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TO ALL RINGERS—'A HAPPY CHRISTMAS'

By CANON C. C. COX

IT is in that simplest form we would convey our wishes once again today. And it can be sufficient. There is no need to choose Christmas cards worded with more or less elaborate sentimentality. Many of those decorative forms of greeting point to a superficial and inadequate conception of the Festival. They seem to imply only 'Have a good time! Get all the pleasure you can out of your Christmas dinners and gatherings!' In that sense, of course, the wish may be sincere enough. But then, after Christmas, no one may be any better, even if no one is any the worse.

The fact cannot be disguised that of the millions who will exchange Christmas greetings a large majority will be giving little or no thought to the origin of Christmas. A religious occasion can so easily become paganised. Nowadays the commercial world lays itself out at some cost to advertise it as the 'Gift Season'; even the least ecclesiastical shops display the traditional picture cards and trade, perhaps, Crib figures. The general public is offered every inducement to spend money, and the commercial world expects to make a good cash profit out of the Christian Festival.

The possibility does exist, of course, that some who 'keep' Christmas only in the worldly sense may pause to reflect a little upon the meaning of what is being celebrated, upon the significance of giving 'presents,' upon the reason for the church bells ringing; even wistful, perhaps, to know what is going on inside the churches to which they see people eagerly moving. We can only hope and pray that some hearts and minds may be opened to seek and find the deep reality.

Seriously, 'A happy Christmas to you' is more than a mere wish. It really takes on the nature of a prayer. It is not just to be lost in the air, or buried under a wealth of holly berries and paper wrappings. It should be given in the faith that it will reach fulfilment, by the one who receives it co-operating with the heart of the giver. That is the Christian interpretation of the Gift of God Incarnate in history, claiming a thoughtful and universal response from men. The first Christmas wish was of heavenly origin, and it was worded in the right order: 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men'—which makes Christmas more than an annual flash of enjoyment. It is in truth a flash of light as from a dazzling star piercing the darkness, to catch up wonder from men. Yet still more than that: it is the Birth of a new dynamic which is to have a permanent effect upon human life; a

dynamic centres in a Person, the Son of God Himself, born of a woman, 'Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth'; which, year after year, is to be in process of fulfilment.

Here is the reminder that the Christian Church has been born for the one purpose of regenerating humanity. It is no humanly-devised institution, but the very Spirit of God moving in a world of labour and conflict. As such it carries—albeit ideally as yet—the resolving element in all human problems, and the element of mercy in all human judgments. It is God's own agency on earth for the awakening of conscience and for salvation from sin.

That is what the church bells have to say each Christmas Day. 'Rejoice in the Crib of Bethlehem; yes, but come to it like little children who are open to be loved, open to love as they are loved, who are ready to be born again in self-discipline, prepared to glory in the shadow of the Cross for the sake of the Light beyond.'

Let our Christmas wishes, then, echo that of the heavenly host and proclaim a new birth, both for ringers and for ringing; a new dynamic each year with which to become possessed. The old life, the old ways—into which, may be, we have dropped back a little—won't do. We are not living merely in the present, but for the future. The new man must be put on. And that new man is Jesus Christ born at Bethlehem, never to stay there but moving and growing and inspiring ceaselessly 'until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

Consider, too, how the influence of this new birth is to bear upon the family, or society, or brotherhood of ringers—whichever word best describes that association. Church bellringers are a family bound together, not just by a common interest, but by a personal fellowship with a Personal Leader, symbolised by the captain in the tower or, in wider sense, the president of an area Guild. And, on the more spiritual level, by the incumbent of the parish under the bishop of the diocese, the latter in his turn submissive to the Archbishop of the Province—all deriving their policies and relationships from the Divine Humanity of Him Who was once the Babe of Bethlehem.

To wish 'A happy Christmas' then today involves the recognition of all this again. It is the time to welcome Him, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love, *anew* into our belfries, into our hearts, into all our service as churchmen and churchwomen: to welcome Him now as more than the Babe of Christian history, rather as the full-grown Son of Man; as the sublime Teacher; as the great unseen Conductor through 'all the changes and chances of this mortal life.' (Continued on next page)

Let our greeting, then, in the time-honoured words, carry the vision and prophecy of its fulfilment. And as on Christmas morning we move from our Communion at the Altar—the mystical outcome of long ago Bethlehem—rejoice in the assurance that, through our humble and faithful co-operation with the will of God the Saviour, the church bells we handle shall

'Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the love of Truth and Right;
Ring in the common love of Good;
Ring in the Christ that is to be!'

THREE PEALS IN ONE DAY ON SOUTH TYNESIDE

ALL RUNG FOR THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Surfleet Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 4
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	ERIC W. HARRISON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal on the bells for over 30 years.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 6
MARION S. AINSWORTH 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
*FREDERICK ROSS 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 43 lb.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble	†FREDERICK ROSS 5
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 3	ROBIN G. TURNER 7
*NORMAN ERRINGTON 4	CHARLES N. LEA Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

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

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. J. HUNTING Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 8
PETER J. STANFORTH 3	JOHN A. ACRES 9
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 10
JACK P. KESTERTON 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, who left on December 16th to visit their daughter in New Zealand.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. in B.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	DENNIS RANDALL 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 8
ROGER F. OVERINGTON 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 9
ALAN J. FROST 4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 10
WILLIAM T. COOK 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
JAMES PHILLIPS 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

Rung to mark the consecration as Bishop of Warrington of Canon L. Brown, formerly Vice-Provost of Southwark.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

R. ANN BARR Treble	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB 6
*LINDA M. HUGHES 2	PAUL W. WEBB 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	*ROGER J. GAY 8
*ANN E. FELLOWS 4	JOHN McDONALD 9
*ALMA M. GREAVES 5	*GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 55 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 6
RONALD J. JOHNSTON 2	DEREK OGDEN 7
NEIL BENNETT 3	EDWARD JENKINS 8
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT 4	BARRIE HENDRY 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 5	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal for the Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 ISLEWORTH LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. Treble	GERALD PENNEY 6
*JOHN R. PERRETT 2	JAMES W. WALLMAN 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	GEOFFREY DODDS 8
MRS. JOYCE DODDS 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
*JOHN G. PUSEY 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*ROGER DURRANT Treble	†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 6
†STEPHEN P. DARVILL 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 7
A. ROWLAND TYSOE 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 8
†CHRISTINE M. RIMMER 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
KENNETH J. DARVILL 5	ERIC EDMONDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Caters.

ISLEWORTH LITTLE BOB ROYAL

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 5
*ANN E. FELLOWS 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
ALMA M. GREAVES 3	PAUL W. WEBB 7
MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal on eight bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN 5
JOHN G. GIPSON 2	DONALD F. MURFET 6
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
GEORGE E. THODAY 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by N. PIRSTOW. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

Rung in memoriam Frederick Hurry, of Sawston, a ringer for 56 years, who died on November 16th, 1960.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. Treble	JAMES LINNELL 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	FREDERICK VICKERS 6
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ALLEN Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOAN BERESFORD Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
*PAUL J. DYE 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Lambert's variation of Pritchard's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
GEORGE FRY Treble	MONTY GILBERT 5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	MARTIN HOWE 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	*ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 6
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4	CLIVE M. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method on eight bells.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5088 HEYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	GORDON ROTHWELL 6
*KEITH ABBOTT 3	GEOFFREY MILLS 7
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells. Believed to be the first in the method (Corrigan's No. 159).

