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A TRANSCENDENT EXPERIENCE

By George Cockman

THERE is an element in ringing which I would term transcendent, and it's on that I want to dwell. This experience may be hid from some ringers, and if it is I'm sorry, for I would say that they have missed one of the greatest experiences in ringing.

The experience I speak of is not in fact unique to ringing. You could find it in the best music, orchestral or group; you could find it in a boat of eight good oars or in a line of three quarters moving across the Twickenham turf. But few of us can enjoy these from the inside, we can only enjoy them passively by listening or watching, whereas in ringing we can enter into the experience actively and in ringing we have perhaps the purest example of this experience.

I am referring to the experience we have when we hit a perfect rhythm with perfect striking in a course or a touch or a peal, and in some real sense we are lifted above ourselves. Consider the situation carefully: we are each dependent, absolutely dependent, upon each other; none of us is doing exactly the same thing at the same time and yet we are in complete harmony and perfect rhythm. Our differences in personality, in age and experience, in social standing, in profession and intelligence, all have disappeared. We have subjugated them for the sake of the corporate effort, they are unimportant now.

Now I call this a transcendent experience, because I believe it is in way of being a vision, a vision of what life could and should be, and in particular what the Church could and should be: a number of people with different personality, background, age, social standing and so on, joining together and, in the pursuit of a common objective, playing their part with responsibility and at the same time being absolutely reliant upon each other; no one doing exactly the same thing at the same time and yet remaining in perfect harmony and rhythm. We should all experience this in ringing and we could all experience this in being the Church.

Of course, the basic work has to be done. We've got to know how to handle the rope and we've got to know the method, any attempt without by even one member would throw the whole issue into confusion; remember we are all absolutely reliant upon each other. We have got to do some basic work on our lives before we can become useful members of society and this truth seems to be hidden from some members of the Church. But it is as true of the Church as it is of ringing — we are all dependent upon each other. One bolshie man who in-

sists on being in 6/7 when he should be in the slow, or someone who thinks that striking doesn't matter, neither will be playing his part in a band that takes its ringing seriously.

Well then, how many are doing their basic work for the Church? I don't mean mowing lawns or cleaning vestries, they're important but I'm thinking of the Church in its real meaning—the Body of Christ, the community of God's people. How many are playing their part; doing the basic work of prayer and Bible study and reading, bearing one another's burdens? We know how one person in a band can spoil things by not treating the ringing seriously—just think of that in terms of the Church, which St. Paul described like this: 'Now you are Christ's body and each of you a limb or organ of it.'

It's no good hoping that a touch will go well, you've got to get down to it and work for it.

We do work for it in ringing, this perfection in striking, in rhythm and when we get it we know that it is infinitely worthwhile. Is it that we have lost the vision of it in the Church, have we given up all hope, given it up as a bad job? It's a sad business if we have for, as in ringing, it is infinitely worthwhile working for it.

Analogies are dangerous, and I believe they are, but I also believe that we ringers have something here in our experience which should lead us to a new vision of, and a new activity in, the Church. It's so worthwhile to get that rhythm in any course or touch or peal; let's have it in our ringing, let's have it in our minds, and let's have it in our Church.

From an address given to the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Epsom on December 12th, preached by an Ordination candidate.

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Bishop Tries Out New Bells after Rededication



The Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison) ringing after the dedication of the recast bells at Bowdon, Cheshire. By his side is the well known one-armed ringer, Mr. Basil Jones, of Hazel Grove.
[By courtesy of Warrington Guardian Series.]

IN the presence of a large congregation the Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison, D.D., Lord Bishop of Chester, dedicated on December 12th the recast ring of eight bells at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bowdon, Cheshire. After the Lessons (Numbers x, verses 1 to 10), the procession, consisting of the vergers, wardens, ringing master, the bellfounder's representative, the architect and the local ringers, proceeded to the chancel where the wardens asked the Bishop to accept the bells and to dedicate them. The procession then returned to the west end of the church where the Bishop and the ringers ascended to the newly-formed ringing balcony and the Bishop dedicated the bells. As the procession returned to its places the local band rang the dedicatory rounds.

The Bishop in his sermon, which was an excellent example of what should be done on such occasions, explained the origins and uses of bells in such a manner that the laymen in church were able to apprehend the significance of their use and of their attraction. That the Bishop was able to do this was undoubtedly due to the fact that he is a practical ringer and takes a real interest in the bells of the churches of the Diocese. Towards the end of his address he turned to the lessons which might be learned from the art of ringing.

He instanced the need for self discipline, persistence, study etc., and then said that these qualities were also those needed in all branches of church and national life. Then there was the need for co-operation with others and the cultivation of a team spirit. He told his listeners that the musical sounds based on mathematical patterns which came from the belfry depended upon every member of the band carrying out his part conscientiously and efficiently and urged them as laymen to listen to the ringing which would undoubtedly take place on the new bells and try to distinguish between the different types of methods and become informed listeners.

At the close of the service the procession of clergy, choir etc., moved to the west door to the sound of a course of Double Norwich rung by past and present members of Bowdon tower. Following that a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung by a representative band and by this time the Lord Bishop had disrobed and came to the belfry where he took part in ringing rounds and spent some time in informal conversation with the large number of ringers who were present.

Tea was served in the Schools and after the customary short speeches on such occasions good use was made of the bells.

ORIGINAL BELLS CAST IN 1714

Originally the bells at Bowdon were a ring of six by Rudhall, cast in 1714, but in 1923 these were recast and augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnstort. These eight left much to be desired and when the tower needed considerable repair two years ago the opportunity was seized to have the bells replaced by a more suitable ring. At the same time in order to reduce the movement in the tower the bells were brought down to where the ringing room was and a balcony, which was rarely used, was refurbished as the new ringing room, open to the church. The overall result has been excellent, the bells are clearly audible outside the tower and yet are not oppressive, and they can also be heard clearly inside. Being open to the church the ringing room is warmer though there is the disadvantage of the ringers being seen and heard in the church.

The new bells (tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.) from the Loughborough Foundry are a first-class example of the founders' skill and craftsmanship and the new frame together with the lowering of the bells has effectively reduced the tower movement. All present at the dedication were very impressed and the authorities at Bowdon and the ringers are to be congratulated on possessing a fine new ring of bells which we are assured will be put to good use.

C.K.L.

M.U.G.S. WEDDING

Yet another marriage has occurred between members of Manchester University Guild. On January 2nd, Miss Mary Browne, of Topsham, Devon, and Philip Jones, of Hampton, Middlesex, were married at St. Margaret's Church, Topsham. The bride is the present secretary of the Guild and the bridegroom an ex-steeplekeeper. Two Guild members were bridesmaids.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Scowen 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Miss S. Little 4, P. Minchin 5, E. Sutton 6, M. Stanley 7, P. Spackman (first of Cater 'inside') 8, A. G. Wells (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. Rung prior to Nine Lessons service, and to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Wells, mother of the conductor.

M.U.G.S. WEEK-END AROUND INGLETON

It was with distinct feelings of uneasiness that members of the Manchester University Guild left Manchester on October 30th. The Dormobile we had hired was in such a bad state that we seriously considered showing it to the police. However we pressed on and thanks to the courageous handling of the driver we reached Lancaster intact, if a little late. However, we did not manage the heavy eight very well and the feelings of most were well summed up when the lights went out in the middle of the cease. Having toured Lancaster three times, we eventually found a fish and chip shop and then made for Ingleton, where we stayed the night.

Next morning, abandoning the vehicles, we walked to Lower Bentham, with the heaviest 6 in Yorkshire (by a short head from Kirk Ella). Lunching on route, we crossed into Lancashire and rang at Melling in the afternoon. A short bus journey took us to Kirkby Lonsdale's very nice six, which made the third county we had rung in that day.

Sunday dawned a fine day which made our walk round Ingleton falls even more pleasurable. The Ringing Master was pleased that it was warm for another reason. While he was standing on a stone in the river, a small boulder just happened to fall immediately behind him, soaking him completely. After lunching in a transport cafe we travelled to Hornby to ring on the light eight.

The last tower of the day was at Whittington, a tricky six because of the long draught. Staying to the service, we received the shortest sermon known—three minutes flat. As there was fog about we were glad to get on our way as soon as possible and Manchester was reached in good time for last buses.

It was very pleasing to see so many Guild members supporting the week-end—eighteen in all—and thereby making it all the more successful. Thanks must also go to the drivers and to the incumbents. D. J. B.

SUFFOLK CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Howard and Margaret Egglestone, their young band of ringers and some very generous and hardworking ladies provided the S.E. District of the Suffolk Guild with a really splendid social at Henley on December 19th. This was something of an experiment and was purposely not made a whole Guild affair. However, amongst the 70 or so present were friends from other Districts and even, some 'furriners' from Essex! The whole evening had an air of relaxation and thorough enjoyment at being able to get together to eat, drink and be merry. And the cosy village hall, gaily decorated, small bar at one end and informal chairs and tables provided just the right atmosphere for the entertainment.

