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## CITY OF BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF RINGING, 1961

THE second City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, held on October 28th, attracted well over a hundred ringers to the many towers open during the day. The Bristol ringers themselves were joined by parties from many arcas as far apart as Suffolk, Surrey, Hereford and London and from Liverpool and Southampton Universities.

The festival, organised by Messrs. A. V. Bennett (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and secretary of the Bristol City Branch), F. E. Hansford (chairman of the City Branch), P. M. J. Gray, E. F. Hancock and R. Bowden (Ringing Master of the City Branch) and Mrs. R. Bowden and Miss Barbara Johnson, acting as a committee, had as its objects the projection of ringing into the public eye, the advertisement of the outstanding virtues of Bristol as a ringing centre and the fostering of relationships between ringers and the clergy.

The first of these three aspects the writer considers most important and in the event it was indeed well covered. Quite apart from the more obvious fact that there were bells ringing at some 20 towers all over Bristol at various times during the day there was television coverage, a public lecture and, as a most interesting and valuable feature, a close contact with the city authorities at a civic luncheon. A T.V. film interview was broadcast after the week-end by Mr. Hansford, and a 'sound' radio broadcast was included in the Network III, 'Christian Outlook,' from Mr. Bennett.

The civic luncheon was held at the Berkeley Restaurant. The following special guests and a company of rather more than a hundred persons attended: the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bristol (Ald. Jenkins) and the Deputy Lady Mayoress, the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Dean (the Very Rev. D. E. W. Harrison) and Mrs. Harrison, the Archdeacon of Bristol (the Ven. R. G. Reddick), the Chief Constable (Mr. Norman Frost), the president of the Central Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Michael Moreton). The luncheon chairman, Mr. Frank Hansford, introduced the special guests and at the appropriate juncture brief speeches were made by the Deputy Lord Mayor, the Dean and the Chief Constable, who welcomed the assembled company on behalf of the city and diocese. The speakers mentioned their personal appreciation of the sound of bells and indicated encouragingly their view that church bells were a significant and an all but indispensable part of the English scene.

There was ringing during the day from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Seven rings of six, nine rings of eight, three of ten and one of twelve were open. Particularly enjoyable ringing was had at the Cathedral (8) and at St. Mary Redcliffe (12, 50 cwt.) (those jewels of this fine city) by many, and at the Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) by a privileged few. There was Evensong at the

Cathedral, at which the Dean preached. At 5.30 Mr. F. Sharpe addressed a large audience in the Museum Lecture Theatre on Campanology, in its very many aspects. This was a most interesting lecture, illustrated by a series of lantern slides; it was a fund of information on a multitude of subjects: the history of bells, methods of casting and tuning them and of hanging them in a tower, ways of ringing them and many other topics such as founders' marks were described in great detail. A large number of photographs was on display after the lecture and three small bells of a few pounds weight each were exhibited, one being mounted in headstock and frame, an exact model replica of a tower bell rung by the age-old English method of rope and wheel.

The day concluded with a very convivial gathering in the Senior Common Room at the University Refectory. A highlight of this occasion was an exhibition of handbell tune ringing, most competently given by Mr. E. F. Hancock and his two daughters.

The festival was undoubtedly a success and the organising committee are to be congratulated. The writer, an overseas visitor to this country, has been suitably impressed, if not almost overwhelmed, by the claims of Bristol to be a significant feature of the Exercise. As mentioned by Mr. Philip Gray in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' (page 702), there are more rings of bells within a four mile radius of the city centre than there are in Scotland or in the entire Australian continent, for example. The city of Bristol need hardly be proved to the itinerant British ringer, let alone an Australian one, as a thoroughly profitable place for repeated ringing outings, if not permanent residence.

