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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

THE year 1960 will be well remembered by the Ashford District of the Kent County Association for two reasons: firstly, we had the great honour and privilege to be hosts to the Central Council at their Whitsun meeting at Folkestone, and secondly because it has been one of the most enterprising and encouraging years in the District's history, with the standard of ringing raised and the numbers of newly-affiliated towers and new members increased. Responsible for most of this good work during the year has been the active District secretary, Mr. Crawford T. Hillis, of Willesborough, together with his District representatives, Mr. Alan Berry, of Folkestone, and Mr. Joe Batchelor, of Little Chart.

To deal first with the towers in the District in union with the Association, the number now stands at 29, which is probably the highest it has ever been, although at Tenterden, Pluckley and Brabourne the bells are awaiting attention, and at the last two towers are not at present being rung. Last year saw the re-enrolment of Wittersham, Lympe, Aldington and Mersham, the last-named re-appearing after an absence of many years. Of the towers that are not yet in union, six of them contain bells which are not at present being rung for various reasons, three have no ringers and four have local bands. With the influx of new towers there has been an encouraging increase in new members; 1960 saw 60 new members join the Association.

There has been no substantial restoration work during the year, but plans have been set afoot for restorations in three of the District's towers. At Tenterden the sixth bell, which cracked earlier in the year, is to be recast, and the remainder retuned and rehung; this is to take place this year, and it is hoped that it will be possible to ascertain the exact weight of the tenor of this noble ring of eight, which is always reputed to weigh 30 cwt. At Mersham, which was a hive of ringing activity many years ago, the eight bells are to undergo a thorough restoration. News has also come through recently about the heavy ring of five bells at Ivychurch, where a bell fund is in existence and where complete restoration is also to take place. These bells have not been heard for 25 years or more.

A good standard has been maintained at the meetings, including the A.G.M. at Ashford, where the sixth bell was almost unringable owing to gudgeon trouble (the bell has since been rehung). This is mainly due to the great assistance given to everyone by the District Ringing Master, Mr. John R. Cooper, of Ashford, whose thorough and capable organisation of the ringing is always appreciated. Nevertheless, it has been in the service touches and peal ringing that the District has really excelled itself. In service touches, Willesborough is still in top form, with over

100,000 changes in over 30 different methods. It is no coincidence that this is the tower of the well-known Kent veteran 'Old Ted' Ruck, sole remaining founder member of the Association, by whose resourcefulness the tower was put into its present position of high esteem.

The peal ringing year has also been one of the most successful and prolific in the District's history. Thirty peals have been rung in 24 different towers, which means that the District has contributed nearly one-quarter of the Association's peals for 1960. Again, Crawford Hillis has been responsible for many of the successes in this field—he rang 48 peals in 1960 (including his 100th), a majority of them being in the District; he has conducted 14 of these. At the other end of the table, Nicholas J. Davies, of Ashford, has called two peals, including his first as conductor, but neither of these was in the District. Altogether ten Ashford District members rang their first peal—eight of these in the District and two of them in towers in the Canterbury District; this is also a record achievement.

Three of the outstanding peals in the District deserve mention. The first was a peal in three Minor methods at Little Chart, in which two youngsters of 13 and 15 rang their first peal, both ringing 'inside.' The second was a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by 'The Giants' at the heavy ring at Smarden (tenor 18½ cwt.), which was a fine all-round performance considering that it was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes. The third was a well-struck peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by members of the District at Great Chart, in which there were two firsts of Surprise. Previous to this 'The Giants' had failed on two occasions here, when ringing London Surprise Minor and Spliced Surprise Minor.

Perhaps, however, the most outstanding amount of ringing took place during the last two weeks of 1960. On December 19th a peal was rung at Cheriton (Grandsire Triples) and on the 21st a quarter peal of Kent Major was rung at New Romney. December 22nd heralded the only failure, when a peal of two Minor methods came to grief at Woodchurch; however, this was made up by two Minor methods at Bethersden on the 27th, three Minor methods on the difficult ring at Wittersham on the 28th and Cambridge Minor at Great Chart on the 30th. On December 31st three peals were rung, viz.: Cambridge Major in the morning at Benenden, Yorkshire Major in the afternoon at Frittenden and Grandsire Triples in the evening at Ashford. The Frittenden peal was arranged to enable Crawford Hillis to ring a peal in all the ringable towers in union in the District.

And now that 1960 is almost a myth, we look forward with enthusiasm to 1961 in the hope that it will be another year of success and achievement, not only for our own Ashford District but for all Districts of all territorial Associations.

'MARSHMAN.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 42½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
NORMAN CHADDOCK 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

LONDON, S.W.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF 5187 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	CECIL H. WOOD 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	REUBEN SANDERS 8
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 4	JOHN CHILCOTT 9
WILFRED G. WILSON 5	JOHN W. EUSTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Reuben Sanders.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD .. Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL 2	REGINALD H. TRUE 7
COLIN CONWAY 3	RONALD N. MARLOW 8
ALAN F. S. BUSWELL 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 9
DR. CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN .. 5	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

*JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	*HAROLD MARCON 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	*A. JAMES POYNOR 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
*RALPH ELKINGTON 5	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First in the method 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	DENNIS RANDALL 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT 2	ALAN ROGERS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	STEWART F. KIMBER 8
*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT 9
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Elizabeth A. Cooper.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 6
*JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL 7
†DAVID PARKIN 3	ROY STEPHENSON 8
†PETER MARRIOTT 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE 9
†JAMES R. H. AYRES 5	†JOHN F. MURFIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters. First in the method as conductor

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MICHAEL HART Treble	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 5
PETER S. BENNETT 2	RICHARD G. MORRIS 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 7
PAMELA M. TURNER 4	ROBERT E. TALLIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	MICHAEL CROWDER 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 6
*RICHARD HALL 3	JACK BRAY 7
RONALD CHAFER 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

A tribute of deep affection and respect to John A. Freeman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 6
*JOHN ROBINSON 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK 7
JOHN NELSON 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ALAN A. ELSMORE Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	†HARRY GRIFFITHS 7
RODERICK J. LEES 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* 100th peal together. † First in the method.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 HOBART SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 100th peal for the Association. First in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
PETER A. SHARP .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild 1947-1961.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
JOHN D. ROCK 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Bruerton's.	HARRY POYNER 5
JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Treble	*FRED W. JONES 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. 2	HARRY EDGE 7
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	†TOM WILKES Tenor
LEO EVANS 4	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First on eight.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Diana B. Lewis, one of the local team.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	*GRAHAM D. CARTER .. 5
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. 7
ANTHONY LOCKE 3	†DAVID MICHELL Tenor
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First on eight.

A birthday compliment to Douglas Burnett (January 15th).

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
JOHN GILDEN 2	BASIL JONES 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

First peal in the method, on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

Thurstan's Four-Part transposed.	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. MANNING .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	PAUL J. DYE Tenor
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Tenor
†THOMAS E. SONE 4	

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 500th peal for the Association. Arranged to commemorate T. E. Sone's first peal at this tower on the same date 50 years ago. The ringer of the third, Mr. F. S. Macey, also took part in both peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 5
ROY D. TOMLIN 2	LIONEL S. WOODS 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 4	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor. Composition now rung for the first time. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	RALPH BIRD 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5
BARBARA MANSHIP 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	PAUL MARTIN 7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*MARGARET A. RIPPON .. Treble	†ADRIENNE GIBSON 5
JOHN L. HAYNS 2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 6
†J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
†SILVIA MARSH 4	PETER J. JACKSON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by J. MARILYN A. GIBBS.

* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor. First peal on the bells to be conducted by a lady.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	EDWIN G. BUCK 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (Corrigan No. 84).

In memoriam Frederick W. Brinklow.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. Cave's variation.	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 5
PATRICK J. BIRD .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
D. JOHN HUNT 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
*DONALD E. COBB 3	SIDNEY G. SMITH Tenor
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to mark the second anniversary of the consecration of the restored church.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5184 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	IAN R. PANTON 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

-38-14-1258-16-14-38-34-78 L.H. 12 Group B.

CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 6 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 5 x 16 x 1

2nds place. L.e. 3527486.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EMNETH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp (approx.).

*KEITH PHILLIPS Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN 3
STANLEY ELSEY 2	M. R. REED 4

GRAHAM MANN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

Rung for St. Edmund's Day.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and three each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE Treble	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose wedding took place at the Church of St. Giles, Lincoln, the previous day.

SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. Treble	FRANK ANDERTON 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER 2	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 5
MAURICE C. HUGHES 3	PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. West, of Pigeon Green, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	DOREEN BRADLEY 4
*MICHAEL POPPLESTONE .. 2	BRIAN MILLS 5
†PETER HAWCOCK 3	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First in seven methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) London and Wells; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Westminster and Allendale: 105 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

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.

* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † 150th peal. First of 26 Spliced Surprise as conductor.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.	
J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	*J. HENRY TAYLOR 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	JOHN P. MORRIS 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. BAILY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

A peal of welcome for the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. H. Barkwell.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Treble	ANTHONY K. FORTIN 4
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 5
*DAVID P. HILLING 3	J. KEITH WARD Tenor

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*IAN HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 4
MICHAEL J. ROWE 2	FRANK C. PRICE 5
JOHN HILL 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal.

MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GRAEME A. J. LANGSHAW .. Treble	WILLIAM D. WATSON 4
*WENDY A. NICHOLS 2	JOHN J. CUMMINS 5
JOHN C. SHEEHY 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER

* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Maureen Frances Threlfo, Secretary of St. Paul's ringers, and Donald Kevin Ling, on the occasion of their marriage at St. Paul's Church this day.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of April Day and Grandsire, and 15 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD J. WALTERS .. Treble	ROLAND LEWIS 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT 2	JAMES WARD 5
JAMES RANFORD 3	*GEORGE GWYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frederick Merrick, who was a ringing member of this tower.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

MARLENE E. JONES Treble	ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 4
BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH 5
E. MARION KEY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Bourne, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOHN R. COOPER Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 4
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 2	RALPH BIRD 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 100th tower in Kent for a peal. † First peal of Surprise.

WILBARSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columba and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

*RONALD RUSSELL Treble	†RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 3
PERCY AMOS 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* 300th peal. † 25th peal.

To mark the 150th anniversaries of the births of John S. B. Monsell and Mrs. Jane C. Simpson, hymn writers.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARTIN WORRALL Treble	MARJORIE LEGG 4
*RONALD BALLAM 2	MICHAEL WHITE 5
JOHN WALTON 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Minor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BARHAM DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently, and with 5-6 the right way throughout.

PAUL BATCHELOR Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
RITA A. GOWER 2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 5
LAWRENCE T. POPE 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Delight on the bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. E. Turner, assistant curate.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
DAVID CUBITT 2	HENRY TOOKE .. 5
GILBERT LARTER 3	*PETER ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

* 25th peal together.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas's.

JAMES W. FORDER Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR E. LONG .. 4

HARRY W. BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. BARRETT.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon; Sir Edmund is an honorary member of the Norwich Association.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 125 methods: (1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lamas, Stevenston, Fulmer, Chalfont, Peshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Wrentham, Calverleigh, Snodland, Swanscombe, Hever 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, Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (3) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (4) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance and Bastow and Kent Little Court; (5) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Waverree College, Thelwall, London, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (7) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham, Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Crofton, Kirkthorpe, Kippax and Felkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court: 237 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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.

The most methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. Extents 2 and 6 by A. G. Driver, 1 and 3 by C. K. Lewis, 4 and 7 by H. Chant, and 5 by C. K. Lewis and H. Chant.

Birthday compliments to Michael, Helen and Susan Chant.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

STANLEY RAMSDEN Treble	KENNETH PARK 4
HERMAN RUSBY 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
*DAVID WILKINSON 3	TREVOR TARBATT Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY TOWNEND.

* First peal. First as conductor.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*CHRISTINE J. TOWLER .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
ARTHUR HUBBLE 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
†MARGARET E. PANTON .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. TOWLER.

* First peal, aged 13 years. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

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

MARION ARCHER Treble	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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

GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	MICHAEL POPPLESTONE .. 4
*SUSAN MEREDITH 2	†FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
PETER HAYCOCK 3	†DOREEN BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal 'inside.' † 50th consecutive peal together.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
DENNIS MADDOCK Treble	*JOHN RYDER 4
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5
MICHAEL THOMSON 3	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal in five methods.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.

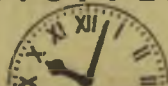
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of London, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham.	Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. Treble	FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, born at Market Deeping, died January 11th.

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NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

MARGARET M. JONES	Tenor	JOHN R. COOPER	3
IAN H. ORAM	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
RALPH BIRD	Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE (PORTHCAWL), GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

*ROSEMARIE E. JONES ..	Treble	†EDMUND J. MORRIS ..	4
*JUDY-ANN ESHELBY ..	2	†GWYN I. LEWIS ..	5
*MICHAEL LARCHER ..	3	†TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

*First peal in the method. †First of Doubles in the method. First in the method on the bells. Believed to be the second peal of Stedman Doubles in the Diocese of Llandaff.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge and five Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt., app.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE ..	4
AUDREY M. SHORT ..	2	F. A. KEITH PRIME ..	5
RONALD D. SHORT ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

The ringer of the third has now rung in all the 'ringables' of Somerset, four bells upwards, after having made five attempts to arrange this last tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 16 in C.

*K. PETER JONES	1-2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB ..	3-4
GEOFFREY DAVIES	5-6		

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

*First peal 'in hand' First 'in hand' as conductor.

LONDON, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM T. COOK	1-2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	5-6
JOHN CHILCOTT	3-4	ALAN ROGERS	7-8
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Umpire: Mr. ALAN J. FROST.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place.

ALAN GRUNDY	1-2	RONALD R. WARFORD ..	3-4
BETTY MARTINSON	5-6		

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

First peal in seven methods by all.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Chapman 2, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, Miss J. M. E. Dixon (first 'inside') 4, J. W. Berry 5, Miss P. Dixon (first quarter) 6. In memoriam A. E. Lock, whose birthday anniversary fell on December 24th.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, R. S. Morris 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. J. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 8. For the Christmas carol service. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, Christine Sanders 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Patricia A. Wardle 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. J. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Quint 1, T. Phillips (cond.) 2, Mary Powell 3, P. Blake 4, L. Derrick 5, D. Smith 6, J. Brain 7, H. Hardwidge 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Blake.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: S. Ivin 1, J. R. Taylor 2, Mrs. S. Ivin 3, Miss J. M. Davies 4, B. Pattison 5, G. E. Watson 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, A. Gibbs 8, A. E. Rushion (cond.) 9, S. Foskett 10.

BEWDLEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 St. Columba Doubles: J. Tandy 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, F. G. Handley 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to the clerical secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Rev. L. J. Birch, and Mrs. Birch, Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Hanbury.

BRECON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. P. Davies 1, M. T. Johns 2, T. H. Owen 3, M. M. Peterson 4, M. R. Thomas (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band.

CAPE TOWN.—On Nov. 6th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ernsten 1, R. Law 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, J. Riley 4, O. Lamb 5, J. Ernsten jun. (first quarter) 6. For the centenary of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Sussex, at the request of the rector. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: J. Riley 1, V. Sheppard 2, Frances Botham 3, J. Botham 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Ernsten sen. 6. For Evensong. First touch for 3 and 4 for 13 years.

COOMBE, OXON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob): Anne Pettiford 1, A. T. Collins 2, R. K. Russ 3, C. C. Clarke 4, D. C. Bowen 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Society of Raving Ringers, all being members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to mark the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 4, 8 behind): B. Tye 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, L. Tye 4, B. Street 5, H. J. Sturgess 6, W. Mortimer 7, P. Whale 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Sherborne.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, P. Birkett 3, A. Rogers 4, V. Nutton (first quarter) 5, F. Linfoot 6, D. Smith 7, J. R. Pagdin (first of Plain Bob and as cond.) 8. For Evensong, by the Sunday service band.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Thornton 1, K. B. Sissons 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, Alan Evans 4, J. Potts 5, A. Sheppard (cond.) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Reeve 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, H. Ivings 4, J. Yorke-Parker 5. For morning service.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, J. E. Ivings 5, H. Ivings 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. Newton-Gates, five years ago.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Wells 1, C. W. Denyer 2, D. Elsmore 3, E. L. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, R. North 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Simes 1, Miss A. Wells 2, D. Elsmore 3, E. L. Box 4, R. North 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, L. Balchin 8. For Evensong. Also on December 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Elsmore 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Mrs. C. W. Denyer 3, E. L. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, R. North 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. For Holy Communion at Midnight. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Luff 1, Mrs. D. Simes 2, Miss A. Wells 3, E. L. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, R. North 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, D. Elsmore 8. For Evensong.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 2, P. Saltmarsh 3, H. Egglestone 4, J. Brandon 5, A. Hudson 6, H. Carter 7, D. Hodgson (cond.) 8. To commemorate the restoration of the tower. First quarter by ringers of 5 and 6 in Major.

HARLINGTON, MIDDXX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, Miss J. Wooders 3, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. Stevenson 5, J. D. B. Shaw 6. First of Minor 3 and 5. Rung for the first morning service of the New Year.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Farr 1, R. Clist 2, Gwen Marshal 3, R. Bath 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, G. Gilder 6. For the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Garth Long.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob): C. Froggatt and S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6. Conducted by B. Mills and D. Bradley. For Evensong.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sawtell (first quarter) 1, R. Purnell 2, R. Humphries (first as cond.) 3, D. Stillman (first 'inside') 4, P. Gaisford 5, G. Humphries (first quarter) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): P. Harper 1, D. J. Goodman 2, K. D. Waples 3, R. J. Picton 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 St. Simon's Triples: D. J. Goodman 1, K. D. Waples 2, Miss M. Erik 3, Miss G. E. Graney 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, R. J. Picton 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, R. V. Willis 8.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Butler (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, D. F. West 3, D. E. West 4, W. Rouse 5, L. Sharp 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, U. W. Wildney 8. Rung for Evensong by the Sunday service ringers to congratulate the Rev. J. Thomas on completing 21 years as Vicar.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lucy Allen 1, E. J. Whiting 2, R. Chapman 3, J. W. F. Allen 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur William Wilson, sexton for 20 years and ringer for 50 years at this church.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Sykes 1, D. Hewitt 2, R. Smith 3, J. Boyack 4, F. Gant 5, C. Willington 6, J. Chrampton 7, B. Downes (cond.) 8. First of Superlative 1, 2 and 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Tel (first quarter) 1, H. Baldwin 2, F. Onions 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, S. Orchard 5, A. Sear 6. For Evensong, and 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): E. Lloyd 1, Miss G. Graney (cond.) 2, R. Hedges 3, C. Lewis 4, P. Smith 5, G. Harris 6. For Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Worrall 1, S. White 2, M. Legg 3, R. Ballam 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Herschell 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Tessa P. Kemp (first of Royal 'inside') 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 5, Catherine M. Powell 6, D. A. Astridge 7, A. M. Macve 8, A. Bagworth 9, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, Dr. J. Armstrong 6, J. Fowler 7, J. McPhail 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. T. Peters 1, Anne Garnett 2, Gillian Neil Smith 3, Mrs. E. Bagworth 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6, C. Mew 7, R. Abbot 8, A. Bagworth 9, N. Bagworth 10. For Evensong, on the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 9th.