The Offton handbell ringers gave eight carols and this was followed by George Pipe's colour slides of Washington and Groton. Tall, fair, debonaire Stanley Bloomfield sang some good owd songs and we were treated to very fine tune ringing by Andrew Hudson, Jeremy Branden and Howard Egglestone.

It's always good to have a laugh at oneself and there was plenty of opportunity this evening. Alice Lester and Lawrence Pizzey took the part of editor and secretary of 'The Ringing World' in a humorous sketch dealing with local problems and the company rocked with mirth at the silhouette taking off various people's handling. The evening concluded with a song by the Henley ringers—one of those carefully calculated to bring in controversial towers, much to the delight of the listeners!

Altogether, a social that put us in good spirit for the Christmas season and something that we all hope will be a permanent date in Suffolk. Well done, Henley!

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Haynes (first of Minor) 1, G. E. Drew (cond.) 2, E. M. Haynes 3, P. A. Teal 4, C. A. R. Hunt 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. T. Haynes (11 years, first quarter) 1, E. M. Haynes 2, J. A. Waterworth 3, J. Gray 4, G. E. Drew (cond.) 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival.

JONATHAN PAVIER AND HIS SON-IN-LAW

Dear Sir.—Mr. Claude Rush, delving into 'Church Bells,' has brought back to our minds many interesting facts from the past, and his latest article, page 7, Vol. LVI, has recalled an event in which I had a personal interest.

I quote, 'The oldest ringer in England is Jonathan Pavier, who was born at South Hincsey, near Oxford, on May 31st, 1779.' In the autumn of 1932, by an amazing coincidence, I had a conversation with Jonathan Pavier's son-in-law. In that year these two men had already bridged a span of 153 years.

I believe there is now only one ringer besides myself who also met Pavier's son-in-law in that year, namely, Mr. W. G. E. Collett, of Oxford, and as such I think that the events leading up to the meeting are worth recording.

Early in 1932 the verger of St. Martin and All Saints' Church, Oxford (where I was then captain of ringers), handed to me some records of early Oxford peals, which he stated were found on the font cover with a note addressed 'To the Ringers.' These records were beautifully written in pen and ink on parchment paper in the manner of peal tablets including drawings of the tower concerned and figures of the compositions. I handed these records over to the Oxford Society who had them framed and hung in the Society's meeting room.

In Sept. 1392, W. H. Fussell, of Slough, organised one of his peal tours in the Oxford area and on the 8th of that month I had the privilege of ringing the treble at St. Martin and All Saints' to a peal of Superlative S. Major in the distinguished company of George Martin, George Pye and Gabriel Lindoff, etc.

After the peal I took the band to the Oxford Society's meeting room where they inspected these old records and took part in double handed ringing on the Society's handbells.

On leaving the meeting room and while walking down Broad Street the conversation turned to the old records, and Fussell said to me: 'What a pity you cannot find out who left them in the church.' At that precise moment a very old man, whom we were slowly overtaking, turned to us and said, 'I left them there, gentlemen.' A few hurried questions proved that the old man was the son-in-law of Jonathan Pavier, an Oxford ringer in the early 1800's.

I took the old man's name and address with a promise to visit him as soon as I could contact the President, Mr. Collett, and the Society's secretary Vic Bennett. If I remember correctly, Mr. Collett with Mr. Bennett and myself visited the old man, whose name I have now forgotten, very soon after, when we learnt that he had many other papers and note books that belonged to Jonathan Pavier.

We were also shown during the visit the title deeds to a very ancient estate in Berkshire which the old man said should rightly be his by inheritance but to which he had been unable to prove his descent. Those deeds carried the seal in wax of either King Charles I or II.

There is no doubt that the old man, then nearing his 90th birthday, was a man of high breeding and education but being reduced to poor circumstances, was eking out a living by guiding visitors round the Cathedral and colleges of Oxford. He was a familiar figure to me at that time as I often saw him trying to attach himself to visiting parties in the hope of earning a few shillings as a guide.

Jonathan Pavier was employed for many years at Pembroke College, Oxford, where I believed he worked in the College Library.

SINE NOMINE IN DEVON



Millborne Port, Somerset, last stop on 1964 Sine Nomine tour.

The 1964 tour was held in South Devon, with headquarters at Totnes. About 45 churches were visited. Highlights of the tour were the octaves at Tiverton, Plympton St. Maurice, Tavistock, St. Saviour, Dartmouth, Broadclyst, Buckfastleigh, and Ottery St. Mary, Dartington proved to have a delightful six. Ringing was on Devon's two tens and two twelves—Cullompton and Plymouth and Exeter and Buckfast, being very impressed with the latter. Strangest towers were St. Petrock, Exeter, jammed in between shops—St. Petrox, Dartmouth, almost in the sea at the mouth of the Dart—and above all Brent Tor perched on a lovely rock outcrop. Thanks go to everybody who made this tour possible.

His name also appears, if my memory serves me rightly, on peal boards in St. Ebbe's tower, Oxford, in peals of Major rung on the ring of 8 bells which were then in this tower. (The trebles of the ring were later sold and these places in the tower are now occupied by the 'Washbrook Memorial' bells.)

I have not had the pleasure of meeting my old friends of the Oxford Society in their meeting room since 1934, and as I left Oxford as a resident in 1933 I would be keenly interested to know if other records of Jonathan Pavier eventually found a home in the Society's keeping.—Yours, etc.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

100, Hartop Road, Torquay.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

The traditional dinner of the Baldock Guild of Ringers and their friends was enjoyed at Norton, on December 12th. Mr. G. W. Critchley, this year's President of the County Association, proposed the health of the Guild, and said that he was very impressed by the ringing at Baldock, which was a tremendous contribution to the Northern District, and congratulated the Guild on their peal that afternoon. Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 3 hours 17 minutes, and there were some very sore hands to prove it.

Mr. E. G. Buck replied, and reported that, of 17 quarters rung in the District, 12 had been at Baldock, and reminded all that the outing would be on June 19th. Mr. H. S. Bonnett welcomed the ladies, and recalled the dinners which had been held after the war in the Three Horseshoes. Mrs. J. Orme made the shortest and sweetest reply possible. The sounds of bells were heard from both record player and handbells to finish a very pleasant evening. J.S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

To all Secretaries of Affiliated Societies

Affiliation fees for 1965 are now due and should be forwarded without delay. Cheques and Postal Orders (ten shillings per representative) made payable to 'The Central Council of Bell Ringers' and not to me personally please.

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Dartford, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

The youngest member present at the St. Albans District meeting at Harpenden on the Saturday before Christmas was Simon Brown, whom everybody wanted to meet. He was not quite two weeks old!

Mr. Walter Ayre, who presided, and Mr. Gerald Penny both expressed their pleasure at seeing Mr. Arthur Day, of Harpenden, ringing again after his recent illness. Mr. Desmond Painter, an ex-District Ringing Master, was re-elected a member after a stay of nearly four years in Rhodesia. An intended hockey match between the girls of the St. Albans and Western Districts was mentioned, and also a football match between the men. No District outing is to be held in March.

The Rector conducted Evensong, and local ringers and wives served tea on tables decorated with candles and holly.

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Letters to the Editor

Campanalogia, 1702

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Roger Savory's interesting article on *Campanalogia—1702*, I can offer some definite information.

J. D. and C. M. were members of the Society of London Scholars, and the full title of the book is:

'Campanalogia improved, or the art of ringing made easier by plain and methodical rules.'

It was printed in London for George Sawbridge in 1702, and seems to be a substantial revision of an earlier book by one W.S.: 'Campanalogia, or the art of ringing improved with plain and easie rules to guide the practitioner in the ringing of all kinds of changes. To which is added, great variety of New Peals.' This was printed in London by W. Godbid for W.S. in 1677 and, though similar in height, contained eight preliminary pages and 231 of text, whereas the book by J.D. and C.M. had 14 preliminaries and 189 text pages, with advertisements to page 192.

This was very popular as five editions were produced, dated 1705, 1733, 1753 and 1766. This fifth edition was corrected by J. Monk. All were printed in London. In 1887 Hervey Reeves reprinted it in a larger format, and with appropriate Victorian ornaments and type face.

I am compiling a detailed bibliography of books on bells and campanology, and am indebted to those who have already allowed me to work with their collections, as mine is not yet as comprehensive as I would like.—Yours sincerely,

J. SANDERSON (Miss).

Melbourn, Cambs.

