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ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH THE PROFESSOR

YESTERDAY I again visited the Professor. He was thoughtfully browsing over the current issue of the 'R.W.' (November 4th), so I asked him what he was thinking about and what it was (if anything) that had provoked his studious appearance. He did not reply immediately but began to load his pipe and grope for his matches. These operations successfully accomplished, he proceeded to fill the room with clouds of black, vile-smelling smoke. Having satisfied himself, apparently, that no human being apart from himself could survive such an atmosphere for more than half-an-hour, he began to speak.

'I have been reading the reports of the Snowdon dinner and find them most interesting, particularly the remarks in the Editorial on the front page with regard to university educated students. It is indeed true, and the official education programme makes it quite clear,' said the Professor, with the air of one who dines on alternate nights with the Minister of Education, 'that the number of university places will increase greatly during the next decade. Since the formation of the University Societies and the consequently increased interest taken by students, it follows that we shall have indirectly at the disposal of our beloved art the whole machinery of education. As was pointed out on the front page, the ultimate effect must be beneficial to bellringing as a whole.'

'Do you think that there is a danger that change-ringing may divide into two stratas?', I asked; 'say ringers at an ordinary level and a so-called "intellectual" school?'

'I hope not, although as you point out it is a danger; but then it always was!'

'Mr. E. A. Barnett,' continued the Professor, 'observed at the Snowdon dinner that there is a snobbishness in certain ringing circles, where ringers incapable of ringing Cambridge Surprise were considered to be "outside the pale." Personally I don't think that this attitude is anything new. Conceit is, unfortunately, a latent characteristic of human nature, and is apt to reveal itself in unexpected places and in unexpected people. Snobbery wants decapitating whenever it rears its ugly head in the belfry, but I don't think it is more prevalent now than it was, say, 30 or 40 years ago.'

'True education,' pontificated Mr. Dodge, 'leads not to conceit but to humility, and what is sometimes forgotten by some people who are justifiably proud of their degree is that had they been born 20 or 30 years earlier there is a possibility that, owing to lack of opportunity, they would not have been able to obtain it. As a result it may well be

that until time has ironed out the differences between the age groups there will still be many ringers who received only a primary education who, had they been given the opportunity, might have had the benefit of a university education. I say this in no spirit of disrespect to those who have had this privilege, for whom, by and large, I have the greatest admiration, but in support of many of the older ringers whom I have known and still know, whose brains and capabilities both in and out of ringing are not a whit inferior to these comparative youngsters.'

'But surely,' I objected, 'the universities have always been fairly well represented in change-ringing.'

'Indeed they have,' agreed the Professor. 'One has only to look through a list of names of officials of the C.C. since its inception to realise that. But in the main, up to a comparatively short time ago, universities were fed from the so-called middle- and upper-classes. There were notable exceptions of course, but I could quote examples of a mining village where there are people down almost every street whose sons and daughters have obtained a degree, or are now at a university. This, of course, is excellent, but 40 or 50 years ago it would have been only the parson's, the doctor's or the local squire's children. I have no reason to believe that the parents' potentialities are less than those of their children!'

'One has not to dig too deeply into the past,' explained Mr. Dodge, 'to discover great names of humble origin. I could quote many examples, but perhaps Mr. Arthur Knights, that genius of Treble Bob, will be sufficient. He received only a primary education, and even that must have been scanty and desultory for he had taken up a trade and was making boots and shoes "when he was between 10 and 11 years of age." It is useless to speculate what his achievements might have been had his education been extended, but it is impossible to imagine that they would have been greater. Who knows but what his genius might have found expression in some other form of activity. We must be thankful indeed that bellringing received the full benefit.'

'And so,' he went on, 'although it is obvious that the universities, and higher education in general, are going to play an ever-increasing part in our beloved art [which, I noticed, was the second time he had used this expression], all sorts and conditions of men (and women) may bring their offerings to her shrine. Joe Bloggs, who failed his 11-plus, may still aspire to ring Spliced Surprise Major, and Giles leave his plough or his tractor to compose peals of the same.'

Here I had to leave or succumb to suffocation; but I remember thinking as I went home that it was a long time since I had seen Mr. Dodge so serious.

H.C.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
ALAN A. POTTS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

RAYMOND P. WOOD Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKELTON 3	GWYLYM G. SALMON 8
R. JAMES COOK 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
ERIC J. HITCHENS 5	REGINALD G. HOOPER Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

STOCKTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

*RONALD MILLINGTON .. Treble	†JOHN A. BROWN 6
CHARLES N. LEA 2	†THOMAS M. COX 7
†ROHILLA M. COOKE 3	THOMAS COOKE 8
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY 4	†BERT SUTTON 9
FRED W. ELLIS 5	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Composed by F. HODGSON. Conducted by T. COOKE.

* First peal. † First of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

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

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON 3	*WILLIAM J. ROOT 8
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
*E. ALAN JACQUES 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method in the county, and for the Guild.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

*EDMUND P. CROWDY .. Treble	*FREDERICK ROSS 6
*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 8
*GEORGE S. DEAS 4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 9
ROBIN G. TURNER 5	*ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Arranged by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT .. 6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	ROBIN G. TURNER 7
ERIC N. HARRISON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID LOCKWOOD Treble	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND 5
*JOHN S. RANK 2	*TREVOR TARBATT 6
*PETER WOODWARD 3	*KENNETH PARK 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
RALPH ELKINGTON 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 100th peal together.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	RONALD J. JOHNSON 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Major and Surprise. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Robin C. Barsley, who is shortly taking up the living of Hadlow, Kent.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
*ANN BARR 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

DAVID PARKIN Treble	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOHN F. MURFIN 6
DAVID K. WALKLATE 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE 7
MICHAEL KNIGHT 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Michael R. Austin, B.D.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
PETER SCHOLFIELD 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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

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EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. SIMON and JUDE.

A PEAL OF 5152 VENTNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

PAUL MARTIN Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
*ROY DUESBURY Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
†GEORGE A. BUTTON 2	*DAVID E. CULHAM 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
*FRANK H. PIKE 4	*PERCY W. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

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

A compliment to Marion H. Mills (daughter of the tenor ringer) and Peter Wood on their engagement.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
LESLIE G. FOSTER 4	JOHN L. GIRT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

*First peal in the method. W. J. Button has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
GEOFFREY CHEETHAM 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 VERWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN and THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (sixth observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*PATRICIA COLLINS Treble	BERNARD L. MARKS 5
*CHRISTINE M. RIMMER 2	STANLEY HUCKLE 6
MIKAELA ERIK 3	†GERALD PENNEY 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 4	MARTYN W. HARBOTT Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

*First peal of Triples. †First of Triples in the method. First of Triples as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*VIOLET I. E. RELF Treble	*RALPH BIRD 5
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES 2	*IAN H. ORAM 6
*JOHN R. COOPER 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

*First peal in the method.

Rung for the appointment of the Vicar (Rev. J. F. Stuart Martin) as Rural Dean of South Lympe; also a birthday compliment to Andrew M. Macve.

VERWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—4.58—12.36—14—5.14—16.3.

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
At the Abbey Church of SS. MARY and ETHELFLEDA.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.
REGINALD W. REX Treble	*H. JACK PAGE 5
*AUDREY J. KNIGHT 2	REGINALD F. CROOK 6
CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE 3	ARTHUR W. SAYERS 7
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

*First peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vesta A. Headland Treble	MURRAY A. COLEMAN 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 6
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 7
†GEORGE WRIGHT 4	BRIAN AUSTIN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

*25th peal for the Guild. †First of Triples. First as conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*VALERIE LACEY Treble	†JOHN MANNERS 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 2	*DAVID SWIFT 6
†TOM HARRIS 3	*FRANK CHAMBERS 7
†CELIA COWLEY 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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

A Loughborough District peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
†THOMAS E. SONE 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

*First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' †650th peal.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day; also in memoriam Mrs. E. M. Elms, mother-in-law of the ringer of the sixth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FRENESHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 24 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER Treble	DENNIS W. SHEPHEARD 4
EDWARD J. BRAGG 2	CLIFFORD J. BEADLE 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	ARTHUR C. BEADLE Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD J. BEADLE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Leonard Heath.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 and two 2,160's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb.
*FREDERICK W. SWEET Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 4
†F. A. KEITH PRIME 2	*MICHAEL J. STONE 5
HOWARD COLLINS 3	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Surprise. †First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells. For All Saints' Day.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of ST. CYRIAC.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 11 cwt.
*O. BRENDA CARTER Treble	CHARLES F. SARGEANT 4
ANTHONY R. MANN 2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 5
DEREK G. TAYLOR 3	ROGER J. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

*First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*PETER N. WHITE .. 4
JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 5
*MRS. COLIN W. REED .. 3	COLIN W. REED .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK DERRY .. Treble	ROGER ASHER .. 4
EDGAR A. COLE .. 2	J. EDWARD BROWN .. 5
DAPHNE P. BROWN .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 4
JAMES E. BURLS .. 2	ERIC W. BIRKETT .. 5
BRAITHWAITE RIGG .. 3	FRANK BIRKETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging in a new frame.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Gaskell, of Skelwith Bridge, and the centenary of the casting of the first five bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

GEORGE FRY .. Treble	†JOHN E. WARNER .. 4
*ANN GEORGE .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
†BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER

* First peal in two methods 'inside.' † First in two Minor methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to John E. Warner.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb.