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	GWILYM G. SALMON .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	PHILIP N. TUBBS 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3	LEWIS F. COBB 7
FRANK L. HARRIS 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 5
*ERIC SPEAKE 2	*ROBERT B. SMITH 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	*DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

MALCOLM PHIPPS Treble	ERNEST PRESTON 5
MALCOLM FOSTER 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
*GEORGE CHALLANS 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE 7
A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by ARIHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Rooke, J. T. Rooke, G. Challans, F. Cooke and A. B. Cooper.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

NEIL BENNETT Treble	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON 2	DAVID W. JAMES 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 50th peal for the Association.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Wilfred Moss, a ringer at Stretford for over 60 years.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
*L. SMITH (Queens') .. 2	FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 6
CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) .. 3	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 7
*H. C. LEWIS (Fitz. H.) .. 4	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ANTHONY H. SMITH .. Treble	ALAN S. SMITH 5
HENRY C. FOSTER 2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 6
HAROLD W. PLACOCK .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF 7
R. FRANK BAKER 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal.

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UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

R. GEORGE MORRIS Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
PETER BORDER 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT 2	J. KEITH WARD 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. DEXTER'S No. 1.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*S. MARIE DAVENPORT .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	*TERRY I. ROPER 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS 3	PELIER J. STANFORTH .. 7
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4	PAUL MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID P. HILLING Treble	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 5
†JANET K. SECKER 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	†PETER M. WILKINSON .. 7
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal, and first attempt for Stedman (aged 14 years). † First of Stedman.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	STEPHEN IVIN 5
*MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
*ERIC BILLINGS 3	*WILLIAM A. YATES .. 7
*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 THE DRAGON MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ARTHUR SAYERS Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
RONALD K. RUSS 2	JOHN MANLEY 6
REGINALD W. RLX 3	RONALD F. DISIRENS .. 7
ALBERT DISIRENS 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD.

Believed to be the first peal rung in this method.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	JOHN WARNER 5
ANN GEORGE 2	BRIAN JEFFERY 6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's),

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 4
CLIFFORD RICHARDS 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
DAVID J. PURNELL 3	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

ALLEN TWYMAN Treble	DAVID CUBITT 3
ANDREW R. HARVEY 2	GILBERT E. LARTER 4
GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT 4
FREDERICK BOYCE 2	GILBERT E. LARTER 5
HORACE LUBBOCK 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

CATFIELD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 15 extents Grandsire (six callings) and 27 Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER 3
ANDREW R. HARVEY 2	DAVID CUBITT 4
*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* 75th peal for the Association.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

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 12 cwt.

IRIS THOMPSON Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 98 methods: (1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Snodland, Calverleigh, Hever, Wrentham and Swanscombe Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Wainfleet, Gedney, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Sibsey and Normanton Alliance, Kent and Bastow Little Court; (4) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree College, Horsmonden, Killarney, Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Frodsham, Windermere, Ennerdale and Cumberland Boh and Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Clarence and Elstton Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Barham and Oswald Delight; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; with 201 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Most methods in a tower-bell peal by all, and for the Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jo Moreton.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

IVY E. LINDSEY Treble	CECIL WADE 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY .. 2	CHARLES WILKINSON .. 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung on the eve of Advent, and for the Patronal Festival. Also to welcome the new Rector, Canon F. R. Money, M.A. (formerly of Winchester Cathedral), and Mrs. Money. Also to mark 100 years' aggregate service to the above church by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and his late father and mother.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD HEDGES Treble	ERIC LLOYD 4
GILIAN GRANEY 2	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 5
COLIN A. LEWIS 3	MICHAEL HART Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL HART.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and nine of April Day. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

*MARGARET J. KIRK Treble	*GRAHAM H. STONEHOUSE .. 3
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to James Mitchell and Miss Cynthia Sanders, of Syston.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*PHILIP G. ROGERS Treble	MARTIN MAJOR 4
SHEILA V. PERCIVAL 2	GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 5
†RAYMOND J. FULLER 3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

SWAINSWICK, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 24 of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

*PATRICIA A. BURT Treble	†LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 4
†JOHN R. HOBBS 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 5
ALAN F. LEE 3	†PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † First on six bells. ‡ First in three methods. The conductor's 25th peal for the Association.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. Walter Brooksbank, Rector of Swainswick since 1946, who passed away on November 22nd, 1960.

WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

JAMES LYONS Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4
DAVID C. URQUHART 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	FRED A. GINNS Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of April Day and Grandsire, and 38 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. Treble	RALPH W. BICKERS 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Doubles.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. Treble	*GILBERT E. LARTER 4
*DAVID CUBITT 2	PETER ADCOCK 5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of Bourne, Beverley and Cambridge, and one of Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 4
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	TOM PAGE 5
ANN M. COX 3	HAROLD A. MAY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT .. Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 4
REV. W. PASCHAL DOWLING .. 2	D. ROY BOULD 5
FREDERICK E. DAY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, York, Wells, Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 4
CHARLES N. LEA 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
ROBIN G. TURNER 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 22 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) London and Wells; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Westminster and Allendale.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER 2	ALAN R. SYDER 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID T. DARBY Treble	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 4
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 2	PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 5
†ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 3	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW N. STUBBS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

ALVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. Treble	†TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 4
*RITA M. WEBB 2	†CLIFF J. RICHARDS .. 5
†GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 3	†ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in two methods of Minor. ‡ 25th peal (all in 1960). First on the bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Wreford, grandmother of the ringer of the second.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

FRED HODGSON Treble	THOMAS COOKE 4
MRS. THOMAS COOKE .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS 5
CHARLES N. LFA 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and only the second recorded since their installation in 1865.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, comprising 1,680 Grandsire, 1,680 Reverse Canterbury and 1,680 Plain Bob.

*JEAN EXON Treble	†FRANK ANDERTON .. 4
†GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 2	†FRED H. HAYES .. 5
PETER S. BENNETT 3	*H. ALAN ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. First in more than one method as conductor. First peal for the Society.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Frank Anderton and Miss Pamela M. Seatree, both members of the Society.

COTTERSTOCK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ANDREW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
RICHARD J. DANBY 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4

GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

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We understand that Mr. Morris has passed the late Mr. William Pye's peal total of 1,967 peals (conducted 1,428). This gives him the proud title of having rung more peals than anyone living.

Sutton-on-Hull ringers and friends wish Harold F. Gibson a speedy recovery from a recent accident at work in which his back and knee were damaged.

Ninety-eight methods were rung in a peal of Spliced Minor, at Thrybergh, Yorkshire, on November 25th. An amazing feat of memory by the band and its conductor, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at King's Norton, on November 12th, was the first of Caters for six of the band and Mr. McDonald's first of Caters as conductor. Congratulations.

A first peal at the age of 14 is always noteworthy, but it is a special achievement when that first is a good peal of Stedman Triples, as rung by David P. Hilling, at Stoke Poges, on November 30th.

The conductor of the peal of The Dragon Major, rung at Aldermaston, on December 2nd, would like to associate this peal with the name of the late George Gilbert, the figures being given him by George, although he never realised his ambition to peal it.

Next Friday Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton sail for New Zealand on a three months' visit to their daughter. The best wishes of the Leicester Guild were expressed to their peal secretary by a peal of Maximus at Leicester Cathedral, on November 28th.

St. Andrew's, Folkenham, Lincs, have staunch supporters in the Bradley family who have completed 100 years' service to the church. The late Mr. C. E. Bradley was 43 years a churchwarden and his wife, Mrs. C. E. Bradley, was 16 years the voluntary organist. Now their son, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, has completed 41 years as tower captain. Appropriately, the centenary was marked by a peal on November 26th and the ringers entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilkinson.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Harry Rodmell, who, for over 60 years, has been ringing at St. James', Sutton-on-Hull, a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was achieved, in which Harry participated. For his past two birthdays the local company have unsuccessfully attempted a peal. The company failing in the last peal attempt would like to place on record their appreciation of the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter, during the ensuing evening.

Alveston, Glos, have now a very pleasant six: the bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank on ball bearings. The first peal on the bells was rung on December 3rd.