A Horrible Suggestion

Dear Sir.—On what grounds, I wonder, does Mr. Maybrey suppose that if there should be an increase in the number of outings, as the result of publication of a Tower Grabbers' List (which I doubt), the learner-organisers will necessarily generate ill-feeling and bring about the closure of towers to others?

The procedure he outlines is only bare courtesy such as any outing organiser would follow as a matter of course without any prompting either from Mr. Maybrey or from the Central Council. His suggestion that all organisers of outings should be registered is surely the most fantastic idea ever put forward in your columns.

The payment of a deposit, levy, protection money or blackmail, call it what you will, is as objectionable as the idea of a disciplinary board which would be involved and, of course, the whole plan is quite unworkable.

I may, with good cause, be no great admirer of the Council, but in fairness even I am certain that with all its faults, it would not sink so low as to try that one on.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Staunton Harold Bells

Dear Sir.—The architect to the National Trust has condemned the frame at Staunton Harold Church as unsafe for the bells to be rung. When the church was restored the bells were not included although I believe an estimate was obtained. These are the only eight in the county on which I have not rung although I have been up and had a look at them.—Yours, etc.,

MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Sapcote, Leics.

Christianity and Ringing

Dear Sir.—Further to my letter on Christianity and Ringing in R.W., page 848, I wish to correct a statement which is either due to a misprint or my muddle-headedness.

The fourth sentence in the third paragraph should read, 'I feel that our atheist brother is NOT correct in making such a general statement as he does, re bickering and defaulting in the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable.

Non-Association Peals

Dear Sir.—I found the letter from Mr. Threlfall most encouraging as the views therein are similar to those which I have expressed on the subject of peal records. He states valid objections to Mr. Mallett's suggestion that peals should be rung by non-territorial societies for territorial ones and it is up to Mr. Mallett to put forward arguments, other than outworn tradition, in support of his suggestion.

I feel that the terms 'Association' and 'Non-Association' often may seem to be almost equivalent to 'U' and 'Non-U.' This is clearly not so for no one would suggest that the Stedman Caters at Washington was a 'Non-U' peal because it had no society label attached to it. I would renew my plea that 'Non-Association' should be omitted from the reports of peals without a society label.

1964 saw a step forward with the decision of the Washington peal band and I applaud the courage and commonsense of that decision. Will 1965 see a touring band with sufficient courage and commonsense to follow this lead?—Yours sincerely,

Chester-le-Street, DENIS A. BAYLES.
Co. Durham.

All News to Reader Buck

Dear Sir.—I feel some reply is warranted to the letter by Cornishman of Jan. 1st.

I disagree that our paper is of little interest to the average ringer. I class myself as such, and find all of it of interest whether it be peals, quarter peals, outings or District meetings, not to mention such articles that come from the pen of Edgar Shepherd.

Peals and quarter peals are news and give some idea of what our friends are doing; thus I see no reason why those ringers should be asked to pay for such.

As the paper has for many years been helped by the donations from peals and quarter peals. I enclose our band's contribution for quarters rung during 1964.—Yours sincerely,

Baldock, Herts.

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Reading and Newbury Doubles

Dear Sir.—I am in the process of checking some Doubles methods. Two of these methods appear to be Reading and Newbury. These methods, I understand, were published in or about 1939 in a collection entitled 'A collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.'

I would appreciate if any ringer, knowing the composition of these methods, would contact me, or if anyone has a copy of the above collection would kindly lend it to me.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

118 Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

Newchurch Bells

Dear Sir.—With reference to the bells of Newchurch, Kent (R.W., Jan. 1st, p. 7), Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent' states that they were cast by John Wilnar (not Welmer). His foundry was at Borden in Kent, and Stahlschmidt states that he was buried there in 1640. I would refer Mr. Beeching to the above book, p. 82, which gives a full account of the foundry. H. B. Walters' 'Church Bells of England' calls him Wilner and says that he was founding between 1618-39. He was followed by Henry Wilner. It seems to have been a flourishing foundry.—Yours sincerely,

JAY CLAYTON.

London, S.W.

Hunslet and Itchen

Dear Sir.—Unless I have overlooked it, the figures of Itchen Court Bob Royal have not been published. Also, there was something wrong with either the notation or the lead-end row of Hunslet Bob Major. I shall be glad of these details for the record.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Cambridge U.G. Memories

Dear Sir.—I was very interested in V. Nutton's article on Cambridge University Guild's 600 peals.

In September, 1914, the Guild's ringing week came to Surfleet Vicarage, I being then a page-boy to the Rev. H. Law James. I will remember those handbell peals sometimes going well into the night and occasionally coming to grief, with E.B.J. and H.L.J. (brothers) storming at each other as to who was at fault.

The band at that time addressed each other by their initials, with the exception of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. They included E. M. Atkins, C. P. Woolley, H. S. T. Richardson, J. B. Williamson and the James brothers. In appreciation of their visit they presented the Vicar with an altar book suitably signed by the president (Rev. A. H. F. Boughey). Incidentally, I found that the book was still in use by the Vicar.

But more interesting still is that I have a small silver medal with the Guild's crest on one side and the dates of those first peals on the other side. It was not until I read the article in 'The Ringing World' that I found out what they were about.

Finally it is with great pleasure to remember that I was able to ring and attend church on the Sunday morning following with such a great band of 50 years ago.—Yours faithfully,

C. RAWDING.

Surfleet.

Wilnar of Borden

Dear Sir.—Apropos of the inquiry from Mr. W. J. Beeching concerning Newchurch bells, Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent,' 1st Edition 1887, pages 81-82, gives the founder's name as Wilnar, of Borden, Kent.

Apparently, the foundry was established about 1618 by John Wilnar, who ran it until 1639 and was buried at Borden, May 5th, 1640. There were, in Stahlschmidt's time, 72 bells of his extant in Kent.

He was succeeded by Henry Wilnar, who was, himself, buried at Borden, January 30th, 1644. Only two bells in Kent and two in Sussex were extant of his work.

It could well be that Newchurch bells were, originally, a Wilnar five as the-treble has, or had, the words '...recast mdcccxlv' in the inscription.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne.

Stoulton's Bells

Dear Sir.—Whilst appreciating your correspondent's article regarding our small ring of bells at Stoulton, I would like to remark on a few points that may be a little misleading.

Firstly, the comparison with Frank Mack's miniature peal. I understand Frank's tenor to be 1 lb. 10½ ozs. and his total weight to be 7 lbs. 6 ozs, whereas our tenor is 107 lbs. and total weight 268 lbs.

Secondly, the frame is made from angle iron, a small portion of which was the angle of a bedstead. Lastly, with regard to the wheels the soles are formed from Endrick type rims but the rest is woodwork to conventional pattern.—Yours sincerely,

A. A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcs.

Peal Questioned

Dear Sir.—In connection with the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart on Dec. 19th, and duly published in 'The Ringing World' on January 8th (page 27) I want to say that I don't want my name associated with the peal, and for the following reason. During one extent, two bells changed course, and before they were changed back to their true positions rounds had occurred. To my mind therefore, this extent—and the peal—is not of a true nature.

I apologise to all those concerned for taking this action, but I feel that it is the right thing to do.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD C. STEVENS.

Croydon, Surrey.

OBITUARY

MR. GEOFFREY EVERETT

Mr. Geoffrey Everett, an unassuming ringer of Coggeshall, Essex, died suddenly, at his home on December 10th, aged 50.

Mr. Ron Suckling, District Ringing Master, writes:

I had known Geoffrey since 1938 when I had the pleasure of calling his first peal at Stisted. He was one of our band of young ringers who were ringing a large number of peals in this part of Essex prior to the War. Quiet and well-liked, he contributed to our many happy afternoon and evening outings.

He seemed to be lost to ringing for a time after the War, but when the church at Coggeshall was restored and the bells rehung he returned, and was making very good progress in Surprise Major methods (he had been a Minor ringer before the War) and I had rung with him only a fortnight before his death. We shall miss him for a long time among our ringing circles. May he rest in peace.

MR. H. W. HAYNES

It is with regret that we have to report the death on December 27th, of Mr. Henry William Haynes, captain of St. Mary's, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxon, for many years, at the early age of 54. He was one of whom it could be said that he was always ready to give a helping hand to any who needed it, and one who was always cheerful and had a ready welcome for his friends.

The following quarter peals were rung half-muffled as a token of our respect:

Piddington, Oxon.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. G. Jones 1, E. G. Jones (cond.) 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, J. Eustace 5.

Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxon.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Eustace 1, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, E. G. Jones 5. C. H. K.

MR. W. G. HISCOTT

Older members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers regret the passing on December 30th of Mr. William G. Hiscott, aged 83, at Liskeard, where he went to reside in 1941 after being 'bombed' out of his own home at Plymouth. He was by profession an engraver.

