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MILTON MALSOR BELLS

THREE miles south of Northampton, just off the A43, lies the village of Milton Malsor. It is a pleasant and unusual place. Pleasant, because of its wealth of old stone cottages, and unusual in that its shape is that of a circle within a semi-circle and because it is quite easy to walk round the village without realising it.

From every part of the village the lovely crocketed church steeple dominates the scene, and the church itself is a building of outstanding beauty and interest. Its splendid east windows, including two 'wheel' windows, have made the church famous and are frequently referred to in books on church architecture.

Milton Malsor is justly proud of its five old bells—a 'maiden' ring cast in 1686 in Northamptonshire by Northamptonshire men. The bells have a clear, musical tone, and the treble bears this inscription in Latin: 'O Sing unto the Lord a new song.' The implication of this is that the present ring is a recast of a still older one.

For many years the 'go' of the bells had been atrocious and, on careful examination two years ago, the ring was found to be in an extremely dangerous condition. The frame rocked like a ship at sea when the bells were rung, in spite of being wedged to the tower walls (!), and was completely riddled with 'beetle.' Early this year the bells were removed to Loughborough, and will be returned to the tower this month.

Fortunately the bells themselves proved to be in good condition, and it has not been necessary to recast any of them. All, however, will have to be quarter-turned so that the clappers will strike on new and unused parts of the soundbows. The bells will be rehung on a new steel frame and will be provided throughout with new fittings of the most up-to-date type.

A team of young ringers is now under tuition by Mr. P. I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and is eagerly looking forward to ringing 'rounds' or 'calls' by Christmas.

The present Rector of Milton Malsor, the Rev. G. E. Hubbard, in his younger days as a student was a member of the St. Clement's Youths. He used to ring regularly for services at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, and, in company with members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in many London towers.

G. E. H.

RICHARD PHIPPS

ON the north-west flank of Bromyard Downs, Herefordshire, in well wooded parklands stands an empty and slowly decaying country mansion, Buckenhill House; once the gracious home of Richard Phipps, brewer of Northampton. The visit of the College Youths to that area confirms that the name and the brew still exist.

Richard Phipps came from brewing in Northampton to semi-retirement and to live the life of a country gentleman at an early age in conditions of wealth and prosperity. As master of Buckenhill House 1881-1911 much has been said and become legendary in the dreams of the elderly in the taprooms of Bromyard.

One of his first generous acts on arrival at Buckenhill (a large estate comprising the mansion and ten farms), was to establish an orphan boys' school. Converting part of his large house to schoolrooms and dormitories, providing teacher and matron, he took thirty boys annually every February from Dr. Barnardo's Home. He clothed and fed and gave education. On completion he gave them a start in life. Many went to Canada in those years of emigration, thoughtfully equipped to stand on their own for twelve months. Others learnt trades in the estate workshops—masons, carpenters, tailors, painters, shoemakers; and others again were trained as coachmen, stockmen, footmen, gardeners and foresters. All were given their opportunity and found their place. One of the teachers was a Mr. Austin, a well known Worcester musician; who travelled weekly to give the boys music lessons. It became part of Sunday morning custom to watch 'Dicky Phipps' boys' march to morning service behind their own drum and fife band. One of these boys later became church organist for several years.

In the 1890-1910 period, a large restoration scheme was undertaken and fulfilled in the Bromyard Parish Church of St. Peter. Now was the time that Richard Phipps, a regular and devout worshipper, fulfilled his Christian principles by his continuous generosity with gifts of money, materials and labour. The work included the rehanging of the ring of six (Rudhall, 1751). The original canons were removed and the fifth recast by Barwell, of Birmingham (1895). The work in the tower was done by a Mr. Greenleaf (Greensmith). A new entrance and floor to the ringing chamber. A tower clock by Smiths, of Derby (1899). The removal of the old box pews for the present serviceable seating; new tiled flooring; work on the organ, together with outside work on the fabric completed a heavy expenditure, which is still justified today. Richard Phipps was the donor of the ceiling over the choir. His masons shaped new corbels, and his carpenters made the moulded oak decoration from seven year seasoned timber, grown at Buckenhill. This ceiling is the floor of the ringing room. His masons also constructed the buttresses to the north wall of the church.

The above gracious giving was apart from his annual bounty of gifts to the poor of the district—food and clothing, fuel and bedding—soup kitchens in the extremes of frost and snow. The bellringers also received an annual donation of money. His head gardener, one Joseph Rogers, took part in the first peal (?)—120 changes of Bob Doubles in 1903 at Bromyard tower. I have in my possession his 1881 edition of Snowdon's Diagrams, signed and dated on the fly leaf 'October 16th, 1886.'

Richard Phipps collapsed and died on Shrub Hill Station, Worcester, journeying to Northampton to vote in the 1911 General Election. His passing, followed so soon by the 1914-1918 carnage, was the end of a magnificent era in the local history of Bromyard and its Parish Church. All that was good and kind and of feeling for less fortunate fellow men was shown by this very human Christian gentleman. Would that all men would try and emulate his charity.

T. COOPER.

RHODESIA HAS A RING OF TEN BLESSED

LAST Sunday was a great day in African church life when the Bishop of Mashonaland (the Rt. Rev. Cecil W. Alderson) dedicated the tower and bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

The tower, built on a reinforced concrete base through donations by the Dulverton Trustees, is at present isolated from the Cathedral, but the extension of the nave will eventually bridge the gap.

The bells are the spontaneous gift of a visitor from England, who deplored the absence in Rhodesia of the sound of English church bells.

The bells were cast by Messrs Mears and Stainbank, and supervising their hanging and the installation of the clock provided by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed was Mr. S. M. Baker, a Salisbury horologist, who visited the Whitechapel Foundry last year to learn how to hang the bells.

The clock, the largest made by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed during the last 30 years, has dials on four sides of the tower. The clock will not be in operation until next January. The chimes will repeat the notes of Big Ben.

At the blessing of the bells the Bishop said, '...that through this and many succeeding generations they may sound loud and clear and call together Thy faithful people to the praise and worship of Thy holy name.'

At the consecration of the tower the Bishop says that 'at the sound of the bells, rung from this tower, all who hear them may hear Thy voice, remember their calling and turn to Thee.'

THE BELLS

Treble	Faith	5 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.
Second	Truth	5 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.
Third	Understanding	6 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
Fourth	Gentleness	6 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.
Fifth	Humility	7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
Sixth	Loyalty	8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
Seventh	Gratitude	11 cwt. 0 qr. 0 lb.
Eighth	Courage	12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
Ninth	Wisdom	18 cwt. 0 qr. 13 lb.
Tenor	Love	24 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Before and after each inscription is a figure of an English rose and an African lily, and just above the soundbow on each bell is a border of London Pride.

Much activity in training ringers has taken place. The Ringing Master of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild is Mr. Peter Raynon, and Mr. Collins is in charge of ringing at Salisbury.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The general meeting of the University of London Society was held on October 21st. Ringing during the day took place at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and St. Michael's, Cornhill.

This was the first occasion that the bells at St. Vedast's had been rung since the church's restoration, and in fact this century, and the sound of the bells came as a surprise rather than a pleasure to the unfortunate occupants of neighbouring offices at louvre-height. Ringing here was opened with Bob Minor, and concluded with a christening touch of St. Vedast Doubles, although a Bob course of Aldermaston Surprise might have been more appropriate. A picked band rang at the home tower of St. Olave's, Hart Street, before the service.

The business meeting, preceded by tea, was presided over by Dr. Denis Layton in the absence of the president, Philip Gray. Main topics of discussion concerned financing and issuing of annual reports, and other financial questions. Douglas May, much to the Society's regret, announced his resignation from the office of Master, owing to unavoidable circumstances, and Paul Cattermole (honorary treasurer) was elected to take office for the rest of the year. Marcus Barton was elected honorary treasurer.

The annual dinner is to be held on January 20th. The meeting was well supported, and the Society is very pleased to welcome an encouraging number of freshers.

R. E. M. G.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—45



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD,
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

One of the 'old school' of ringers, who, although he is now somewhat handicapped by illness, is still able and keen to serve the Exercise, is Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, a vice-president and founder member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. From time to time during the last few years, there have appeared over his initials a number of interesting articles. They have been mostly of an historical nature, dealing with ringing in his early years in Devon, but others have shown certain spotlights on human nature, including the appeal of bells to non-ringers.