MADRESFIELD, WORCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): G. J. Lewis 1, J. Lawrence 2, D. Price 3, C. Haylings 4, F. Lawrence 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Merrick, well known Worcestershire ringer.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Rippon (first of Minor) 1, Lesley Kingswood 2, Carolyn Carpenter 3, J. R. Perrett 4, Christine Harbott (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. Mew 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, P. Blake 4, T. Phillips 5, Olwen Quint 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to E. Shearn, interred this day.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (in eleven methods): Margaret Esheby (first quarter) 1, Judy Esheby 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, M. Larcher 4, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 5, Doris Smith 6. For Evensong.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Goodman 1, M. Wright 2, M. Woodward 3, R. Wright 4, I. Wotherspoon (cond.) 5, E. D. Patching 6. First quarter for all except 6.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. A. Lister 1, M. C. Hughes 2, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 3, R. G. Morris 4, Pamela M. Turner 5, R. Houghton 6. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. R. Tallis 1, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. C. Hughes 4, J. K. Foot 5, R. G. Morris 6, R. E. Tallis 7, P. Rothera (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Helen M. Thacker.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Skelly (first quarter) 1, V. James 2, B. Goodliffe (first 'inside') 3, J. Riley 4, M. Horsemann (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Simmonds 2, R. G. Williams 3, P. J. Gardner 4, P. Walters 5, A. J. Gould 6, W. J. Evered 7, R. Gale 8. In memoriam Rev. H. S. Briggs, M.A., interred at Portishead this day.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): J. W. Drew 1, R. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Dean 4, F. Welch 5, R. C. Beale 6. First quarter in four methods by all. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Madge and Miss J. King, married at Malvern the previous Saturday.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Tuckey 1, M. Smith 2, R. Tuckey 3, H. Adams (cond.) 4, D. Tuckey 5, E. Franks 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Woodwork (first quarter) 1, Celia Bland 2, Angela Brunskill 3, M. Frost 4, Christine Rimmer 5, P. Fells (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Smith 1, H. Adams 2, Harry Adams (cond.) 3, A. Johnson 4, R. Gardener 5, E. Franks 6. For Evensong.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's (R.C.) Basilica, on Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret E. Goodyer 1, J. F. Hammond (first attempt Major 'inside') 2, W. D. Watson 3, J. C. Sheehy 4, J. H. Fryer 5, J. J. Cummins 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, L. R. A. Curran 8. Rung for carol festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. For the Christmas Midnight Mass.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Clare 1, T. R. Bush 2, Miss E. Brown 3, N. Greenacre (first 'inside') 4, G. Coleman 5, M. R. Reed (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (in four methods): A. King 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, E. P. King 4, M. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Christmas Day Evensong. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (in four methods): A. King 1, M. King 2, M. A. Beaumont (first as cond., aged 13½) 3, E. P. King 4, M. R. Meadows 5, A. Beaumont 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the fourth.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Smith 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Rigby 3, J. Cunliffe 4, F. Brownlow 5, P. Crook 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. F. Wood 8.

WHATELY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Massey (11) 1, Miss F. M. Massey (14) 2, N. Abbott 3, B. A. Payne (13) 4, Miss E. D. Overend 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. First in method for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, G. Sparkes 2, F. Eggleston 3, C. Bellew 4, A. Turner 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. H. F. and Mrs. Warren, of Exford, Master of the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Pullin 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, Miss P. M. Turner 3, F. Anderton 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, M. Hart 6. Rung on the occasion of the Wootton Wawen ringers' annual dinner.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 14th, in honour of Mr. Reuben Sanders' 87th birthday anniversary, was well worthy of the occasion. Reuben performed throughout the peal with his customary ease and accuracy and the band hope that he may enjoy many more such happy ringing anniversaries.

We regret to learn that Mr. Thomas H. Taffender is ill in hospital.

All Hallows', Twickenham, has changed its practice night from Wednesday to Thursday, so as not to clash with St. Mary's practice nearby.

There will be no practice on Thursday, February 9th, at Leicester Cathedral, due to a social gathering of the Cathedral Society. Visitors please note.

Mr. Horace M. Day (79), of Market Deeping, who was confined to bed with bronchitis, was to stand in the memorial peal at Market Deeping for Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Guild. The two spent their early working life together.

Mr. T. E. Sone rang his first peal at the age of 15 at Marden on January 19th, 1911. In the peal was Mr. Frederick S. Macey, who cycled about 40 miles, from Sittingbourne, to participate in the peal. The two rang on the 50th anniversary peal on Jan. 19th, 1961.

The bells of Maitland, N.S.W., are reputed to be one of the most difficult to ring. A peal was rung by Sydney friends of Miss Maureen Threlfo, secretary of the local ringers, on the occasion of her marriage on January 14th. The conductor, Mr. T. W. Goodyer, is the first to ring the tenor to a peal single-handed. Congratulations to him and the two first pealers.

The peal at Ashtead, Surrey, on January 21st will probably be the last peal on the bells before their removal to Loughborough. There they are to have their canons removed, be quarter turned and rehung in a cast-iron frame. Although more than 300 peals have been rung on the bells this was the first to be conducted by a lady. Marilyn Gibbs called the peal with unfailing confidence and precision.

Newton Nottage can be proud of its band of school-age boys and girls. Three of them with their instructor rang in a peal of Stedman Doubles on January 21st. It is just two years since the band took their first steps in change ringing. Since then 17 peals have been rung, including Grandsire Triples and Doubles in 14 methods. They are the present holders of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Shield, and they have created such interest in the parish that Messrs. Taylors have been instructed to rehanging the bells and add two trebles.

The band who rang in the peal at Packworth on New Year's Eve would like to associate with it the name of Maurice Hughes, who stood down to allow a visitor to ring.

Correction.—The ringers of 8 and 9 in the peal of Cambridge Royal at Macclesfield on New Year's Eve were Edward Jenkins and Robert B. Smith and not as submitted.

The general secretary of the Ladies' Guild received 117 names for tea for the meeting at St. Clement Danes' on January 21st. Is this a record?

We are planning to publish next week peals rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild during their 80th anniversary week. The youngest who rang a quarter, writes Miss M. R. Cross, was eleven and the oldest ninety.

'The Church Illustrated' for January has an article on bells generally by Philip Addison. The picture, we hope, will not be taken as an example of how to stand preparatory to ringing, with hands two feet apart on the sally.

Mr. C. Tovell, secretary of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is now recovering at his home after being in hospital, over Christmas, for an internal operation. He thanks all his ringing friends who have written to him and hopes to be ringing again with them by the summer.

Wentworth (Yorks) church handbell ringers toured the parish at Christmas and collected £13 10s., which was divided equally between the Belfry Fund and Refugees. During a recent practice they were 'shot' by a local cine-camera enthusiast making a film of Westworth.

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NOT ONE ABSENT FROM 1926 PEAL BAND

The ten ladies who rang in the only peal on ten bells, 5.067 Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' on Wednesday, January, 20th, 1926, in 3 hours 30 minutes, reassembled at the Church on January 20th, 1961, to take part in the rededication of a peal board to replace the one destroyed by enemy action during the last war.

The band consisted of Miss E. E. Chapman (Mrs. R. Sanders) 1. Miss N. E. Shorter 2. Miss P. Upsher (Mrs. N. Tomlinson) 3. Miss F. E. Orr (Mrs. A. Diserens) 4. Mrs. R. F. Deal 5. Miss E. Hardcastle (Mrs. J. Davis) 6. Mrs. F. I. Hairs 7. Mrs. A. D. Barker 8. Miss E. K. Parker (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher) 9. Miss R. Hawkesworth (Mrs. R. Fardon) 10.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and such was the number of ringers attending that a relay system had to be adopted (10 up and 10 down) thus ensuring that as many as possible were able to get a pull, and at the same time putting a check on the over enthusiastic ones who want to ring in every touch.

At 3.45 p.m. the original band (with one exception) rang a perfect course of Stedman Caters, prior to the dedication of the board, the exception being Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who was unfortunately unable to climb the stairs, her place being taken by Mrs. P. Staniforth (president of the Ladies' Guild).

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. L. O. Rees (of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington), a former chaplain-in-charge of St. Clement Danes', who very kindly officiated at the last moment owing to the present Chaplain (the Rev. T. Ryder) being laid aside with influenza. At the service which followed the Rev. H. L. O. Rees gave a most interesting address on the use and misuse of the words 'Ritual' and 'Ceremony.'

Catering for tea had proved a difficulty as so many places in the City are not open on Saturday afternoons, but anticipating a gathering of about fifty, a hall had been procured and the members of the Central District had undertaken to provide the tea. When the names for tea started to pour in (they eventually reach 117), there had to be hurried arrangements made for the transport of extra china, teapots, urn and so on, to say nothing of food, but evidently the company of some 125 were satisfied, for there was food left over and to spare.