From a young man he had been a very keen ringer and had rung in about 52 peals for the Devonshire Guild and also for the Truro Diocesan Guild. Owing to failing health, he had been unable to ring for several years; when he went to Liskeard he was a very welcome addition to the local band. His last ringing outing was to attend the dedication of two bells at Carbis Bay, although he did not ring. The writer had a long talk with 'Bill' on that occasion, and know how much he enjoyed meeting so many old friends. We mourn the passing of this grand old campanologist, one who always had a ready smile and cheerful word. H.H.T.

CROPWELL, BISHOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,920 Antelope Doubles: Miss E. J. Foster 1, Miss S. Popleston 2, R. A. G. Inglis 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, S. Humphrey 5. A peal attempt called round. First in method by all.

MR. ERNEST MANN

The death on December 21st, at the age of 72, of Mr. Ernest Mann removes one who for a brief spell achieved some prominence in the world of change ringing, at a time when young ringers did not receive much encouragement.

Ernest Mann, when 18, was the conductor on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1911, of Irollope's 13,440 Bob Major, the extent with the tenors together, in 7 hrs. and 7 mins. He rang 5—6, Frederick Jones 3—4, Ernest Hoyle the tenors and Frederick Thorpe, then 16, the trebles. They were self-taught and had already rung two peals of Bob Major. Their triumph was short lived, however, for in the following June the Guildford men, with Alfred Pulling as conductor, rang 14,031 Stedman Caters and wrested the record from them.

Had Ernest Mann continued in ringing he would undoubtedly have made a name for himself in ringing circles but he had a passion for music which he retained throughout his life and when he was appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, ringing had to be put aside. Nevertheless, even it at the early age of 20 he rang his last peal which, incidentally, he composed and conducted, he did not lose interest in change-ringing. Until he joined the army in the First World War he was president of the Leeds and District Society, and a very able president too, but, after the war, his visits to the tower were few. Church music was his main interest and, in the last two years of his life, he was deputy organist at Pudsey Parish Church, the church where he learned to ring and where he had been a choirboy before he started to ring. His last visit to the tower was some ten or twelve years ago when he helped to ring in the New Year. W.B.

SOUTH MIMMS GUILD

On December 17th the Bishop of Willesden (the Rt. Rev. Graham Leonard) and Mrs. Leonard were the guests of honour at the second annual dinner of the St. Giles', South Mimms, Guild of Ringers, at the Wagon and Horses public house, South Mimms.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. G. W. Sillis, secretary of the Guild, and the Bishop then replied with details of his own ringing career, which was abruptly ended at the rounds stage, by the sight of an experienced ringer, of his local band, landing in the church font.

The Bishop proposed the toast to the ringers, in the George I silver tankard, in accordance with the wishes of the late Mr. Bruce Robinson, that a toast should be drunk and passed round the assembled company.

Mr. R. Owen, tower captain, replied and thanked the Bishop for coming.

After a most acceptable meal of roast goose, vegetables and fruit and ice cream, our instructors from St. Albans, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds and Miss B. Goodspeed, rang touches of Grandville Doubles and Plain Bob Minor on handbells, coupled with Christmas carols from the local band. G. W. S.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Vivian Nutton desires to make the following corrections and additions to his article on the peals of Cambridge University: High Wycombe, 1964, was the Guild's first silent tower bell peal, but not the first silent peal. Having only the duplicate peal books in my possession, I must be careful about the difference between silent and non-conducted, but the facts appear to be as follows:

First silent peal No. 301, 1946, 5,040 Plain Bob Major, comp. by E. M. Atkins, rung by K. F. B. Speed, K. S. B. Croft, S. E. Darmon and E. J. Lindley.

Non-conducted peals were: No. 225, 1929, 5,040 P.B. Royal 'in hand'; No. 433, 1956, 5,040 P.B. Major at Long Stanton; No. 502, 1929, 5,040 P.B. Royal 'in hand'.

The total for the Surprise methods includes peals or Spiced Surprise, but the list does not. However, the total is as follows: Spiced Surprise.—two methods 1, four methods 5, six methods 1, seven methods 1, eight methods 3, ten methods 1=12.

Total Surprise peals 85.

The Plain Bob peal total is 156 (107 'in hand') and the Plain Major total 225.

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ELLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, A. W. Bond 2, J. Hartley 3, P. Birkett 4, A. Rogers 5, V. Nutton (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 3 and 4.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, H. Taysom, sen. 2, K. T. Baker 3, R. J. Stubbs 4, H. J. Taysom 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Worley 1, E. Chapman 3, K. Chapman (first 'inside') 4, E. Buckley 5, C. Richardson 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. Cowley (covering) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Barber 1, Vivienne Dye 2, Jane Hough 3, Rachel Sinden 4, Eleanor Hough 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. Wellard 8.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, R. N. Marlow 2, P. King 3, D. Wilson 4, W. Perrins 5, J. Hartless 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Valerie Rushforth (first quarter) 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, D. M. Hughes (100th quarter) 5, R. R. Walton 6. A compliment to B. S. Gambrill, on his engagement to Miss S. Knox.

HERTINGFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. N. H. White 1, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 2, C. J. Francis (first quarter) 3, T. Beere (first 'inside') 4, Lt.-Cdr. A. M. Cole-Hamilton (first quarter) 5, R. E. Rayment 6. By Sunday service ringers.

HESTON, MIDD.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Butcher 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, A. Butcher 3, D. Fowles (cond.) 4, P. Golding 5, J. Sansom 6, D. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mills, grandmother of the tower captain, Peter Ruch. Also for the christening of the Vicar's son.

QUARTER PEALS

HEREFORD.—On Dec. 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gillian Sims 1, Julie Caligari 2, Gillian E. Graney 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. F. Turney 5, M. C. W. Sherwood 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, G. T. Cousins 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. C. Knights 1, June Creak 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Kathleen Parr 4, M. P. Thomas 5, Olive Rogers 6, P. N. Felton 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Spicer 1, A. A. Peters 2, B. J. Harris 3, P. J. Crane 4, F. J. Robinson 5, C. A. Critchley (cond.) 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. W. Childs 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harmen 6. For midnight service.

MUNKEN HADLEY, MIDD.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price 1, C. King 2, M. J. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Boxing Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. Kortwright 3, J. Lott 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor 1, N. H. Hewett 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, W. Davidson 5, J. Crowther 6. For the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Drury 1, Nora Carlisle 2, Julie Lethbridge 3, Reuben Carlisle 4, H. Seagrave 5, Ralph Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 8. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bates.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, Iris Lemare 2, R. Ducker 3, H. C. Palmer 4, C. Reeves 5, R. D. Gibson 6, D. S. Johnson 7, M. W. Crowther 8. First in the method for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Reynolds 1, D. Macdonald 2, A. Naylor 3, L. Atton (first quarter) 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 5, R. Sparrow 6. For Evensong.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, A. Locke 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, C. W. Jose 4, Helen A. Hobbins (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For Christmas. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, C. W. Jose 2, Helen A. Hobbins 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For those ringers home from college. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, A. Locke 2, Helen A. Hobbins (cond.) 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, C. W. Jose 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For the New Year.

SALTER ST., WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1963, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Bissell 1, R. H. Hicken 2, A. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. In memory President Kennedy. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Barton 1, M. F. Bissell 2, B. Jessop 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. First 'inside' of method 2 and 3. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Upton 1, R. Hicken 2, M. Bissell 3, J. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bissell 1, R. Hicken 2, B. Jessop 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. Four more quarters of Grandsire Doubles were rung on July 15th (J. H. Upton's first as cond.), July 22nd (cond. A. J. Collins), Aug. 30th (cond. J. Upton), treble rung by H. Seig. Oct. 11th (cond. J. Upton).

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jackie F. Morgan 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, R. L. Caporn 3, Elizabeth K. Leach (first in method) 4, D. W. Lambert 5, A. D. Leach (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before midnight.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. T. Brown 3, M. J. Young (first of Surprise) 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by a local band. 100th quarter together for 2 and 6. For Evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, C. Williams 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Sheldon 4, H. Morton 5, F. Pickering 6, F. Barraclough 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service for the Ven. Percy Harill.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: C. P. Haines 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, A. C. A. Newman 3, H. Roper 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Great Glenn handbell ringers collected £130 for charity by ringing Christmas selections.

The quarter at Bradpole, Dorset, on December 13th (page 13) was 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

Who is the champion rope breaker in the Bingham District and who left the 4th at Cropwell Bishop ropeless?

The time for the peal at Grundisburgh on December 9th should read 2 hours and 55 minutes, and not as printed in issue of December 25th.

Mr. Robin H. Rogers, of Bury St. Edmunds, is concerned about the weight of Oakham tenor, given as 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in 'The Ringing World,' but by Mr. Dove as 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

With reference to Mr. A. W. Froggatt's 'Carols on handbells' (page 848) the manuscript of tunes written out in this style may be borrowed from the Editor. Send stamped addressed envelope.