Bill Shepherd was born on September 7th, 1883, in the parish of St. Sidwell, Exeter, and within sound of the Cathedral bells, where his father and uncle were leading ringers for many years. They were in the building trade, and did much to further the cause of change ringing in Devonshire. After receiving his education at St. Sidwell's Church School and St. John's Grammar School, Exeter, Bill worked in the Devon County Education Offices as a junior clerk from 1898-November, 1900, and then left for London to enter the offices of the old London and South Western Railway. After 43 years' service, mostly in the accountant's office, he retired on pension in 1943.

Bill was taught to ring by his father, Ferris Shepherd, in 1893 at Exeter Cathedral. This was before the bells were rehung, and when the 'go' was bad. He also learnt at St. Sidwell's, where another 'boy' named William Temple, was also receiving lessons from his father. Young Temple eventually became Archbishop of Canterbury, but he failed to ring Grandsire! Opportunities for peal ringing in Devonshire at that time were very limited, but before leaving the district Bill rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Withycombe Raleigh on August 7th, 1900, conducted by his father.

Moving to London in late 1900 gave Bill just the chance he needed, and he was fortunate to have as his 'landlord' Ted Horrex, who soon introduced him to 12 bell ringing at several towers, including St. Paul's. On his 18th birthday, James Pettit, conductor at St. Paul's, called his first peal of Stedman (Caters) at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1901. During holiday visits to Exeter, he scored his first peal as conductor—Grandsire Triples at Heavitree on Sept. 10th, 1902, when he was just 19, and three months later he proved to the Exeter ringers that a 'mere lad' could 'turn in' the 25½ cwt. tenor to a peal of Bob Major. In those days, young ringers did not have the same opportunities as today of showing their skill. He also rang 'Grandison' single-handed on dedication day the same year.

Bill's peal total is 311, of which he has conducted 122, and most of these were rung prior to 1926, his last being in 1947. In 1912 he rang 54 peals, this being his best year. He has been a very capable handbell ringer, and 133 of his peals have been 'in hand' conducted 73. Undoubtedly the performance of which he is most proud of taking part in is the 19.738 Stedman Caters at Guildford on August 31st, 1912, conducted by Alfred H. Pulling. This still ranks as the record peal on handbells. Amongst other peals of note was the first short course peal of Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand' (69 courses) on May 4th, 1914, his first handbell peal, on December 22nd, 1907, which was the first for the Surrey Association, and the Shepherd family handbell peal on February 11th, 1910. Another peal worthy of note was rung at Arklow in 1904, when four Shepherds took part in the first peal of Bob Major in Ireland, and J. W. Washbrook rang two bells and conducted.

SIX AMBITIONS FULFILLED

By the time he was 39, Bill had fulfilled six ambitions—100 peals on tower bells, 100 on handbells, 100 of Stedman, 100 conducted, 100 peals conducted, 100 of Triples and 100 peals on even bells (on 6, 8, 10 and 12). He has completed 61 years as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and served on the Central Council for the Winchester Guild from 1920-23, and for the Guildford Guild for 1928-29. Other offices he has held in the past include District Ringing Master Winchester Guild, 1908-21, and District secretary Surrey Association, 1916-19.

Bill has done a vast amount of teaching work in his younger days, particularly when living in Hersham, Surrey, from 1904-1914, where he was a member of the good local band there until 1926. Many places he visited were quite remote, without rail or bus services, which meant many miles of walking on dark roads. One of his greatest pleasures was tuning on handbells, with his father and brothers. They used 57 bells, and played from music (scored and arranged by his father) and were much in demand.

Amongst other interests, Bill has been actively engaged with Friendly Society work, from 1913 onwards. He became District Grand Master of the Oddfellows twice, and was appointed by the Minister of Health to the Surrey County Insurance Committee in May, 1929, and served on every sub-committee during his 20 years' service. He also undertook T.B. Committee work for the Surrey C.C. and became chairman of his district. He is a vice-president of his local bowls club, honorary auditor of his local football club, and a member of the British Legion, having served in the First World War with the Devons and the London Irish Rifles.

Bill Shepherd has placed Sunday service ringing first, teaching and instruction second, and meetings and peals third. Through an unfortunate fall at Waterloo station some years ago, he has developed a serious and rare bone disease, for which there is no cure, and he is seldom free from pain. However, he remains very cheerful, is happy in seeing his District carrying on the good work, and occasionally attends local meetings. Sixty-eight years' dabbling with various branches of the art and the joy of visiting churches and towers in all parts of the country have given him much pleasure.

Quite a number of his 1914-15 pupils are still ringing in Surrey, and he much enjoys seeing the names of friends old and new, in various pages of the 'R.W.'. He would like to be remembered to two of his very old ringing friends, Herbert Langdon and Thomas H. Taffender. Just recently, he has been compiling data regarding the Eldridge family of bellfounders, and information about the old 5th bell at Chertsey, the 'Abbey' bell. This is for the Urban Council records for future reference. He has been happily married for nearly 46 years, and Mrs. Shepherd rang in quite a number of towers, and also proved a good tune ringer on the trebles.

In the eve of a long ringing career, Bill Shepherd's main interest now is in literary work and in reading about his old friends in the 'R.W.' APACE

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 29th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bradford on October 14th, when a complement of 134 members and friends assembled to pay tribute. The arrangements for the occasion were undertaken by the Bradford Cathedral ringers, who were warmly complimented on the hospitality and entertainment provided.

Under the mellowing influence of good food, wines and fellowship, conversation flowed pleasantly and easily. Only one thing remained to complete the evening—brilliant speeches from those on the toast list. We were not disappointed. Supporting the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison) on the top table were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Miss Jean Barnett, the Rev. D. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, Mr. John Freeman, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (president of the Lancashire Association), Mr. W. Barton, Mrs. P. Robshaw, Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley and Mr. L. W. G. Morris. The president, who gave a lead in friendliness, preceded his welcome to the guests with apologies from his wife and the Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. J. G. Tarks.

The Rev. Roger D. St. John Smith submitted the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' It was not a new venture, he said, to cross the border from the County Palatine to the county of broad acres, and especially to Bradford during his courting days. To himself it was always a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Yorkshire and Yorkshire people, as his wife was a Yorkshire woman, and as he himself was a Derbyshire man, perhaps the colour of the roses was not of the same significance as it was to the counties concerned.

Jasper Snowdon was a pioneer in text books on ringing. His writings in the Snowdon series were unrivalled. From them stemmed a great advance in method ringing and composition, whereas his treatise on proof—hitherto a mystery to most ringers—still remained a monumental work. He was a contemporary of such men as Haywood, Wilde and Annable, and no doubt his works had a great influence on other eminent composers who followed, such as Hattersley, Craven and Knights.

This was not all, however. Snowdon was also a great historian, as was shown in his published researches in the fields of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob in particular. Without doubt his works and researches had dominantly influenced the past, and would continue to be an inspiration to the present and future generations. The toast was duly honoured and, as is customary, was immediately followed by an excellent course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung by F. Hodgson 1—2, W. Barton 3—4, W. F. Moreton 5—6, L. W. G. Morris 7—8, J. Ambler 9—10.

GREETINGS

Mr. Vernon Bottomley was entrusted with the toast 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies,' which he submitted in a felicitous speech. The clerical visitors duly honoured were the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and the Rev. D. R. Brown. 'They were, he said, also honoured to have with them Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie (Kent), Mr. John Freeman (Lincoln) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, from (at any rate the time being) Darley Dale. 'Teddy' and Mrs. Barnett needed no introduction, having become frequent visitors to that gathering, and whom they sincerely hoped to welcome on many more future occasions. It was also a great pleasure to welcome, for the

first time, Mr. John Freeman, whose services to the Exercise and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in particular were well known and appreciated.

Once again they were honoured by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood, who had graced the Snowdon dinner many times in the past. To Frank he would say 'thank you' for his yeoman service as convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee—an office he had filled with skill and distinction. He had, however, one criticism to make—he did not like to see it set-up at 'backstroke' and failed to see any useful purpose in its changed format.