One or two further remarks. Public interest, so well stimulated on this occasion, might be aroused still further at a future festival by the publication in a daily newspaper, on the day itself, of a suitable article with photographs. This has been tried at least once on a similar occasion in Adelaide, with significant results. Some touches of Triples and Major were too long; short touches of Triples and half courses of Surprise Major should perhaps have been made the rule in view of the large numbers of persons attending the festival.

Another point—there was a large number of young ringers present, obviously thoroughly enjoying getting a ring on strange and exciting bells and benefiting from the experience. Perhaps in a future festival, to enhance the value of the day still further, another feature could be provided particularly for the benefit and enjoyment of these newer members of the Exercise in the form of an exhibition of exemplary handling and perfect striking by a chosen team. Maybe some centrally placed eight bell tower could be reserved for about an hour for this purpose only, the performers to provide five or six touches of ten minutes duration each, in a variety of methods, both Triples and Major. The writer feels that the educative value of an item of this nature would not be lost on today's keen young ringers.

It is hoped that the Bristol festival will become a regular event. It was undoubtedly of great value this year to many, and if repeated in the future should become a powerful factor in forwarding the progress of all aspects of ringing in this country.

C. H. B.



## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—46

### MR. HENRY J. SANGER,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Many ringers who have rung on the very fine ten at Evercreech, Somerset, or have heard the recorded broadcast every Sunday at 8.55 a.m. on the Light Programme will know the enthusiastic and painstaking captain of the local band, Mr. Henry J. Sanger. It was through his efforts over a number of years that the old eight bells were eventually recast, and two generous donors found to provide two new trebles. Quite rightly Evercreech people are very proud of the result, which was made possible by his initial and continued perseverance.

Harry Sanger was born in the parish of Kilmersden, near Midsomer Norton, Somerset, on December 18th, 1909, and after one or two moves round the county eventually went to live at Evercreech in 1916, where he attended the local C. of E. School until he was 14. He was recruited to the belfry on March 19th, 1922, and was taught to ring by the very enthusiastic ringing verger of the day, William Osment. During the following year he came under the influence of Joseph T. Dyke, who started visiting the tower fairly regularly on practice nights, and helped the local band to ring Grandsire. The result was that Harry and William Osment rang their first peal on October 15th, 1924, conducted by Walter Farley. The method was Grandsire Triples, Harry ringing the treble, and on December 3rd of the same year he rang his first peal 'inside' in the same method, with William Osment conducting his first peal. With the exception of two more peals of Grandsire Triples in 1925 and 1927, Harry did no more peal ringing until 1931.

### FORMATION OF 'WEDNESDAY' BAND

The year 1931 was an important one for Harry, because two events rekindled his enthusiasm. Firstly, after acquiring his first motor-cycle in 1929, he joined up with William C. Shute, and started Minor ringing, and secondly, as the result of a 'get-together' at Ditchat for the benefit of the late Frank Skidmore, the well known 'Wednesday' band was born in July of that year. The idea was for a band of enthusiasts to meet at a different tower each Wednesday for practice and peals. Joe Dyke agreed to join as instructor and conductor, and Harry took on the job of secretary. This was the beginning of what later became a band which set the hall-mark of immaculate striking in the diocese. Under the guiding hand of J. T. D., they rang peals in many methods, including the only peal of London rung by a band resident in the county. This at Evercreech on January 23rd, 1935, was the first in the method for all the band, except the conductor. In 1933, a 'Monday' band was started to concentrate on Minor ringing, again with Joe Dyke as conductor and Harry as secretary. By November 18th, 1935, they had rung many peals up to 12 Surprise Minor methods.