Mr. Barnabas G. Key recalls with the peal he rang for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Sedgley on Boxing Day that he rang his first peal in this tower for 'the Staffords' on Boxing Day, 1934.

Mr. K. Paul Olliver, of Higham-on-the-Hill, sends a correction to the weight of the tenor at Swanmore, Hants, in a peal published on page 873. He states the weight is 8½ cwt. and not 12 cwt.

Readers may be interested to know that the Gnosall St. Lawrence junior handbell ringers appeared on the Midland Programme of the BBC on three nights, culminating on Christmas Eve, playing carols. The children, accompanied by Mrs. E. M. Key, had visited the television studios at Birmingham to be recorded.

The band who rang in the peal at Holywell on December 28th would like to thank David Papworth for standing in at 10 minutes' notice. He took the place of a North Herts ringer: when the conductor went to call for him he was told that he was still asleep.

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Doctorate for Alan J. Collins

Plymouth ringers extend their sincere and hearty congratulations to Dr. Alan J. Collins, on being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Chemistry at Birmingham University. He is continuing his research in medical bio-chemistry and pharmacology at Birmingham University, where he is a research fellow. Dr. Collins started ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, at the age of 16, and was for a time honorary secretary of the Birmingham University Guild, and is still an active ringer. This Christmas holiday he took part in a quarter of Grand-sire Caters at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on December 22nd, which was for him a first performance.

Handbell Carolling

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have again exceeded their record of last year by raising the sum of £338 on behalf of 'The Greater London Fund for the Blind' by ringing carols in the streets of Dulwich for the 18 evenings prior to Christmas. Their contributions by this means now total over £3,400 in the past 18 years, writes Arthur H. Coombs, the leader, of 210, Barry Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

St. Peter's, Staines, New Boy

St. Peter's, Staines, had a surprise on Christmas morning, when Mr. A. F. Petre presented himself for ringing and this was the first time he had rung for 21 years. He enjoyed it so much that he offered to stand in a quarter on Boxing Day. He rang the sixth to Grandsire Triples—his last quarter was 30 years ago.

Tough at 80

Congratulations to Jim Marriott, of Launton, on ringing a 720 half muffled and a 720 open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, after recovering from a serious operation at the age of 80, and on climbing Launton's outside iron ladder just before midnight on this occasion.

Award Candidate's Progress

From Kingston-upon-Thames recently came news of Duke of Edinburgh Award candidate Miss Sheila Gibbs' first quarter peal (Bob Minor) after only five months' ringing. Now Sheila has passed the first stage of the award and has launched herself on the second leg by 'trebling' a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Congratulations, Sheila!

Childwall for Ringing

'Liverpool Weekly News' carried for their December 30th issue a good story concerning Childwall bells and its ringers, who range in age from 10 to 22 years. The Master is Michael E. Dodd, and his deputy R. Fraser Mack, a university student, whose home is in Leeds. Four of the ringers have devoted much time to redecoration and improvements to the ringing room and belfry. Childwall has enjoyed a good reputation over the centuries, an old rhyme reading:

Prescot, Huyton and Merry Childow,
Three parish churches all in a row,
Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride,
And Childwall for ringing and singing beside.

A Devon Accident

Having rung the old year out at her own tower, Lympstone, Miss Valerie Mellish, a Roving Ringer, assisted in removing the muffles from the bells. As the clock was striking midnight Valerie slipped from the bell-frame and badly sprained her right ankle. The injury was at first thought to be of a more serious nature, but examination at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital revealed otherwise. Nevertheless, Valerie is now 'thumping' around with her leg in plaster and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Mellish expresses her sincere thanks to all who assisted in getting her to hospital, especially those who carried her down the spiral tower stairs, step by step, before the ambulance arrived.

Vicar's Outspoken Defence

The Rev. M. Ware, Vicar of All Saints', Maidenhead, gives this reply to an anonymous letter he received after a recent peal of Double Norwich on the bells. We quote from his parish magazine: 'At infrequent intervals our bellringers or visiting ringers celebrate events in the national life by ringing peals from our tower. Whenever such efforts are made to do this, it is a usual occurrence for the Vicar to receive abusive letters from anonymous correspondents. These are, of course, treated with the contempt that all anonymous letters deserve. Nevertheless, it is a disquieting feature in modern life that amidst the contigual blare of radio sets, transistors and others, TV sets, traffic noises both on the roads and in the air, certain individuals complain when bells are rung. Needless to say, such complaints invariably emanate from non-churchgoers! All Saints' is the only church in Maidenhead with a ring of bells and the Vicar can assure the grumblers that these bells will continue to ring out joyfully while a faithful band of ringers is available to carry out their labour of love.'

A Royal Marine Remembers

Among the many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, of Chatham, on the occasion of their golden wedding, was one he particularly treasures from Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Pengswedham, Helford, Cornwall. Mr. Norris first met the Colonel in 1914, when the latter was commissioned to H.M.S. Euraylus, as Captain, R.M. He then rang with Mr. Norris at Chatham and again in 1921, when he came to collect the R.M. detachment for H.M.S. Raleigh. This ship was wrecked off Labrador the same year and became a total loss. Mr. Norris concludes: 'He had a fine service record, and, although 85, is still teaching youngsters to ring rounds and call changes.' A service-ringing friendship of 50 years makes fine reading.

'Church Bells'

The extract of 'Church Bells' published on page 6 is from Yol. xiii, Advent 1877 to Advent 1878.

Mr. Claude Rush, our esteemed contributor, asks for a correction on page 6, column 3, line 32. This should read: 'The best way to pay ringers is by kindness, instruction and love, by the parson joining them in their work and thus helping them to better thoughts and better things.'

A Suffolk Tower's Record

St. Mary's, Rougham, have had another successful year in Minor ringing as their bells have been rung for all Sunday services—occasionally with the help of friends. Their eight quarter peals include one for Sir Winston's 90th birthday, which was acknowledged by a telegram expressing Sir Winston's grateful thanks and best wishes.

There have also been rung fifty 720's mainly for Sunday service in no less than 24 different methods, viz.: Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Netherseal and Hull Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Double Court, Spliced St. Clement's and Plain B., Plain B., Grandsire Minor, Oxford B., St. Clement's, College Exercise, Single Court, Woodbine T.B., London Bob, Hereward Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, College Single Reverse, and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles. In addition, the extent of Little Bob was rung which has only 480 changes.

This, writes Mr. L. Wright, the tower secretary, is, we feel, a record for Suffolk as so many bells are now silent owing to the lack of young people taking up campanology.

Kemerton's Young Ringers

The young handbell ringers of St. Nicholas', Kemerton, Glos, formed during Christmas, 1963, when they raised £15 in support of the 'Save the Children Fund,' have been most successful this year, collecting over £36 in aid of the blind. Their progress has been most marked and their rendering of carols at the Evesham Council of Youth Festival gained for them warm congratulations. They have been greeted with much interest and hospitality wherever they ring.

A Double Loss

On the morning of December 5th, the village of Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, suffered the tragic loss of its Rector, Rev. C. M. T. Hearn. Within 24 hours, his senior housekeeper, Miss Maud Rose, also died in hospital after an illness.

A double funeral followed on December 9th, conducted by the Bishop of Thetford, and after this a half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Major was attempted. However, this came to an abrupt halt owing to one of the ringers suffering from an attack of vertigo, which caused him to fall to the floor letting go of his rope. Fortunately neither he nor anyone else in the belfry was injured.

Saxlingham Nethergate has got a full local company once again and the band were pleased to ring out the old year and welcome the new for the first time for many years.

Bath Abbey Bells and the Old Year

Bath Spa Committee at their meeting on January 4th deplored the fact that the old year was not rung out on the Abbey bells. When told that many of the ringers lived some distance from the Abbey, the chairman (Ald. A. Hopkins) suggested a free taxi fare and another member a 'canned' New Year, 'Let's be up to date and have a recording,' he said. The committee finally agreed to write to the Rector (Preb. G. Lester) suggesting a Corporation contribution to the New Year peals. Only a few weeks ago the Abbey ringers were asked to forgo their practice as it was interfering with a function.

THREE DAYS IN FOUR COUNTIES

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

Audrey M. Taylor Treble	Shelagh R. Collins 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Arthur Gibbs 6
Alan J. Frost 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
*Graham C. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of D.N.C.B. The conductor has now called this composition 100 times in 99 different towers.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Ronald L. Hills Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 5
*Diana M. Frost 2	Alan J. Frost 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
Graham C. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Superlative.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Anthony H. Smith 5
David J. Marshall 2	Alan J. Frost 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Alan A. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

OLNEY, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Geoffrey E. Watson 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Roger W. Smith 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor's 600th peal of Major.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden 6
Barrie Hendry 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Shelagh R. Collins 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Yorkshire, and on the bells. 525th peal as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 29 cwt.

