of the band 17 years.

ST. STEPHEN-BY-SALTASH, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

D. ROY BOULD Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS 4
YVONNE C. PORTER 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
MARGARET A. BOULD 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Norwich, York, Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley and Ipswich.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*KATHARINE M. GUY .. Treble	RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
†HILARY F. MARTIN 2	ROBERT W. HINDE 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	ANDREW M. MACVE Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First 'inside.'

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being nine extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place and St. Martin's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT G. OAKLEY .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 3
COLIN JOHNSON 2	JOHN E. GOODWIN 4

ALAN M. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. Brian Manning and Miss Janet Nicholson.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B., two of Oxford Bob and two Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

*JILL RICHARDSON .. Treble	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 4
*ROBERT HARRISON 2	*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD .. 5
†STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.

* First peal in three methods. † 75th peal.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. 31, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

VICTOR GRIFFIN Treble	†E. WILLIAM FORD 4
*DEREK DANCEY 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
†BRUCE WAKEFIELD 3	†GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung to mark the official opening of the extensions to St. Lawrence's School, Lechlade.

MINIMUS PEAL

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH, MORETON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In 11 methods, being 20 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Reverse Court and ten of Double Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

R. HARRY DAVIES .. Treble	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 3
*ERNEST T. CARVELL .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minimus.
Rung for the centenary of the church and the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1963, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of ten methods, in the following extents, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Norfolk; (3) Nether-seale, (4) Annable's London, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Nether-seale, (7) Annable's London. Tenor size 15 in C.
GORDON W. LAND ... 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON ... 3—4

ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal of Surprise in ten methods on handbells by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*CAROL FERNLEY ... 1—2 | EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ... 5—6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ... 3—4 | †FRANK OSBALDISTON ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

*First peal of Major on handbells. †200th peal.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS ... 1—2 | JOHN C. EISEL ... 3—4

MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ... 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wilson 1, Sheila Staley 2, A. D. Sansom 3, M. J. Staley 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, A. Gibbs 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, I. W. Hall 8. First of Stedman 2, 3, 4.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Marchington Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. A wedding compliment to Alan Richard Wood and Elaine Mary Staples, the sister of the ringer of the 2nd. Fiftieth quarter together for M. J. Kirk and J. A. Harrison. First in the method by all and on the bells.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Tyler 1, L. Smith 2, Joy Tyler 3, R. Poston 4, J. Turney (cond.) 5. T. Stevens 6. Rung for evening service, and as a wedding compliment to Joy and Kenneth Tyler.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on July 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Hanning 1, A. Milledge 2, A. Bull 3, K. Game 4, J. Ketteringham 5, E. Talbot 6, R. Talbot 7, A. Shelton 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, W. Rawlings 10. Before Evensong, for the christening, by the Very Rev. E. Southcott, Provost, of Alison, granddaughter of Mr. Aubrey Winn, tower secretary.

LONDON.—On Sept. 8th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. Wyman 1, J. Tomsett 2, Miss C. Powell 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, Miss M. Lewis 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cademy 8. A Fulwell 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For morning service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, T. A. Cross 2, T. Cullingworth 3, L. Manning 4, T. E. Sone 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, F. C. Hogan 7, G. B. Collins 8, B. F. Baker 9, A. D. Macfadyen (cond., 1st of Royal) 10. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, D. Feek 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, F. S. Parsons 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Hartley 1, Miss A. P. Robinson 2, Miss R. Fleming 3, B. B. Hullah 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, R. J. Moore 6, F. W. Ellis 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Edward Mould and Christine Collett, married at Derby this day.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWENT, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Stevens 1, R. G. Powell 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, M. Banks 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Joy Smith and Mr. Kenneth Tyler. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Tyler 1, W. Spiers 2, M. Banks 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. Jenkins (wife of local ringer).

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. W. Smith 2, G. F. Roome 3, D. Towers 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, C. Lamberton 7, A. A. Paul 8, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 9, G. C. Paul 10. First on 10 bells for 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10. Rung for Evensong on the Patronal Festival. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, on their golden wedding: a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Saunders, and a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Mowbray.

OUTWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: K. Sansom 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, D. M. Hughes 4.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincs.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Pauline Bull 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, M. Rose 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. Underwood 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. Duffield, a local ringer for more than 50 years and an outstanding example of Christian Stewardship.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): A. E. Ivings 1, C. Coles 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, J. Venn 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung prior to Evensong, as a welcome to Philip Ian Coles, grandson of the ringer of the fourth.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Reeves 1, Lesley Read 2, R. A. Stone 3, Cecily C. Roberts 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. H. Bassett 6, B. C. Kercher 7, J. F. M. Maybrey 8. Rung 7, 6, 8 covering. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Chapman and Mr. R. Walker.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | ROGER BALDWIN ... 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE ... 3—4 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8
Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*VICTOR GRIFFIN ... 1—2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3—4

GORDON W. LAND ... 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

*First handbell peal.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY ... 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE ... 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE ... 7—8
Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
*First peal of Bristol on handbells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | ROGER BALDWIN ... 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | ANTHONY R. MANN ... 7—8
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method on handbells.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Anderton 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, E. F. Bennett 3, K. Martin 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, C. Crossthwaite 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, R. Anderton (first quarter) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day): A. B. Stevens 1, N. W. Grassby (first in three methods 'inside') 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 6. For Evensong.

STANDISH, LANCs.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Yapp 1, L. Walmsley 2, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 3, F. Bentham 4, W. Farrimond 5, E. Cook 6, P. J. Crossthwaite 7, H. Grounds 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Thomas Grounds and Joseph Gray, who have both completed 50 years as ringers at this church.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles): B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, D. Powney 3, H. Gummer 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, V. Rose 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Osborne.

STOKE BISHP, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Dixon 1, R. Huddleston 2, R. Algate 3, H. Baguley 4, Rev. D. Sansum (first as cond.) 5, D. Huddleston 6. Rung after the wedding of Norman Buckland and Pat Machin, ringers at this church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Aug. 11th, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, Mrs. E. Harbot 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, M. Harbot 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Sanders. Also on Aug. 18th, for Matins, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, J. Rea 2, A. Milledge 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, K. Cherrill 5, P. Atkinson 6, D. Martin 7, R. Sanders 8. A birthday compliment to J. Chapman, 82 this day.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCs.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 1, M. R. Crossthwaite 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite (first in the method) 3, B. Moss 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, E. J. F. Wall 6, R. J. Parker 7, C. F. C. Pearson 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods/variations): C. Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Gibbs 2, I. G. Smith 3, R. J. Moore (first quarter) 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6.

NOTICES

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ALAN F. THIRST, Esq. (similarly Y.O.B.I.), please let me have your address.—F. C. W. Knight, The Firs, Stockbridge Road, Winchester. 3281

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SET of at least 12 handbells wanted by school for handicapped children. Must be in good condition. Please send details and price to Hon. Secretary, Wimbledon Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, 25, Cherrywood Lane, Morden, Surrey. 3269

MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all members please note that the Festival in 1964 will be held on Saturday, June 27th, and not in July as is customary.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3145

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—Until further notice, the weekly practice at Cranleigh Parish Church will be on Tuesdays. Visitors will be welcome. 3279

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The general committee meeting at Salisbury, Feb. 1st, 1964. The festival and annual general meeting at Marlborough, May 9th, 1964.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 3263

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—All ringing is suspended until further notice whilst restoration work on the tower is carried out.—John Cornelius, Tower Sec. 3266

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 3261

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Stockton, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing: Thornaby (8), 2-3.30 p.m.; Stockton (10), 2.30-3.45 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; Sedgfield (5), 7.45 to 9 p.m. A.G.M. 4. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 3212

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Farnborough (6), on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3237

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Meeting, Knighton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All visitors will be especially welcome.—J. H. C. 3288

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3278

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Denham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3133

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Great Wakering (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Thorpe Bay 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided after the service. 3262

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Second triennial dinner, Friday, October 4th, at the Century Hotel, Forty Avenue, Wembley, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Station, Wembley Park (Met. and Bakerloo). Bus No. 16 passes the door. Tickets, 20/- each, now available from the Association secretaries and dinner committee members.—F. W. Goodfellow, secretary of the committee, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039). 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting, Corston (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Newton St. Loe (6) available from 3 to 4 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 2nd to Mr. S. King, Wells Road, Corston.—Alan Lee, Sec. 3277

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Stowey (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgewater. 3282

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations invited for Branch secretary at this meeting. Names for tea, important, by October 2nd latest, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfield, Ashorne, Warwick. 3257

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting at Clay Cross (6) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Names for tea, without fail, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, October 2nd at the latest. Definitely no name—no tea. North Wingfield (8) available 7-9. 3255

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Rededication of St. Peter's Church bells, Frampton Cotterell, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea available after service. All members welcome. 3268

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea. Business meeting after. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 3166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10 bells), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea, by October 3rd, to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Barkway, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 3275

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 3232

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, 3rd.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3258