The thanks of the Ladies' Guild to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success were voiced by the president, especial mention being made of Mr. Barker for his suggestion, Mr. Coles for his work and Mr. W. Dobbie for fixing the board in position, Mr. A. E. Barnett and Mr. Hairs, and to the various clergy who had helped with the service and had given permission for their bells to be rung. Mrs. Lock and her helpers were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their catering, and Mr. and Mrs. Rose, who had not only made and brought with them 180 cakes, but Mr. Rose had volunteered to be O.C. Hot Water, with the result that there was plenty of boiling water for tea when members were ready.

In her remarks Mrs. Staniforth mentioned that it was rather amazing to think that after 35 years the same ten ladies were still not only able to be present, but also, with the exception of Mrs. Fletcher, were still able to ring. Mrs. Diserens, who had had an operation only a fortnight previously, had been determined to ring and although a ringer was standing by in case of emergency, she had rung in the service touch. It was that determination which had stood the ladies in good stead thirty-five years ago, and it was now up to the younger members to carry on the tradition. Mrs. Fletcher, who had conducted this one and only ten-bell peal rung by the Ladies' Guild, had been the backbone of the Guild for many years, first as secretary and then as president, and it was hoped she would be able to be present next year, when the Guild celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Members came to this meeting from a wide area, and, in fact, eight of the twelve Districts were represented. Miss E. Steel, president from 1928 until 1948, came from Bedford, and quite a large contingent arrived from the Western District (including members of the 'Supporters' Club'). Others came

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PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 5



MR. FREDERICK E. DUKES, A.M.I.E.E.,
Irish Association.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of visiting Ireland since the war cannot fail to have been impressed by the happy attitude found in the Irish belfries. The Irishman really enjoys his ringing, and is always delighted to welcome fellow ringers from Britain. This happy state of affairs is largely due to the jovial personality of Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, who has been general secretary of the Irish Association since 1941.

Born in Dublin on May 23rd, 1912, Fred learnt to ring at St. George's, Dublin, in 1928, under the instructorship of that great ringer, Gabriel Lindoff. In 1934, his work took him to Cork, and he joined the band at St. Finbarre's Cathedral. He carried out repairs to the bells, with the help of the local company. He returned to Dublin in 1937, after a severe accident, and attached himself to St. George's, and St. Patrick's Cathedral bands. In 1944 he moved to Drogheda, and this became his home tower. The Drogheda band have been most success-

ful in cup competitions, very popular in Ireland. His teams have won more trophies for good striking than any other bands.

Since 1945 he has been a representative on the Central Council, and in 1954 was elected to the Standing Committee, and a member of the Literature and Press Committee. His pleasant Irish 'burr' is always listened to with respect, and one of his proudest moments was when the Council visited Ireland in 1958. The unqualified success of this meeting was largely due to his organisation, and also to Mr. John Dunwoody, of Holywood, Northern Ireland. When Fred attends Council meetings he scorns modern transport, and always brings his bicycle over to visit the various towers!

After leaving school in 1928, Fred entered the service of the Great Southern Railway, in the electrical engineering department. He worked his way up to become chief electrical engineer to the Great Northern Railway in 1944. Following amalgamation of this railway, with the Ulster Transport Authority in 1958, he was one of the number of senior officials who were retired. He is now the electrical engineer for Goulding (Fertilisers) Ltd. He has been an A.M.I.E.E. since 1942.

Fred's first peal was Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on August 1st, 1938, the first peal on the bells, and his present total is 189 from 5-12 bells. Fifty-one of these have been rung for Associations other than his own, as advanced peal ringing is difficult in Ireland. He has conducted 77 peals, including (on handbells) Doubles in 2-10 methods, Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor and 4 methods of Minor, all firsts for the Irish Association. He has also taken part in the first peals in Ireland of Pudsey Major, Dublin Major and Bob Maximus. Also the first ever of Holywood and Pontefract Delight Major. He has rung Cambridge from Minor to Royal, and is looking forward to scoring Cambridge Maximus. He has also rung London, under the conductorship of Harold Poole.

One of his 'brain-children' was founding the 'Irish Bell News' in October, 1951, and he has been its editor ever since.

His wife, son and daughter are also ringers, and in addition to ringing, he is a first class swimmer, being honorary instructor in life-saving to Drogheda Grammar School. He also holds the floating championship of Ireland, and his daughter holds the plunging championship.

Altogether Fred is a man of a most charming disposition, and has many varied activities. He is a delightful companion in any company, and his visits to England are all too infrequent. Good luck to his enthusiasm. Apace.

REDEDICATION OF ALL HALLOWS', TOTTENHAM

The fabric of this ancient parish church in North Middlesex has recently undergone extensive repairs, and, happily, considerable attention has been given to the bells.

On Sunday, January 22nd, a special service was conducted by the Vicar of Tottenham, the Rev. W. F. C. Clarke, M.A. In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress and a large congregation, the Archdeacon of Hampstead, the Ven. H. J. Matthews, M.A., was asked to rededicate the tower and bells, with the words following:

'Almighty God, who didst put it into the heart of David, King of Scots, eight hundred years ago to build this tower as a witness to faith in thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that now, repaired and renewed, it may stand for years to come as a continual reminder of thy power in our lives and our sure hope in Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour.—Amen.'

Almighty God, be pleased, we beseech thee to accept the offering of these bells: bless, sanctify and hallow them to thy glory and service, that they may call thy faithful people to praise and worship Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate afresh these bells to the glory of God; in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.—Amen.'

At the end of the service, and as the Mayor and congregation were departing the bells were rung to a touch of Stedman Triples by Miss R. Foreman 1. Miss P. Rowe 2. A. Cutler 3. Mrs. T. J. Lock 4. J. R. Mayne (cond.) M. J. Rowe 6. T. J. Lock 7. E. J. Rowe 8.

Of the old ring, the treble and fifth were recast, the tenor was removed and a new treble added to make a lighter ring. For those who keep such records, the ring, of eight bells now has a tenor in F sharp, weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb. It is a bell (the seventh of the old ring) which was cast by Philip Wighman, London, in 1696. In addition to the lesser weight of metal, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the bells in new fillings and framework at a lower level in the tower with the open louvres well above the bells, thus effecting a great improvement.

To those who know All Hallows', Tottenham, with affection, a sum of £1,000 is still needed for repayment of loans, and contributions would be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar, The Priory, Church Lane, N.17.

T. J. L.

MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

December 14th saw the formation of Africa's first Diocesan Guild, when some dozen ringers and beginners met in the Cathedral Hall, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, under the chairmanship of the Dean of Salisbury. This constitution is largely based on that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a copy of which was obtained from the honorary secretary of the Central Council.

At present there are no ringable bells in Rhodesia; but Salisbury Cathedral has a ring of ten from the Whitechapel Foundry, a gift from an old ringer who lives in Salisbury, and work has started on a bell tower which should be finished by the end of 1961. Meanwhile, the bells are hung in their eventual frame, out of doors, beside the Cathedral, and are regularly clocked for services. The clocking apparatus is to be scrapped when the tower is built.

During the past year a start has been made in teaching beginners on handbells (the foundry made us a present of ten), and in spite of the difficulties caused by the great distances we travel in this country, quite a lot of progress has been made. Several of the earlier recruits can now ring the trebles or tenors confidently to Bob Minor, and two of them do most of the instruction of the fresh recruits who appear from time to time. Progress would certainly have been faster if those of us who thought ourselves beginners in England ten years ago and more had not found ourselves the experts here, and if these so-called experts were able to attend practices more frequently. At it is, some of us live from 50 to 100 miles from Salisbury. We suffer also from the lack of an experienced conductor.

However, we have on occasion rung plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and we have called (and made) bobs in Bob Minor with two 'experts' and a beginner. We hope to have enough ringers properly conversant with Plain Bob by the time the tower is finished for us to put the bells into changes as soon as they can learn to handle a bell. Our position is very like that of many towers in England, when the ban was lifted; but our experts are fewer and less experienced.

Officers of the Guild are as follows: President, the Bishop of Mashonaland; vice-president, the Dean of Salisbury; Master, H. P. Raynor, P.B. 729, Marandellas; honorary secretary/treasurer, K. S. Cross, P. O. Box 766, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Ringers visiting Rhodesia, or coming to live here, will be welcome. Handbell practices are held every Wednesday in the Cathedral vestry or the cloisters at 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.—H. P. R.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

That bells were the best propaganda the church had was a point made by the Rev. E. W. Eyden, Rector, when he preached at Shepton Mallet church on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Frome and Mid-somer Norton Branch.

Following tea, provided by lady friends of Shepton ringers, the Rev. A. G. Durston presided at the business meeting. The honorary secretary (Mr. E. J. Chivers) presented the accounts which showed a substantial increase due to higher affiliation fees (eight bell towers one guinea, six bell towers 10s. 6d.). There were now 28 towers affiliated, more than at any time before, more members, new interest and progress being made. Thirteen new members were elected.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. A. G. Durston, honorary secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Beck; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Savage. Votes of thanks were passed to all at Shepton Mallet who had helped to make the meeting such a pleasant one.

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS VISIT FIVE COUNTIES

Following tradition, Glamorgan Wanderers started their 1960 tour on August 29th from Weston-super-Mare by ringing on the light eight at St. John's Church. Before lunch there had been ringing on the magnificent 23 cwt. eight at Banwell and at Axbridge. At Cheddar, Mr. John Hunt joined the party and the ringing included some Kent T.B. Major and Cambridge. The party contented themselves with Triples at Wedmore and concluded the day's ringing on the rather noisy six at Crocombe.