William A. Theobald Treble	Anthony R. Kench 7
George W. Massey 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
John C. Eisel 3	George E. Thoday 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Brian Harris 10
Martin D. Fellows 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
David J. Llewellyn 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, one Kent T.B., and five Plain Boh.	
*H. Turner Treble	R. Selway 4
G. W. Rendell 2	*A. W. D. Robinson 5
*A. Best 3	W. E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by W. E. Turner.

* First peal in three methods.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

George E. Bonham Treble	Peter Woolven 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	C. Martin Press 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	Philip Mehew 7
Bernard G. North 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

DUNSTABLE, Beds.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer M. Taylor Treble	C. Edward Jeffries 5
Alfred E. Rushton 2	James R. Taylor 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	Philip Mehew 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

MAULDEN, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Kathleen A. Rivett Treble	*Marty J. Marriott 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	Robert L. Piron 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	James R. Taylor 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

In memoriam Charles J. Ball.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Frank Osbaldiston Treble	Alan McFall 7
Derek Yates 2	Basil Jones 8
William H. Dowse 3	Ernest Bennett 9
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Brian Woodruffe 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	A. Peter Whitehead 11
John Worth 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a 2,160 and 4 different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Gillian M. Fanshaw Treble	*Alan G. Kirk 4
*F. Martin Stanway 2	Alex Richardson 5
Gladys Richardson 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Frank E. Haynes Treble	Edwin R. Goate 7
*Patricia Rogers 2	†Paul J. Bergdahl 8
Hadley Hunter 3	C. Martin Press 9
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers 4	†Henry C. Foster 10
Christopher H. Rogers 5	Harold W. Rogers 11
†Harold J. Muncy 6	Dennis A. Hewitt Tenor

Arranged by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on twelve bells. First on twelve as conductor.

HUNTINGDON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Dennis E. Pepper Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	Geoffrey Pearson 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	C. Martin Press 7
Philip Mehew 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

OVER, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Dennis E. Pepper Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	George E. Thoday 6
Jane K. A. Cook 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
C. Martin Press 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

A compliment to Dennis E. Pepper on his birthday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELBOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Dennis E. Pepper Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 4
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
John G. Gipson 3	Donald F. Murfet Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. P. McNiece, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination; also to his father on the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

KIMBOLTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2 extents of April Day, 16 of St. Martin's Bob, and 24 of Plain Bob.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	R. Frank Baker 3
Harold S. Peacock 2	George E. Bonham 4
Peter Woollven Tenor	

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2.160's and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56 et var. and 32).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Peter Woollven Treble	George E. Bonham 4
David G. Papworth 2	Terry R. Hatchett 5
Mary E. Edwards 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Ian R. Panton 6
Joe E. G. Roast 2	Peter J. Eves 7
Claire Dillamore 3	James L. Towler 8
Andrew S. Hudson 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds 9
Patrick W. Saltmarsh 5	Howard W. Egglestone Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Joe E. Roast.

First of Royal in the method as conductor.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Adrian G. Semken Treble	Felix H. Erith 5
*Mark A. Hughes 2	*John H. Gould 6
Jennifer M. Andrews 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
*Susan Wenden 4	Philip G. Erith Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal of Major.

FELSTED, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 FALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Michael J. Cowling Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh 5
Philip J. Rothera 2	Andrew S. Hudson 6
Joe E. G. Roast 3	James L. Towler 7
Peter G. Brown 4	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First in the method by all the band.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent London, and two each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

*Angela Hawes Treble	*Peter G. Sherwood 4
Stanley T. A. Russell 2	*Colin J. Champion 5
†Peter G. Smart 3	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor. ‡ Has 'circled the tower.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Stanley Zeal, who was inducted the previous day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 TWICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

John R. Mayne Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	Colin A. S. Harwood 7
J. Richard Castledine 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.

Joyce Dodds Treble	Gerald Penney 4
Julia A. Fellows 2	*Ranald W. M. Clouston 5
Rev. John H. L. Blick 3	Walter Ayre Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate Christmas and the centenary of the church. The bells were installed as one of the centenary objectives.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2.160's and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56 et var.).

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Robert O. Bellamy Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Margaret M. Roden 2	C. Martin Press 5
Mary E. Edwards 3	Philip Meyhew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Meyhew.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Hilary F. Martin Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitaw. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ikeston Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Martin Ostler Treble	*Rev. Stanley M. Evans 5
*David L. Cawley 2	Nicholas J. Davies 6
Alexander Waddington 3	Crawford T. Hillis 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Dennis A. Chapman Tenor

Composed by F. N. Golden. Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ann Jenner Treble	Robert W. Hinde 4
Olive D. Tester 2	Stanley Jenner 5
Hilary F. Martin 3	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	David S. Osenton 4
Christopher T. Osenton 2	John W. Coleman 5
*Alexander Waddington 3	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WIGAN, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Cyril Crossthwaite Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Susan Funnell 2	*Philip J. Rothera 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	*Neil Bennett 8
*Philip J. Crossthwaite 4	*John H. Fielden 9
*Richard J. Parker 5	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Susan Funnell and Philip J. Rothera on their engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

V. David Jenner Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Susan Funnell 2	J. Barry Pickup 7
*Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	*Philip J. Rothera 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4	Kenneth Hesketh 9
*Richard J. Parker 5	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of London Royal. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Smith Treble	Richard Starkey 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Richard J. Parker 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.

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

J. Christopher Rigg Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 4
Brian G. Warwick 2	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Edwin Deakin 3	Richard J. Clifton Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

A farewell to the Rev. J. E. Rigg, who retired on December 27th after being Vicar for 12 years.

BURTON HASTINGS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C.	
*Robin A. Gilliver Treble	Valerie Watts 3
†Cynthia M. Wells 2	K. Paul Gilliver 4
John Watkins Tenor	

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Anne E. Bateson Treble	Geoffrey Paul 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
*David D. Parsons 3	*John R. Pratchett 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Magnus Peterson Treble	Trevor M. Roderick 6
Donald G. Clift 2	*Roger King 7
*Penelope J. Welch 3	M. Jack Pryor 8
*Thomas Yeomans 4	Tudor P. Edwards 9
†Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by A. Tyler.

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th together. First of Caters as conductor.

Rung to enhance the festive spirit of Christmas.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Stephen Fenwick Treble	*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
†Ruth Havard 2	David J. Llewellyn 6
Donald G. Clift 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
Magnus M. Peterson 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

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

First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.	
Trevor J. Frole Treble	Thomas E. Hiddins 4
D. R. Lynn Jones 2	D. Walford Davies 5
William T. Petty 3	Harold Preece Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
Magnus M. Peterson Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
Penelope J. Welch 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 3	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. Tenor

Conducted by Magnus M. Peterson.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Jeannette Felton Treble	David W. Struckett 6
Michael Hatchett 2	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
†Patricia Rogers 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 4	Harold W. Rogers 9
William Birmingham jun. 5	William Birmingham .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Eric Hayward, father of the Vicar of Isleworth. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Anthony H. Smith Treble	Alan J. Frost 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 6
Diana M. Frost 3	Anthony G. Tyers 7
Nicholas J. Davies 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung on the 90th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Andrew J. Strathdee .. Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 5
*E. Jane Sibson 2	Nicholas J. Davies 6
Diana M. Frost 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Mary S. Taylor 4	*Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 150th peal together.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Bernard E. Matthews .. 5
Rosemary Rich 2	Anthony R. Kench 6
Martin Press 3	Robert E. Hardy 7
Laurence Smith 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Brian G. Warwick Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
George Roobottom 2	William F. Woodward .. 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	Percival W. Grice 7
Richard J. Clifton 4	William H. Curzon Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Sidney Marshall Treble	Bert Gogle 5
Timothy G. Pett 2	George P. Adams 6
H. William Barnett 3	John S. Barnes 7
*Kevin S. Hohl 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*Richard A. J. Bower .. Treble	†Andrew J. Harrison .. 3
*Peter N. Mackley 2	‡Roger B. Lubbock 4

Paul Cattermole

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Doubles. The ringers of 1 and 2 also rang their first peal (on handbells) on this day, thus ringing their first two peals on the same day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Peter J. Heritage Treble	William Birmingham 6
Anthony D. Sansom 2	J. Keith Ward 7
Robin G. Leale 3	Edward R. Venn 8
Gillian A. Leale 4	Alan E. Bagworth 9
David P. Hilling 5	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by William Pye.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Heritage.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

SEDGLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

E. Marion Key Treble	*Margaret Marson 5
David R. Hawksworth .. 2	Remi M. Hodister 6
Barnabas G. Key 3	Maurice G. Turner 7
Charles F. W. Eyre 4	Arthur J. Allsop Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. Chris Wallater, of Willenhall (82 years old on December 25th).