*BESSIE A. CARTER .. Treble	†F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4
DOROTHY M. COOPER .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 3	MARY C. POYNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MARY C. POYNER.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal this year. First as conductor.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents Grandsire and 28 Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble	BRIAN MILLS .. 3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	*MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
*JOHN HIGGS .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN MILLS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal, first attempt, as conductor.
Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury; also as a welcome home to the conductor, he having completed his two years' National Service.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, ten of Grandsire and 12 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN BRINSON .. Treble	HAROLD HOOPER .. 4
ANN WHITE .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG .. 3	JOHN HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, Chester, Durham, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
*GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. 2	ROY R. TIFFIN .. 5
*ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. 4
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 2	*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 100th peal for the Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. Treble	ANN M. COX .. 4
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 2	HAROLD A. MAY .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest R. Warner (60 years), a member of Holy Trinity, Guildford, band.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS H. FAGG .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 4
MAISIE VANTOM .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. 3	†ROBERT SWIFT .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal. † 200th peal.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, and ten of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

ALEC T. DENSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3
DONALD F. MURFET .. 2	ARTHUR YARROW .. 4
GEORGE A. LUCAS .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. HENRY TAYLOR .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. 5
JOHN P. MORRIS .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A Remembrance peal.

ASHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Guild. First peal on the bells in living memory.
Rung for the Festival of St. Martin.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

PAUL CATERMOLE Treble	MARY S. TAYLOR 4
PAUL A. BATCHELOR 2	PHILIP E. DEVERILL 5
PAULINE FENNEL 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

First peal as conductor. Average age of band 16½ years.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 4
DONALD F. MURFET 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
ROGER J. PALMER 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MIDDLESEX DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 2	JOHN HILL 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the curate of Cranford, the Rev. D. A. G. Davies, who is leaving to take up an appointment at Shrewsbury.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAVID SHEPPARD .. Treble	JOHN POTTS 4
MRS. J. R. RENDER 2	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 5
†ALAN SHEPPARD 3	†KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together.

Rung to welcome the birth, and celebrate the christening, of Andrew Stephen, son of Mr. John Potts, who is grandson of the ringer of the second.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

PETER DALE Treble	*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH 4
E. MICHAEL QUINN 2	JOHN ROBINSON 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	GORDON RUMNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 25th peal.

MIDDLESEX DELIGHT MINOR.

36—34.16—12—1236—34—5

2nd place lead-end.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 4
E. AUSTIN HEAD 2	HARRY B. FULLER 5
LEONARD J. MINNS 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. F. Gratton Guinness, who is retiring at the end of the month.

TERLING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARY ROAST .. Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST 3
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	PETER J. EVES 4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor	

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the LATIMER Church of All SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*GEOFFREY K. HESTOR .. Treble	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 3	*ROBERT H. J. DAW .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

A 13th birthday compliment to Victoria Goddard, a ringer of this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
At 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bennett on the birth of their second son.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the County Hall, S.E.,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

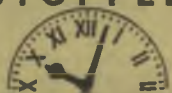
Tenor size 15.

JOAN BERESFORD 1—2	JOHN FREEMAN 5—6
*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3—4	†WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7—8
*THOMAS J. LOCK 9—10	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' † First handbell peal of Stedman. 200th peal as conductor.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Watts (first quarter) 1, F. Rowell 2, G. Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, P. Jones (first 'inside') 5, J. Hopkinson 6, D. Kerley (first quarter as cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8. A compliment to the ringer of 6, on his engagement to Ann Griffiths, a former ringer at this tower.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter (first of Triples) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot 4, H. F. Cox (first of Triples 'inside') 5, W. B. Pitcher (first of Triples 6, B. R. Cox 7, H. C. Moule (first of Triples) 8. For C.E.B.S. annual service. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, C. H. Bagot 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, B. R. Cox 7, H. F. Cox 8. For C.M.S. jubilee service.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Edmunds (first quarter) 1, T. Page 2, Stella Tate-Mitchell 3, Rosemarie Chapman 4, W. Viggers 5, A. Butcher 6, E. Bragg (cond.) 7, F. Williamson (first quarter) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Tate-Mitchell (first quarter) 1, T. Page 2, Stella Tate-Mitchell 3, Rosemarie Chapman 4, A. Butcher 5, E. Bragg 6, W. Viggers (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. Payne (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stacey 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, Miss R. Hicks 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. King 1, Miss A. M. Gladwell 2, A. T. Wingate 3, Mrs. D. J. King 4, D. F. Jaine 5, G. Davis (cond.) 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Colver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. C. F. Williams 2, J. L. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas (cond.) 4, T. K. Deacon 5, C. Lucas (first quarter) 6, A. H. Hough 7, J. Needham 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher Lucas, a member of the local band.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. D. A. Woolley 1, J. A. Anderson 2, Mrs. M. Woolley 3, Miss E. M. Yardley 4, R. J. Lees 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. G. Edwards 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, A. R. T. Greenough 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stillman (13) 1, R. Humphries 2, R. Lovelock 3, F. W. Box 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Gaisford 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Also at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stillman 1, P. Gaisford 2, G. Parsons 3, R. Purnell 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. Rung for Harvest Festival by all local Sunday service ringers.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela Grainger 2, A. W. Bond 3, L. Bating 4, G. North 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 23rd, at St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without Church, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Atkinson (first quarter) 1, D. Evans 2, R. Blackler (cond.) 3, I. C. Maycock 4, M. J. Austin 5, E. Mould (first quarter) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Collett (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, A. Kench 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Cambridge): Bridget Heigh-ton 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, L. Blackler 3, D. Heigh-ton 4, I. C. Maycock 5, M. J. Austin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury): T. Padbury 1, W. F. Slaughter 2, L. W. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6. First in five methods for 1, 4 and 6. For Remembrance service.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Measures (14) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Joan Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Captain C. Collingwood, founder-member of the Boy Scout movement, through whose generosity these bells were restored.

CHURCH STANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Stevens 1, Miss P. Stevens 2, R. Shire 3, C. Stevens 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the first peal on the augmented six.

COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. J. Lawes 1, E. Haines 2, D. Randall 3, R. Haines 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Jean F. Barnett 1, E. Barnett 2, W. J. Lemon 3, P. G. Richards 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, I. MacLean (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance Sunday. First quarter for over 20 years by a Sunday service band.

DAYBOOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss H. B. Nevin 1, J. H. Palling 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, J. G. Underwood 4, R. Baldwin 5, K. W. Price 6, F. N. Palling 7, D. W. Friend (cond.) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. George 1, T. Newcombe 2, W. George 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Rixon 6. A birthday compliment to Stephen, son of conductor, and Tony, son of 1 and 3. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bacon 1, T. Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, J. Weeks 4, W. George 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For patronal festival. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. I. George 1, D. Langdon 2, Miss T. Newcombe 3, W. George 4, W. Theobald (cond.) 5, D. Towers 6, J. Weeks 7, T. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss A. L. Knight (sister of Vicar), who passed away on November 10th, 1960.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. Cross (12, first quarter) 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, Irene A. Cross (14) 5-6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bebb 1, R. H. Mills 2, G. S. Joyce 3, M. Cox 4, Miss M. Finch 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Wakeman 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. Mary Mann 3, C. M. Payne 4, K. C. Fleming 5, R. Mitchell 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the service of Remembrance.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Foster 1, N. Pearson 2, C. Richardson 3, E. J. Chapman 4, D. Pearson 5, M. King (cond.) 6. For the Festival of All Saints.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wills 1, F. Wreford 2, S. Skinner 3, C. Yates 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. Skinner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, S. Milton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. G. Glass, wife of the Ringing Master at this tower.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Sparks 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, T. Marks 3, R. Fox (cond.) 4, T. Setter 5, A. Sherrin 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Jarrett 1, A. T. Wingate 2, J. Eisel 3, Miss A. Gladwell 4, T. Wood 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, G. Davis 7, W. F. Scudamore 8, G. T. Cousins 9, M. Munn 10. First of Caters for 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,472 Kent T.B. Major: Miss M. Tilbury 1, G. Harrison 2, R. Hazell 3, D. Cornwall 4, D. Francis 5, R. Biggs 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Jervis 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, D. Ward 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. Camp 5, D. Knox 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, R. Hazell 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brownwen Learner (first quarter) 1, M. D. Trigg (first 'inside') 2, Margaret E. Preece 3, F. J. Plummer 4, C. M. Orme 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, H. H. Starte (covering) 7.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Lock 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, A. R. Ling 4, D. Beresford 5, B. Baker 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. For Thanksgiving service for the 250th anniversary of the St. Mary Magdalene day schools.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Rivett 1, K. C. Fleming 2, P. Wakeman 3, R. Mitchell (first of Major) 4, Mrs. C. Mann 5, C. Payne 6, C. Mann 7, R. Churchill (first of Major as cond.) 8. A compliment to P. Wakeman on obtaining a State scholarship to a London college, also a birthday compliment to Rev. E. C. F. Bache, Vicar.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 600 Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Turner 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows (first of Caters 'inside') 4, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, Veronica M. Miles 6, Alma M. Greaves 7, J. K. Foot 8, J. McDonald 9, R. J. Gay 10. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Hamilton 1, Miss J. I. Frost 2, D. Benfield 3, D. M. Trueman 4, F. Benfield 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Colcombe 1, C. Phillips 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. R. Powell, mother of the conductor, who was interred this day. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, M. V. Powell 3, R. G. Powell (cond.) 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service at 11 a.m. And for Evensong, 1,260 Doubles (New Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. G. Jones 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, M. V. Powell 5, F. Williams 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. P. Wood 1, Ruth How 2, Jill Brierley 3, Rev. E. Wood 4, Rev. J. Homfray 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. Rung for the baptism of S. Alban Wood, at All Saints', Leatherhead, by his parents and four god-parents.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Humphries 1, P. Gaisford 2, Miss C. Langley 3, R. Lovelock 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Stillman 6. First in three methods on the bells. Rung half-muffled on eve of Remembrance Sunday.

ILANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Harris 1, Gillian Craney 2, C. Lewis 3, E. Lloyd 4, P. Smith 5, G. Thomas (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss C. Pullin 3, Mrs. T. J. Lock 4, Miss R. M. Foreman 5, D. T. C. Smith (first of Caters) 6, D. C. Bowen 7, A. Cutler 8, T. J. Lock 9, H. G. Hart 10. For Evensong.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss A. Greaves 1, J. Ivings 2, E. Nice 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, L. Nice 5, J. Stannard 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, L. Sharpe 8, H. Fuller 9, J. Paul 10. First in the method by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Eames (15, first of Major) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. Carson 5, F. R. Lowe 6, J. Smith 7, M. Bore 8. In memory of Benjamin Barker, ringer at St. Peter's, Derby.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: V. J. Farthing 1, S. W. White 2, R. P. Selway 3, W. H. Poole 4, W. E. Turner 5, R. White 6. First quarter, by all, non-conducted.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, N. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowak 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For family service.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. F. Carter 1, G. M. Harvey 2, E. J. Munday 3, E. C. Carter (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. K. Russ (first in method as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday and in memoriam J. Napper, of Goring-on-Thames.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, W. D. Watson (cond.) 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. F. Hammond 5, R. E. Miller 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: L. R. A. Curran 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. W. Ferris 3, J. J. Cummins 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, J. F. Hammond 6. First in the method for all the band and believed to be the first for the Association. Rung for All Saints' Day and to mark the centenary of the bells. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Old): G. A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, W. D. Watson 3, R. L. Clark 4, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 5, W. Munday 6.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tubbs (cond.) 1, R. Shire 2, R. Lee 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, T. Langdon 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Newcastle, Alnwick, Wells, London, Durham, York): J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret Cozier 1, J. S. Walker 2, A. Dunkley (first 'inside') 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, N. D. Deam 5, For Remembrance Day.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Miss B. Haiker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevan 6, W. Mortimer 7, F. Osmond 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. Smith, the new Vicar.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Pearson 1, B. J. Davies (first in method) 2, R. A. Reeves 3, W. J. Cross 4, C. C. Clark 5, W. Ivings 6, W. N. Genna 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. A birthday compliment to Betty, daughter of tenor ringer.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Gilbert (first in method) 1, A. Freeston 2, F. P. Harwood 3, F. Leggett 4, A. E. Flatters 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln to a Lincolnshire mission service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great Saint Andrew, on Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Hough 1, H. E. Bishop 2, Clare Webster 3, D. Richardson 4, D. Parker (first on eight) 5, Hilary Muirhead 6, A. J. Griffin 7, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 8. For the Cambridge University Guild.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, W. Dodds (first quarter) 2, J. Yeo (first quarter) 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Stevenson 1, Miss S. Smith (first of Major) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, D. Jones 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Ruddick 1, C. G. Johnstone (first as cond.) 2, Mary Rolands 3, I. Wetherley 4, F. Bowden 5, J. McDermott 6, H. Gauntlett 7, A. V. Queen 8. For Remembrance service.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Creak 1, M. Gathercole 2, H. J. Eldred 3, J. Tomsett 4, Mrs. J. Anderson 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, F. Ranson 7, D. Theedom 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in the octave of All Saints'.

LEICESTER.—On Oct. 23rd, at St. John-the-Divine Church, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Simpson 1, A. D. Grant 2, P. J. Chilton 3, I. J. Fraser 4, R. Eikington 5, K. B. Townsend 6, S. Harrison (first Cambridge 'inside') 7, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 1, 3, 4, 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,323 Stedman Cinquses: A. Thirst 1, Miss D. M. Lawless 2, A. Frost 3, J. Phillips 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, G. Massey 6, R. J. Fox 7, D. Randall 8, T. Bailey 9, B. Baker 10, John Phillips 11, T. J. Setter 12.

MARCH BALDON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Julia Chandler (first quarter) 1, Helen Williams 2, N. D. Deam 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. For the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret Cozier (first quarter) 1, Helen Williams 2, N. D. Deam 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. For All Saints' Day.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wardle 1, Hilary Mason 2, D. Bennett 3, P. Wycherley 4, A. Thompson 5, N. Martin (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. Cross, on Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. S. Walker 2, D. A. H. Bennett 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5. Rung on the back five.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, B. W. Story 3, H. W. Milford 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, F. E. Day 7, D. R. Bould 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Remembrance Day.

READING, BERKS.—At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Burton 1, M. Thurmott 2, Jane Thurmott 3, D. Papworth 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, H. Mitchell 6, J. Morley 7, V. Cherrill 8. In remembrance.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. R. Scott 1, J. K. Ward (first of Stedman) 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Linda J. Kew 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, W. G. Wilson 6, H. J. Eldred 7, D. K. Walters 8, W. Birmingham 9, A. D. Rivers 10. For the Feast of All Saints.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, P. Warren 6, C. Bragg 7, T. R. Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

STAINES, MIDD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol O'Kelly 1, D. Hawkins 2, R. Wiggins 3, E. Skipsey 4, C. Burgess 5, R. Shepherd (cond.) 6, M. Bartlett 7, B. Shepherd 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, R. Bould 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, W. H. Marks 8. A welcome to Capt. Joshua McLoughlin, and his assistant, Christopher Chapman, of the Church Army, who are on a mission in the parish.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Swallow (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, C. Hancock 3, Margaret Ladd 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, S. A. White 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, R. Luckhurst 8. For evening service.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Exon (first on treble) 1, G. McIlhone 2, Margaret Thewlis 3, Helen Butler 4, A. Howes 5, V. Fox 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Victor Fox.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. J. Knight 1, D. C. M. Hill (first in the method) 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, D. Lee 4, A. W. Fry 5, C. M. White 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, N. Knee 8. A compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his birthday.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dorothy Smith 1, N. Chamberlain 2, J. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, W. Godwin 4, R. J. Trebickock (cond.) 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

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A quarter peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at Kingswood, Surrey, on November 12th, for the baptism of Alban Wood, by a band consisting of his parents and four god-parents, who would like to know if a quarter peal has ever previously been rung by such a band. They would also like to thank the Vicar of Kingswood and his ringers for the use of the bells.

St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band have rung nine quarter peals this year, a record for the tower.

Mr. C. G. Glass, Ringing Master of Heavitree, Devon, has been bereaved by the death of his wife. Our sympathy.

In a quarter peal at Warminster, three of the band came from Shepton Mallet, four from Romsey and Ringwood and the eighth member was Mr. Norman Knee, captain of Warminster tower.

The band who rang the quarter peal of Bob Major at Husborne Crawley, on October 22nd, would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Robert L. Piron, who was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

For a trial period St. Peter Mancroft Guild are changing their practice evening from Tuesdays to Mondays. At a meeting of the Guild on November 9th the Vicar (the Rev. F. Jarvis), was elected president of the Guild and Messrs. D. Cubitt and F. Davey members.

Exning, Suffolk, tower is proud of the Cross family: Irene, aged 14, has just gained her Girl Guides' bellringers' badge after ringing for one year and Susan, aged 12, although not big enough for tower bells, has scored her first quarter 'in hand.' She and Irene both rang Bob Major 'in hand.' All in the tower are members of the College of Campanology.

Regarded as unringable, a peal has been rung on the bells of Ashley, Northamptonshire. Thanks to the Rev. L. E. Brown, the new incumbent, a test was made and they proved to be quite ringable. The Vicar showed his appreciation to the ringers after the peal. Four of the bells are dated 1796 and the tenor 1848.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Barwell, Leics, ringers have a perfect example in ringing and striking qualities from Mr. Joseph Needham, who, now 85, has been ringing in this tower for 75 years and has been parish clerk for 50 years. His presence every Sunday is much appreciated by the band.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Napper, of Goring-on-Thames, aged 45 years.