Tuesday's programme included Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters at Evercreech; Kent T.B., Little Bob and Grandsire at Ditcheat; Castle Cary (a little rough); Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor at Henstridge; Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton. The night was spent at the greatly improved Marnhull youth hostel.

Before leaving Marnhull we rang at the Parish Church. The two Shaftesbury towers—St. Peter's and the swaying Holy Trinity—were followed by Fontmel Magna and Compton Abbas. Because of a puncture only seven members reached Blandford. The last tower of the day was Cranbourne, a smooth-going eight.

An old friend of some of the band, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davies from Basingstoke, joined in Thursday's ringing in villages on Salisbury Plain. Unusual was Woodford, with ringing on a very awkward circle in the organ loft. Some enjoyable Cambridge was rung at Upavon and the night was spent at Marlborough youth hostel.

The presence of Don Exel and his wife for the day resulted in Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) being rung at Chippenham. The only 12 of the tour—Trowbridge—impressed all the company. The night was spent at Bath youth hostel, with ringing at two towers.

For many the last day proved most gruelling. After a long search the anti-clockwise six at Swainswick were found. A hard ride brought us to Chipping Sodbury and then Iron Acton. After visits to Stapleton, Westbury and Henbury, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, concluded a very enjoyable tour.

The band consisted of Geoffrey B. Stickland, Brynley Taylor, Nigel Lamping, W. James Goodfellow, Edmund Hartley, Alan W. Smith, Christopher Beer, Roger Havard, Geoffrey Upstall, Robin Lee, Alan Thompson and Robert V. Hughes. R. V. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A pleasing feature of the Bicester and District Branch meeting at Bicester on January 21st was the number of young ringers present. The standard of striking was, on the whole, higher.

The day was the birthday of the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) and he kindly provided the tea for 42 members and friends, which was served by Mrs. Palmer and the ringers' wives. As Mr. Kinch entered the hall he was accorded musical honours.

At the meeting, tribute was paid to the memory of James Franklin Haynes, of Charlton-on-Ouor, who died on December 28th, as a result of a fall in his home. An active ringer before the war, he had not rung for some years, due to a hand injury.

The secretary welcomed the visitors, especially Mr. H. Werriitt and party from Norton, Herts, as they were ringing together in the immediate post-war years. The vote of thanks included the Branch president, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, who conducted the service, and the Rev. V. W. S. Leatherdale, who preached on Christian unity. Mr. C. Smith was the organist and Mr. Frederick Sharpe read the lesson.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Successful Branch Meeting At Teignmouth

The Mid-Devon Branch held their annual meeting at Teignmouth on January 14th. A large number of members attended from towers in the Branch and visitors included the president, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox. Both eight-bell towers were available.

The service, held at St. Michael's, was conducted by the Rev. D. E. Hood (Vicar), the lesson being read by the president. The Vicar, in his address, based his remarks on the parable of changing water into wine, and he thanked the visitors for their work in various towers.

After a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, the business meeting followed, with Mrs. D. E. Hood in the chair. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the two Vicars for the use of the bells, the organist, and the Mothers' Union for preparing the tea.

Certificates were presented by the president to Messrs. Michael Coombe and John D. Prowse, and apologies for absence were received from Messrs. W. Simmonds (Ringing Master) and H. C. Spencer, and Mrs. R. W. Dunn.

The secretary, in a comprehensive report, stated that there had been more members, and more peals had been rung. The membership stood at 89, and of these 25 were of school age. Eight peals had been rung and it was gratifying to learn that these had been in even bell methods. The report regretted the passing of Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £7 5s. in the General Fund and £2 12s. in the Instruction Fund.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. P. Roberts; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds; to the General Committee, Messrs. A. Goss, H. C. Spencer and W. J. Harvey. Eleven new members were elected, and Mr. M. J. Bray, who was serving in the Royal Navy, was transferred to the list of non-resident members.

The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Torre, with visits to Cockington and Upton (subject to permission).

NOT ONE ABSENT—Cont.

from Cheshire, Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester and Lyme Regis, while the Home Counties were well represented. There was even one visitor from Australia, and we hope she enjoyed what we think could be termed a typical ringers' gathering.

As this was such a large gathering it was not possible to have everyone seated at tables for tea, but this was really no drawback, as people could wander round the hall and there was opportunity for everyone to see the old newspaper reports of the peal which the band had brought along, and the cartoon showing the various members in the act of ringing was particularly appreciated. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Hairs, speaking on behalf of Mrs. Fletcher, thanked the members of the Guild and said how much they had all enjoyed meeting again. She asked Mrs. Lock, who had been responsible for getting the board replaced, if she would accept a copy of the peal card which had been printed 35 years ago.

After tea ringing was available at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and at St. George-the-Martyr (where Mr. H. O. Rogers had extended a cordial invitation to members to join with the London County Association).

The collection at the service, which had been taken by representatives of four of the Ladies' Guild Districts, amounted to £6 and this was given to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST RAISED IN 1948

Dear Sir.—I have followed with much interest the recent revival of the controversy on 'Methods or Variations' in regard to Doubles, because I believe I was the first to raise this particular issue, in 1948, after Mr. Alan Pink had claimed the first peal in 42 Doubles methods. This included, amongst others, the usual variations of Bob Doubles like Old Doubles and April Day, which merely use different bobs.

The view I expressed then was that a 'method' with no separate plain course could not exist. This obtained little or no support at the time, so that it is gratifying to find here is now an increasing number of people who hold that opinion. Perhaps in the fullness of time my other contention, that there can be no true peal of Doubles or Minor, will also find more general favour!

To forestall any lengthy replies on one aspect of the subject, perhaps I may add that after 33 years' membership of the same local band (at an 8-bell tower) I have probably rung more Doubles than many who regard themselves as 5-bell ringers.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

THE HAINES OF WILTON

Dear Sir.—It may be interesting to note that at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Ringers' Guild (Salisbury Branch) on January 21st, three of the Haines family, of Wilton, were elected amongst the four Ringing Masters.

There are at Wilton (near Salisbury) five of the family who ring, namely:

Frank, the father, aged 75, a life member of the Guild, who has been a ringer for 65 years and is still very active.

Cecil, his eldest son, many years captain of Wilton tower, and re-elected Branch Ringing Master.

Arthur, the youngest son, a very competent Doubles/Minor conductor, last year's Ringing Master (having to retire due to pressure of work).

Raymond, Cecil's son, aged 17, a very keen ringer for the past nine years: elected Branch Ringing Master.

Edward, Frank's stepson, aged 22: elected Branch Ringing Master.

We now await Arthur's daughter to take an interest and then look out, quarter peal columns, etc!—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD A. HAINES.

Wilton.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—I do hope, like your correspondent, J. Ward, that Christmas Day ringing in future years may include some good Minor ringing. I confess I am a Minor ringer, but I do appeal to the people responsible for these broadcasts to listen to our recording of Minor, or alternatively, get among the Halifax or Barnsley Districts members. I suggest for a broadcast either Shelley, Cawthorne or Salsstone.—Yours, etc.,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

RESTRICT MINIMUS PEALS

Dear Sir.—I think peals of Minimus should be confined to towers of five or less bells, but to ring Minimus in towers of eight, ten or twelve bells does not make sense. Regard with woe the day when Bob Singles becomes a reality! I wonder what we will be calling peals rung on two bells: 2.500 extents?—Yours protestingly,

D. BROOKS.

Putney.

CENTRAL PRACTICE TOWER

Dear Sir.—The 'ideal situation' envisaged by Mr. P. A. Corby has been operating in the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for over a year.

Copt Oak is an isolated hamlet situated centrally in the Charwood Forest area, and consists of a few cottages, the usual public house, and scattered farms, therefore the possibility of raising and keeping a band together is very remote, and realising this the Vicar has given every encouragement to other ringers to visit his church, and by so doing to increase and assist the three local youngsters who had evinced interest.

Frequently this small belfry has contained in their 'teens' ringers and occasionally over 20 have been present at the weekly practice on Tuesday nights, and regularly five and six (sometimes more) towers are represented; so that in addition to propelling juniors from the start of handling a bell, through to call changes and plain hunting, there has been ample scope for the more advanced to advance farther, an opportunity readily accepted, to wit, recently on one night, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Chester, Ipswich and Bourne were rung: in fact through the connivance of an energetic 'Hon. Sec.' a manual of methods has become a necessity, as one 'blue line' is sufficient incentive to have a go.

I can agree transport is much easier now, and I have seen six cars parked outside the church on these practice nights, the owners bringing friends and picking up and returning the locals. The action was commented on very favourably by the Vicar, who has relinquished the office of chairman of the District, as he will shortly be leaving the parish, and he expressed his gratitude and strongly recommended such co-operation in other parts where numbers were few and difficulties were being experienced similarly.

If I may be permitted to add a personal note, I have been ringing for over 40 years, and have learnt more new methods during the past year than before, so, Mr. D. C. Morgan, do not despair—the solution is in your own hands.—Yours faithfully,

H. O. OVER.

Hugglescote, Leics.

METHODS AND THEIR FALSE

COURSE HEADS

Dear Sir.—Messrs. Carlisle, Halls and Marshall have doubtless produced a useful article on falseness in treble bob methods. I disagree, however, with their generalisation that there is no value in publishing f.c.h.s of a method unless the incidence of falseness is also given. Numerous conductors possess compositions which they know to be true to all suitable methods with, say, F-groups BE, or BDK, and are interested in knowing the f.c.h.s of new methods.