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven methods in the following extents: Bourne, Beverley, York, Norwich, London, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Florence Chester Treble	Roland H. Cook 4
William R. Parker 2	R. Kingsley Mason 5
John F. Pearson 3	John E. Cook Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—All rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Peter Humphrey Treble	Simon Humphrey 5
*John C. Shonfield 2	*George A. Dawson 6
Raymond Benfield 3	Michael Poppleston 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Simon Humphrey Treble *Peter Humphrey 5 |

Michael Poppleston 2	*Susanna Poppleston 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*George A. Dawson 7
*John C. Shonfield 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Elizabeth Foster Treble *Peter Humphrey 5 |

*Simon Humphrey 2	*Michael Poppleston 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*George A. Dawson 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Dec. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Elizabeth Foster Treble	*Peter Humphrey 5
*Simon Humphrey 2	*George A. Dawson 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*Michael Poppleston 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Marchington, two each of Rushall and All Saints.

four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

*S. Jane Dowse Treble	Maurice W. Harrison 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	C. Raymond Larkin 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* 25th peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lindum and Wembley, with 129 changes of method.

B. Gillian Schofield Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
George W. Pipe 2	George E. Thoday 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Leslie G. Brett 7
Howard W. Egglestone .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Most Major methods to a peal for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 3. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, Eastcote, Lindum, Watford and Wembley, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

Alice E. J. Lester Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2	George E. Thoday 6
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Cecil W. Pipe 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Most Major methods to a peal for the Guild, and by all the band.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Robert E. Lester Treble	†Alan Munnings 4
*Michael J. Howes 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey 5
Keith Whittell 3	Alan R. Bridges Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

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

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Michael J. Howes Treble	Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3
Alan J. Munnings 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey 4

Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

First peal as conductor. First of Doubles by all except the conductor.

RAVENINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents April Day, eight different extents and one 240 (Morris' arrangement) Grandsire and 30 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Thomas J. Brock Treble	Ralph W. Bickers 3
Richard C. L. Brown 2	Trevor N. J. Bailey 4

Leslie N. Melton Tenor

Conducted jointly by the ringers of the second, fourth and tenor.

The fourth ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Robert W. Hinde 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
*Judith M. Hinde 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Tony Lewis 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. Knights (103).

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

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

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Valerie J. Howard Treble	Herbert W. Woolven 5
Catherine M. Powell 2	John A. Howard 6
John R. Norris 3	W. Arthur Riddington 7
Bernard J. Stone 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge (C.C.C. 99).

Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. E. Streete, O.C.F., who retired on this day after 14 years as Vicar of Beeding and Bramber and 50 years as a Minister.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Michael J. Thomas 5
*Margaret Smith Treble	Maurice J. Butler 6
†Kay Hollingsworth 2	David J. Forder 7
David E. House 3	Tom Chapman Tenor
Arthur G. Butler 4	

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Edburgha and the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey J. Hemming Treble	Ian Lloyd 5
*Ann E. Collett 2	Peter D. Warren 6
James Attwood, jun. 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
John E. Whittall 4	Gerald C. Hemming Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Richard E. Price Treble	*Michael Meadows 6
*David Nichols 2	Norman Chaddock 7
Elsie Chaddock 3	*John S. Seager 8
*Neil Donovan 4	*Stuart Armeson 9
John N. D. Chaddock 5	Philip Walker Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

† First on ten bells. The treble

ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry Green, former churchwarden at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DORNEY COURT MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method. 100th handbell peal for the Guild.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED MAJOR

In three methods, being 200 Little Bob, 420 Gainsborough Little Bob, and 4,384 Plain Bob, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	Edmund J. Morris 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Major in three methods on handbells by all and for the Guild. 100th peal at Mor-Awelon.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

In 20 methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (2) Pinchurst Bob and Buxton College Bob, (3) Ullswater Bob and Mewslade Bob, (4) Horsmonden Bob and Cumberland Bob, (5) St. Nicholas College Bob, Heatherslade College Bob and Gower College Bob, (6) Abertawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (7) Fulbeck Bob, Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in 20 Minor methods on handbells by all and for the Guild.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED MAJOR

In three methods, being 4,384 Plain Bob, 200 Little Plain Bob and 420 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	*Richard T. Smith 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in three methods.

DORNEY COURT MINOR:
x 14 x 16.34.16. l.h.=16-34625.

NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR:
x1456 x 16 x 16. l.h.=12-65324.

QUARTER PEALS

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. G. Oliver 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, G. A. Porter 3, J. S. Walker 4, N. D. Deam 5.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,385 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, H. N. Piastow 2, R. Stevens 3, Jean Lavender 4, F. Darby (cond.) 5, K. Taber 6, R. J. Cook 7, R. J. Talbot 8, S. Kimber 9, R. Finch 10. The annual quarter peal.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Diana M. Chapman 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, R. J. Bowden 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, P. Bridle 6, D. J. Hunt 7, D. C. Exell (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. C. Exell 1, A. J. Griffin 2, Avril Ivin 3, Jennifer M. Taylor 4, R. G. Edwards 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. R. Taylor 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Surfleet, Beverley): D. L. Parker 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Martin 3, R. W. Hinde 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jillian Outhwaite 1, Jennifer Wright 2, Jennifer Payne 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, N. J. Martin 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Peter's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, D. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For Evensong.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rosemary Earl 1, Christine Fuller 2, Janet Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, I. Smith 5, H. Reynolds 6, T. Barlow 7, A. Baldock (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First Surprise Major 1, 2 and 3. First of Yorkshire by all.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Scar 1, Christine Smith 2, J. Sinfield 3, I. Knox 4, A. G. Stripp 5, J. L. Cloughton (cond.) 6. For Holy Innocent's Day.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. Lawrence 1, G. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 2, Mrs. E. J. Coope 3, E. J. Coope 4, P. Clarke 5, K. Small 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Midnight Mass.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: G. Boyd 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. M. Tyack 3, J. Hunt 4, G. F. Miles 5, J. Gunstone 6, R. K. Hawkins 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Jupe 1, G. M. Boyd 2, J. M. Tyack 3, F. Mitchell 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, S. A. Scott 6, J. Gunstone 7, G. F. Miles 8, A. H. Sturgess 9, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, R. Huddleston 2, C. Abbott 3, G. Locke 4, D. Huddleston 5, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For Evensong.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waghorn 1, F. Pattenden 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, M. R. T. Lambert 5, R. Dengate 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pattenden, on their 80th and 85th respectively.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NUTTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods/variations): Mauerer Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. Kirk (cond.) 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods/variations): G. Allcock 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Quickest quarter for the band and on the bells, rung in 33 minutes.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Basset (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,430 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutton 1, Margaret-Ann Whyte (first quarter) 2, A. King 3, M. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (ten methods): D. Hutton 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. 50th quarter together 3 and 5, and 3 and 4. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. Hutton 1, A. King 2, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. 50th quarter on the bells 2, 3 and 5. For carol service.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): F. W. Ellis 1, R. D. R. Brown 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, A. Wilby 4, G. Ridgway 5, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Gillian M. Brearley.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Five Spliced Surprise Major: P. D. Taylor 1, W. J. Jester 2, T. E. Roberts 3, C. E. Trueman 4, B. E. Saunders 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6, B. R. Egglefield 7, J. Linnell 8. For New Year's Eve.

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MEREDITH.—On Monday, December 21st, 1964, at 6, Strathmore Court, Hitchin, Herts to June and John, a son—David John. 6098

DEATH

FENTON.—On January 5th, 1965, at 157, Manor Road, Verwood, Dorset, Mabel Annie, beloved wife of Joseph A. Fenton. 6120

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford on Thursday, January 21st. Methods: Ealing, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, and as requested. 6116

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Rag week tour, Friday, February 12th, to Sunday, February 14th, in Cardiff area. Names of those interested to Miss K. Maylott, Alexandra Hall, Aberystwyth, by January 25th.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practices during the week commencing January 18th. — H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral Band. 6099

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea please.—P. Hull, Dinder. 6037

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on January 16th at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5.15 in Parish Room, Brays Lane. Numbers for tea very important to: J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashborne, Warwick. 6074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Annual meeting Saturday, January 16th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45-4.30 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea. 6063

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Bocking on January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking. 5967

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting Saturday, January 16th. St. Leonards, Shoreditch, 1.45 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement's, Danes 3.15 to 5, Tea 5.30 p.m. St. Martin's; meeting in the Vestry Hall.—F. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 6124

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at 3.30 to 4.30, and again at 5.30 p.m. Make your own arrangements for tea.—D. J. West, Sec. 6110

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 16th. Cathedral (12) 2.30-4 p.m. S.M.: Erin. Service 4.30 at St. Stephen's (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippetdell Lane, Park Street, St. Albans. St. Stephen's bells available in evening.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 6076