In April, 1932, Harry called his first peal—Grandsire Doubles at Milton Clevedon—and followed this by calling Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Glastonbury, the same year. In all he has rung 144 peals, and conducted 13, and they have included some very interesting performances. Naturally he looks back with great pleasure to the many peals he rang with Joe Dyke, and in 31 of them Harry, Ron Beck and Joe Dyke rang the back three, in that order, and enjoyed some splendid ringing together. He is proud to have had the privilege of taking part in the first peals of Surprise on the heaviest rings of six and eight. These were Cambridge and Seven Surprise Minor at Queen Camel, and Cambridge Major at Sherborne Abbey, all with Joe Dyke on the tenor. He also took part in a peal of New Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral in 1949, when Alan Pink rang the tenor single-handed—the first time for Surprise Royal—and made a splendid job of it. Incidentally, he believes he was the first West Countryman to 'turn-in' this tenor for a quarter peal. This he accomplished in 1954, with Bob Royal, and he also called his first peal of Caters on these bells.

He regards his most perfect peal as one of Double Norwich, his favourite method, rung at Ditchat on May 18th, 1935, in 3 hours and



4 minutes—immaculate ringing throughout. In more recent times, he will always remember a peal of Stedman Triples at Llanfeigan, Brecon, on August 2nd, 1957, during one of David Hoare's tours. The church has a lovely setting, and the bells and ringing were first class. Harry rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe on December 31st, 1935, and his first peal of Major as conductor was Cambridge at Corston on October 31st, 1936, called from a working bell. He is a loyal member of the A.S.C.Y., and has rung nine peals for the Society, including Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 27th, 1937. He well remembers his first visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, when he took part in the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques on Whit Sunday, 1948, on the occasion of the last visit of the Central Council to London.

Harry has had long service as an officer of his Association. Since 1930 he has been Ringing Master of the Cary Deanery Branch, a Central Council representative since 1945, and peal secretary from 1953-61. He relinquished this office to take over the job of Tower and Belfries Adviser, and if time and opportunity allows he hopes to complete a catalogue of the church bells of Somerset, on the lines of Ellacombe. Since 1939 he has been captain of St. Peter's, Evercreech, and has always tried to maintain a regular Sunday service band, with a good quantity of young ringers.

### CONNECTIONS WITH BROADCASTING

One of Harry's most important jobs is as convener of the Television and Broadcasting Committee, which post he has held since it was formed in 1954. He has worked in close co-operation with the late Preb. Martin Willson, of the B.B.C. Religious Broadcasting Department, since 1951, when Evercreech bells and ringers were featured in the 'Tower and Steeple' series. In 1952, Martin Willson was responsible for arranging the recording of Evercreech bells for the regular Sunday morning broadcast, and Harry, with the assistance of Joe Dyke, gathered together a good band of experienced ringers to make the required recording on 6, 8 and 10 bells. Martin Willson suggested that the bells should be rung at a fairly slow pace, so that the general public could more easily appreciate the changing of the bells. Harry assisted Martin Willson in arranging many ringing broadcasts from the West Region, and in 1953 he trained a band of young people to appear in a televised broadcast from Kingston Seymour. Martin Willson was a splendid person to work with, and he did a great deal for the improvement of the presentation of ringing by the B.B.C. His recent death was a great loss, and Harry had

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## DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Once again, ringers converged upon Blandford Forum, and this year some 60 of them, to honour the wishes of the late Samuel Francis Pond. This former citizen of Blandford provided in his will for an annual ringing event for all Dorset ringers, as well as for the curfew to be rung in Blandford every evening.

Under Mr. William C. Shute's spirited direction ringing commenced on the dot of 3 o'clock, with hardly a pause until the time for the service at 4.30 p.m. At the service, conducted by the Rector (Canon H. G. Goodall), the address was given by the Rev. Roger Keeley (assistant curate at West Harnham, Salisbury), and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Diocesan Guild. The Rev. R. N. Longridge, honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Guild, also took part.

The Mayor of Blandford, Alderman J. Carter, presided at the tea, which followed in the Corn Exchange, and welcomed the company, remarking on the number of young people present, a hopeful sign for the future of ringing.

It was not long before the bells were sounding again and everybody had a ring of some sort, from rounds to Kent Major. We usually manage to leave some token of our visit; last year a brace of broken stays; this time the tenor man was left with the rope's end in his hand, while the sally danced a fearful jig at its master's pleasure. A hurried splice, however, restored law and order and the lovely eight came down in good order at the appointed hour.