Among those who attended the College Youths' dinner was Mr. F. W. Budgen, of Brasted, Kent. He has not missed a dinner since 1937.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Fred Hurry, of Duxford, Cambs, on November 16th, aged 76. He learned to ring in 1904.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is holding a special committee meeting, on December 3rd, to discuss the possibility of holding a course for learning more about ringing instruction.

Shrivenham belfry has an American recruit in Miss Cheryl P. Witherwell, of Attleborough, Mass. Her father, Col. Maynard Witherwell, while stationed at Shrivenham, with the U.S. forces, during World War II, did much towards augmenting the village bells from six to eight as a war memorial. At Shrivenham the Colonel learnt to ring, and was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and his Guild certificate now hangs in his law office. Another of his personal interests in the tower is to keep the tenor well supplied with rope.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung at Kippax, on November 12th, marked another 'rung of the ladder' being reached by 13-year-old David Sheppard. His performance was very creditable and the band wish to offer him their sincere congratulations. Also in the band was a 'ringing grandmother'—namely Mrs. J. R. Render. The conductor wonders how many more peals ringing grandmothers there are in the Yorkshire Association. Congratulations 'Cis'—keep going.

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THE PULLING MEMORIAL BELL

There was a good and representative attendance of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at an extraordinary general meeting held at Shalford, on November 12th, to discuss the proposed Pulling Memorial Bell in the New Cathedral.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Master, presided and explained that between £230 and £240 had been received towards the cost of the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell, which was required for Guildford's New Cathedral. It was essential that a bell should be provided in time for the consecration of the Cathedral next Whitsun. Over 6,000 circulars had been sent out. Of the sum received, less than one-third had been from towers in the Guildford Diocese.

The Guild committee had recommended that the sum standing in the Cathedral Bell Fund, which was approximately £175, should be transferred to the fund, and also the Guild Benevolent Fund, which was £138.

The Master gave quotations received from John Taylor and Co. and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for a bell of approximately 12 cwt., to form the seventh of a ring of ten, with electrical control for striking. Mr. Denyer added that at one time it was thought to incorporate the Goldsmith Memorial Bell in this bell but the committee desired that this should be used as a sacring bell.

Mr. G. L. Grover: It was originally thought that the Goldsmith memorial bell should be in the turret over the Lady Chapel.

It was then proposed that the Cathedral Bells Fund should be transferred to the Memorial Bell Fund and this was carried, with two dissentients.

BENEVOLENT FUND AND WINDING-UP

On the question of the transfer of all or part of the Benevolent Fund, Mr. Grover said personally, he had never been in favour of the Guild having a Benevolent Fund. He thought that the best course to adopt was to pass a resolution at the next annual meeting to wind up the Benevolent Fund. He moved and Mr. H. Pitstow seconded that the Executive Committee should have power to borrow from the Benevolent Fund, if necessary, for the Memorial Bell Fund. This was agreed to.

The Master suggested that it should be left to the sub-committee to consult with the architect as to the placing of an order for the bell.

Major E. J. Bragg asked what was the proposed weight of the tenor, as he would be against any bell of over 30 cwt.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said some years back he contacted the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, about some remarks Mr. E. H. Lewis had made concerning the design of the Cathedral tower. As a result 17 feet was added to the height of the tower so that a ringing chamber of 14 or 15 feet in height would be possible. As first designed the ringing chamber would be only eight feet high and 40 feet square and it would be like ringing in a tunnel and having a 40 feet tenor, as suggested, above one's head. The chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee was told that if that design was adopted it would be better to keep the money in their pockets because they bells would never be rung. As a result the height of the tower was increased by 17 feet.

The meeting approved in principle of a 30 cwt. tenor and agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of the four district Ringing Masters and four district secretaries with the Guild Master and general secretary, should consult the architect as to the placing of an order. Mr. E. W. Collins agreed to act with the sub-committee in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Peter Sherwood reminded the meeting that even with the resources in other funds, at least another £200 would be required. Mr. T. W. White also made an appeal to all towers to assess their contribution on a quota. There were about 400 members in the Guild and the sum had very largely to be provided by them.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Leslie Hunter and Mr. Stanley A. Ponting for making arrangements for the meeting.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 48



MRS. OLIVE D. BARNETT
Crayford

Mrs. Olive D. Barnett, the charming wife of the secretary of the Central Council, provides the Central Council and the Exercise generally with a unique service by helping her husband in his onerous duties, acting as his 'office boy' and chauffeur, and they have proved to be an ideal team.

When the Central Council is in session—it faces a rostrum containing what has been described in the past as a number of 'solemn and dignified personages.' Olive Barnett provides some relief by giving a touch of real glamour to the platform! Her efficiency has been duly noted by many, and she seems

to have the happy knack of being able to produce at once any necessary data or documents that may be required.

Olive is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, and grand-daughter of the late Frank Bennett. She must have ringing in her blood! Born in Brighton in 1919, she first learnt to ring (on handbells) in 1940, being taught by Inst. Lt. R. Gordon Cross—brother of Marie Cross. Her first peal was rung in 1941, and her peals total is 22—all being rung on handbells. It is unique that she has not rung a peal on tower bells. This is because during formative years her health did not permit. She does, however, ring on tower bells, having learned to do so at Crayford. Her only attempt for a peal—Cambridge Major—came to grief after an hour's ringing.

Of her handbell peals, the one she most prizes is a peal of Minor rung at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Argyllshire, in honour of Mrs. Lewis' birthday. The other peals include Bob Minor, Major and Royal; Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich Major; and Grandsire Caters.

Not only does she serve the Central Council in the ways described above, she also is a member of the Central Committee of the Ladies' Guild, and a representative of the Lewisham District, Kent County Association. Olive and her husband have one daughter, Jean, who, of course, has been taught to ring. Members of the Central Council will remember seeing this charming, young lady flitting about, making friends everywhere. It is fitting we should honour Olive Barnett in this series for she works hard and long, often behind the scenes, for the welfare of our art, and we are all grateful to her.

JAFUS.

The nomination meeting of the Guildford District followed when the following were nominated: Ringing Master, Mr. Harold A. May; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. O. Warner; honorary secretary, Mr. S. A. Ponting; auditor, Mr. Hawthorne.

A discussion took place on the desirability of promoting a Guild striking competition and thus will be considered by the Executive.

Ringing took place at Shalford and St. Nicolas', Guildford, churches. The Rural Dean, the Rev. W. R. Horth, conducted the Guild service in Shalford Church, at which Mr. Hunter read the lesson.

A THRIVING LINCOLNSHIRE BAND

The annual meeting of the St. Wilfrid's, Alford, Lincs, Guild, was held in the ringing chamber on Saturday, October 29th, when the officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. G. J. Lanham; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lanham and Mr. D. G. Willoughby; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Slack; Ringing Master, Mr. J. I. Smith; Deputy Ringing Master, captain, Mr. G. Willoughby.

The company was reported to be in a thriving and active state, all six bells being rung twice every Sunday and on Friday evenings, also of late on Monday evenings for beginners. The standard of striking is improving, as is the range of methods rung. Cambridge is to be learnt in the near future.

The active state of the company was well shown on October 30th, when two sixes were rung for morning service at the same time.

The neighbouring village of Willoughby has no ringers and, at the request of the Rector, a Doubles band, assisted by Mr. E. Brittain, of Firsby, was made up to ring there for a special service in connection with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Capt. John Smith, first Governor of Virginia, whose birthplace was Willoughby.

The usual Sunday morning ringing took place at Alford at the same time, all ringers who are also choir members making up a Minor band.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting at St. Peter's, Horbury, near Wakefield, on November 12th. An excellent tea was served in a cafe and at the business meeting Mr. Noel F. Moxon was supported by the Vicar and his curate, Mr. Tom Strangeway proposed the vote of thanks. It was agreed to visit Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on December 10th. J. B.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A most enjoyable meeting of the Guild was held at Mytholmroyd on November 5th. Tea was provided by the Vicar and a lively business meeting followed. Ringing was quite good and was of Plain Bob and Surprise Minor and Major. The meeting was really well attended and we also had a number of visitors who were most welcome. The next meeting, the annual, will be at Mirfield (10), on January 7th. D. S.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN L. S. GLANVILL

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. John L. S. Glanvill in Woodbury, Devon, belfry, at the practice on October 17th, was a great shock to all his many ringing friends.

He was, to all appearances, in excellent health for his just 56 years, full of energy and the joy of living. He came into the ringing chamber, his usual 15 minutes late, and assisted a learner with a few words, and fell back into the next world without a further remark.

At the funeral service, conducted by the Vicar of Woodbury, assisted by Preb. E. N. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the ringing fraternity was well represented, with his many friends of the farming community. Floral tributes were not requested but a fund was opened for a memorial at Woodbury Church, the form of which is as yet undecided.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the service by the local ringers and the Exeter Cathedral band rang a half-muffled quarter peal later in the day.

John Lewis Steer Glanvill was born at Stogursey, Somerset, on March 8th, 1903, and subsequently moved to Woodbury, seven miles S.E. of Exeter, the home of his ancestors, where he learnt to ring with his father, the late J. F. Glanvill. He later became the tenant of a farm on the Clinton Estates at Wihycombe Raleigh. He was appointed Ringing Master at this church, expanded his ringing knowledge under the late John R. Hayman and took an enthusiastic part in the activities of the Devon Guild.