Mr. Smallwood, in his reply, said both his wife and himself always derived great pleasure in attending the dinner, an 'annual' they looked forward to. With regard to the 'set-up' of 'The Ringing World' in its present form, he was quite impartial, but as yet it was too early to make an assessment of their readers' reactions. In due course these would be taken into account by his committee.

CONTINUED PROSPERITY

In submitting the toast 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. John Freeman said he sometimes questioned the sincerity in some of them. The Yorkshire Association, however, had been well and faithfully served by a continuity of distinguished officers, all of whom had devoted their skill, energy and time in furthering its interests. Among those he personally remembered was Percy J. Johnson, whose trenchant criticism of indifferent striking was well known—especially to those on the receiving end. At the slightest deviation in the 'beat' he would bellow out 'Take the wrinkles out of it.' There were also Clement Glenn, former general secretary and ace conductor of Grandsire and Stedman; S. F. Palmer, a former treasurer; William Barton, whose knowledge of compositions in all methods was immense, and who had proved every composition rung by the Association from its inception up to his retirement as peal secretary some years ago; Mr. W. E. Critchley, who had succeeded Mr. Barton in that office, and had produced many popular compositions in new Surprise methods, as well as the 53 Spliced Surprise Major composition, at present the record; Mr. Norman Chaddock, whose efforts to explore ways and means of fully manning towers for Sunday service ringing were widely known; and spanning three decades were their present general secretary, that great little man, Mr. Leslie Morris, and at the head of affairs their genial president. The Yorkshire Association had indeed been fortunate to have the services of such men, to mention only a few, which augured well for its continued prosperity.

Finally, the thanks of all were due to the Provost of Bradford, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Idle, and the Vicar of Ilkley, for the use of their bells, also to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the gathering.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. H. SENIOR

We regret to record the death on October 17th of Mr. W. H. Senior, of 54, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Senior was a very well known ringer in the heavy woollen district and was a ringer at Batley, Earlsheaton and Liversedge. He was also very active in contests and peal ringing for a great number of years.

MR. W. HOAD

On October 13th the death occurred of Mr. William Hoad, a ringer at Salehurst, Sussex, for 55 years. He farmed the land near the church tower and was captain of the ringers for many years. He had several peals to his credit, mostly at his own tower, and could conduct Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, but he will be best remembered for his service to Salehurst tower.

He was buried on the following Tuesday. The same evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled to his memory. The following week a band of Kent and Sussex men rang a fine half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, during which most of the local band, including Mr. Hoad's brother and nephews, walked round the village listening.

THE REV. J. KINGDON, M.A.

His many friends in the Chester Diocese and much further afield will learn with great regret of the death of the Rev. John Kingdon, which took place recently in hospital after a short illness. He was 74.

His younger days were spent in the mission field in India, from which he returned to this country for a brief period in 1923 as Precentor of Coventry Cathedral. He saw further service in India before accepting the living of Bollington, Cheshire, where he became interested in ringing, and it was during his ten years' ministry there that the bells were restored.

In 1947 he came to Chester as Rector of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, and was shortly afterwards elected secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, an office which he held with distinction for 11 years. Mr. Kingdon was often to be seen at Branch meetings, on Saturday afternoons, where his unassuming manner and kindly disposition made him a welcomed visitor. He retired in September, 1958, and took up residence in Storrington, Sussex. The members of the Chester Diocesan Guild will join with his many friends in the diocese in expressing very real sympathy with his widow and family. J. W. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS AND CHURCH WORKERS

Dear Sir.—It may be that the ringers at Usk (Mon) are all non-church attenders, in which case the Rev. D. G. Brunning has every opportunity, by personal contact, assuming they live in the parish, to show them the error of their ways. But I do wish he would refrain from his sarcastic insinuations which, although typical of his contributions to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' are unworthy by their uncharitableness and inaccuracy of his great calling.

Of course there are ringers who are not churchmen, but the great majority of ringers these days certainly are. I would remind your readers that it is but a year or two since a young man who was due to become Master of the College Youths had to decline the honour because he was training for the priesthood, and at this moment a former Master of the Cumberlands is in training for Holy Orders at Rochester Theological College.

Your correspondent should be present at the Corporate Communion of the Central Council on Whit Tuesday—perhaps he will have the opportunity at Cardiff next year. He will find there a representative body of men and women of differing traditions within the church, who by their demeanour are by no means strangers observing a convention.

One has watched with pleasure through the columns of 'The Ringing World' the activities of a young man who a year or two ago moved from one Northamptonshire town to another. His name seems still to pop up all over the place, but one gathers he is already a churchwarden at the town he has moved to, and there is frequent evidence in 'The Ringing World' of the growing ringing activity at this church. There are all these and many, many more.

The omission of ringers from lists of churchwardens is most unfortunate and all too frequent. I strongly support your correspondent who raised the matter in your columns.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

NO COMPARISON

Dear Sir.—The Rev. D. G. Brunning says (page 720), 'One never hears of "singers" leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over.' I have never heard of these 'singers' beginning a half to three quarters of a hour before a service, like ringers do. There is this difference between them.—Sincerely yours,

H. HODGSON (Mrs.).

Chesham, Bucks.

RINGERS AND YORK MINSTER ENTHRONEMENT

Dear Sir.—Reference to Rev. D. G. Brunning's letter on page 720. I was at a service in a West Country Cathedral recently when, at the end of Evensong, the choir retired, leaving the congregation to sing two hymns and listen to a splendid address by the Diocesan Bishop. Surely this is not an isolated case.

The implications by the reverend gentleman in his letter may be true in certain districts, but thanks to the influence of our worthy Associations, and more clergy taking an interest (often active) in the affairs of the tower, in my opinion ringers in the majority attend at least one service each Sunday, and usually choose the most important, that of Holy Communion. Many ringers also sing in the choir of their church, are members of the P.C.C. and take an active part in many other church activities.

Certainly I do not think that the point raised by Mr. Brunning had any bearing on the particular omission in this service.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE

(Lay Reader and Tower Captain).

Eagle House, Yatton, Somerset.

CHURCH OFFICIALS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir.—I had intended to write this letter before reading that written by the Rev. D. G. Brunning, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' for October 27th.

On Sunday, October 29th, in this parish we have started the second part of our Christian Stewardship Campaign. This entails daily readings from the Bible continuously for one year. All of our ringers are active members of the church and we rang prior to Said Mass on that day a quarter peal to mark the occasion and to welcome the celebrant—the Bishop of St. Albans.

This was 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilkie (server) 1, D. Hibbert (member of the Youth Fellowship) 2, D. Bartholomew (server and chorister) 3, H. Bradbury (server) 4, M. Hatchett (cond., server and visitor in Stewardship Campaign) 5, J. Hibbert (chorister) 6.

Only too often do we hear of ringers not being active Christians—is this their fault only? When inquiries are made it usually turns out that the priest-in-charge never visits the ringing chamber and sometimes doesn't even know the names of the ringers in his church.

If the ringers at Usk don't attend church regularly, might I suggest that their priest not only visits the tower regularly, but offers regular prayers on their behalf: ours does and it's surprising what a difference it makes.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

P.S.—This quarter peal was also rung to mark the christening of the third son of the ringer of the 4th.—M. H.

RIGHT PLACE SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—Some months ago a letter of mine appeared in your columns dealing with a proposal to publish Mr. S. Burton's collection of Right Place Surprise Methods. Owing to a change in circumstances I no longer have the facilities necessary for the production of this work, and thus shall not be able to publish it as originally planned.

To all those people who wrote to me reserving copies, I must tender my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused, and to those who enclosed a subscription for the first copy, assure them it will be returned within a few days.—Yours faithfully,

W. BUTLER.

Thatcham, Berks.

THE QUARTER PEAL AT HILLINGDON

Dear Sir.—It was pleasing to know that Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon had renewed their interest in ringing after nearly 30 years' absence, and my memory goes back to December 16th, 1925, when a peal of Kent Major was rung at Acton. Ringing next to me was a young teenage ringer, Miss Ruby Hawsworth, on the 3rd, and Mr. Fardon rang the 4th, a birthday compliment to him. These two became man and wife, and were missed soon after their marriage, therefore it is nice to see their names in print again.