I do not see the point of publishing the incidence of falseness as the authors have attempted to do for Sawley Surprise Major. This information is of use only to the composer, who is capable of determining quickly such information for himself. In fact, I am certain that he will check published f.c.h.s of any method he wants to use, as a precaution against typographical or other errors.

What is essential is for conductors of peals in new methods to ensure that details of the methods are correctly published in 'The Ringing World'. Our Derbyshire trio have failed to do this for Sawley, for I have seen no correction to the figures given on page 716. I presume that the method should be:

58 14 56 36 14 38 14 38. L.H.B.

—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

WHEN GEO. GILBERT WAS SUSPENDED

Dear Sir.—The article on the bells of Avington, in the issue of December 23rd, reminds me that on Monday, August 4th, 1913, I was one of a band intending to ring three peals of Minor in a day. In the party were George Gilbert and Charles Edwards, who are both deceased, also the two Crouchers (only one left) and Alfred Ekins, son-in-law of C. Edwards.

After scoring the first peal at Old Alresford we arrived at Avington about 1 o'clock. After ringing about 120 changes George Gilbert was suspended in the air, as the tenor he was ringing set rather far back. His remark was, 'All right, I'll be there in a minute.' By the time George had slithered down the rope we had all set up. Amidst laughter we dropped the bells, and made our way up amongst them.

At that time it was quite possible to pass an envelope between the cracks of the 3rd; the 4th also was badly cracked. It is not necessary to describe the sound of such a ring—three dustbins, one bucket and a tin tray. An attempt at Tichborne afterwards proved that the bells there had not been oiled for a very long time. The ringers came from Farnham (3) and Aldershot (3).—Yours faithfully,

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY.

Windleham.

P.S.—I believe that the Manor House was the home of Shelley.—H. J. C.

STUNT RINGING

Dear Sir.—This latest effort of a one man peal is one of the best stunts yet, even better than the Cambridge University Guild's efforts with Bob Minor rung simultaneously on handbells by six men.

Throughout the history of change ringing there have been stunt performances—people ringing handbell peals on dung-heaps and in bed. On tower bells there have been peals of Triples rung on seven and Caters on nine bells.

I personally feel that these stunts add some life to the ringing Exercise, although I have no time for the four different sets of ringers who have rung Plain Bob 210 times repeated on handbells: at least our one man band did go one better and ring two methods.

I am told that there are some hundred odd Minimus methods. Why don't these handbell experts study these and ring about 40 of them in their peal: this would be worth while.

Mr. Birmingham might note that our first four bell tower peal (the test case) was in five methods so that each method had only 42 repeats—no more repeats than the recent peals in Oxford of Undershaft and Smithfield Doubles.

I have always been interested in stunts, and one day hope to take part in two peals of Bob Doubles on ten bells or two of Cambridge Minor on twelve. The only sensible way to look at it is if people are daft enough to do it let them get on with it.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir.—I read with interest the reference to the addition of two trebles at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, in 1872 (page 49, 'The Ringing World' January 20th, 1961).

For those who probably do not know, there is something of interest long before that date.

It is recorded that in 1480 there was a ring of six at Redcliffe, and a heavy one at that. Treble 11 cw.; 2 qr. 22 lb., 2nd 14 0 2, 3rd 19 2 16, 4th 29 3 23, 5th 44 2 16, tenor 62 2 24.

What interest there would be among our tenor turners if those bells were now available! —Yours faithfully,

F. HANSFORD.

Honorary Secretary,

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LETTERS—Continued

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—For some time now the Exercise has felt the need of a Collection of Surprise Methods. Corrigan's series has been out of print for a number of years, not many copies being in circulation.

Mr. Eric Critchley has, with the help of Mr. Shirley Burton, written and classified all the right place Surprise methods. Compositions have been collected, others being composed, especially for the collection, by Mr. Burton, Mr. Stephen Ivin, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, and other notable composers, so that the majority of the methods can be rung to peals.

The total number of methods in the collection is 7,178, the compositions totalling 224. Each method is given complete with false course heads, classification according to quality, suitable compositions and name (where a peal has been rung).

The Ringers' Magazine has been asked to publish this work, the cost of normal printing being such that it would not prove economically possible. It has been decided to divide the work into five parts, each containing approximately 1,400 methods and 50 compositions.

It is hoped to have the first part completed within the next two months, the remaining parts being issued at similar intervals. The cost—2s. 6d. per part, with a special price reduction for Guilds and Associations making bulk orders.

Would anyone interested please contact me at the following address.—Yours sincerely,

10, The Avenue, WILLIAM BUTLER,
Old Windsor, Berks.

LEEDS TENOR BELL

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Corby's letter (January 20th) concerning Leeds tenor bell. I would put its weight as an honest 17½ cwt. and no more. This would compare very favourably with the tenors at Brenchley and Penshurst, which weigh 17 3 24 in E and 17 2 11 in E flat respectively, and have approximately the same diameter (47½ inches). All three tenors in question were cast by the celebrated Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe; Leeds in 1617, Penshurst in 1619 and Brenchley in 1610.

It may, however, be found that Leeds tenor is less than the 47½ inches quoted by Stahl Schmidt (1887), as the worthy historian's measurements are inclined to be on the optimistic side; in which case the weight would be correspondingly less.

Leeds bells have a rather chequered history. Originally a heavy ring of four, the three smaller bells were by John Wilmar, 1638, and the tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1617. These were rehung and augmented to ten in 1751 by the addition of six new trebles, cast by Robert Catlin, the gift of the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle. These remained until 1910, when they underwent thorough restoration including the recasting of the old 7th and 9th and the rehanging of the entire ring by Alfred Howell, of Ipswich.

Although I have not inspected the bells, I believe the old 1751 frame is still in use—if this is the case it speaks very highly of Catlin's workmanship, for I gather it is still in excellent condition.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES,

Kennington, Ashford.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin's 500 Peals

On December 29th Mr. F. B. Lufkin rang his 500th peal. Of these he has conducted 334, using 160 compositions. His peals have been rung with 772 ringers, 75 being first pealers, in 180 towers. Long lengths include 6,000, 9,000, 12,740, 18,000 and 22,400 changes. Two silent peals were rung. Details:

Maximus 3 (conducted 1), Cinques 12 (4), Royal—Bob methods (3 different) 22 (16), Treble Bob methods (3) 15 (12), Surprise methods (7) 21 (8), Caters 27 (23).

Major—Bob methods (14 different) 98 (73), Treble Bob methods (4) 46 (38), Surprise methods (18) 83 (24), Spliced Bob 1 (1), Spliced 2 Surprise 1 (1), Spliced 6 Surprise 1, Spliced 10 Surprise 1.

Triples—27 (27).

Minor—1-42 methods 132 (112), Doubles—6 (4).

Handbells—Minor 4.

GOD-CENTRED LIVES

Dear Sir.—The Rev. Michael Freeman states that when a man's life is God-centred everything he does, including both peal ringing and service ringing, is an offering to God. I do not dispute this. What I do dispute is the conclusion he draws from it, namely, that it is irrelevant to distinguish between the two types of ringing.

Mr. Freeman is apparently not prepared to deny that one offering may be of more value than another. A man whose life is God-centred will always seek out the better thing. This involves making comparisons. It involves distinguishing between the good and the not-so-good. It requires a peal ringer to ask himself whether he would not be better employed in helping to raise the service ringing standards in his own and neighbouring towers.

There is a small but important minority of ringers who give far more time and thought to peal ringing than to service ringing. Meantime, throughout the length and breadth of the country there are towers in which the bells hang silent on Sundays, or in which the service bands languish for the want of worthwhile assistance. While such things continue there will be those of us who will persist in saying that the bells are provided primarily for service ringing, and that ultimately it is service ringing, and service ringing alone, that really matters.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

NOTE.—This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AND MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—I should like to correct an impression that will have been gained by readers of the account of the Universities' Association's visit to London, in your issue of January 20th.

It is there reported that two members of the Oxford University Society rang a peal of Plain Bob Minimus for the U.A., 'because their Society would not accept it.' I was at the U.A. dinner and I believe in fact that in his speech Mr. Roaf merely hazarded a guess that this had been the case, and meant it more as a merry quip than anything near the truth.

I hope this is so, for there was never any attempt to 'credit' the peal to the Oxford University Society. Thus the question as to whether the Society would accept it or not never arose.

If this error has found its way into any official record of the U.A. meeting, I hope that it will be corrected forthwith.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS MARTIN,

(Master,

Oxford University Society).

PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—Re peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus by P. Border (page 56). A bob at wrong, either in Plain Bob or Surprise with a 4th place bob is the same. Your course end 325467890ET with a bob produces at the wrong lead end 3247596E8T0 with a single reverses two and three as 234. Just take 325467890ET in Plain Bob Maximus and single the next lead, which is wrong, your lead end 2347596E8T0.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT,

Gillingham

A Noted Peal Of Minor

The peal in 125 methods rung at Felkirk, Yorkshire, on January 20th, displaces the handbell peal in 109 methods rung at Adwick-le-Street, Yorks, in November, 1955 (though this is still the record on handbells). The most methods rung in seven extents on tower bells were rung at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, in 1951.

The most methods in 5,040 changes, previously were 113 Doubles methods, rung at Hambledon, Bucks, in August, 1960. The most methods rung in nine extents were at Copt Oak in 1951 (126 methods in 6,480 changes).