He later moved back to farm at Woodbury and ultimately became Ringing Master at the Church of St. Swithun, where his efforts were successful in bringing this tower from call changes to a valuable asset of the Guild. It was thanks to his efforts too that these bells were recently restored at a cost of £2,000.

His peals total 82 (conducted 11). The highlights were: first of Oxford Treble Bob Major, first of Little Bob Major, and first of Surprise Major to be rung by members resident in the county, and the second only of Double Norwich Major. He also took part in the first officers' peal which was the Guild's 1,000th. His first peal was of Grandsire Triples, at Woodbury, on May 11th, 1925, and his last was one of four methods of Minor, at Brampford Speke, conducted by E. Maurice Atkins, in honour of the birth of two more of his grandchildren.

The offices he held in the Guild at the times of his death were: Branch Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery; Central Council representative, and Deputy Ringing Master, Exeter Cathedral.

Such was his popularity in all that he did for ringing, and this was much! His excellent qualities of leadership were much in evidence in the Exeter Cathedral band, and his friendly influence felt through all its ringing and social activities. He was always there with his boundless energy permeating through to everyone and a kind and sometimes firm word at the right time and the right place did much to keep things going on the right road. We in the Cathedral band have yet to realise what his loss is going to mean to us.

He leaves bereaved his mother, widow and four children (all of whom are married), two being active ringers. The sympathy of all his ringing friends is most sincerely extended to them in their sad loss.

The memory of 'Jack' will live on, in the future success of Woodbury and the Cathedral bands, for which he sowed the seeds.

F.W.

MR. FREDERICK DENTRY

By the death of Mr. Frederick Dentry the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member. He was born in Maidenhead in 1868. As a young man he joined the band at Boyne Hill, where he was also a chorister. He became a member of Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1888, seven years after its foundation, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in March, 1889, at Hughenden, conducted by W. Lawrence. J. W. Washbrook rang the second in this peal. At that time the band at Boyne Hill was building up its reputation as one of the leading bands in the Guild.

In 1902 he married and moved to Twyford, Berks, where he started business as a tailor.

As the Parish Church at that time had neither tower nor bells he joined the band at Sonning. At the same time he began to take an active part in the affairs of the village and church at Twyford, where, under the leadership of the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, plans were going ahead for the extension of the church, the erection of a tower and the installation of a ring of eight bells. This work came to fruition in 1913 and the first peal was rung on the bells on May 21st of that year. This was of Stedman Triples and was followed in 1914 by a peal of Kent T.B. Major.

During the 1914-1918 war the band at Twyford was sadly depleted by the fact that the majority of the men were on active service. So that the bells should not be silent Mr. Dentry recruited and trained a ladies' band. These continued to ring the bells until the men returned. Although some found other duties to occupy their time several continued to ring with the Twyford band for a number of years and some did yeoman service during the 1939-1945 war. Throughout the years 1919-1927 Mr. Dentry was the secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch, which he served faithfully. His last peal, rung in 1929, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

This did not mean that he had lost interest in ringing but other duties made their demands on his time. He was, however, the ideal tower captain; punctual in his attendance, both at Sunday service ringing and at practice, a loyal and devout churchman, always willing to help and encourage the young; able to hold the balance between the old and the new, no easy task at any time. He remained a member of the tower until his death, at the age of 92, although he had relinquished the tower captaincy in 1946. No great peal ringer, yet he had a sound knowledge of conducting and composition and that knowledge he passed on to those who asked for it and were prepared to use it. To him the Oxford Guild at present owes much, probably more even than those who knew him well will ever fully realise.

M. R. C.

MR. BENJAMIN BARKER

The St. Peter's band, Derby, ringers have suffered a great loss by the sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Barker, at his home on November 1st.

He was a member of the Derbyshire Association, from its formation in 1946 and prior to that a member of the old Midland Counties Association, since 1939.

'Ben' learned to handle a bell at Ingoldsby in Lincolnshire, a three bell tower, and the elements of change ringing at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, a six bell tower. He moved to Derby between the two wars and had since been a regular, punctual and reliable Sunday service ringer at St. Peter's. His peal total was 37 and included Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The funeral service, which was held in St. Augustine's Church, was followed by cremation. Many people attended the service, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Mould, representing the St. Peter's band, Mr. G. Halls, the Cathedral company, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle, the Derbyshire Association.

Mr. Barker leaves a widow and a daughter, Jean, who with her husband, Mr. M. Larkin, are ringers at St. Peter's Church, and have the same loyalty and enthusiasm as had Mr. Barker.

A. M.

MR. CHARLIE DIPLOCK

Sixty-eight years ago Mr. Charlie Diplock went from Guildford to the village of Hurstpierpoint, to take a job as blacksmith. He cycled all the 33 miles on his pennyfarthing, and remained the village blacksmith for 62 years, until his retirement at the age of 81.

His skill in shoeing horses was well known, and his craftsmanship in wrought iron is shown in the beauty of the workmanship which is to be seen about the village.

As a member of the Sussex County Association and Hurstpierpoint band he gave 62 years' faithful service, during which time he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples in the local tower.

Charlie twice appeared in television programmes. Firstly, when giving the story of his life as the village blacksmith, and secondly, for his service in Hurstpierpoint belfry, along with his old friends Harry Richardson and George Mansbridge.

After an illness of 12 days Charlie died peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital on October 30th, at the age of 86 years. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect and rung for his funeral service on November 4th. A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire was rung by the local band in honour of this grand old man who set us an example we would do well to follow.

S. W. B.

Bedfordshire Association

The November meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Silsoe, on November 12th. When ringing commenced only eight ringers were present but by tea time the number had doubled.

The Vicar joined the ringers for tea, which had been prepared by Miss A. Culpin. At the business meeting Arlesey was selected for the next meeting on December 9th. The Rev. J. D. Benton conducted a short service and then ringing continued with Mr. T. Harris as Ringing Master. During the evening more ringers arrived, which enabled a greater variety of methods to be rung.

S. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir.—The new treble bell placed in the tower of Buckereil Church, during 1949, was the war memorial to the two lads who gave their lives for king and country in World War II. One of these was Gordon Broadhurst.

On Sunday, November 13th, for service Mr. Joseph Broadhurst, father of Gordon and an old ringer now of Buckereil tower, got together five of his surviving children—four sons and one daughter—and they rang the six bells for Evensong half-muffled, which is always done here on Remembrance Sunday. We have always hoped that one day this would be done.

I, myself, helped to teach Mr. Broadhurst and taught the five children to ring in Buckereil tower. The daughter, Marina (now Mrs. Piper), was, until last February, the only lady ringer to have rung a peal in our tower. This was eight years ago last week, when she rang with her father and brother, Raymond. Never in the history of Buckereil tower has one family rung the bells on their own and Mr. Broadhurst remarked afterwards, 'I'm the proudest man in Buckereil tonight.'—Yours faithfully,

F. H. PARR.

Buckereil, Devon.

SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir.—Apropos the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on smoking in belfries, perhaps the following anecdote may be of interest.

Many years ago, an old friend of mine, now long since dead, used to chime our six bells from the ground floor on Sundays, when there were insufficient ringers. There is a west door to this tower and a large pair of oaken doors leading into the nave.

My old friend was very fond of his pipe, a short clay, known irreverently as a 'nose-warmer,' and on fine days used to indulge in a few puffs in the churchyard between chimes.

One wet Sunday, however, he stood just inside the west door, pipe in mouth, when around the angle of the tower came the Rector. His pipe was swiftly transferred, from mouth to pocket, but the aroma could not be disposed of so easily.

Laying his hand on my old friend's shoulder the Rector said, 'Never mind, Henry, never mind. I don't consider this as strictly part of the Church. I call this the porch under the tower.'

Surely a Christianlike attitude.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. EDWARDS.

Everleigh, Wilts.

Dear Sir.—When living in Beccles, Suffolk, I remember the late Mr. Henry Hopson buying five pints of ale each practice night for the ten ringers of the Corporation Campanile of ten bells, in connection with St. Michael's Church, and plenty of smoking. Although I do not believe in either, I fail to see the difference between making smoke with incense and tobacco: both are the product of the good earth, both give forth a pleasant or unpleasant aroma.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ballard 1, Sheila Proctor 2, E. W. Rawson 3, W. W. Bradbury (first quarter) 4, J. A. Acres 5, E. Sowman 6, M. C. Faulkes (first as cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Seal, donor of these bells.

Bedford.

'BELLS UNRINGABLE'

In the Feckenham Deanery of Worcester-shire are two rings of bells which had been considered unringable, for several years, until recently.

The six bells at Inkberrow had been unring for 25 years until this summer, when members of the Wychbold band 'resurrected' them (see earlier issue of 'R.W.').

At Feckenham, it was rumoured that the bells were so bad-going that it was impossible to ring them. Previously, the incumbent here had given the impression that was not in favour of ringing, but on the institution of a new Vicar, permission to inspect the bells was sought, and readily given.