Mr. G. R. Fardon (father) was a prominent London ringer and we were ringing peals together back in 1902.—Yours sincerely,

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

LADIES' RECORDS

Dear Sir.—I trust that Miss Muriel Reay will forgive me for pointing out that she does not hold the record for the number of peals rung on tower bells by a lady, as stated by 'Apacer' in his interesting review of her excellent ringing career. The total given was 570.

The total of peals rung by the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole was 677: of this number 672 were rung on tower bells.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY BROUGHTON.

Leicester.

6/5's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Whilst I have no strong views on 6/5's at backstroke in Minor ringing I have had some experience in producing rather a novel musical effect.

As most of our experienced peal ringers know, when rounds are likely to come up in peals in an embarrassing place due to either a change course or miscall, the technique is for the tenor man to pull in his bell to prevent this. Having used this system on several occasions (I find when calling Minor methods that the calls come rather quickly, which can be confusing to a conductor even of my calibre), I find that sometimes 6/5's are produced at backstroke. These never struck me as being unpleasant, particularly in view of the urgency of the situation.

On rare occasions, however, I have managed to clash the tenor exactly with the 5th. This produces the rather novel musical effect I mentioned in my first sentence. It reminds me of the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky, in the part where you get lots of bells ringing rounds and then a cannon fires. Of course, some people don't like shots.

Most people deplore 8/7's at backstroke in Major ringing, but I think it's not nearly as bad as 6/5 in Doubles at backstroke, and indeed they are rather odd at handstroke.

It doesn't really matter in Minimus or even Maximus, because no one can tell the difference anyway whatever you ring, but I'm inclined to agree with Derek P. Jones.

Of course, this is only my opinion, but I do ring regularly for Sunday service.—Yours, etc.,

G. HAYALLS.

Derby.

Dear Sir.—We are all, I feel sure, greatly obliged to Mr. Pargeter for explaining so carefully that 6/5's at the backstroke are of no moment unless open leads are employed. This, I believe, has been remarked on before. Of course, the tenor coursing 'the wrong way' looks awkward on tower bells and feels awkward on handbells, but I submit that if Mr. Pargeter approaches the subject with his mind (and ears) in the same condition as his leads, he will discover much of interest in 6/5's at backstroke.

In this matter, as in all others, we should be progressive, but I assure Mr. P. that I have never used a preposition to end a sentence with!—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

THE LATE PREB. E. V. COX'S HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—The handbells advertised for sale in last week's issue were the property of the late Preb. E. V. Cox, who was president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers from 1933 until his death on May 30th, 1961. He bequeathed them to the Guild, to be sold for the benefit of the Guild instruction fund.

The Guild General Committee has decided that, in view of his great services to ringing throughout the county, a memorial fund should be raised, and it is proposed to divide the fund between the provision of something tangible in Exeter Cathedral belfry and a trophy to be awarded annually to the most progressive tower in union with the Guild. To this end it is hoped that towers will subscribe at least 1s. per member. Contributions should be sent via Branch secretaries to the general treasurer, Mr. H. W. Milford, 490, Crownhill Road, Higher Street, Budeaux, Plymouth.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.
Gen. Sec., Devon Guild.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman, of Ramsgate, whose 50th anniversary was announced by a quarter of Grandshire Triples at St. Lawrence's Church. For 52 years he rang at this church and in the later years he was captain. Then ill-health put a stop to his ringing.

ST. GEORGE'S BEATS 'TENOR KING'

Well, us thought, the Tenor King put up a fair old show, even to get 'alf way with such a bender and us 'opes as 'e'll come again and 'ave another go. Young Dr. Heighon's got some ideas about oiling the tenor so's 'er don't run dry, so us might even see Cecil ring 'un behind before then.

P. J. B.

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Fifty Years of Ringing in the Island

A UNIQUE gathering took place at Godshill, Isle of Wight, on October 28th to honour two members of the local company who had completed 50 years as ringers at this tower. They were Charles Denness and Clive Callaway. Also honoured was Sidney Moody, of Whippingham, on completing 50 years, who had done most of his ringing at Newport Parish Church.

Charles Denness is the captain of the band, having followed his father in that office in 1934, when the bells were rehung. His grandfather was also captain, thus providing a family sequence spanning nearly a century.

Charles ('Chum') as he is known to his friends) not only taught many to ring, but had the satisfaction of seeing the local band progress until, immediately after the last war, they were probably the best ringing team on the island. In 1935, to mark the silver jubilee of King George V, he conducted the first peal on the bells by a local band. With the same ringers in 1953 he conducted another peal for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Clive Callaway, while not achieving notoriety as a conductor, has always been and is an excellent exponent of our art. A good teacher, he is ever ready to give what help he can to the many youthful visitors to the tower. Clive also serves the church in other capacities, but like 'Chum' is very modest concerning his activities. His brother, Albert Callaway, was for many years a ringer at Newport Parish Church after he had learned to ring in Godshill tower.

The celebrations commenced with ringing in the tower, ringers from Freshwater and Ventnor joining in with the local band.

OUTINGS

MARLOW, BUCKS

In the same little red bus, driven by one of the party, Marlow ringers set off at 7.45 a.m. on October 21st for their fourth annual outing.

The nice six at Theale and the light eight at Aldermaston were the first bells encountered. A longer run brought us to East Garston, where Walter Avery, of Lane End, the only visitor, scored his 400th tower. He had, however, to work for it—the bells, with 17 cwt. tenor, were on plain bearings and had not been oiled for a long time.

Two very good towers followed—Lambourne (8) and Ashbury (6), but the noise in the ringing chamber at Bishopstone (8) put most of the company off form. Ringing was delayed at Wanborough, because of a funeral. On the light eight at Stratton St. Margaret, with the aid of the Vicar and tower captain, we achieved a course of Double Norwich.

Some really good ringing took place at Highworth (8), and then came the first break of the day—high tea at a local hotel, kindly arranged for us by the Vicar of Highworth. The evening's ringing was at Shrivenhams, an odd-struck eight, where the fifth had to be pulled under the fourth at backstroke in rounds, and on the fine-toned 8 at Faringdon, where several local ringers joined in. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. To all who helped to make the day a great success our sincere thanks. R. E. D.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

The Beresford family joined us for our outing to Cambridge on June 17th. En route, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the Gillett and Johnston ring at Kettering.

At Cambridge, Plain Bob Maximus and Sledman Cinques were rung at Great St. Mary's Church. Contrasts were provided by the 10 cwt. eight at St. Andrew's and the six at St. Benedict's (13 cwt.). After tea the eight at the Roman Catholic Church, despite the draught, was excellent in tone and go.

On the homeward journey ringing took place at Godmanchester and Brampton (an anti-clockwise five). A further hour was spent at Brampton with refreshments. The singing in the coach was led by one of the young ladies of Lichfield and was very special. Local ringers and incumbents are thanked for their co-operation. 'KLEEWAY.'

Following the ringing, the Vicar (Rev. H. O. Masson) conducted a service in the church. To the first hymn the following verses, composed by the Vicar, were sung:

Our church bells at Godshill at Festivals say,
'Come all ye good people and cast care away.

For He who made sunshine and blossom and May,
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.'

Our fathers before us were men of goodwill
And heaven lay close to the church on the hill.

They built it for worship of Christ, King of Peace,
And peals from its bells here we know will not cease.

Two men of our band we would honour today,
Our captain, 'Chum' Denness, and Clive Callaway.

'Tis fifty years now since they started to ring,
So we have great pleasure their praises to sing.

The lesson was read by Rev. Mr. Collet, a ringer, who is curate at Freshwater. During a short address the Vicar paid tribute to the work of the two local men, both as ringers and churchmen. The singing during the service was accompanied on the organ by Mr. E. Taylor.

After the service the company went to the Village Hall, where they were joined by more ringers and friends to enjoy a sumptuous meal upon tables decorated with golden chrysanthemums. An iced cake made for the occasion by Mrs. E. Wyatt included a lead of Bob Minor among the decorations. The company drank the health of the three men after short speeches, by Mr. L. Bailey and Dr. J. B. Williamson.

Mr. L. Bailey was M.C. for the social that followed, during which Mr. H. Eldridge, of Niton, gave a monologue in dialect, and Mrs. Russell, of Whitwell, played for dancing and games on the piano. L. B.