Six ringers from the Marston, Oxford, band were confirmed on December 4th. They were Helen Williams, Margaret Cozier, Elizabeth Muller, Vivien Roberts, Elaine Liles and Sheenah Gammon.

Exeter Cathedral bells are now in use after their overhaul. Practices will be held, as in the past, on the third Saturday monthly, starting December 17th from 6-8 p.m., and the Sunday following 5-6.30 p.m.

Heckington, Lincs, tower was struck by lightning during the sermon on December 4th. An examination revealed that it struck the clock hands, shattered the clock case and melted the chime release hanging down into the ringing chamber. From there it leapt to the water pipes, via the electric conduit, and passed into the main body of the church. Damage, fortunately, is not serious.

The new Rector of Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds, the Rev. G. E. Jarrold, is a lover of bells. He has left behind, in his former parish, Ellingham, Norfolk, nearly £600 he has collected, without a special appeal, towards the estimated cost of £1,250 for the rehanging of the five bells of the Parish Church in a new frame. At the tea, after his induction, his Ellingham parishioners present were delighted to hear from Mr. Jarrold that the previous day he had received two generous cheques towards the bell fund.

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READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

FOUNDED almost exactly six years ago, the Reading University Society reached a landmark in its history on November 26th, by holding its first annual dinner. After ringing during the afternoon at Caversham, Tilehurst and the three Reading towers, about 80 members and visitors attended the dinner at the White Hart Hotel.

Following the loyal toast, the vice-chancellor of Reading University, Sir John Wolfenden, C.B.E., in his capacity as president of the Society, proposed the health of 'The Church.' Before reaching this subject, however, he said that he was honoured to be given the privilege of making the first speech at the first dinner of the Society and to be allowed to address such a magnificent gathering of lunatics. He quickly added that lunatics could be divided into three classes: the harmful, who had to be put away; the harmless, who could be ignored; and the beneficial, in which category he included bellringers.

Sir John pointed out that the church had always worked for the encouragement and fostering of the arts, which included the ringing of bells. Although their efforts were not always welcomed by everyone, the majority of ringers performed their art with noble intentions, and their work could be described as sacramental, as they were dedicated to the service of the church and her Creator.

Mr. John Coates, a founder member and former Master of the Society, proposed the toast to 'The Visitors,' who included the Masters of the Oxford, Cambridge, Southampton and Bristol University Societies, and also members from London and Nottingham Universities. He also welcomed several members of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, without whose co-operation the Society would have no bells on which to ring.

A witty reply was given by Mr. Dermot Roaf, secretary of the Universities' Association. He hoped that the presence of Sir John Wolfenden was not a preliminary to a Commission of Enquiry into Bellringing, and pointed out that the recent survey of Sunday service ringing had shown the need for more competent instructors—a need which University Societies could help to overcome.

Mr. Adrian Tumber, Master of the Southampton University Guild, in proposing the health of 'The Reading University Society,' observed that the fact that he had been entrusted with this toast was an indication of the fine spirit of friendship which had grown up between these two of the younger generation of University Societies. This friendship had arisen largely because they held a joint annual tour, and he hoped this tradition would continue.

In reply, the Master (Mr. Peter Wilkinson) remarked that the Society had now grown to about 20 resident members—quite a high percentage in such a small university. The standard of ringing had also improved, and he stressed the tremendous amount owed to the St. Mary's band for giving them the opportunity to ring the more advanced methods. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the incumbents who had given permission for the ringing during the afternoon and to the secretary (Miss Jennifer Davies) for making the arrangements for such a successful and memorable dinner.

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To say that Mr. Pat Cannon is 'enthusiastic' is an understatement, for there are hardly any limits to which he would not go if the reward was a new tower or a sluggish tenor to 'turn in' to a peal. Up to the present he has visited and rung in no fewer than 2,333 towers, and if that is not a record his peals in 623 towers and 480 tenors 'turned in' to peals certainly constitute a record. Forty-six of these tenors have weighed 26 cwt. or more. In addition he has rung the 11th at Exeter to Grandshire Triples and Caters. During the last 15 years he has rung peals in no less than 500 different towers. The late Jimmy George was once described as 'ubiquitous,' but compared to Pat Cannon he was a mere novice. In all his travels, Pat has always fostered a love of bells and created interest in our beloved art, and has never spared himself when there was a possibility of enthusing others.

Born at Wimbledon in 1913, of Irish descent, he was educated at St. Laurence College, Ramsgate, and Chard School, Somerset. He learned to ring at St. Laurence, Thanet, Kent, in 1928, and rang his first peal, Stedman Triples at St. John's, Deptford, Lewisham, in 1930. To this peal he rang the tenor behind (coming events cast their shadow, etc.). Many of his early peals were conducted by Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, and very frequently Pat would cycle 50 miles to a tower for a peal, and then cycle 50 miles back. In 1933 he commenced conducting peals, his first being at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, with what was, at that time, the youngest band to ring a peal of Major.

His peals total up to November 27th, 1960, is 813, of which he has conducted 413. Notable amongst these are 'turning in' the tenors at Queen Camel in 1937 to eight Minor methods; Beverley Minster to Bob Royal in 1938; Sherborne Abbey to Double Norwich. Superlative and Cambridge Major; Birmingham Cathedral to Superlative in 1945; and Loughborough Parish Church to Cambridge Royal in 1956. He has taken part in 11,568 Double Norwich, at Debenham, in 1950, and the record peal of 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, at Quex Park, in 1959.

Pat was Ringing Master, Surrey Association, Southern District, 1950-56, and has represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council, 1951-53 and 1957 to present date. He has been a vice-president of the Surrey Association since 1957. He greatly enjoys giving encouragement to up and coming youngsters and has piloted many of them through their first peal, and first in a method.

During the war he served from 1940-45 in the Royal Corps of Signals in India. He married his wife, Sylvia, in 1945, and she also is a ringer, having nine quarter peals to her credit. Since 1952 he has been a regular member of St. Martin's, Dorking, band and previously for four years was a member of the Betchworth band. By profession Pat is a schoolmaster.

Pat's other hobby is philately, and if his stamp collection is as varied and colourful as his variety of peals, it will be something worth looking at. He is now in the prime of life, and at the present rate at which he is going, it will not be long before we see him topping the 1,000 mark. Good luck to him!

JAFUS.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A stone plaque in memory of the late Cecil Victor Ebberson has been placed in the Church of St. Nicholas, Dersingham. The service of dedication was held on October 15th, in the presence of the widow and members of his family, Mr. Nolan Golden (president), Rev. H. G. Lillingston (past president), Rev. R. G. E. Dodson (chairman, Western Branch), Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master), Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. A. Cooke (Ringing Master, Western Branch), Mr. C. Tovell (honorary secretary, Western Branch), Mr. A. G. Bason (chairman, Northern Branch), together with a large congregation, including friends from Ely and Lancashire Associations and Lincoln Guild.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. O. W. Glass, and the dedication and address was by the Archdeacon of Lynn (the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith).

In his address the Archdeacon paid tribute to the services given to the church by Cecil Ebberson. He described him as a sincere churchman, who, by his life, set an example for all to follow, and a man who will always be remembered with respect and affection.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was held on November 29th, when the following were elected:

Master: N. J. Martin (St. Peter's Hall);
Secretaries: Hilary Mason (St. Hilda's),
A. J. Thomson (Wadham).
Treasurer: P. Wycherley (St. Catherine's).

CONQUERING THE UNPEALABLES

The bells of St. Andrew's, Cotterstock, near Oundle, have, for some years, been regarded locally as unpealable. A thorough examination of the bells revealed the source of the trouble, the third bell being the culprit. The rim of the wheel on one side having become loose (tacks rusted), a local novice had nailed strips of hardboard alongside, projecting and causing them to bind the frame. The end of the clapper was also touching the slider at each swing.