The band would like to associate Mrs. Jo Moreton with the peal. She was in the earlier peals when 'working up' for the attempt, but has been in hospital and has not started to ring again yet.

OBITUARY

MR. F. MERRICK

The death at the age of 65 of Mr. Fred Merrick, of Waldridge, Suckley, Wores, which took place in hospital on January 6th, after a short illness, came as a severe shock to his many relatives and friends.

Fred had lived in the Suckley district nearly all his life and had been a ringer there for 40 years. He was a member of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association and Ledbury District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was also a member of the Suckley P.C.C.

Since 1919 he had been a member of the Worcestershire Special Constabulary, being the holder of the Long Service Medal and four bars. During the First World War he served in the 7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and later joined the Cradley Branch of the British Legion.

He was a very keen ringer and regularly attended the Branch meetings, and had taken part in about 30 peals; he also devoted much time to training a band of learners at Suckley and in 1956 he successfully piloted them through their first peal (Grandsire Doubles) which he conducted. This was the first peal on the bells by a local band and his first as conductor. He also took part in the Sunday service ringing at Cradley, Mathon, Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury and St. John's, Worcester.

By his death the church has lost a staunch supporter and worker, the district a conscientious public servant and both the Worcestershire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild a very loyal member. Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

The funeral took place at Suckley on January 10th, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Rogers); apart from the widow and family, representatives of the Parochial Church Council, Special Constabulary, British Legion and parishioners, the congregation included the following ringers: Messrs. J. Ward (Coddington), E. Wilson (Chaines), J. Lane and G. Gwynne (Bosbury), R. L. Price, D. and W. Hinksman and T. Cooper also representing C. Bowers (Bromyard), E. Price (Colwall), F. Davis (Whitbourne), J. Gwilliam (St. John's, Worcester), C. Deakin (Leigh), Mrs. F. C. Pugh representing Mr. F. C. Pugh (Hallow), J. Cale, W. Cale and W. Huband (Suckley). An apology was received from Mr. F. Hyde, secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung half-muffled. F. H.

THE REV. H. S. BRIGGS, M.A.

Portishead and Wraxall ringers joined forces to pay their last respects to the Rev. H. S. Briggs, M.A., by ringing a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Portishead (with the bells half-muffled) during the evening of January 23rd, the day of his funeral.

Mr. Briggs, who was well known and well loved in N.W. Somerset, served for many years as curate at Portishead before becoming Rector of Wraxall. On retiring, some years ago, he returned to spend his remaining days within the shadow of the church at Portishead. Ever a great friend and champion of the bellringers, Mr. Briggs himself loved the music of the bells. Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Briggs, who in her younger days was a noted ringer. As Miss M. E. N. Jukes, she took part in the first all-ladies peal ever rung—at Cubitt Town, London, in 1912.

A. J. G.

Suffolk Guild

Ringling ranged from rounds to Double Norwich at the annual meeting of the North West District, held at St. Leonard's, Horringer. The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Timmins) conducted a shortened Evensong, and 14-year-old June E. Wright was a very good substitute organist. February's practice will be at Great Barton and March's at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Next District meeting Elveden, April 15th.

ALL SAINTS', STAMFORD, BELLS TO BE BROADCAST

By J. H. BLUFF

This is Stamford's quincenary year and next Sunday the bells and morning service from All Saints' Church, Stamford, are to be broadcast in the Midland and Northern Home Service. While this church is not prominent for peal ringing, its history and beauty justify the ringer's interest.

The origin of this fine church is shrouded in the mist of antiquity, like that of the town of which it is so elegant an ornament. Certain events are dated by old chronicles, which show that a church stood here in Saxon times. Domesday Book in 1072 has an entry: 'in Pontland (Borough land) to the Church of St. Peter belonged one caracate (120 acres) of land, and to the Church of All Saints half a caracate.' In 1087 William II distributed moneys to various churches up and down the country and All Saints' shared in this disbursement.

Francis Peck, in his notable work 'The Antiquarian Annals of Stamford' (1727), records that in 1176 Achard de Stamford, who had the patronage of the living, bestowed it upon the Priory of St. Michael, which stood on the south side of the river not far west of the present Stamford Town Station.

A list of incumbents shows the Priory exercised this right almost exclusively until their house was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1536. For the benefit of those who travel along the new Stamford bypass from south to north the ruins of this building can be seen just after passing under the first bridge.

The Church of All Saints stands well, on an island site, rising from west to east, and dominating the market square. It retains much of its thirteenth century glory, in the arcading of the south and east walls. The imposing battlements date from the last quarter of the fifteenth century, when extensive restoration was carried out by the brothers William and John Browne, wealthy merchants of the 'Staple of Calais,' who lived in the parish. The restoration was necessary to repair the damage caused by the War of the Roses, which in all probability deprived this church of its Early English high pitched roof and tower (at the south-west corner).

152 ft. SPIRE

To the end of that period must be assigned the present very fine tower and spire which reaches to a height of 152 feet. The tower rises at the north-west corner of the church in three plain stages above a basement with panelling in the lowest stage, and within the battlemented parapet rises a crocketed octagonal spire with three tiers of lights, an object of delicacy and beauty which can be seen from all the approaches to the town.

In the interior of the church some of the thirteenth century work is seen at its best. The south arcade and the arcade between the chancel and chapel date from approximately 1225. The three pillars on the south side of the nave, while conforming to the early English style of clusters of free shafts banded midway between base and capital, are all different in their overall shape, and the deeply moulded arches of the south arcades also contribute to the general effect of richness, and contrasts with the plainer pillars and arches of the Perpendicular style north arcade. The north side of the church was entirely rebuilt in the late fifteenth century.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS

The following extract from the church vestry book, dated 1902, is of interest, as carrying forward the story of the building: From 1871 to 1874 two works of substantial repair were effected: at that time all the pillars were under-pinned and masses of concrete were laid to make a solid foundation. The south wall was faced back into its vertical position, from which it had deflected by about twelve inches. The cost of these two works of restoration was between £2,000 and £3,000. It was at this time that the gallery at the west end and north side of the church was removed, and the groined roof of the tower was entirely renewed.

In 1878 improvements were made in the chancel. The pulpit was removed from the



south side to the north. The low screen of Mexican onyx was added. The old reredos was removed and the present one depicting the Last Supper was added.

In 1886 the vestry was built by the subscription of parishioners.

In 1888 the oak screen in the tower arch was erected and in 1890 the oak panelling in the chancel was added. The handsome oak porch at the north entrance was presented by a parishioner in 1902.

The font is of grey Purbeck marble octagonal in design and elaborately carved, and dated from about 1500. The large canopied niche in the north wall carries a figure of St. Peter, which was given by the daughters of a late choirman and churchwarden.

THE BROWNE FAMILY

Looking east over the chancel arch is a shield, with a heart in gold and a letter B: this was to perpetuate the name of the Browne family, whose association with the parish was of such lasting benefit.

Between 1936 and 1938 many of the roof timbers had to be renewed, and the repainting and gilding of the angels of the choir roof and the roof bosses in the nave (where the crest of the Browne family will be found, a stork on a woolpack) is of that date.

The church possesses several good specimens of memorial brasses. On the east wall of the north aisle are fixed those to early members of the Browne family connected with All Saints', the largest are of John Browne, who died in 1442, and Margery, his wife, who died in 1460. He wears a sleeved gown and mantle and stands on two woolpacks, as a symbol of his trade. Then there are John Browne the younger, in alderman's mantle, and his wife, Agnes.

The best, however, lie in their original position in the chapel: these are of William Browne, founder of Browne's Hospital, and of Margery, his wife. In his will of February 17th, 1489, he directed that his body should be buried in this chapel, in which the warden and confrater of his hospital in Broad Street were to offer Mass for his soul. The brass depicts him in a long gown and his wife in flowing robes; at his feet are two woolpacks and over his head is his motto 'X me spe'de' (Christ speed me). Over his wife are the words 'Dere lady help at nede,' and at her feet a little dog. Near their brasses is another, in memory of Margaret Elmes, a grand-daughter of William Browne.

On the south wall is a small headless brass, which formerly lay in the middle of the chancel, in memory of Henry Wykys, Vicar of All Saints', 1479-1508. He is interesting as having the Manor of Burghley by Stamford; he bequeathed it to Margaret Chambers, daughter of his cousin, John, who sold it in turn to Richard Cecil, father of Queen Elizabeth's Lord Treasurer, who built the present mansion (Burghley House).

All the stained glass windows are modern, some being very good: especially the great west window, given in 1888 by Edward J. Browne, of Boston, U.S.A., a descendant of William Browne. It depicts a company of saints with incidents from the lives of the more important ones—John Baptist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, St. Stephen, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Paul—and the coat of arms of members of the Browne family, and of the borough of Stamford.

To the south of this window is one by Kempe, depicting the Diocese of Lincoln and its three neighbours, Peterborough, Lichfield and York: each being represented by its patron saint and cathedral—St. Hugh of Lincoln, St. Peter of Peterborough, St. Chad of Lichfield, and St. Wilfrid of York.