NEW READERS' CHANCE

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LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, Oct. 5th. 2.30 p.m. start. Service at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Murcott, 18, Monks-eaton Drive, Whitley Bay. 3289

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Darwen (3 to 5 p.m.) and St. Michael's, Blackburn (6.30, approx., to 8.30 p.m.). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity School, Darwen, 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington. 3267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Windsor on Saturday, October 5th. 2.15 p.m. meeting in the Parish Hall, Grove Road. 3.45 tea. 5 p.m. service in St. George's Chapel. Ringing arrangements as on agenda. Notification of intention to attend the service and applications for tea tickets (3s. each), together with remittance, must be sent to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Tuesday, October 1st. This will help those concerned with the arrangements at Windsor.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3144

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, Oct. 5th. 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3285

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Peter M. Fleckney, 6, Cedar Drive, Thrapston. 3284

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bishop's Cannings (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2895

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Huntington, Saturday, Oct. 5th, for the rededication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Leeds (Ven. C. O. Ellison). York Minster bells (12) available 2.30 to 3.55 p.m. Service, Huntington, 4.30. Tea in the Memorial Hall. Ringing after tea, Huntington (6). Stockton-on-Forest bells (4) also available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to C. J. Groome, Sunny Holme, Huntington, York. 3290

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Dronfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3283

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Basford St. Leodegarius, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham, from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 3291

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8). NOT Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatsworth Road, Cuckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3274

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, not Llanfagan, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Tea 2s. 6d. each. Names, please, by Oct. 2nd, to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon. 3233

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mrs. F. Gosling, Beacon View, Newtown Common, Newbury. Sydmonton and Kingsclere bells after tea. 3272

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.15 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Broderick Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, *PLEASE*, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—L. Duguid. 3270

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, All Souls', Hailey Hill, Halifax, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroyden, Halifax.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3204

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 3287

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North East District.—District meeting, Tendring, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in hall opposite church. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. 3264

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.15, address given by Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Tea afterwards in the Church Hall at 2/- per person. Other ringing arrangements pending. Those who require tea please notify, together with cash, by October 9th.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 3245

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), from 2.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 9th for tea to R. Harrison, 20, Bow-mandale, Barton-on-Humber. C. A. H. 3245

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Tredunnoc, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 3280

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (at café).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford St. Martin, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 3260

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.45 for 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall, near the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Ringers and friends from both Suffolk and other Guilds invited. Ringing at St. Mary's Church (8). Bury St. Edmunds, 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, from the committee and Miss G. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, on or before October 7th, 1963. 3171

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SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

It was wedding bells at Handsworth on September 7th as prior to the meeting of the Sheffield and District Society the marriage had been solemnised of the daughter of Mrs. Kelly. At tea, in the Parish Centre, the bride, who was just leaving for the honeymoon, was toasted.

Ringing included Stedman, Grandsire, Spliced Kent and Oxford and Seager Special (Spliced Plain and Little Bob). Ringing in the evening was at Treeton, but when the company arrived it was not a case of John splicing Plain and Little, but the tenor rope. The bells were raised very gingerly, except by the tenor ringer, who perspired profusely for a good ten minutes after raising the 'rough' bell.

Thanks are due to Mr. Gilbert, the ladies for tea, and the ringers who travelled from as far as Rawmarsh, Shelley, Dore and Dronfield. J. S. S.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. R. Sharp was Ringing Master for over 30 ringers at the Biggleswade District meeting at Maulden on September 14th, when the special methods were Pudsey Surprise and Oxford Bob Triples. Local ladies provided tea in the Memorial Hall.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, was in the chair for the short business meeting. Immediately after the meeting, boys and girls from Woburn entertained by playing tunes on handbells. The president congratulated them and their conductor, Mr. K. Spavins, on their excellent playing.

The Rector, the Rev. H. R. Cousins, conducted Evensong and Mr. M. Lockey played the organ. Afterwards ringers from Hertfordshire and the Rev. D. Hoare (curate of Amptill) rang Bob Major on handbells.

Ringing on tower bells was resumed and continued until approximately 9 p.m.

October meeting, Sandy.

LATE NEWS

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, is back in hospital again—in so much plaster that it would be unfair to say that he is comfortable. His many friends wish him a speedy return home, with beneficial results.