These obstructions once overcome, the bells went plain-sailing, although everyone was ready to make a quick exit at the first signs of a jumped bearing, etc. The peal was satisfactorily accomplished, making the third such tower—Stoke Doyle and Ashley being the previous ones to be conquered. Soon two others are to be tested.

It is from Cotterstock where the saying about 'the weakest go to the wall' originated. Stone benches are still to be seen around the walls where the aged and infirm used to sit centuries ago, when the church had no pews or chairs.

Of the bells, the front four of 1708 are by Henry Penn, of Peterborough. The tenor is by John Taylor, of Loughborough. But one wonders whether Mr. Dove is correct in his given weight of '8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.'—it sounds and measures nearer 7 cwt., as was always reckoned. P.A.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

ON November 12th the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its ninth annual dinner at the 'Black Horse Inn,' Wolverhampton. It had been more than 25 years since a dinner of this nature had been held by the Society in the town and those who attended were well rewarded with a first class evening's entertainment.

During the afternoon the fine 'twelve' at St. Peter's, and also the 'eights' at Bradley, Cosesley and Penn were available for ringing. It was most disappointing that ringers did not take fuller advantage of the facilities provided.

Ninety members and friends were present at the dinner. The Archdeacon of Stafford, the Ven. Basil Stratton, took the chair and after an excellent meal commenced the evening's formal proceedings by proposing the loyal toast. In his comments following the toast, he said how pleased he and his wife were to be present. It was very encouraging to see such a gathering on this his first visit as president of the Society.

The toast 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. R. Buxton, J.P., a former mayor of the nearby town of Bilston. He was very pleased to be able to propose this toast, particularly as he had promised to do so a year ago and had had to withdraw at

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the last moment due to sudden ill-health. He had, he said, been connected with St. Martin's Church, Bradley, for many years and he was very grateful to the Society for the help given to the church in 1957 to train a completely new band.

The Rev. David Sutcliffe, curate-in-charge of St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, for the time being, in a witty speech, replied on behalf of the church. What a wonderful partnership there was between the Church and the State, he said. It reminded him of the blades of a pair of gardening shears, often moving in opposite directions, but if anyone tried to come between them they were soon very effectively dealt with.

The chairman next called upon Mr. Frank E. Haynes, the well known ringer from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, to propose the toast to the 'The Society.' He had been a member of the 'Staffords' for 25 years and had rung a number of peals for the Society. Of late he had attended a number of its meetings and had many happy memories of his association with the Society and it gave him great pleasure to propose this toast. In his reply, Mr. Fred Bennett, a former secretary of the Society, thanked Mr. Haynes for his kind remarks. He did not judge the Society by the number of peals it rang but by the number of its members he could call his friends. Looking around the room on this occasion he was delighted to see so many of his friends present.

Mr. Dennis Holden from Cosesley proposed the toast to 'The Visitors.' Dinners like this one, he said, would fall flat without visitors and it gave him considerable pleasure to have the company of so many that evening. He extended a special welcome to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Stratton, who were attending this function for the first time, and also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Buxton, Rev. David and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. Frank Haynes and Mr. Frank Perrens. Mr. Leslie Brokenshire, of Penn, responded on behalf of the visitors and thanked Mr. Holden for the warm welcome he had extended on behalf of the



A FAMILY REMEMBRANCE.—On Remembrance Sunday the bells of SS. Mary and Giles' Church, Buckereil, Devon, were rung half-muffled by Mr. Joseph Broadhurst and his five surviving children. The treble bell commemorates two lads from the village who gave their lives in World War II and one of these is Gordon Broadhurst, a son.

In the family picture are (left to right):

Geoffrey, Merlin, Joseph, Marina (Mrs. Piper), Roy and Raymond. When the bells were removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, Raymond helped Mr. F. H. Parr in the work and also in their reinstallation. Pictures on the walls are of three recent peals and the handbell ringers (members of the Sunday service band) setting out last Christmas.

[Photo: E. C. Harris.]

Society to everyone. The ordinary church-goer was, he felt, rather apt to take bell ringers for granted and he would like to thank them for the wonderful work they did every Sunday calling people to church.

This concluded the formal part of the evening's entertainment and after a short break the artistes were brought in. There were three, Betty Johnson (soprano), Fred Baggott (pianist) and Albert Morgan (comedian). Between them they provided first class entertainment, which kept the gathering amused until 10.30 p.m.

So ended the Society's 1960 dinner, leaving members with happy memories of the occasion and looking forward to another successful dinner in 1961. D. J. T.

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PANGBOURNE & WHITCHURCH RINGERS' OUTING

In a year of seemingly continuous days of mud and flood, September 10th, the day of the outing of the Pangbourne and Whitchurch bellringers, was of brilliant sunshine.

Ringing started at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, followed by Itchingfield with its beautifully kept belfry containing a map of Sussex where all ringing towers were neatly indicated, different coloured pins being used to show the number of bells.

The unusual tombstone by the lych-gate at Kirdford attracted attention. It was to the memory of boys who 'died from having placed greenwood ashes in their bedroom, from 'falling from a horse,' and 'a farmer's cart passing over him.' The bells were beautifully mellow and went well.

Our next visit was up the tombstone paved paths to the beautiful church of Rudgwick (6. 14 cwt.). The bells, on the ground floor, gave some of the newer ringers their first experience of an anti-clockwise ring. Grand-sire was rung to give several novices a chance to try the treble, followed by Little Bob and touches of other methods.

In the clear evening light we walked through the beautifully kept churchyard to the church of Cranleigh, Surrey (8. 16 cwt.). A notice in 1912 commemorated the first peal ever rung in the tower in which a husband and wife took part. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, amongst others, were rung.

Racing against time we arrived late at Shalford, Surrey (8. 13 cwt.), to receive a warm welcome from a patiently waiting foreman. The bells were recast in 1936 and go well. Little Bob Major, Stedman, Grand-sire, Plain Bob, with call changes for the beginners, were enjoyed. Supper was taken at Guildford.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and to the foremen who met us. B. J. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CAPER AT LANEAST

Zur.—Oi zeed thic bit o'a spaiich like wot that there Carnish veller, Garge, did zend 'ee and oi were prapper mazed to vind 'er were so eddicated.

Now, oi baint quirkung and quiddling 'bout wot 'er zed 'bout thic bit o'caper at Laneast, but 'er 'ad t'glean at un veller's droubles 'er mid 'ave zed zummot 'bout t'other chaps as well. 'Twere iike this, see you. No zooner 'ad oi put me 'ands on thickey tenor rope t'raize t'bell than t'plaguey thing did purdle all round oi, vor 'twere as rotten as a mixen. But when t'others did start a'valling the bells, when there baint no need to 'eave on t'ropes, they did break dree on 'em, un avore t'other Garge did spake 'bout my rope 'cause oi were a vurriner, but t'other vellers they were Carnish.

Mind 'ee, there baint no 'ard veelings cos oi d'know that 'er zed it in vun and they there Carnish lads and meadens did make oi prapper welcome but vore oi d'come ter zee 'ee agin, thee mind 'ee d'mend thee manners. Maister Garge. If thee doant, oi wont allow 'ee to 'ave no Zummerzet scrumpy when thee d'come to zee oi.—Oi be, your 'umble sarvent,

PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

DOUBLES 'METHODS'

Dear Sir.—I am afread that Mr. Paul Cattermole didn't search far enough back in his old 'Ringing Worlds' before naming the Reverse Canterbury variation of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Honeybourne. Had he done so, he would have found that this particular variation has been rung many times under the name of Northrepps. Another variation of the same basic method—with an Old Doubles single for the call—has been rung as Fortune.

While on the subject of Doubles variations, perhaps I might add a few more to the list published in the 'R.W.' for November 14th, 1958 (page 744)?