THE BELLS

Finally, back to the tower which contains a beautiful ring of six bells, the tenor weighing 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. The treble and third were undoubtedly given by John and Margaret Browne—the inscriptions reading:

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MISCELLANEOUS

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Change of officer: the secretary of the Newark District is now Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark, Notts. 7606

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, February 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: February 14th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; February 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; February 28th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th.—John Chilcott. 7562

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, February 4th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tuddall, West Close, Dunster. 7629

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, at Fordham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7571

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The A.D.M. at Leatherhead, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Nicolas' Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m.—A. H. Smith. 7345

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Saturday, February 4th. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 2.45 p.m. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' bells after meeting. 7584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7587

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGE'S GUILD.—General meeting, Saturday, February 4th, 3 p.m., at Bromley. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. 6.30 p.m. ringing Bromley Common. Own tea arrangements.—R. N. C. 7588

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in New College. Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., February 4th, at Witney (8), 2.30 p.m. Ducklington (6) 2.15. Service 4. Brize Norton (6) 7.30 p.m. 7569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 6 p.m. 7602

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killamarsh, 3 p.m., Saturday, February 4th.—J. Seager, Sec. 7594

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Grundisburgh (10), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Half Moon Inn.—Dis. Sec. 7359

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Euston Tavern, opposite King's Cross Station, on February 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing details: St. James', Clerkenwell, 1.45-2.45; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4.15-5.15 p.m. 7627

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 7563

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual general meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea follows meeting. Ringing and service at Hursley. Bells (8) available 6 to 7.30 p.m. 7593

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, February 6th, at 7 p.m. 7607

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, near Wakefield, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 7613

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, February 11th. Minster bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service in Minster 4.15. Tea in Tiger Lane

Rooms 5. Evening ringing at St. Mary's (10) till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 7620

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn, at Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 7619

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, February 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 7630

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, February 11th. Seal Chart, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Kenish Rifleman,' Dunks Green, Shipbourne in evening. Names to me by 9th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7614

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bulkmann, Dis. Sec. 7621

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Rodbourne Cheney (6), February 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7604

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres, on Saturday, February 11th, 6-8 o'clock. 7610

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7612

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leominster, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service.—F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 7616

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, February 9th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. Ash bells 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7595

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, jointly with Llandaff Branch, at Cowbridge, February 11th. Ladies' business meeting at 'Horse and Groom' Hotel, after tea.—J. S. King. 7623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk, on February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Buses from Accrington, on the hour.—John Pilkington. 7611

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool 6.—J. H. Witton. 7616

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Syston District, Saturday, February 11th. Bells available: Rothley (6), Swithland (6), Barrow-on-Soar (6), 2-3.15 p.m.; Quorn (8), Sileby (8), 2.45-5; Mountsorrel (8) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8. Service, Mountsorrel St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting), St. Peter's Church Hall, 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to R. Wilmore, 37, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, Leics. Nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be given by this meeting. General committee meeting, Wednesday, February 8th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, Albion Street, Leicester, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Stow, Saturday, February 11th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7626

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. B. B. Tyrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding. 7561

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follow.—R. E. Coles. 7585

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden (not Harrow). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 until 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7608

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. NOR 21 W.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7564

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M., Reading, Saturday, February 11th. Bells: Caversham (8) 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, followed by tea and meeting. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea by February 8th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7615

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6). Saturday, February 11th. Names for tea by February 7th, to Mr. J. P. Wright, 'Eastfields,' North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman, SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, on Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart. Names to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7632

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by February 7th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook,' Warsash, Southampton. 7566

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Winkton St. Paul, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Bennett, 35, Gbode View, Winkton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Ewall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church Room, Reading, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 11th. All notices of motion, applications for grants, etc., should reach the Honorary General Secretary before Friday, February 3rd, if they are to be included in the Agenda.—M. R. Cross. 7590

BELLS OF ABERDEENSHIRE

Part II of 'The Church and other Bells of Aberdeenshire' by the late F. C. Eeles and Ronald W. H. Clouston, offers no inducement to the young ringer seeking new rings of bells, but is a faithful record of many bells, some centuries old, resting in bird-cage belfries.

Of the old bells mentioned there are a number by the Dutch founder, Michael Burgerhuys, but what is regarded as one of the finest bells of the county is that at St. Triduana, Kinnellar, cast by Pieter Vangen, Ghein.

A bell of tragedy is that to be found at Premnay, which was a deathbed bequest of George Isaac Carpenter, who with his five children died of diphtheria in September, 1878.

An unusual history has the bell at Tough, purchased by the parishioners in 1734, on the understanding that 'they were to have the use of it (without paying anything to the officer) for themselves and their posterity at their several funerals, ay and so long as the bell should last.' The parishioners came to arrangement with John Mowat, bell founder of Old Aberdeen, for him to supply one of the old music bells of King's College—Wilson's bell 'and the bad money in the box' being taken in part payment (Sessions Record). This bell is regarded as the last survivor of the 12 bells cast by order of Bishop Elphinstone for the great steeple of King's College, Old Aberdeen.

OBITUARY—Cont.

LOSS TO GREAT MARLOW

The two oldest members of the Great Marlow belfry, Messrs. H. Buckingham and W. E. Yates, died within a few hours of each other on January 21st.

Mr. H. Buckingham, who was 91, was an active member until he could no longer climb the belfry steps four or five years ago. His peal ringing was little, although he rang in one a few weeks before his 80th birthday. He was most regular at service and practice ringing.

Mr. W. E. Yates was 88 years old when he died and one of the old school, having rung and conducted peals with such noted men as J. W. Washbrook, W. H. Fussell, A. H. Cocks, W. H. Theobald, J. S. Hawkins and many others. He had not been an active member since just after the return of ringing in 1946, only ringing on one or two occasions. Maybe he had his own reason for this, but it is thought he did not like the introduction of ladies to the belfry. Nevertheless, he was a Christian man, and served his Church faithfully for many years.

May they both rest in peace.

Both men were laid to rest on January 26th and in the evening the bells of All Saints' Church, Marlow, were rung half-muffled and a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung in memoriam by the following members of the tower: Ann Cook 1, John Young 2, Paul R. Dean 3, Brian D. Price 4, Eric G. Silvey 5, L. Joseph Young 6, Richard E. Dean (cond.) 7, Arthur Boarder 8.

MR. THOMAS WILSON

The death occurred on January 20th, at his home, at 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, of Mr. Thomas Wilson, in his 68th year. He joined the Lancs Association in 1911 and was for many years the ringing secretary.

On the death of his father during the second war years he took over the captaincy of the Blackburn Cathedral tower, a position he held up to his illness about two years ago. He was a prominent Freemason and a highly respected citizen, being for many years a sidesman at the Cathedral. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral previous to interment at St. Leonard's, Samesbury, the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay, officiating. On the eve of the funeral the ringers of the Cathedral rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, F. Longworth 3, J. Skeats 4, G. Wignall 5, F. Heyes 6, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Atkinson 8.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

On January 7th the Guild held its annual meeting at Mirfield. The ten bells ran fairly well, but the tuning of the smaller bells left much to be desired. There was a really good attendance, people coming from a wide area, and ringing was of rounds and call changes. To Surprise. An enjoyable tea and lively business meeting were had after a short service, conducted by the Vicar.

The committee elected for the year are as follows: J. Pearson, chairman; F. Linfoot, Ringing Master; D. Smith, secretary; A. W. Bond, treasurer. Committee members, R. Senior, D. Kirby and R. Pagdin. Next meeting, All Souls', Halifax, in March, if possible.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District, at its annual meeting on January 14th, at Biggleswade, elected a new chairman—Mr. L. Bywaters in place of Mr. B. Sims, who wished to retire. Back in office are Mr. A. Smith (secretary), Mr. A. Sinfield (treasurer, Belfry Repair Fund), and Miss S. Percival (Press secretary). The general committee now consists of Messrs. G. Mayes, R. Houghton, R. Sharp and M. Lockey. It was also decided that Mr. M. Lockey should act as organist at District meetings in the absence of the local organist.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. R. B. Griffin, who conducted a short service and to those who prepared tea. Ringing included Cornwall Surprise. Visitors were present from the Bedford and Luton Districts. Next meeting, Clifton, February 18th.

QUARTER PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Corderoy (first in method) 1, H. W. Dunsden 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, Claude Corderoy 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 600 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 720 7, E. J. Grace (cover bell) 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hoskins 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs (cond.) 3, F. J. Sampson 4, B. A. Shackleton 5. Also at St. Mark's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Pearce 1, C. J. Richards 2, P. Bridle 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5, M. Gregory (first quarter) 6.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, A. Kirk (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, F. Forster 4, J. Kennett 5, H. Kirk 6. For morning service.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 18th, at the R.C. Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Muncey 1, P. Pigg 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, R. Dennis 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Foster 6, S. Brown 7, J. Quinney (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foster, of Histon, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

CHELSEA, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Finch 1, Jillian Outhwaite (first of T.B.) 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Mary Taylor 4, J. Faircloth 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mary Powell 1, V. Roberts 2, E. Chivers 3, G. Salmon 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Phillips 1, Miss E. Brown 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, M. R. Reed 4, T. R. Bush 5.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Lambert (first in method) 1, F. Pattenden 2, R. T. Lambert 3, G. Wagborn 4, F. J. Lambert 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, R. E. Lambert 7, R. Dengate (first quarter) 8. For the induction of the new reactor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. G. Paxton 1, E. W. Colley 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. Ager 4, A. J. Strathdee (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. W. Fairry 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 15th, at the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sanswin 2, Jane Thurmott 3, H. Mitchell 4, M. Thurmott (cond.) 5, D. Papworth 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrell 8.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): P. Batchelor 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, P. E. Daverell 3, N. J. Davies 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, Pauline Fennell 6.

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