Three Guilds at Hillingdon

A VERY enjoyable joint meeting between the Ladies' Guild, Middlesex Association and East Berks and South Bucks Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hillingdon on October 21st. This year is the 50th anniversary of the ten bells at Hillingdon.

Early in the afternoon ringing was conducted, on the eight at Iver, by Mr. Howard Oglesby, Deputy Ringing Master of the Oxford Branch, and later at St. John's, Hillingdon, by the Middlesex Master, Mr. John Mayne.

The service, which was conducted by Rev. F. C. Tyler, Vicar of Hillingdon, was attended by Lady Craig, daughter of the donor of the ten bells, the churchwardens of Hillingdon and representatives of the parish organisations. Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of Oxford Guild, and Rev. E. Perkins, chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, read the lessons. The anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord Alway,' was beautifully sung by the Hillingdon choir.

A very stirring address was given by the Bishop of Kensington, who used as his text 'Their sound shall go out into all lands.' Church bells, he said, proclaimed the word of God. Bellingring was an ancient craft, a service to the church and a task dedicated to God.

The Bishop commented how fitting it was that Lady Craig should be present that day. The bells were dedicated fifty years ago by a Bishop of Kensington, before he left the diocese, and now he too would be leaving before long. (Bishop Eastaugh has been appointed Bishop of Peterborough.) The Bishop mentioned the great fellowship and devotion of ringers as they called people to church. They taught learners so that they might join the fellowship of an art which has no limits.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' November 10th, 1911.—
FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL

On Wednesday evening, October 30th, 1811, was rung a peal of eight handbells at the house of Mr. William Booth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield, a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. 5,088 changes, 2 hours and 34 minutes, by the following artists, viz.: Treble & 2 William Hudson, 3 & 4 William Booth, 5 & 6 Henry Grayson, 7 & tenor George Hudson.

The conductor of this peal Mr. George Hudson.

The above is copied from an old manuscript book originally the property of Mr. William Booth, and now in the possession of his grandson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. This was the first handbell peal ever rung with bells retained in hand. In order to carry out the similitude of the original performance, as far as possible, inquiries were made with a view to the centenary peal being attempted within the same four walls, but owing to the house being turned into a business concern this was found to be impracticable. Mr. C. H. Hattersley therefore invited the band to ring at his residence, and it may be interesting to note that the grandfather clock which timed the original peal is in Mr. Hattersley's possession, and was utilised for the same purpose on the present occasion.

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After an inspiring service, about 120 people were invited to tea, which had been prepared by Mrs. Honor and the ladies of Hillingdon. Rev. F. C. Tyler welcomed Lady Craig, the Bishop and all ringers to Hillingdon.

Canon Wigg said how proud he was to be present. The choir, he said, were wonderful and it was certainly one of the best ringers' services which he had attended. On behalf of the Oxford Guild he thanked the Middlesex Association for the invitation and hoped that they would all turn up at Slough on February 24th, for the return meeting.

Mr. Fowles replied for the Middlesex Association. Mrs. Lock said the Ladies' Guild were delighted to be invited every year and hoped they would be asked again.

Apologies had been received, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said, from Rev. G. E. Taylor (president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master, O.D.G.) and Miss M. R. Cross (secretary, O.D.G.), Mr. T. W. White (editor of 'The Ringing World'), and Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of Heston. All sent their best wishes.

Mr. J. Mayne thanked all concerned for the arrangements, especially friends of Hillingdon ringers, who provided such an excellent tea. He said that these meetings help a great deal to widen friendship of ringers. Ringing then continued until 7.30 p.m., when the social commenced. This, which was arranged by Mr. W. Birmingham and Mrs. Lock, was enjoyed by all. Middlesex retained the cup for the cricket match, but during the evening Oxford had their revenge by winning another team game. This very friendly meeting ended with refreshments, and the next day Mr. Goodfellow visited Mr. Webb, who is in hospital, and reports that he is making very good progress.

Warsop's Cup Winning Team

Under the excellent leadership of Herbert T. Rooke, cup winning has become quite a habit of the Warsop band, and they have carried all before them in this year's contest, winning no less than three.

Since 1949 they have won the Southwell Guild's Crawford Cup every year, with the exception of 1954 and 1956. They have also won the Sheffield and District contest five times since 1953. This year's successes were in the Sheffield, Southwell and Shelley contests.

There must be something in the Warsop air that helps to produce such remarkably good strikers, and it will have to be a very good team indeed that will beat the Warsop company on their present form.

JAFUS.



Standing: F. Cooke, F. Flint (vice-captain), M. Foster, G. Challans. Seated: D. H. Rooke, H. T. Rooke (captain), James T. Rooke.

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With a peal in 40 Surprise Minor methods at Sisted, Essex, Mr. Howard W. Egglestone and his band have created a record by ringing the most Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal. He writes that possibly this peal might get some of our composers interested in the problem of getting all the regular Surprise Minor methods into 5.040 changes.

The Bristol ringing festival made a Third Programme feature on November 1st.

Veterans of the Exercise will congratulate Major J. Howard Freeborn, of Oxford, on ringing his 200th peal.

Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide, rang two peals at Loughborough, on October 24th and 26th: one his first of Stedman Triples and the other his first of Major.

'Jafus' was incorrect in stating that our old friend Rev. Canon C. C. Cox was 80 plus. He will be 80 on January 26th next. Apologies to Canon Cox, and thanks to Mr. J. T. Barrett for drawing attention to the error.

Wallingford Grammar School has joined the list of schools that have rung peals. The band, who rang a peal at Goring, had an average age of 14½. The conductor, G. Mellhone, was ringing his first peal at the age of 14 years.

Only one Association seems to have remembered the 230th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. This was the Durham and Newcastle Association, who on October 25th rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Gateshead.

The Bristol Evening Post of October 25th had a special article about the first peal rung at St. Helen's Church, Lundy Island, on August 23rd, 1905. In this peal of Stedman Triples were the Rev. H. A. Cockey, C. H. Tomkins, C. H. Gordon, R. J. Wilkins, W. A. Cave, P. Game, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Rev. C. F. Coleridge. A picture of the peal band is published and this was supplied by Miss Eileen Heaven, of Portishead, a great-niece of the Rev. H. G. Heaven, who built the church and was styled the 'King of Lundy.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Longparish, Hampshire, can claim to have a peal ringing band. Five of the local ringers stood in a peal at their church, which was the first for four of them. The only outsider was Mr. G. K. Dodd, who has done much to promote ringing in this part of Hampshire.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire, who is at college at Loughborough, rang his 100th peal this year, on October 26th.

Whilst a quarter peal at Sunbury-on-Thames was being rung to mark their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (and daughter) were sitting in the belfry watching the efforts. Although non-ringers, they are vigorous church workers and plead the ringers' cause through the Church Council. Their son Andrew rang the tenor bell.

Mr. Raymond P. Wood, who conducted the peal of Stedman Doubles at Thakeham on October 28th, was very impressed by the ringing of the local band. The peal marked the retirement of Canon H. T. Mogridge as Rector of Thakeham. For many years the Canon has been a vice-president of the Sussex Association and his continued interest in its welfare is much appreciated.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs, a member of the band at Hunsdon, Herts, was decorated with the O.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen at an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace last week. Accompanying Miss Gibbs on this memorable occasion were Miss E. Chitty (tower secretary at Hunsdon and sixty-one years a chorister) and Mrs. T. J. Lock (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild).