It was then found that the tenor wheel was somewhat decayed and that a chiming mechanism had been installed, which impeded the swing of two of the bells. Otherwise, the frame and fittings were in a reasonable condition.

The necessary attention was given by a member of the Wychbold band and on September 30th the villagers heard their bells ringing out for the first time for many years, to rounds on the octave, and Grandsire Doubles. The bells do not 'go' easily, but can be rung. One difficulty is the long draught of rope, but this did not deter some local residents from volunteering to learn to ring, and they are now learning under the instruction of Mr. A. D. Cook, of Wychbold. It is certain, at any rate, that when the learners have mastered these tricky bells, they should be able to ring nearly anywhere!

The bells have an interesting history, dating back to 1640, when the original ring of five was installed by Henry Bagley. It appears that the treble to this five was subsequently recast as the inscription 'Cantate Domino Canticum Novum. 1676' (O sing unto the Lord a new song) infers. A treble was added in 1776 by Matthew Bagley. In 1841, the fifth of the six was recast, and in 1860 Taylors, of Loughborough, added two trebles.

The tone of the tenor is particularly fine, but on the whole they are hardly tuneful bells, as they form a rather vague approximation to the scale of G major.

The last peal on the bells was Bob Major in 1930, the only peal of Major rung on these bells.

PAUL.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir.—I would support ringing competitions, arranged on the lines suggested in Mr. Donald Price's recent letter, for the following reasons:—

(1) I believe that a great many ringers fail to appreciate what good striking is and these competitions should enable such ringers to hear some reasonably good striking.

(2) They will help many others, like myself, to improve his or her striking.

(3) Provided a standard system of marking is adopted the competition result would be a means of measuring one's, or rather the band's, improvement. This would, I think, encourage bands to keep striving for a still higher standard.

(4) It seems to me that many ringers are more concerned with their personal progress rather than with that of their Sunday band. Competitions would, I think, encourage the progress of bands rather than that of individuals.

It should not be inferred from the last item that I advocate that one should only ring with his or her Sunday team, as a great deal can be learnt by mixing with other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. CORBY.

OUR VOCATION

Dear Sir,—Allow me to express my thanks and congratulations for the excellent and inspired leading article in the issue of November 11th. We cannot be reminded too often of our vocation as Church bell ringers in contrast to our hobby of church bell ringers.

As you so rightly point out, bells can be false gods. It is only too easy for ringers to be so carried away by their love for their art that it degenerates into a lust, to such a degree that they would find it extremely difficult to renounce it entirely as an act of spiritual discipline, for one year, say, as one would deny oneself something throughout Lent. Most of us, if we are honest, would acknowledge our guilt in this matter, and that we save our consciences by offering our services in the belfry on Sundays. We might not be called to renounce ringing, as John Bunyan did, but should we find it easy if we were! The few ringers we have known who have taken this drastic step have usually been misunderstood by their colleagues.

It is wholly to our soul's good that you, sir, tell us 'we must see our ringing in a true perspective' and that 'all peal ringing, even for pleasure, is an offering to the Almighty.' Although I often participate in and enjoy a peal, I wonder, frequently, during its performance, whether something which is an undoubted imposition upon one's neighbours can be a proper offering to the Almighty. There is little genuine justification for a peal when the same desiderata can be attained by including young ringers in quarter peals.

A recent hostile letter in our local Press complained that 'often the bells are rung for an hour at a stretch'—so 'quarters are not appreciated either outside the tower.'

There are, too, other things which prevent our ringing being a perfect offering, apart from the performance itself. Most of us, at some time or other, have been guilty of selfishness in the methods we ring, in the frequency with which we grab a rope, in possessiveness of our towers, in the ringers we invite into our peal bands—lame dogs unwanted here!—and we may be despotic and domineering, or given to displays of bad temper if things don't go exactly as we desire. We may resent being corrected when we make a mistake in our ringing. We may be jealous over another person's, or another tower's progress. We may 'hog' all the conducting. We may, by our unpunctuality or casual attendance, prevent our band from offering its best—or even from offering anything! By our obstinate refusal to study our art at home we may remain incompetent and impede our colleagues who are giving some of their time to make themselves worthier ringers, even if of elementary methods.

Most of us are either too indifferent or too shy to precede our ringing with a prayer for its acceptance by God, but such an oblation would undoubtedly make us more conscious of our real vocation and invoke a proper response in our ringing and belfry conduct, and assist our progress towards being Church bell ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Slough.

W. BIRMINGHAM

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED BALANCE SHEET

Dear Sir.—Regarding the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' balance sheet this is interesting, but smacks, somewhat of the Pharisee in the Temple. Any prolific peal ringer takes on an expense equal to an additional wife and certainly more troublesome.

Were I Chancellor of the Exchequer I would grant to him a tax allowance for:—

(1) Wear and tear,

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LETTERS—Continued

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—All ringers will agree with the spirit of the letter from Mr. H. E. Taylor ('R.W.', 4/11/60), the paper must be maintained and the Exercise could just not do without it. But when he says he hopes to see the 'Grateful Acknowledged' column go on for ever, and grow even longer, I could not disagree with him more.

Continuance of this column only means that 'The Ringing World' is not yet on a sound financial footing, where cost of production is covered by legitimate receipts. Readers are therefore getting their copies at slightly under cost price and are being subsidised by the generous few.

Let us look at facts. The average receipts from donations in the ten weeks analysed by Mr. Taylor amount to just under £3 7s. 6d. per week; the week November 4th produced much more, £8 1s. 8d. Now an increase of 1d. on the price of the paper would produce £4 3s. 4d. per week per thousand copies sold. I believe the circulation is more than five times this figure, so that 1d. increase would bring in more than all the money at present being donated, and would only cost each subscriber the paltry sum of 4s. 4d. per year. (Of course, the Post Office benefits: the poundage on the 44 postal orders acknowledged last week produced 11s.)

Would the committee please let us know what their future policy is to be? Do they intend the 'R.W.' eventually to pay for itself, or to rely on steadily increasing donations?

There is a case of paying for quarter peals. They are not of great news value in themselves, and in former times stood little chance of being published; and, as they are generally rung 'at home' they do not involve ringers in much travelling expense. But, to be fair, it should be all or none. And, if paid for, there should be a flat rate of say 3d. or 6d. per bell.

Peals are in a different category. Much, if not the whole, of the science of ringing has been evolved through peal ringing. They have a certain news value, have always been published free and should continue to be so. If peal ringers want to pay for their pleasure they should pay steepleage towards the cost of ropes, etc.; where no fund for this purpose exists, there is always the box labelled 'Church Expenses'. Many churches are finding it increasingly difficult to meet these. However, I do think that the 'R.W.' could

economise by printing peal reports in much smaller type and more in the way that it prints quarters. The present style is at least 80 years old! It would also be a great help to those wanting to look up past performances in back numbers if they were published, like the quarters, in alphabetical order.

The paper could well be pruned without any loss of value or interest. Some correspondence of late has been allowed to degenerate into mere personal bickering; and some accounts of outings and tours might well be cut down—though while contributors remain potential 'generous benefactors' this may not be easy!

What we are really suffering from now is the aftermath of the inflationary years following the war. During that time money dropped to little more than one-fifth of its former value; our wages did not keep pace, so it became necessary to adopt all sorts of expedients to avoid losing the support of the less well-off and the less enthusiastic. This cushioning process can, and should, I think, now cease. 'The Ringing World' cost 3d. in the 1920's; it is now only 8d. Associations which formerly provided all services, including a free report, to members for an annual sub. of 2s., are now striving to make do on subs. of from 3s. to 5s., instead of a more realistic 10s., and making up the difference by charging booking fees. So half the members get their reports at under cost at the expense of the others. All this leads to continual collection of very small sums of money, and a flow of very small postal orders. 'But,' they say, 'you must pay to have your peals printed.' When I get my report I do not want to see my own peals—I know all about those already. I want to see other people's.

Would 'The Ringing World' Committee—and those who run the finances of our associations—please do some rethinking?

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

'UNRINGABLE BELLS' WERE RINGABLE

Dear Sir,—A sensation was caused at Ashley, a village on the extreme northern borders of Northants, on November 8th, when the lie that had been current in the village for 29 years was nailed.

An influential resident of that time who disliked bells held sway over the then Rector, to stop the ringing. For some years the bells hung silent. Every application from any source to ring met with the excuses that 'the bells were unringable,' or the steeple 'wasn't safe,' despite it being rebuilt 112 years ago. The incumbent who yielded and the influential resident left; and all who succeeded him, through ignorance, believed the rumour, although told by one of the peal band on two occasions that they were believing something which was not true.

A new Rector has come, who is more favourable towards bells though himself not a ringer. Ropes were loaned from Market Harborough, to test the bells out, after cleaning bearings and other adjustments. A quarter peal was eventually rung, and now there has been a peal to dispel the rumour, to the joy of Ashley. One resident said it reminded her of old times.—Yours, etc..