All Saints/Old Bob single=Marchington.
All Saints/P.B. plain lead=Rushall.
Grandsire/All Saints' plain in lieu of normal Grandsire singles=Newborough.

Plain Bob/Grandsire bobs and singles (120—P.B.S.P., twice repeated)=Dedworth.

But please, Mr. Cattermole, 'variations'—not methods.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir.—In the interests of ringers generally, and particularly in the South Midland region may we offer this information?

The next residential week-end course in ringing, in which we shall be participating, will be at Missenden Abbey College of Adult Education, during the first week-end in June next. The College is under the direction of the Buckinghamshire Education Committee, and it is understood that the warden will be advertising the arrangements in more detail, in these columns in due time.

Concession of reduced charges will be made to those attending from Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire; and it is advisable to reserve the date—June 2nd to 4th, 1961—for an early booking, when the advertisement appears; since the accommodation is limited to 38 resident students and 30 non-resident.

The talks and demonstrations will be arranged to suit both instructors and learners, and to interest those, also, to whom the subject is entirely new.—Yours, etc.,

R. G. T. BENNETT.

P. and P.R.O.,

College of Campanology.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir.—My thanks to Mr. C. W. Woolley for putting into words what I have long felt:—

That there is a case for paying for quarter peals because they are not of great news value whereas peals are of news value.

That 'The Ringing World' Committee should consider economy by means of adapting the present means of printing peal reports.

I heartily endorse the remark that the Committee should tell us if their policy is to intend the 'R.W.' eventually to pay for itself or to rely on donations. I know the theoretical answer is that of an increase in circulation of a few thousand but shouldn't we face the fact that despite many efforts and appeals over the last decade the circulation has risen to nowhere near the desired level.

However, what should be continually stressed is that a postal subscriber is helping the paper substantially more economically than those subscribers who purchase the paper through a newsagent. The present circulation is about: postal subscribers 2,316, others 3,184.

Does everyone realise that by paying an annual subscription for delivery by post you only pay 4d. more per year than by paying your newsagent 8d. per week, i.e., 8d. x 52 = £1 14s. 8. Annual postal subscription, £1 15s. I realise that many younger ringers cannot perhaps afford an annual subscription, but suggest that older persons who can afford it, do so, even if it means that on a rare occasion a copy may become slightly marked during postal transmission.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER

Dear Sir.—I read with interest tinged with horror the article on St. Mary's, Beaminster, Dorset, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World'.

I have rung on these magnificent bells, in fact stood in in an unsuccessful peal attempt in, I think, 1947. I have always been led to believe that these bells are a maiden cast ring by Bilbie. I am therefore quite horrified that, if what the article says is true, they are to be $\frac{1}{2}$ turned and tuned. Why this passion for uniformity?

No doubt Beaminster bells might sound a little better if they were tuned: clearly a new ring, or a nondescript and mixed ring is the better for the tuner's attention, but a maiden cast ring, cast beside the churchyard, in my opinion might well be left alone.

A later paragraph in the article suggests that in 1887 the bells were $\frac{1}{2}$ turned and tuned. I do not know whether this involved the bells being tuned the modern way on a lathe or not—even if it did I still think it wrong that one of the few such rings should be tuned again.

I realise that I probably shall be accused of sticking my neck out... rushing in where angels fear to tread, etc., etc. However, I stick to my guns, and much as I enjoy ringing on a perfectly tuned and perfectly hung 'Taybank' octave, I think it will be a great pity when all our bells of a given weight sound the same and go the same: rather as massed produced cars from the same factory are nearly identical.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON, Major.

Wellingborough, Northants.

A CHRISTMAS DAY T.V.

The bells of St. George's Church, Damerham, near Fordingbridge, will be seen and heard ringing in the I.T.V., Southern Television programme, 'Farm in the South,' on Christmas Day.

METHODS NAMED AFTER PEOPLE

Dear Sir.—With regard to Mr. Jones' letter stating that the peal of 29 Spliced Plain Major at Heptonstall was 'a distinct departure from normal practice,' in that seven new methods were named after members of the band, I find, on looking through various collections of methods, that the naming of methods after people is not so rare or unusual. Everybody has heard of Stedman and Grandsire. In particular, Doubles methods have several saints' names used as method names (30 out of 70 in C.C.C.), and the ratio of people's names to place names in other groups of methods is about 1:10. (This includes all Minor methods and Plain Major, C.C.C.)

Furthermore, several surnames are place names anyway, and while on the subject of place names, what suitable names could the band have chosen for their new methods? Heptonstall and Yorkshire are about all, anything else would have been inappropriate compared with the names actually used.

Mr. Jones seems to regard this means of naming methods as 'a lowering of standards,' if anything the names given are far better than many given in days gone by, e.g., Merry Wakefield Delight Triples, Merchants' Return Exercise Major and Five Shillings to Drink Triples! No, Mr. Jones, bands these days have a sensible attitude to method naming, and this is certainly no lowering of standards. Perhaps Lesser Wopping is not on earth, but on the other side of the moon!—Yours, etc.,

'FARMER.'

Manchester.

DAY'S PEAL RINGING ON TYNSIDE

Peal ringing Geordies had some intensive practice on November 26th, when peals were accomplished in the three ringable towers on the South Bank of the Tyne to the East of Newcastle, all the towers being within a few hundred yards of the river. Eleven different ringers took part.

At 9 a.m. five ringers were assembled at St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, to give a royal welcome to one of the joint organisers, who had slept in. A start was made at 9.20 a.m. to score the first peal on these bells for over 30 years, the tower being out of action from 1939 until last year, when the peal ringers, led by Charles Lea, invaded the tower to make the bells ringable. Parishioners are now ringing them regularly.

The entry of the verger into the belfry towards the end of the 5th 720 nearly upset things but we settled down again and finished off the peal at a cracking pace. Outside the church some lady parishioners made rather threatening enquiries about why we had rung for such a long time.

At Gateshead, we were again 20 minutes' late in starting so we had to push the not easy going, oddstruck bells along to complete a good peal of Yorkshire in 2 hours 46 minutes. These bells sound their best at speed but they certainly test the stamina of the men ringing the back five.

Off along to South Shields, at the river mouth, to ring Cambridge on these very odd struck bells. Afterwards we all adjourned to the Maison Lea, where Nancy Lea and Charles' mother had prepared a most welcome hot meal. Then the day's events and other happenings dear to the heart of ringers were discussed into the not early hours of the next morning.

The day's results: a 30 year old peal silence broken at Jarrow: Fred Ross and Norman Errington each scored their first peal of Surprise 'inside,' both having had a number of attempts over the past year; some good ringing and happy fellowship.

J. A. A.

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MR. WILFRID J. MOSS' 80th BIRTHDAY

It is probable that only a limited number of parishioners of St. Matthew's, Stretford, and St. Michael's, Flixton, know the name of Wilfrid J. Moss. However, all those with ears to hear must be aware of his service to both churches, for Mr. Moss has been a bell-ringer for 62½ years at St. Matthew's, and for the past 15 years he has also rung at St. Michael's for Matins, while continuing to ring at St. Matthew's for Evensong. He also attends the weekly practice meetings at both churches.

Recently Mr. Moss celebrated his 80th birthday and as a birthday compliment the Flixton ringers invited him to conduct a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. This was successfully rung before Matins on Sunday, November 20th.

Mr. Moss has been a member of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers since January, 1901, and has participated in over 100 peals in various towers in and outside the county, many of these having been conducted by him.

To mark the occasion of his 80th birthday a representative band from this Association and the Manchester University Guild of Change Ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew's on November 26th. It is worthy of note that this band included members from the Manchester Cathedral, St. Michael's and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, St. Bartholomew's, Marsden, and the Universities' Guild members hailing from Northampton and Leeds.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The second combined meeting of the Andover and Basingstoke Districts on December 3rd in the Whitchurch—Overton area was a big attraction. In addition to District members, visitors were present from Swindon, Reading, Chichester, Warrford, Petersfield and Winchester. The service, in Overton Church, was conducted by the ringing chairman of the Basingstoke District (the Rev. F. Sanders).