Nine disconsolate ringers gathered outside St. Andrew's Church, Roker, on October 28th for an attempt of Cambridge Royal. Their plight was brought to the notice of Ian Booth, a Sunderland student, whose home tower is St. Mary's, Cottingham, Yorks, and he offered to ring the treble. A good peal was rung and the band afterwards were surprised to learn that this was only Ian's second peal, his first being Royal at St. Mary's, Beverley.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,**A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 7
MARGARET A. PARKER 2	JOHN WORTH 8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 9
BASIL JONES 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 10
JOHN FREEMAN 5	GEOFFREY PAUL 11
C. KENNETH LEWIS 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,**A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
SANDRA E. CHESTERSTON 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
JOHN E. COOK 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD 6
RITA M. JOWETT 2	ALEX. E. MARSH 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 3	† ROGER J. LUMLEY 8
* JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 4	ALFRED SMITH 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

A welcome to Clare, second daughter of Philip and Eileen Hudson, born the previous day; also a birthday peal for the conductor.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER.**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 22 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

* J. IAN BOOTH Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
† JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
CHARLES N. LEA 3	KENNETH LAWSON 8
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	ROLAND PARK 9
GEORGE S. DEAS 5	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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

JAMES DRAYCOTT Treble	* E. THOMAS WILSON 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW 2	HARRY M. WINDSOR 6
GRAHAM T. BALL 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7
HARRY HARPER 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Major.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

PATRICIA MORRIS Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON 5
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

A wedding compliment to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw and Miss E. E. Gladwin.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD BIRCH Treble	DENNIS HOLLAND 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK 6
LESLIE E. SMITH 3	WILLIAM HOLLAND 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW 4	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

Rung after the wedding of Miss June Florence Senior, of Ecclesfield, and Mr. Malcolm Alexander Knubble, of Wombwell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,**A PEAL OF 5024 SHOULDHAM DELIGHT MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

YVONNE EDWARDS Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 6
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal of Delight Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Wilshaw; also a birthday compliment to the conductor's father.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

* WENDY PHILLIPS Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
† JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	W. NORMAN PARK 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	ROLAND PARK 7
† ALAN R. PATTERSON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

* ROSEMARY L. TAYLOR .. Treble	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
(Newnham)	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. 7
† D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) .. 3	H. C. LEWIS (Fitz. H.) .. Tenor
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 4	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

* First peal. † First on eight.

Rung to welcome David, son of Frances and Brian Threlfall, and Caroline Ruth, daughter of June and Chris. Johnson.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.**A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 2	* PETER T. HURCOMBE 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 3	* NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 200th peal for the Guild.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
JEAN L. LAVENDER 2	RAYMOND E. FINCH 6
OLIVE D. TESTER 3	COLIN A. TESTER 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	STEWART F. KIMBER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*ERNEST STITCH Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK 5
*HOWARD HOWELL 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
†YVONNE EDWARDS 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 7
‡MICHAEL FELLOWS 4	MAURICE G. TURNER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 200th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

Rung for the Harvest Festival; also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second, sixth and tenor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
CYRIL W. HANCOCK Treble	JOHN E. WARNER 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of William H. Hoad, a ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	BRIAN COX 5
A. JAMES POYNER 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
*†JOHN A. ACRES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
†JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. Specially arranged for Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 15 cwt.

ERIC N. HARRISON Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (Five-Part).

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung on the 230th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1731.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
 (South West Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in F., approx.
*ROSEMARY JOYCE MARKS Treble	D. ROY BOLD 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 3	WILLIAM G. LAYERS 7
FREDERICK E. DAY 4	WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the new Tamar Road Bridge.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 24 cwt.
KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. Treble	DON C. EXELL 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	CLIFF RICHARDS 6
PATRICK J. BIRD 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*SUSAN E. WATERFIELD .. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL 5
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	‡BRIAN COX 6
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	†MELVYN STEVENS 7
†SHIRLEY M. BECK 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of T.B. Major. † First of Treble Bob. ‡ First of Major. The conductor's 100th tower bell peal this year.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BURLEY P. MORRIS Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN 5
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL 6
FREDERICK W. STONE 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
JAMES A. AYERS 4	DAVID W. PARKIN Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by DAVID W. PARKIN.

First peal as conductor.
 Rung as a 48th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Stone, Ringing Master of Duffield.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES COLES Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
EDWARD R. VENN 3	†J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 7
*HARRY W. BADGER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal, and rung on his 60th birthday. † 200th peal.
 A welcome to Caroline Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. P. Johnson, born October 12th, 1961.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRENTFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative; 129 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	*TREVOR A. CROSS 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 6).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of 4-Spliced.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES 2	A. JAMES POYNER 6
W. DAVID WARD 3	JOHN M. JELLEY 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part	Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
*WALTER S. RICE .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
†HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 6
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3	†ALAN F. LEE .. 7
DAVID J. BARNETT .. 4	WALTER E. DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † 60th peal. ‡ 75th peal (40 for the Bath and Wells Association).

Rung to enable the ringers of treble and tenor to ring a peal in their own tower.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,408 each Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 Bristol and 1,120 London; with 117 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
*ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced on the bells.

Rung for the church's dedication festival.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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

*ANN GEORGE .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. 4	ROBERT P. SHEPLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

*ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*ROY WORRALL .. 6
*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3	†WALTER SHERRATT .. 7
*JOHN ROBINSON .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.
HAROLD HAMER .. Treble	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
IVAN KAY .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
MARGARET CROSSTHWAITE .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Rung in memory of Mr. Tom Ascroft, ringer at this church for over 60 years, who died August 16th, 1961.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JEAN L. LAVENDER .. Treble	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 6
*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 3	ROBERT W. HINDE .. 7
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
JOHN D. ROCK .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.

First peal as conductor. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	DENIS FRITH .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	MARTIN FAULKES .. 6
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	DENIS MOITERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw and Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5152 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*GORDON H. LANE .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to the ringer of the fourth on his recent marriage to Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HARRY D. LISTER .. Treble	WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 4
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	HUBERT A. MITSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

The ringers of treble and tenor have now 'completed the circle' to peals.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and 16 240's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

LESLIE BARRY .. Treble	*DAVID POJJOY .. 4
LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	OLIVER MILLS .. 5
AUDREY EVANS .. 3	HAROLD AUSTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON .. Treble	JAMES E. BURLS .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
JAMES BLACKBURN .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival; also for the 61st anniversary of the dedication of the church. October 20th. 1900.

GRETTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and three 240's Grand-sire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY WAND .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 3
*JOHN WOOLLEY .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 23 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (2) Chester and Munden; (3) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; (7) Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge and Primrose; with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 150th peal together. † 50th peal together. First in 23 methods by all the hand, and on the bells.

LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MARGARET E. READ Treble	FRANK R. TONGE 4
*MRS. B. DOBSON 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*PENELOPE A. GODDARD 3	*BRIAN M. PICKFORD Tenor

Conducted by the ringers of 3, 4 and 5, calling a 720 alternately, No. 7 being conducted by FRANK R. TONGE.

* First peal. Ringers of treble, 2, 3, 4 and tenor are local ringers at the church.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Dobson, also a wedding anniversary—both dates falling on October 4th.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 40 methods, viz.: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2 and 3) Cuneastre, Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester and Munden (1,440 in 12 Surprise); (4) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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 yet rung in 5,040 changes.

Rung as a welcome to Caroline Wendy, infant daughter of Peter and Pamela Eves.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY Treble	MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD 4
SHIRLEY A. MUDD 2	RITA M. JOWETT 5
IRIS LEMARE 3	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD Tenor

Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

First peal in the method by all.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANNE P. SMITH Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON 4
PETER T. DALE 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 5
ALAN G. KIRK 3	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

In memoriam William Willett.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. FULLER Treble	*MARTIN MAJOR 4
*ANTHONY SMITH 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
*ALEX SIMPSON 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 44 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*STEPHEN FRANKLIN Treble	†ROGER HOWES 4
†GERALD McILHONE 2	*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE 5
*GERALD TINSON 3	*CHARLES J. ADAM Tenor

Conducted by GERALD McILHONE (14 years).

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal by an all-Wallingford Grammar School band; average age 14½ years.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ANN BARR Treble	LUCY ALLEN 4
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	*DAVID INGRAM 5
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

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

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (12 callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARIAN SKINNER Treble	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL 4
CHARLES B. SKINNER 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 5
EDWARD FOSBERRY 3	*WILLIAM CHERRIMAN Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

Rung on the retirement of Canon H. T. Mogridge. Rector of Thakeham and a vice-president of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6
ERIC N. HARRISON 3—4	JOHN E. ANDERSON 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	*JOHN J. JELLEY 7—8
†ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10	

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First Surprise peal 'in hand.' † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Perrin 1, D. A. Cork 2, Miss J. M. Winchester 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. A. Cork (first of T.B.) 1, C. H. Macve (first of T.B. 'inside') 2, R. Bird 3, J. C. Perrin 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann E. Sharpe 1, Margaret Fisher (first 'inside') 2, Diana Gough (cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, Valerie Mepham 5. First quarter on five bells for band. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Gilbert 1, Katherine Gorvin 2, Ann E. Sharpe 3, Valerie Mepham 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. Paine (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (in eleven different methods): A. Holling 1, Ann Warnes 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, D. M. Barrett 6. First quarter in 11 methods by the band.