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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Rung at Dorchester (Oxon), January 26th, 1959.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Nottingham University Society held the autumn term's outing on November 12th. A party of 14 left the university at 12.30 p.m. by coach ready for action at the five towers on the itinerary.

Arriving in good time at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Bingham, we were welcomed by the tower captain and later by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, Rector of the parish. For the hour we were there we found the eight rather difficult to strike but nevertheless a variety of methods were rung ranging from call changes to Cambridge Major.

East Bridgford was visited next and numerous Minor and Doubles methods were rung on the very pleasant six. These bells proved easier to ring at a relatively slow pace—as one of our lady members discovered after turning the tenor in to Cambridge Minor.

After tea in Newark-on-Trent, we made our way to the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The height of this church is greater than its length and of this we needed no reminding by the time we had climbed to the ringing chamber. Here we were made very welcome and it was unfortunate that our friends there had to tell us that the tenor's clapper had snapped during ringing for a wedding earlier in the afternoon. Nevertheless, the front eight were a joy to ring. Here we added Yorkshire and Double Norwich to our repertoire.

After heading north for some 20 minutes up the A.1, someone rather carelessly woke up the driver and it was then that we found we had passed Tuxford, some three or four miles back. As a result our stay was shortened by some ten minutes but the remaining time was used to good effect and Superlative was rung for the first time that day. Here one rings from the ground floor and with the long draught it is difficult to hear the bells clearly.

Our final tower was SS. Peter and Paul, Mansfield, a perfect Taylor eight. We were pleased to see some of our friends from St. Peter's, Nottingham, there and we kept the bells moving until 9 p.m., the methods including an unusual touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by the tower captain, and a near perfect course of Bristol.

We thank all incumbents and their ringers for their hospitality and also Martin Bishop, our secretary, for his splendid arrangements.

D. W. F.



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TEACHING A BAND FROM SCRATCH TO FIRST PEAL

By E. L. HUMPHRISS

After 35 years of teaching ringing I set about teaching a band from scratch. This was my procedure.

Half a dozen pulls on the backstroke, followed by half a dozen on the handstroke. One is talking all the time: 'Keep your back straight—and your knees supple. Don't look up. Don't look at the handstroke sally—ringers who have to look, to catch the sally, are a menace all their lives. Hands together. Arms right up and right down—let go at your knees—this gets the idea over, of a long pull. Don't anticipate the fall of the sally, rely on rhythm or sense of timing.'

The learner should be handling a bell—hand and back—within five minutes of first starting. It may be necessary to catch the tuft at handstroke a few times but not more than a few, half a dozen at the most. All learners must look round the tower when catching the sally.

After 10 minutes there is a 10 minute rest (or 20 minutes). The learner looks and listens for 10 minutes, then comes back on the full back and hand. To keep a learner on back- or handstroke only for more than half a dozen pulls is just wasting time.

It is found to be dangerous for a learner to bring the rope end out of the left hand anywhere, but over the index finger. 2nd/1st knuckle joint. If it comes over the fleshy part at the base of the thumb it is only a matter of time before a learner gets the rope round the left elbow.

Learning to handle a bell, three learners to each instructor is a good number, one is no use at all, their rest period is wasted and there is so much for them to get into their system by intelligent watching and listening to the instructor who is giving a grounding in style. Feet correctly placed, hands together, etc. A learner who catches the sally too high must let it slide through his hands until the bell is on balance—then put the 'glue' on—don't let it bump.

ROUNDS TO QUEENS

Handling the bell should be mastered in four evenings. We do not practise call changes at all but the first open exercise consists of running from rounds to Queens and back to rounds.

The learner is told who to follow and whether to make 'slow' or 'quick' pulls or check. We never say 'pull in,' always 'check in.' A learner who pulls in invariably goes over the top next stroke and cannot keep the beat.

This is a rhythm exercise. Any ringer who breaks the beat is told exactly what to do to put it right. E.g., instruction to ringer of 13527468 2nd: 'In going up, No. 2, you are Remain in O.K., but in coming in again Queens for a you are too far away from time, then: the 3rd. When coming in, 13527468 No. 2, you must be much nearer—or you must appear 13527468 to be much nearer—all bells, 12345678 than when going up.'

RINGING WITH EARS

This exercise is repeated until all ringers have the beat. 'Ring with your ears—not your eyes' is introduced now. Also at this stage the instructor must 'place' the learner. A learner never just 'happens' on the bell he can best handle. Ringing at meetings is often poor because ringers are badly placed. E.g., instruction to the 5th: 'Go right in, No. 5, pull with 2 and 3.' On running from rounds to Queens.

E.g., instruction to No. 7, 'You are too far away from everybody, No. 7, when you run in, pull with, not behind, especially your backstroke over the 2nd.'

'No. 2, you must set your bell and wait for 3, 8, 5 and 2, and listen—listen all the time—don't break the beat—ring with your ears 90 per cent and your eyes 10 per cent.'

'If your bell "tumbles in" on you, bend your knees a bit and put some weight on at the end of your stroke.'

'Don't put the weight on the rope at shoulder height and then let go the sally.'

A learner becomes a ringer when, on his own, without any instruction from the instructor, a little holding up or a little checking in is done quite automatically to put the rhythm of the beat right.

An instructor needs to know from experience the speed at which the back end bells appear to go their best. The instructor must hurry them along or slow them up to the best advantage.

Some learners who are not very handy with a rope are given an exercise ringing one handed. First with one hand, then the other. Say a dozen hand and back pulls with the right hand, then change over, the bells ringing all the time, to the left hand. I do this sometimes during the ringing of the five minute bell. We encourage learners to come up on Sundays and ring the five minute bell.

Rhythm and maintaining a beat are mastered during the rounds to Queens to rounds exercise. I usually take the treble myself and so maintain the open hand, right from the start. A learner on the 2nd soon gets the right ideas about leading and moves on to the treble.

PLAIN HUNTING

Plain hunting is the next exercise. All learn the bells to follow and whether it is a slow run, setting each stroke, or running in and checking each stroke.

The treble ringer for example will learn: slow over 2, slow over 4, slow over 6, slow over 8, etc., etc.; then in coming in over the same bells, a quick check stroke for seven blows.

This develops into counting: 2 over 2, 3 over 4, 4 over 6, 5 over 8, etc., etc., and so on into 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc., etc., representing the place the bell is in.

Counting out loud, in some cases, I insist on. The young ringer has by now learned to count up to eighths place and back to lead. Most learners don't take kindly to counting. The band by now are six months on.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

To Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering, and ringing this by learning the bells to follow.

Ropesight is useless when you have a band all learning to ring their first method. Coursing order gets results quickly, and, most important, keeps the ringers happy.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the annual meeting of the N.W. Branch, held at Bridgerule, on November 5th, 16 new members were elected—13 from Shebbear College and three from Stratton. The Rev. John Scott presided and the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who had travelled nearly 100 miles to the present, presented Guild certificates to E. Nunn, G. Alford, J. Hockridge and O. Gittins, all from Stratton. All the officers were re-elected.

The meeting was attended by 43 ringers, including visitors from Coombe Martin, Plymouth, Tavistock and Shebbear College. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the sermon preached by Preb. E. V. Cox. The wives of local ringers provided tea. Ringing of this pleasant little eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and rounds. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make the meeting a success and especially the president for travelling such a long distance to give us his encouragement. R.P.

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DEAN PRIOR, DEVON—As from Sunday, November 27th, 1960, ringing from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m., except third Sunday in each month. Local practice: Fridays 7.30 p.m. Communications regarding the bells to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon. 7015

Will Staffs, North Staffs and Shropshire ringers please note: The talk to be given by Mr. Paul Taylor, in the Arts Centre, Stafford, will be on December 1st, at 7.45 p.m. not on December 8th, as previously announced. 7020

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 6988

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6994

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Wethersfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6925

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS—London meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4.45-6. Dinner—Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. 6954

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6948

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Hereford District.—Meeting, November 26th, at Tyberton and Madley. Ringing 3 p.m., at Tyberton (5). Service at Madley 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Madley (6) in the evening. 6985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea only.—Thornley, Sec. 7024

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cookham, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6936

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6987

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD—Next meeting at St. Clement's, Leigh (6), on Saturday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. 6992

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on November 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Beeney, Sec. 6984

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th: St. Michael, Wood Green, 1.30-2.30 p.m.; St. Andrew, Enfield, 3-4; All Saints', Edmonton, 4.30-5.30; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, 7-8 p.m. 6962

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, November 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. approximately.—A. J. Hickson, Sec. 6989

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Richmond (8), Saturday November 26th. Special invitation to Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—Edward Hudson and Peter Rock, Hon. Secs. 6989

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil (10), Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7002

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, Rockwell Green bells available 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7006

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Deanery.—Annual general meeting at Yatton (8), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, December 1st.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune', Brockway, Nailsea. 6933

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bedford District.—Meeting at Willington, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 30th, to Corby, 26, Heathfield, Putnec, Bedford. 6999

DEVON GUILD—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chulmleigh (8), Saturday, December 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec. 6988

DEVON GUILD—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 6963

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea by November 30th, to J. Alan Ainsworth, 35, Derhill Park, Newcastle. 7030