Tea in the parish room was followed by a short business meeting of the Andover District, presided over by Mr. A. W. Allesten. Further ringing followed at Deane, Oakley and Wootton St. Lawrence, a big crowd queuing for a ring at all these towers until 9 p.m. All agreed that it had been a successful day despite continuous rain.

G. K. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on November 26th, when 10 towers were represented and visitors present from Portsmouth, Stalbridge, Hampreston, Charmminster and Mr. W. Shute, Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch.

A service touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The service was conducted by the curate at Lyme Regis and the address given by the Rev. O. L. Willmott, Vicar of Loders. A charge of 6d. per head was made for the sumptuous tea to defray the cost of hiring.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur (branch chairman) presided at the business meeting. Arising from the minutes, the question was raised of the charge per rope for peals entered in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. J. T. Barrett, supported by Mr. G. Morris (C.C. representative), said that at the meeting of the Council, at Whit-sun, the view was expressed that peals were news and the public press did not make a charge for news.

The accounts showed a small deficit due to a second grant to Askerswell for their rehanging fund and extra advertising and postage. It was agreed to make a grant of £10 to Guild funds to help meet the cost of printing prayer cards and the new Guild Office.

The meeting stood in silent tribute to Mr. Harry Legg, of Loders, Mr. Frank Bugler, of Bridport, and Mr. James Barrett, of Beaminster (father of the honorary secretary).

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. J. S. Arthur; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Powell; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Barrett (Beaminster), Ringing Masters, Messrs. G. Morris and H. Keeley (Lyme Regis) and H. D. W. Bishop (Evershot), with Canon C. C. Cox and Mr. F. Knight as committee members.

Quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: February, Whitchurch; April, Powerstock; July, Askerswell; September, Beaminster. The annual to be in November, at Bridport.

Fourteen new members were made, including eight from Thornecombe, who again were joining the branch, and one from Askerswell, where the bells are again hung for ringing with a new treble cast to make it a ring of six. They have been silent since 1929. Great credit was given to the villagers, who number only 140, in the way they have found the necessary money. Half-pull ringing is being practised at Netherbury and Thornecombe.

Mr. Barrett thanked the meeting for their condolences in the death of his father, and told how his father always listened to peal attempts at Beaminster with great interest. Although not a ringer himself, but a keen sportsman, Mr. Barrett had likened a peal to a century in cricket. To lose an attempt near the end was like being caught in the slips with 99 runs to your credit!

The chairman thanked the Lyme Regis ringers and their wives for supplying the tea, and all who had assisted in the service.

The ringers then returned to the tower.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Evidence of keenness was forthcoming at the Southern District meeting at Sketty, on December 3rd, when over 40 ringers faced the awful weather to attend. Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Vicar, Canon Garfield James, conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. D. White (curate), who is a ringer.

A very nice tea was provided by the ringers of Sketty and their wives under the management of Mrs. Whitworth; they were thanked by Mr. Arthur Hoare.

At the business meeting the company stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Chris Hawkins and Mr. James Hoare. Mr. J. T. Williams was re-elected secretary and Mr. Roderick auditor. The Vicar, who presided, gave a cordial welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. Derek Ashridge and Miss Mollie Tilbury and the Ringing Master of the St. David's Guild.

PRACTICE NIGHTS IN LONDON AND SUBURBS

Monday.—10 Rickmansworth 7.30 p.m., 8 Battersea 7.30, 5 Merton 7.30, 8 Barnet 7.45, 8 Chislehurst (Annunciation) 7.30, 10 Croydon (St. Peter), 8 Enfield 7.30, 8 Erith (Christ Church), 8 Harrow Weald 7.45, 10 Hampstead (St. Stephen), 10 Hillingdon (St. John Baptist) 7.45, 8 Holborn (St. Giles) 1st Monday 7, 8 Kilburn 8, 8 Kingsbury 7.30, 8 Leytonstone (St. John Baptist) 7.30, 8 Old Hackney (St. John) 7.8.15, 8 Staines (St. Mary) 7.30, 12 Shore-ditch, 8 Woodford 8, 6 Wood Green 7.30, 8 Woolwich (St. Mary), 8 Putney 7.30.

Tuesday.—8 Barnes 7.45, 8 Barking 7.30, 8 Bromley 7.30, 8 Camberwell, 8 Crayford, 12 Croydon (St. John Baptist), 8 Ealing (Christ Church) 7.30, 8 Feltham 7.45, 6 Hayes 8, 8 Heston, 8 Holloway 7.30, 6 Northaw 7.30, 10 Poplar 8, 8 Romford 7.45, 8 Staines (St. Peter) 7.30, 8 Streatham (St. Leonard), 6 Wanstead 7.45, 10 Watford, 8 Willesden 7.30, 8 Uxbridge (St. Andrew) 7.30, 8 Chiswick, 8 Hounslow, 8 City (St. Olave, Hart Street) 6.30-8, 6 Chelsfield 7.30.

Wednesday.—8 Bexley 7.30, 8 Ealing (St. Stephen) 2nd and 4th, 6 Edgware 7.30, 5 Fooks Cray, 8 Hampstead (St. Ann Brook-field) 2nd and 4th, 8 Harlington 2nd and 4th, 8 Hendon 7.30, 10 Kingston-on-Thames, 8 Monken Hadley 7.30, 8 North Mymms 7.30, 8 Old Windsor, 6 Havering-atte-Bower 7.30, 6 Harmondsworth, 8 Wandsworth (West Hill) 7.30, 8 Ruislip 7.45, 12 St. Martin-in-the-Fields 1st Wednesday, 12 Southwark Cathedral 6.30-7.30, 6 Stanwell 6.45, 10 Stepney (St. Dunstan) 7.30, 8 Sunbury 7.30, 10 Twickenham (All Hallows) 6.30, 8 Twickenham (St. Mary) 8, 8 Upper Clapton (Hackney) 8, 8 Uxbridge (St. Margaret) 7.30, 6 West Wickham 8, 8 Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul) 7.30.

Thursday.—8 Clapham (St. Mary, R.C.) 7.30, 10 Beckenham 7.30, 8 Bushey, 8 Dartford 8, 8 Edmonton, 8 Eltham 7.30, 8 Finchley 7.30, 10 Fulham, 8 Hampton 7.30, 8 Lewisham 8, 6 Shenfield 8, 8 Stanmore 7.30, 10 Southgate 7.30, 10 Walthamstow (St. Mary) 7.30, 8 Wimbledon 7.30, 8 Mortlake 7.30.

Friday.—10 Chelsea 8, 6 Cranford 8, 8 Brentwood 7.30, 10 Isleworth 8, 8 Richmond 8, 6 Sidcup 7.30, 8 Walthamstow (St. Saviour).

Saturday.—10 Greenwich 7, 12 Waltham Abbey 1st and 3rd 6 p.m.
Please notify inaccuracies.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMB.—On Nov. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,600 Little Bob Major: M. Holt 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Gillian Graney 3, P. S. Bennett 4, W. G. Jones 5, R. C. Warburton 6, M. S. Hart 7, A. R. Price (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rev. T. H. J. Palmer, B.A. (Lampeter), recently installed as a minor canon at the Cathedral.

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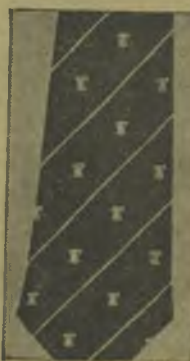
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RAISING THE STANDARD

By D. E. PARSONS

(Continued from page 823)

The approach used in the previous peal should only be taken as a step towards the goal of accepting the eight ...56 and ...65 blocks as the standard to be adopted by the Exercise. To this end, the following peals have been composed with the idea of making the calling and transposition of the blocks as simple as possible, yet retaining the musical requirements set out earlier.