BARMING, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Pamela J. Osborne 1, Marjorie Clarke 2, D. Smith 3, J. Mannerling 4, H. H. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. R. Manser 6.

BAUGHURST, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Taylor 1, A. Littlejohn 2, D. Papworth 3, J. Roberts (cond.) 4, F. Gosling 5, H. Taylor 6. For evening service, the first to be held at Bournemouth after a lapse of many years.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher 1, Miss M. Butcher 2, Miss M. Tate 3, E. J. Phillips (cond.) 4, J. H. Phillips 5, S. D. Butcher 6. By the Bengo Society of Change Ringers, for the induction of the Rev. C. A. Weale, B.A.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Thomas Jackson, who was interred at this church earlier in the day.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Harris (first quarter) 1, P. J. Dye 2, I. C. Buckland 3, Kathleen M. Exell 4, P. Bridle (first as cond.) 5, D. C. Exell 6, P. J. Bird 7, D. C. J. Padfield 8. Rung for the induction service, particularly remembering Rev. David Bentley, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol. Also on Oct. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,287 Stedman Caters: P. J. Bird (cond.) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, C. K. Cooper 3, F. Anderson (first of Stedman) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, J. H. Fielden 6, J. M. Stallard 7, P. S. Bennett 8, J. C. Baldwin 9, I. C. Maycock 10. First of Caters for 4, 5 and 8. Rung for morning prayer.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cecilia Newman (first quarter) 1, Patricia Fairman (first 'inside') 2, Sheila Copping 3, G. E. Foster 4, R. T. Newman 5, M. Foster (first as cond.) 6, P. J. Spice 7. For Matins. Also the same day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary M. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, P. J. Spice 3, G. E. Foster 4, M. Foster (first of Bob Major 'inside') 5, R. T. Newman 6, D. G. Brown 7, M. F. Oakshott (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Neal 1, E. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, C. Cook 4, N. Jenkins 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, E. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, H. Hodgetts 4, C. Cook 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to parents of T. Clark, ringer of the 3rd. Also birthday greetings to the same ringer.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's, Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,440 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: Miss O. Gant 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. Phillimore 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, married at this church earlier in the day.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Lucksford (first quarter) 1, Colin Wilkins 2, Stephen Miller 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. G. Cook 5, R. J. Court 6. Four and five joint conductors. For Evensong.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Budd 1, Gillian P. Blackwell 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whittall 5, H. Homans 6, R. Woodvatt (cond.) 7, Lynda J. Rofe 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8. By Sunday service band, for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to ringer of second.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1, Miss B. Jewell 2, S. G. King 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, Miss M. de Jong 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, C. J. A. Brown (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Pike.

COVENTRY.—On Oct. 29th, at St. Michael's, Stoke, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Wright 1, R. D. Hayne 2, D. Ellender 3, R. Robinson 4, R. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. D. M. Davies, who is to be inducted to the living of St. Andrew's, Rugby.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Bingham (first Caters) 1, Miss K. Branson 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, R. St. C. Wilson 4, N. D. Haig (first Caters) 5, J. Martin 6, M. Peterson 7, A. Best 8, C. R. Raine 9, I. Laing (first Caters) 10. Rung for the dedication festival.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. M. Mann 3, J. H. Edwards 4, C. M. Payne 5, C. D. Mann 6, K. C. Fleming 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung to wish hon voyage to K. C. Fleming, of Amphil, on his joining the Merchant Navy.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Miss D. E. Smith 3, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, B. Johns 6, J. Underwood 7, C. H. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Viscount Crookshank of Gainsborough, P.C., C.H.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 26th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Heath 1, G. W. Reynolds 2, R. A. Todd 3, J. Woolley (cond.) 4, G. H. Busby 5, J. C. Hudson 6. Rung with 5 as whole hunt bell, for Glaston Feast.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Payne 1, P. Clarkson 2, I. Goulter 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Jones 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, W. Cox 7, L. Edwards 8, P. Allen 9, J. Whiting 10. First time the Cathedral bells have been rung on a Sunday evening.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marie R. Cross (cond.) 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon 3, Catherine M. Chapman 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, A. W. Lloyd 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. H. T. Dixon, D.D., grandfather of the 3rd and 5th, who was Vicar of Taynton and Great Barrington, 1907-11.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Lerner 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. A farewell to ringer of 3rd, who is leaving the district after 23 years of regular Sunday service ringing.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Thorling 1, M. C. Hughes 2, F. C. Lyne 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, R. E. Tallis sen. 5, G. E. Ingram 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss J. Castle (a cousin of the conductor) to Mr. D. Hicks.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, K. Barnes 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, S. Philbrick 5, T. Hyde 6. For family service. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Fish (first quarter) 1, R. Fuller 2, S. Philbrick 3, G. Mayes 4, M. Major (cond.) 5, L. H. Bywaters 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Cornwall 1, J. Simmons (first of Surprise) 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Francis (first of Surprise) 4, S. M. Bailey (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, G. Harrison 6, R. Blackler 7, D. Knox 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Oct. 27th, at the Old Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, B. Coles 3, E. Summers 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): Helen Sydes (first quarter) 1, P. Friend (first 'inside') 2, J. J. Wallcut 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. Before annual sportsmen's service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, Miss T. E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. The first in the variation by all the band. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. H. Bent 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, W. G. Hurst 3, G. W. Mason 4, T. G. Still 5, W. J. Tanner 6, C. H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. Rung by the St. Margaret's Sunday service band, for the medical service.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Davies 1, A. K. Fortin 2, E. G. Jones 3, M. W. Coleman 4, L. A. Busby 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Yvonne Obbard to Peter Gibson.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cleoni Gardner (first quarter) 1, Frances Smith (first quarter) 2, A. Honeywood 3, V. Wildney 4, Gillian R. Brown (first as cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, Miss B. Perry 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin 5.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Ann Hancock 1, L. Cordell 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Wootton 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, A. J. Roden (first 'inside') 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, J. E. Lawley and A. Perry 6. Longest length for A. Perry. A birthday compliment to J. E. Lawley. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Roden 1, J. A. Tandy 2, J. E. Lawley 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, P. L. Bill ('circle' to quarter peals completed) 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Wootton 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, A. J. Roden 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, A. Perry (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 22nd, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, R. H. Allsworth 2, J. Venn 3, R. Benstead (first 'inside') 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung prior to Evensong, to mark the dedication of the new extension to the church.

OXTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Bodman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Tanswell 2, Mrs. M. Howarth 3, Susan Nothersale 4, A. Newman (first as cond.) 5, A. Nowers 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, Mrs. L. Bladen 2, B. Bladen 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, A. Pendlebury 5, Miss S. M. Parsons 6, T. Borcham 7, I. Goulter 8, G. M. Brewin 9, G. R. Drew 10. For Evensong.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. A. Rule 1, A. Carveth 2, S. A. Read 3, Mrs. M. Carveth 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, D. Burnett 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, P. Rowe 8.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, F. Welch 4, R. C. Beale 5, J. Stenner 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Guest 1, M. Kitching 2, M. Brown 3, B. Brant 4, G. Brewin (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Norwich): M. Brown 1, N. Bennett 2, D. Mottershead 3, G. Brewin 4, F. Shallcross 5, J. E. Cook 6. Conducted jointly by 2 and 6. For Harvest Festival family service; also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Guest 1, M. Kitching 2, G. Brewin (cond.) 3, N. Bishop 4, P. Plowright 5, A. Yates 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, B. Brant 2, M. Kirk 3, M. Conson 4, M. Brown 5, G. Brewin 6.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion D. Simmonds (first quarter) 1, T. Bird 2, Jean R. Simmonds 3, D. E. Tupper 4, J. G. Brett 5, E. W. Brown 6, J. H. Brett 7, A. T. Barcham 8. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodchild, on their leaving the village. Mr. Goodchild has sung in the choir for 60 years, and served as Rector's warden for 40 years.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At 44, Janson Road, Shirley, on Oct. 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. M. Powell (first quarter) 1-2, H. N. Evans (cond.) 3-4.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): T. Tyers 1, D. Struckett 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, P. Brand 4, D. Brock (cond.) 5, A. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also for the wedding anniversary of the parents of A. Johnson.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Ritchens 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. A. Burt (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. A 21st birthday compliment to David Barnett, and as an engagement compliment to Bill Lampard and Rita M. Webb.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Dale (first quarter) 1, P. S. Whalley 2, Miss A. Pardoe (first 'inside') 3, Miss E. Snell 4, L. A. Walley 5, A. Thompson 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. By the local band for dedication festival Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENTS

GRAYSON—KELLY.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly are happy to announce (during their silver wedding year) the coming-of-age of their daughter, Jean, also her engagement to Brian, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grayson, both of Sheffield. 9221

NIX—WALKER.—The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nix, Babbacombe, Devon, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, East Dene, Rotherham, Yorkshire. 9186

DEATH

ATTWATER.—On Saturday, October 21st. 1961. James Attwater, in his 84th year. Ringer at St. George's, Barksideside, and previously at Enfield. 9230

PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Arlesey, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Norwich Minor. Ringing for all.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9215

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, November 11th. meeting at Blethingley. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 9175

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9158

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Godalming on Saturday, November 11th. Nominations for officers (duly proposed and seconded) and names for tea to Secretary.—S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 9149

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8). November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. 9173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 9102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Woolton, November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9204

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, November 11th. All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business, Church Hall. 5.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 9164

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with S.W. District of the ESSEX ASSOCIATION, Saturday, November 11th at All Saints', Edmonton. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. and evening ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All Hallows', Tottenham, bells also available 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. 9165

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lewknor, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Only cups of tea provided.—J. E. Goodman. 9185

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversham (8) on November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading.—F. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9143

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Farnham St. Martin (6). Saturday, November 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on November 11th at 3 p.m. West Tarring (6) available in the evening. Names for tea please to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9178

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Highclere (8). November 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Woolton Hill and East Woodhay after tea. Names to J. K. Dodd, White City, Woolton Hill. 9187

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Dundry, November 18th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9216

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest and practice meeting at Wavendon, by kind permission of Rev. Canon Elliot Wigg, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing contest 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for ten must be sent not later than Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbome Crowley, Bletchley. 9206

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, November 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea after service, Ringing, St. Michael's, after tea. For tea advise Mr. N. Bennett, 7, Corner Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, by November 15th.—C. K. Lewis and D. Ogden. 9197

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9211

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby (8) on Saturday, November 18th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 9222

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9196

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 18th, 2.30 p.m., Chester-le-Street (SS. Mary and Cuthbert). Names to Mr. S. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 9188

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting on Saturday, November 18th, at Blackwell. Bells 6 till 9 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9220

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9207

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex. 9141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the memorial to Frank Skidmore, St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, November 18th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) will be available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5, before Wednesday, November 15th.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 9143

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashted, Saturday, November 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in School Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by November 16th, please, to J. Symonds, 'Sherborne', West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 9219

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanlow, Saturday November 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. 9192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—November 18th, Harpenden. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Pershore. Committee meet 2.30 p.m., please. Names for tea to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—M. A. C. 9205

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Caldicot, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by November 14th please.—J. S. King. 9176

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8) on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Hall. 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Beasley, 'Highcroft,' St. George's Avenue, Hinckley, Leics., by Wednesday, November 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 9212

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. 9193

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland St. James, Saturday, November 18th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 15th. to Mr. J. Nelson, 71, Bannister Drive, Leyland, Direct bus from Preston Fox Street 2.13 p.m., bus 109 to Leyland Cross, 111. 162. 298 to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 9203

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Billesdon on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing: Tilton-on-the-Hill (4) 3-4 p.m.; Billesdon (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Service at Billesdon 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 15th, please, to Mr. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon. Transport can be provided from Tilton to Billesdon. 9190

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 9228

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by precious Tuesday.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9163

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Meeting, November 18th. Mortlake (8) 2.15 p.m. Richmond (8). Kingston (10) 7 p.m.—P. Cattermole, Master. 9228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Practice on November 18th at Ruislip, 3 to 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Uxbridge 6.30 to 8 p.m. Some subscriptions still outstanding.—F. T. Blagrove. 9255

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on November 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Kent T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 9218

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—A meeting at Culworth on Saturday, November 18th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon. Rugby. 9208

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672).—Meeting at Wollaton (6) on November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names please by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. Phillip Hawcock, 82, Russell Drive, Wollaton.—A. Henson, Sec. 9214

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Newark on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 9153

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea please by Wednesday, November 15th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9194

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall, November 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, by 16th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

ALL SAINTS' DANEHILL, SUSSEX

First Annual Ringers' Service

Sunday, November 19th.

Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.

All ringers and friends welcome. 9189

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22nd, at Farmborough. All members and friends very welcome.—B. J. 9226

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Sully, November 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Practice method: Norwich S.M. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 9209

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Wells on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 23rd to J. Williamson, 47, Staithe Street, Wells, Norfolk. 9221

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—November 25th. Practice meeting: Martin 3-5 p.m.; Damerham from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Martin for those who notify by Tuesday, 21st.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 25th. St. George the Martyr bells, Borough High Street, 3 p.m. Service there at 4.30. Tea, in St. George's Halls, Lant Street, S.E.1, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, after, until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Bagworth, of 37, Cliveden Road, S.W.19, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9224

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 27th, please, to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 9195

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First annual dinner, Saturday, December 2nd, at the Cotswold Hotel, Portsmouth. Southampton. Ringing programme. Entertainment. Bar extension. Tickets available at 17s. 6d. from Hon. Sec., A. S. Harrison, South Stoneham House, Swaythling, Southampton. 9038

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Ringling also after Evensong. Everyone welcome. Visitors will be entertained to coffee in the Parish Lounge after Evensong. 9184

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

Annual reunion, Nottingham, December 9th, at the Albert Hotel, Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing: Attenborough 11-noon; Nottingham, St. Mary's 3.30-4.45, St. Peter's 5-6.15 p.m. Tickets from the Secretary, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester, before December 1st, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec. 9210

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Five schools were represented at a half-term meeting at Sibley, Leics., on October 27th, arranged by Mr. Michael White. All but two of the ringers were of school age. The Vicar, Rev. R. Hunton, is thanked for his encouraging support, and also the Sibley ringers for their hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tembey, of Cleator Moor, wish to thank the ringers who took part in the peals which were rung in honour of their ruby wedding anniversary. Special thanks to the Vicars of Wallington and Cleator Moor, for the use of the bells, and to Richard Castledine and Leslie Bournemouth, for arranging and conducting the respective peals.

The peal at Gariboldisham, reported on page 743, was specially arranged for the genial Master of St. Peter Mancroft ringers, Mr. A. G. Bason, to enable him to return to the village, where he was born and where he was taught to handle a bell. It was his first peal on the bells. Opportunity was taken to meet some old friends before returning to Norwich.

Miss Susan King, with two other members of St. Mary's, Ewell, branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, has made history for the organisation in the South of England, by being the first to win a bronze badge under the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme for girls. The badge calls for initiative, perseverance, genuine effort and individual progress. For this purpose, Susan has concentrated on bellringing at St. Mary's, Ewell, and has obviously made satisfactory progress during the year!

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the Society had the privilege of holding a meeting at the Church of All Saints, Otley. The fine toned bells were put to good use and some fine striking was favourably commented upon by passers-by. Methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

The Society welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thorley, who paid a surprise visit on their way to York.

Mr. Percy Whitaker welcomed the Society to the Church and tendered an apology on behalf of the Rev. Patrick Ashe, who was engaged in preparing for his television appearance the next day.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Senior, of Batley, who had passed away a few days previously. He was a past president of the Leeds and District Society.

Next meeting, Ossett on November 25th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Seventeen towers were represented at the Cary Branch meeting at Batcombe on October 28th, when the Rector (Bishop F. M. E. Jackson), assisted by Rev. G. Robinson (Branch chairman), conducted the service. At the business meeting, which followed tea, two new members from Ditchat were elected.

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