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey and Over, on Saturday, December 3rd. Swavesey bells (6) 3 until 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Over. Over bells (8) available after tea.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 7018

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, December 3rd. St. Mary Redcliffe, Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Community Centre, Gunea Street. Annual business meeting 6 p.m. Good attendance, please.—A. Bennett. 7025

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Bridgnorth District.—Practice at Much Wenlock, Saturday next, December 3rd, 6 till 8.30 p.m. Method: Double Norwich.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 7023

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Royston on December 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6970

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—G. N. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, December 3rd, at Burnley, St. Peter's. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Proposed to donate £6 from branch Fund towards cost of new ropes at Whalley, requires authorisation.—J. Pilkington. 7003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lancaster, St. Mary's, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. tea at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rosemary Harmsworth, 13, Cavendish Street, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7021

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Wilfred's, Standish, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish. Nominations for Ringing Master and secretary.—C. F. Low, 11, Park Crescent, Southport. 7029

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. Important: names for tea to me by Monday, November 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6977

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Annual general meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, at Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. 6998

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, certain please, to Miss B. Smedley, 9, Cliff Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea. Great Yarmouth. Yarmouth bells will be available for one hour only, from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—P. G. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Newton Longueville (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting to follow. Names for tea by November 30th.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 7022

TAYSON'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Gillingham. Saturday, December 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Numbers for tea by November 30th, to Richard Longridge. Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. Tel.: Bourton 316. All welcome 7001

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at Thrybergh, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh. please.—J. Seager, Sec. 7027

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than December 1st, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6990

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8). Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify, by Wednesday, November 30th. Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 7005

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6979

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting, December 3rd, at the following towers: Hurstbourne Priors 1 to 2 p.m., Whitchurch 2 to 3, Laverstoke 3 to 4, Overton 3.45 to 4.30 and after tea. Service and tea. Overton, followed by meeting. Deane 6 to 7, Church Oakley 7 to 8, Wootton St. Lawrence 8 to 9 p.m. Tea only to those who notify, by previous Tuesday. Rev. F. Sanders, Overton Rectory.—G. K. Dodd, J. Chesterman, Hon. Secs. 6991

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Bournemouth, on Saturday, December 3rd. St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.50 p.m., in St. Peter's Hall. Ringing after tea at St. John's, Surrey Road. Names for tea by Thursday, December 1st, to Mr. Colin Conway, 121, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 7009

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, St. Thomas', December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 7016

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 7026

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 6th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, please, to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, Leicester. 7008

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th. St. Bride's Major. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 7004

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting Saturday, December 10th. Rougham (6). Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 7010

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting at Betchworth, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 8th, to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sanders Road, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7028

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Pocklington, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Names by December 8th, please, to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7007

ON Friday, October 21st, a company of 12 assembled at Warmley for a ringing tour in Devonshire. They were Rita Webb, Jean Palmer, Gloria Newton, Ian Smith and Mr. and Mrs. H. Taysom (Warmley), Michael Hobbs (St. Ambrose, Bristol), Peter Hurcombe (Gloucester), Iver Goulter (Norton), Christopher Barrable, Terence Milsom and Alan Lee (Twerton, Bath). With Henry Taysom at the wheel of the mini-bus the party decided to label itself as 'Taysom's Travellers.' Lustleigh, near Bovey Tracey, which was the headquarters, was reached about 11 p.m.

Saturday dawned quite bright and dry, and at the first tower, Bovey Tracey, we found a restored Gillett and Johnston octave (tenor 14 cwt.), rung from the ground floor. The Rector, the Rev. G. Duxbury, welcomed us and wished us well on the rest of the tour. Highweek, the next tower, was also a restored Gillett octave, but a little lighter (11 cwt.). These bells go very well and Oxford Bob Triples was the highlight. The tower captain gave us directions for the next tower, East Ogwell, which lies amid the country lanes. The Rev. E. Dalby met us and said he was sorry that the bells are seldom rung, but despite this the little ring of five (6 cwt.) go very well. On to Denbury, where Mr. C. Ellis was waiting for us; these are another lovely little five (8 cwt.), seldom rung. Here the band had the experience of ringing with single back ropes. A break was made for refreshments.

By 1.30 p.m. we were at Ipplepen, a beautiful octave again restored by Gillett and Johnston although the tenor has since been rehung by Taylor's. A musical touch of Grandsire Triples went very well indeed.

We arrived late at Tonnes, one of the county's heaviest octaves (28 cwt.), again restored by Gillett's. Here waiting for us was the tower captain and Mr. Aubrey Bennett. Bob Major went very well and the captain remarked he was surprised to see the bells rung by such a young band. Mr. Bennett accompanied us to Dartington, the first six of the day (17 cwt.). The bells are rung from the ground floor with rope guides and the back ones are a little tricky to handle, but Cambridge seemed to go along well.

POLICEMAN SURPRISED

At Staverton, the local policeman watched with open mouth as the mini-bus shot down a 'No through Road' to the church. The bells are one of the county's heaviest sixes (21½ cwt.), and they took a bit of getting up. Little Bob was very successful, and we also tempted one or two of the locals to ring with

us after assuring them we were not going to ring 'scientific.' Through the lanes to Broadhempston, where, to our surprise and his, stood the same policeman; this time we explained what we were doing. The bells go well but the treble is slightly off key.

Having reached Ashburton in the dark we made a mistake. We found a building that looked like a church so in we went equipped with torches, and after trying all the doors decided to look again at the outside of the building, where was found a plaque labelled 'Ashburton Maternity Clinic.' Eventually, we found the church where the Vicar, curate and captain were waiting. We explained our delay and the Vicar announced that we were not the first, as the building has a 14th century tower. Anyway the bells are a lovely octave (21½ cwt.).

The last ring of the day was Ilstington, near Haytor, one of the highest points on Dartmoor. The bells were a perfect end to a perfect day, a restored Gillett six that were a joy to ring. Back to Lustleigh, where we spent a pleasant hour in the inn with the local ringers and villagers, who gave us an historical and interesting account of the district.

Sunday, 7.30 a.m., saw the company at Lustleigh Church, for Communion, where the Rector said he was deeply sorry we could not ring later in the morning as the custom is 'the bells shall not be rung while a villager is lying dead.' Anyway, by kind invitation of Mr. Bennett, we rang at Dean Prior (a slow turning, Taylor restored six, 11½ cwt.). Here we rang a variety of methods on this lovely six after the morning service. Back to Lustleigh for lunch and then a start on the home-ward journey. A stop was made at Sampford Arundel (Somerset), to ring for evening service; here the local ringers made us so welcome and let us ring what we wished. We did ring some call changes and Grandsire Doubles with the locals and it was good to think they are conquering method ringing.

Warmley was at last reached and 'Taysom's Travels' were nearly over for one year but it was the sort of thing one would like to do again. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us at Lustleigh, to the incumbents and captains who made us so welcome in towers where method ringing is not very often heard, to Mr. Bennett for his kindness and to Henry Taysom for driving the mini-bus. The ringing had been a very high standard, 19 methods and call changes.

A. F. L.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert (first of Stedman) 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, A. W. G. Sayers 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For Remembrance service.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, Mrs. June Sinfield 2, Ian Knox 3, M. D. Pearson 4, I. Pett 5, W. Sear 6. After Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original): G. Skinner 1, Miss J. Wooders (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, A. T. Truman 3, B. H. Thompson 4, R. E. Truman 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, F. Wreford 7, F. Wills 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, R. Tomlin 2, D. Belcham 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung for Evensong.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,800 Plain Bob Royal: D. Alderson (first quarter) 1, Shirley A. Mudd 2, E. Hudson 3, P. Dawson 4, J. A. Brown 5, T. M. Cox 6, J. W. Gibson 7, R. J. Lumley 8, G. Benfield (cond.) 9, F. K. Williamson 10. Rung in honour of the first visit of the Archbishop of York to the Cathedral.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Chandler (first in method) 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Helen Williams (first in method) 3, N. D. Deam 4, J. S. Walker 5. For the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cook 1, I. Hodgson 2, F. Howard 3, R. Edwards (cond.) 4, D. Beaumont 5, J. Beaumont 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

STANBRIDGE, BEDS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jose Hutchings 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, M. D. Pearson 3, W. Sear 4, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

TATTERSHALL, Lincs.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Burrell 1, L. K. Taylor (cond.) 2, J. W. Bailey 3, F. Inghall 4, J. P. Morris 5, H. Burrell (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Janet and Harry Burrell.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Silkstone won the six bell contest at the quarterly meeting of the Association, held on October 22nd, at Kirkburton. Some very good striking was heard during the competition and an excellent tea was served by the local company. The judge was Mr. T. W. Hilton and his decisions and order of ringing were as follows: Cawthorne (ragged) 68. Meltham (good in parts) 61. Shelley (good, but for a trip) 39. Friezland (good throughout) 27. Silkstone (very good) 24.

Thanks were passed to the judge and marker, the Vicar and Mr. Burton for his excellent arrangements and hospitality. Next meeting Armitage Bridge, April 22nd.

5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT**BOB MAJOR**

By NORMAN SMITH

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