5,007 or 5,019 STEDMAN CATERS

By D. E. PARSONS (No. 4)

231456789 5 6 16

432651 A
431256 —

3421 — — 2
3412 S — 2
4321 — — 2
2134 — — 8s 2
1243 — — 2
1234 S — 2
2143 — — 2

123465978 B
4312 C

431265879 D
2143 C

A=1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14.

B=2s, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15.

D=2, 9s, for 5,019.

D=3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10s, for 5,007.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

By D. E. PARSONS (No. 4)

2314567890E 6 7 19

41235678E90 A

1432 — — 2

3412 — — S

4321 — — S

2341 — — S

3214 — — S

1234 — — S

2143 — — 2

216453 — —

214365 5 14s 2

4123 C

4123658709E B

2143 C

A=1s, 2, 6, 9s, 15, 16, 19s.

B=2, 13s, 15s.

It will be seen that, except for the single at 8 in the middle of the sixteen course block in the Caters, the extra calling positions only involve a pair of bobs in 56 (or 67 for Cinques). The blocks are perfectly regular and, of course, can be used in either Caters or Cinques.

The transposition in Caters of a 5, 6, 16 from 123456 is 213654, which is a very simple variant of the 321654 produced by the usual 5, 16.

It is my hope that the use of these blocks and others equally simple, which can probably be produced, will lead to the adoption of the eight ...56s and ...65s as the rule rather than the exception.

ADVANCED COMPOSITION

Once this has been achieved, more complicated compositions could be attempted. To encourage this, I would suggest that some means of identification of compositions is long overdue. It would be most helpful also for composers to know which of their compositions find favour. Perhaps the Central Council would give the matter some thought. They might inaugurate a central register of compositions or suggest, at least, that any original composition must be identifiable by a serial number together with the composer's name.

As an example of a composition deliberately made difficult (to obtain the music of the 6th in 2nds place in the middle of the course but out of it at course ends, plus all the eight ...56s and 65s) here is a peal which has only once been rung, to my knowledge, conducted by J. E. Chilcott, although there have been several attempts.

5,009 STEDMAN CATERS

By D. E. PARSONS (No. 3)

231456789 5 6 15 16

234165978 A

412365 — — —

142563 — — —

143265 — — —

321465 — — —

213564 S — —

214365 — — —

432165 — — —

342561 — — —

341265 — — —

123465 — — —

125364 — — —

124653 4 11s —

124356 S — —

236451 — — —

342651 S — —

341256 — — —

213456 D

432156 D

316254 — — —

123654 S — —

123456 S — —

431256 D

214356 D

342156 D

416253 — — —

342165879 B

134265 C

A=1s, 4, 6s, 9, 11, 13, 14.

B=1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

In conclusion, the object of this article is to try to raise the accepted standards of Stedman Caters and Cinques peal ringing. I should like to see the use of fixed 2nds place bell compositions come to be regarded only as a stepping stone for first peals.

The compositions included are only examples, but each of them could be the basis of a collection like Carter's 217 peals of Stedman Cinques, or, in fact, the 7,220 peals in Carter's 'Circuits of Stedman Caters.' There is also plenty of scope for new blocks, variations on those given and different arrangements for the back bells.

There are composers willing to provide these, given the encouragement of you—the ringers and conductors.

(Concluded)

OBITUARY

MR. J. R. MAIN

Finedon Church and parish. Northants. has lost a most faithful and esteemed servant by the death, on November 28th, of Mr. John Robert (Johnny) Main, at his home, 23, Union Street, Finedon. He was 77 years of age and is survived by his widow.

Born in Finedon, he joined the church choir at the age of eight and went into the belfry when his voice broke at 13. He quickly developed the art of change ringing, although he was 18 before he rang his first peal. 'Johnny' was an excellent method ringer. Of his 150 peals he conducted several. With the late Mr. George Basford, his tower captain and friend, he rang 99 peals—illness of Mr. Basford prevented them from ringing the 100th. His favourite methods were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative.

Besides being a regular and faithful service ringer, he held many other offices. For five years he was Ringing Master of the Wellingborough District—and his fatherly approach to younger ringers was often commented upon. He was also a sidesman, an organ blower and, in the latter years of his life, vergier, an office he held at the time of his death.

It was his wish that his body should be in the church overnight, prior to his funeral. This was conducted by his Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Gill. Mrs. Hirst Cuttall was at the organ and the choir was also in attendance.

At noon, on the 1st day of November, his body was finally laid to rest within sound of the church bells. John Robert Main leaves, with the parishioners of Finedon, a wonderful example of devotion to God and church. Rest eternal, grant unto him, O Lord, may light perpetual shine upon him.

E. J. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty ringers attended the Mansfield District meeting held at Edwinstowe on November 19th, visitors attending from as far apart as Nottingham and Chesterfield. Ringing in a variety of methods preceded a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. H. Pickles. In a short address he welcomed everyone to Edwinstowe.

Mr. S. W. Fessey, district chairman, presided at the business meeting when four new ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected. They were: Mrs. M. Wood, J. Mabbott, J. Penistone and H. Cartledge, all of Edwinstowe, and Mrs. E. Silcock, of Chesterfield. The Bell Fund collection realised 12s. 7d.

The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea. Ringing continued until shortly after 9 p.m., methods rung ranging from rounds and call changes to London Surprise.

D. H. R.



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Christmas Greetings to All Readers

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE, the Editor and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

Greetings to all English ringers with best wishes from the **CHRISTCHURCH** (New Zealand) **SOCIETY OF BELL RINGERS**.—G. N. Sloan, Hon. Sec.

The ringers of **ST. MARY'S, APSLEY**, send Christmas greetings to their many ringing friends, especially all who helped to make the outing so successful. May the Christmas spirit prevail throughout the coming year.

Christmas greetings to all, especially to those far away and in faraway places.—Jennie **ARMSTRONG**, Morpeth.

A happy Christmas to all ringers and ringing friends of ours, wherever they may be, and may the New Year bring good health and every happiness to you all.—Mr. and Mrs. **W. ASHDOWN**, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Devon.

Mr. Peter N. **BOND** sends sincere greetings and all good wishes for a blessed, happy and holy Christmas and happy New Year to all ringing friends, especially fellow-Cumberlands.

Heartiest Christmas greetings to the Master, Deputy Master, secretary, report secretary, peals secretary, branch officials, and all my other friends in the **Chester Diocesan Guild**.—John **KINGDON**.

The bellringers of **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, B.C.**, Canada, send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to their ringing friends in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

The ringers of **DANBURY** (Essex), send Christmas greetings to all their friends, once again, and best wishes for the New Year, and plenty of good ringing in the months ahead.

Christmas greetings.—To all ringers and friends who have visited the **Peak District** on any occasion. We send our kindest greetings and sincere wishes for Christmas and the coming year. On behalf of the **PEAK DISTRICT** branch of **THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.

E. T. Paul **FIELD**, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, extends, to all his ringing friends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and takes this opportunity of tendering heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown to him in 1960.

Christmas greetings to **Aldenharn, Cromer** and **Monken Hadley** bands, and a special word of thanks to those long suffering tower masters, and others, who have put up with us.—Donald, John and Ian **FRANKS**, Radlett, Herts.

The season's warmest greetings to all my ringing friends and colleagues, with many thanks for their patience and instruction during the past year, especially **Wilton, Salisbury** and **Southampton** towers.—Edward A. **HAINES**, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts.