Mr. Tony Clayton, past Master of Putney tower, is to be ordained deacon in Southwark Cathedral next Sunday, to serve in the parish of All Saints', Tooting Graveney. He is being remembered by many friends.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rayfield 1, E. Godfrey (first quarter) 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Verna Rix 1, Frances Simpson 2, A. H. Smith 3, K. Barnes 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Davis, wife of the local tower captain.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. T. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, R. W. Rice 3, R. G. Pruen 4, W. S. Rice (cond.) 5, G. Jones 6, B. Hebden 7, W. E. Day 8. First quarter by all except 5th and 8th, and first by local band. Rung for the wedding of the treasurer, Mr. J. E. Gill, and Miss A. Parham.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. H. Kinch 1, Diana French (first of Triples) 2, A. W. Ivings 3, M. W. Sayers 4, C. C. Clarke 5, L. A. Busby 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, E. G. Jones 8. A compliment to Beryl R. Jarvis and Alfred W. C. Gillett, on their marriage at Balscote on August 24th.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosemary Blyth (first in method) 1, R. Fentiman (first in method) 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, D. Oakshot 5, D. Herschell 6, W. Parrott (cond.) 7, J. Munton 8. Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. W. A. Eman. First in the method by a Sunday service band.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. M. Low (first on working bell) 1, N. G. Coatsworth 2, M. R. Platt 3, D. J. Tuck 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, M. Q. King 6, M. R. C. Swindlehurst 7, J. W. I. Trevelyan 8. First quarter 2, 6 and 7. Rung as a compliment to Mike Platt and Sheila Green, for their wedding, and as a compliment to those members of Cuddesdon College to be ordained at Michaelmas.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. W. Griffiths 1, Ann Evans 2, M. Roselyn Corby 3, E. C. Crewe 4, T. Holmes 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. and Mrs. R. A. P. Gell, on the eve of their departure to Christ Church, Paignton, after 19 years of devoted ministry in this parish.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, T. R. Harris 2, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 3, H. Mann 4, P. J. Ashby (first 'inside') 5, A. S. Cole (first quarter) 6. First on the bells by a local Sunday band.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Water 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, Sheila Copping (first of Cambridge Major) 3, Katharine M. Guy (first of Cambridge Major) 4, Hilda Oakshott 5, M. F. Oakshott 6, M. G. Foster (first of Surprise) 7, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss S. Copping and Mr. G. J. Kirby.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Aug. 30th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Oxford T.B. St. Clement's and Plain Bob): F. Cooker 1, M. Foster 2, D. Smedley 3, G. Challans 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Mitchell 1, Mrs. B. Mitchell 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, V. J. Dale 4, G. Proctor 5, H. G. Goddard 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell, who are shortly leaving this district.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Littlejohn 1, J. Pares 2, G. D. Weston 3, D. Murduck 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5, E. Cox 6. Rung for the wedding of Arnauld de Cusson and Virginia Clifford.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Lee 1, D. J. Barnett 2, D. A. Burt 3, D. Oleridge 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. R. G. Taylor (first of Stedman Triples) 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, J. W. Isaacs 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, Susan Smith 4, D. J. Forder 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: R. Davies 1, M. Bangham 2, J. Weller 3, D. Herschell 4, K. Taber 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Stevens 7, N. Steere 8. First of Plain Bob 'inside' for 5 and as conductor.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Doubles (in 12 methods): D. E. Archer 1, A. King 2, M. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Mutton, Filey, Yorks, on the birth of a son.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKDEN, HUNTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Bonham 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. Woolven (cond.) 5.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rowan (first quarter) 1, Shirley Washbrook (first 'inside') 2, P. Norman 3, P. Jenkinson 4, F. Price 5, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, Rung for the birth of the curate's daughter.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Barnes 1, Phillippa E. Duncan 2, Judy M. Bowen 3, Valerie Mephum 4, J. W. T. Smith (first in two methods as cond.) 5.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Chapman (first quarter) 1, M. King 2, E. Buckley (first quarter) 3, D. Pearson 4, R. Cowley 5, E. Chapman (first as cond.) 6, For the Patronal Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 15th (Battle of Britain Sunday), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, J. Ketteringham 2, R. Bailey 3, R. Newman 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. Gargrave 7, J. McPhail 8, For Matins. Also at St. Clement Danes', 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Barton (first in method) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, D. Hewitt 3, D. Knox 4, D. Francis 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, D. Cornwall 7, J. Harrison 8, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 9, P. Chapman 10, For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Ranford 1, L. Walters 2, C. W. Nutt 3, R. Lewis 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6, Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Fitzer, churchwarden, buried this day.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Davis (first quarter) 1, A. W. Robinson 2, P. Holt (first 'inside') 3, A. C. Best 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, S. Wills 6, A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hooper.

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