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishops Stortford District.—Annual District meeting Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at Little Hadham 3-4.15 p.m. Bishops Stortford for service at 4.30, tea, meeting and ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. Kingston, 33, Proctors Way, Bishops Stortford, Herts., Dis. Sec. 6095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District).—Joint annual meetings in Manchester on Saturday, January 16th. Town Hall bells (13) available from 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild annual meeting in Committee Room No. 3 at 3.30 p.m. Manchester Branch business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Bells again after meeting. 6069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, January 16th. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. for election of new Branch Secretary.—H. Parkinson. 6121

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 16th. Spalding. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 6042

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, January 16th, St. Mary's, Twickenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea with business to follow 5 p.m. in Church Hall. All Hallows', Chertsey Road (10), in evening. Future meetings on first Saturday—Heston. February 6th: Hillingdon. joint meeting. October 23rd—please note.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath Bucks. 6062

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Newhall, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 n.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6041

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on January 16th, at 6 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and St. Clement's Minor. 6115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting at Uppingham, January 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Berridge, Rockleigh, Leicester Road, Uppingham. 6101

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 16th, Newark. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 6068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business to follow. Names for tea to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Halifax on January 16th. Bells available: Northowran (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Elland (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; All Souls', Halesy Hill (8), 2.30-4.30; the Parish Church (12) after the meeting. General Committee meet in the Sunday School, opposite All Souls', at 3.15 p.m. Service at All Souls' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, near the railway station, followed by the general meeting. Special business: the election of two representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. Names for tea essential to be sent to Mr. J. H. Felden, 18, Chester Road, Akroydon, Halifax.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 6029

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting at Sibley (6) on Wednesday, January 20th, at 7.30 p.m.—M. D. Barsby, Dis. Sec. 6128

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Dersingham on Wednesday, January 20th. Bells available from 6.30.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 6089

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell (6), Friday evening, January 22nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6114

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Locking. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 6058

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business in belfry 6 n.m. Names for tea not later than 23rd to Mr. Basil Hullat, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton. 6032

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting held at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, January 23rd, 3 n.m. till 9 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. For teas please notify Mrs. S. Ellison, 70, Kines Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6108

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District joint with Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Meeting at Stockton, Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing 3-9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.40 n.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 6126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Colchester. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's at the Hythe followed by tea at 5 p.m. Bells: St. Leonard's (6), 2.30-4.30 and 7-9; All Saints', Shrub End (6), 2-4 and 7-9; St. Peter's (8), 7-9 n.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester. 6000

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbs for tea (5 n.m.) before 18th. E. Cribbley, Winter's Fold, France Lynch, Stroud Glos. 6119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Fismore, Dis. Sec. 6094

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Annual general meeting, Clun, on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15. Service 4.15. Meeting 5.30. All welcome.—J. H. Croxton, Dis. Sec., Purslaw, Clunbury, Craven Arms.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations by 21st, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Bexley, Sat., January 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, the 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mrs. C. Davenport, 27, Trafford Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire. Tel. Hinckley 437.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6106

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting at the Scout Hut, Almond Road, Burnham, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at Hitcham, 6 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, January 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 6118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 19th, to G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec., 24, West Street, Wilton. 6102

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wimborne, January 23rd. Bells 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 21st, to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne. 6112

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's Nottingham (10), on Saturday, January 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting in tower, prior to tea. Own arrangements for tea.—Sec. 6038

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approx. 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells after meeting to approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, South-end-on-Sea. 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 23rd at St. Peter's, South Croydon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Address to be given by the Bishop of Croydon. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by previous Wednesday. South Croydon bells in evening. Advance Notice.—February 13th: Social evening at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Church Hall. Further details later. 6049

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reypolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 30th. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity bells 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming. St. Nicolas' bells afterwards. 6097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual district meeting, Wood Green, January 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till approx. 8.30 p.m. 6104

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, January 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Please be considerate and send names for tea by January 27th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, C. A. H. 6096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, All Saints, Northampton, Saturday, January 30th. Ringing at St. Peter's 2.30-3.45 p.m., All Saints 3.45-4.15 p.m., and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m. All Saints'. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6105

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of members of the Guild Executive Committee and members of the Central District will be held at Palgrave, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. District quarterly meeting in church at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. for those applying by January 27th. Guild executive meeting to follow tea.—L. E. Last, Central Dis. Sec. 6057

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH

The annual dinner-dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, February 13th, 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (22s. each) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 6129

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DINNER at Odeon Cinema Restaurant, CHESTERFIELD

on Saturday, February 20th, 1965 from 6.15 to 11 p.m. Tickets 17s. 6d. from G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. Chesterfield bells available 4-6 p.m. 6122

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Birkenhead St. Mary's, January 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Hailsham (8) on January 23rd. Bells 3 till 5 and 6 till 8 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 6127

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 6130

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Newton 1, A. Newton 2, Joyce Barton 3, Meryl Newton 4, R. H. Newton 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Briggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Jan. 1st, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. Wall 1, W. Bolton 2, J. E. Burles 3, S. Anderson 4, J. Bagnall 5, N. Newby, jun. 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8.

DATE TOUCH

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,965 Doubles (7 methods): Janet Fawcett 1, Sandra Pitman (age 12) 2, C. E. Bishop 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman 5, M. Jenkins 6. First in seven methods by all and first date touch 1, 2, 3 and 6.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. C. Kershaw 1, R. Battams 2, P. Stone 3, B. Elliott 4, A. Kershaw 5, R. Cadamy (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled New Year's Eve.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—In the Cathedral Tower on January 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. T. Parsons (cond.) 1—2, J. L. Riley 3—4, P. S. Woods 5—6. First quarter on handbells by all.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Norfolk Doubles: Janet Fawcett 1, Sandra Pitman (aged 12) 2, Joanna Wigg 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. First in method for all. Rung for the ordination of Rev. Paul Kelly.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Emery 1, M. Stone 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, B. Wyld (cond.) 5, E. Chapman 6, R. Short 7, G. Burge 8. A farewell to the Rev. C. A. Saralle, who is leaving for Berrow.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet E. Cluet (first quarter) 1, L. H. Bennett (first quarter) 2, K. I. Davis 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (first as cond.) 5, A. Eldridge (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a parish team.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Richards 1, L. Evans 2, A. Hughes 3, H. E. Green 4, P. R. Johnson (first as cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist Church on Jan. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Brown 1, Juliet Stoy (first of Caters 'Inside') 2, Mrs. O. Collins 3, R. Davies (cond.) 4, F. E. Collins 5, N. Brown 6, K. Taber 7, R. Abbott 8, R. Stevens 9, N. Steere 10. A tribute to K. Taber and Pat on the birth of their son.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob): Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Mrs. S. M. Law 3, Miss M. J. Clarke 4, R. F. Law 5, M. J. Marjott (cond.) 6. For Morning Service.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. R. Field 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, C. M. Payne 3, R. F. Law 4, D. A. Hammond 5, R. L. Piron 6, R. Chapman 7, M. J. Marjott (comp. and cond.) 8.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boarder 1, R. E. Dean 2, Mrs. E. Mead 3, J. Young 4, L. J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, P. R. Dean 7, A. Boarder 8.

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QUARTER PEALS

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, W. Flatt 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, C. Thompson 4, R. Churchill 5, L. Minns 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Rosalind Victoria Whiting, wife of Ernest Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. F. Coles (first quarter attempt) 1, G. C. Woodley 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley 4, A. Chown 5, K. Clarke 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clarke 8. For New Year's Eve.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bower (first quarter) 1, C. Robinson 2, D. Robinson 3, E. Potter 4, G. Sandwell (cond.) 5, S. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Allison Brown (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, J. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. For Evensong.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, E. Shouler 2, R. Warren 3, W. Mawby 4, O. Warren 5, P. D. Taylor (cond.) 6.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Ellison (first quarter) 1, Marybelle J. Nissly (first quarter 'inside') 2, Audrey Alexander 3, S. J. Hutton 4, D. R. Saunderson 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STURRY, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Bouldin 1, P. A. Harrison 2, Christina Bouldin 3, R. H. Glover 4, R. Button (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Geoffrey Maile.

THANINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nita Bailey 1, K. I. Davis 2, Christina Bouldin 3, R. H. Glover 4, R. Button (cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Slade (first quarter) 1, Sally Cobb 2, I. L. Dear 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Laura Grindrod (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, I. L. Dear 3, June Whitcher 4, P. D. Chapman 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman 7, E. Newnham 8. For Mothers' Union service. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vivian Pain 1, Jane Chapman 2, I. L. Dear 3, June Whitcher 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, H. Duncan 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. Durrant 8. For carol service.

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