From Mr. and Mrs. **F. I. HAIRS** to all friends.—Greetings and best wishes for 1961.—Norman's Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Tel. Groombridge 438.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringers, especially the **St. Margaret's, Leicester**, and **St. Mary's, Queniborough**, ringers and friends, also the **Leicester** and **Syston District Guilds'** ringers, with best wishes from **Frank P. HARWOOD**.

A very happy Christmas, and fraternal wishes of prosperity in the New Year, to all friends associated with 'bells'.—J. Arthur **HOARE**, 6, Gendros Crescent, Florestrand, Swansea.

Sincere Christmas greetings to all members of the **Sussex County Association**, remembering, especially, those who are ill and those no longer able to ring.—Reginald V. **JOHNSON**, Master.

David, Frances, George and Hilda **MASSEY**, of **Frome, Somerset**, send Christmas greetings to all ringing friends. We wish you happiness, good health and good ringing in the New Year.

Best wishes to all ringing friends for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Denis **MOTTERSHEAD**, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Wishing all our ringing friends, everywhere, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and bright New Year.—**N.S.T.G.**, Nailsea, in the county of **Zummerzet**.

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. **E. D. POOLE**, Marlow, Bucks.

The ringers of **EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH**, extend best wishes to all friends, both old and new, at home and abroad, for Christmas and the New Year. A hearty welcome awaits all ringers at Emmanuel in 1961.

To all ringing friends, far and near, a very happy Christmas and good wishes throughout the year for 1961, is the sincere wish of Mrs. **E. H. PULLING**, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford.

Mr. and Mrs. **J. F. SMALLWOOD** send sincere greetings to all ringing friends. Best wishes for a happy Christmas, good health, good ringing and prosperity in the coming year.—Darley Dane, Matlock.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. **P. J. Stanforth** and **Rosemary**.

Greetings to all my ringing friends. A very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.—Evelyn **STEEL**, Biddenham, Beds.

To all our ringing friends 'everywhere', including 'our' 'Ringing World' and the Editor, our best wishes for Christmas—and all it means and brings—and good health, prosperity and happy ringing for 1961 and succeeding years.—W. Frank and Ada **STENSON**, 'North Col.' 142, Minshall New Road, Crewe.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringers and friends from Mr. and Mrs. **E. STITCH**, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

To all our dear friends—and ringers everywhere—we wish you all a most happy Christmas, good health and prosperity in the coming year. Should we not reach you through the post this year, our thoughts and wishes will be no less sincere.—**DEE 'BEE'** and E. B. **VINCENT** (and the dogs), 'Mere Heyes' House, High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire.

THE DRAGON MAJOR

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7
3 2 4 6 1 8 5 7
3 2 6 4 8 1 7 5
3 2 6 8 4 7 1 5
3 2 8 6 7 4 1 5
3 2 8 7 6 5 4 1
3 2 7 8 5 6 1 4
3 2 7 5 8 1 6 4
3 2 5 7 1 8 4 6
3 2 5 1 7 4 8 6
3 2 1 5 4 7 6 8
3 1 2 5 7 4 8 6
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8
1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6

4th place bob
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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"W"

WEIGHTED CLAPPER.—Sometimes referred to as a balanced clapper, and is used in the biggest of the bells. The impact of a clapper of normal design on a large bell would invite cracking the bell and so to avoid this happening a clapper of special design is used which reduces the force of impact. Instead of being hinged or hung at one end, a weighted clapper is hinged part way down the shank or stem in order to provide a balance to counteract and, to some degree, control the swinging force of the clapper ball.

WHITTINGTON.—This change is also musical and popular but, in my opinion, it is the anticipation of hearing the last three bells striking (in a similar order to the Queen's change) which produces the 'finishing touch.' The Whittington change is for not less than eight bells, when the order of striking is 12753468. On ten bells the change is 3124975680, and on twelve bells is 531246E9780T.

WHOLE PULL.—Whole pull change ringing is very little practised but it means that changes in the order of striking are made only at each handstroke. This, as you will appreciate, results in a repetition of each of the handstroke changes at every succeeding backstroke.

Whole pull right is when a bell is making a place at first handstroke and then at backstroke—and all bells in a forward hunting method, e.g., Plain Bob, lead whole pulls right.

Whole pull wrong is when a bell is making a place at first backstroke and then handstroke, and only in such backward hunting methods as **London Surprise** and in such principles as **Erin** and **Stedman** do whole pulls wrong occur.

WORKING BELL.—A working bell is one which does the work of the method. For instance, the treble bell in Plain Bob is not a working bell because it merely plain hunts and does not dodge at the lead end. But all the other bells which dodge at the lead end are working bells. The treble in any Treble Bob or Surprise method is not a working bell because it does not do the work of the method. In **Grandsire** the treble and the tenor covering are not working bells. In a principle such as **Stedman**, the treble is a working bell because it does the same work as the other bells. The tenor covering is not a working bell as, clearly, anyone could ring this bell even to a peal and still know absolutely nothing of **Stedman's** principle.

WRONG.—Wrong in even bell methods is the label given to a call (Bob or Single) when the bell which the observation bell is coursing is in the Home position. To explain by examples, in Plain Bob Minor the Wrong position is when the observation bell is dodging in 5-6 up: in Plain Bob Major the Wrong position is when the observation bell is dodging in 7-8 up: in Plain Bob Royal it is when the observation bell is dodging in 9-10 up, and in Plain Bob Maximus in 11-12 up. To explain by another way, the Wrong position in any Minor method is when the observation bell is striking in fifth's place at the backstroke lead end, Major in seventh's place, Royal in ninth's place and Maximus in eleventh's place.

Wrong in odd bell methods is the label given, to a call when the bell which the observation bell is being coursed by is in the Home position. In **Grandsire Triples** it is when the observation bell is dodging in 6-7 down—in sixth's place at the lead end: and so on.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 25th, 1260 Doubles (**Stedman**, Plain Bob, **Grandsire**): R. L. Hawkesworth 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Half-muffled in memorial Preb. H. W. Jones, Rector of this parish, whose funeral took place this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: A. Holroyd (longest length) 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, Susan Chaddock 4, R. Woodward 5, P. Walker 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For morning Eucharist.

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Henbury (8), December 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Please make effort to attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 7122

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Hatfield, Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2191.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4, service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m. (approx.) tea. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 14th, to Miss Dorothy France, 61, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7100

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, Div. Hon. Sec. 7083

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), January 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 7132

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, January 14th, annual dinner, at The Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 14s. 6d. Names, with cash, by January 7th, to Mr. E. Brunger, 107, Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's bells 4-6 p.m. Dinner at 6.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 7130

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Dinner, January 18th, Ringing: St. John-on-the-Wall 9-10 a.m.; St. James' 10-11; St. Ambrose 11-12; St. Werburg 11-12; Christ Church 2.15-3.15 p.m.; Cathedral 2.45-3.45; St. Mary Redcliffe 3.30-4.30; St. Michael 5.30-6.30. Service 6.30. Dinner 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. A meeting for all past and present members will be held at the Scouts' Hut, 5 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d., can be obtained from I. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. 7142

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, January 21st, 1961. This event is now open to all members of University Societies. Full day's ringing programme. Details by sending 16s. to M. R. Rose, 6, Kingsland Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, before January 14th. Mark envelopes 'U.L. Dinner.' Cheques payable to U.L.S.C.R. 7131

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Church House, Salisbury, on Saturday, January 28th, 1961. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7121

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the University, on Saturday, February 18th, 1961. Further details later. 7113

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One new member (Miss Christine Armeson, of Rotherham), was elected. Details of a week-end course in bellringing at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks, were given. The course will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 18th and 19th. The president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) remarked how pleased he was to see Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, fit and well and back in action after his recent indisposition. The meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks and the secretary announced that the next meeting would be at Sheffield on January 7th. N.C.

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X		356

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