Another Blandford over. Many more to come we hope. R. N. L.

## FOR COMPOSERS OF BELL MUSIC

The Potomac English Handbell Ringers offer an award of \$50 for a new, original composition for handbells alone, limited to not more than three octaves in range—C to C (from C below Middle C to two octaves above).

Entries must be marked by a nom de plume, with full name and address enclosed in a sealed envelope.

Send entries, not later than April 1st, 1962, to: The Potomac English Handbell Ringers, 9.051, River View Road, S.E., Washington 22, D.C.

The winning entry will be premiered in Washington in 1962.

## AN APPEAL FROM KENT

The small, widely-scattered agricultural parish of SS. Peter and Paul, Ash-by-Wrotham, is desperately striving to raise £2,500 to restore completely the bells. Experts advise that the bells will be unsafe to ring in two years' time. All possible help is needed to keep the bells from becoming silent and forgotten.

All donations will be acknowledged, and a list of all donors will be preserved in the church.

Donations may be sent to Mr. John V. Muller (captain), The School House, Ash, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

## PERSONALITY—Continued.

the privilege of recording a contribution to a programme in his memory, which is to be broadcast in the autumn.

After leaving school, Harry graduated through the cycle repair business to motor-cycles, cars and commercial vehicles, and during the war years he did a considerable amount of work in the agricultural field and general engineering. After an illness in 1955, he took up dairy engineering with the well known West Country firm of C. & G. Prideaux, now a member of the Unigate Group. He has been a member of the Somerset Special Constabulary since 1938, and holds the rank of sergeant. When he has any spare time he is fond of home carpentry and gardening, particularly with flowers. He has done quite a bit of research into local history, and in 1950 he compiled a short history of the church and village. He also wrote an instruction book called 'Ringing a Bell' for the use of the Bath and Wells Association members. His two children, Bridget and Tony, are competent ringers, and his wife, although not a ringer herself, is always happy to entertain his many visiting ringing friends. APACE.



# Ancient Society of College Youths' 324th Anniversary Dinner

RECORD ATTENDANCE HONOURS YEAR OF RECORDS—BISHOP WAND'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS

THE past year has been a record one for the College Youths and at the 324th anniversary dinner held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 4th, the secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, had a very satisfactory report to present, both as regards activities and the recruitment of new members. The emphasis, however, was on the coming year, the 325th, and an appeal was made to members to enhance the traditions of the past.

It was a notable evening for the Master, Mr. M. P. Moreton, and he received the personal congratulations of the principal guest, Dr. J. W. C. Wand, the former Bishop of London. It was an evening of good speeches, good food, good fellowship and good handbell ringing.

As is customary, the toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master. Mr. Moreton said that the world today was faced with problems greater than ever before in its history. The Church also faced a greater challenge than ever before. Communism was a ideology which used every possible method to further its own end, and to meet this challenge a strong and united Church was absolutely essential.

## PROSPERITY AND RINGING

The possibility of an atomic war was not remote. It would be naive to assume that it was impossible, and since that catastrophe would mean the end of ringing he preferred to take a more optimistic point of view. If they had no more wars they had been promised a period of increased prosperity. That would mean that every instructor would have more time to teach beginners and there would be fewer silent towers. Transport would also be cheaper and in those towers where complaints were received about noise methods of sound control would be fitted, so that on practice nights the general public need not be disturbed.

The Master foresaw better methods of teaching ringing; recorders would be used and ringing standards would rise. Where would their Society be in this brave new world? Their Society, through its 300 odd years, had caught a certain sense of buoyancy and would rise as the waves of prosperity broke over it. Concluding the Master said that he hoped they would all do their utmost to foster the well-being of the Church and continue to do their duty as ringers of the future.

Bishop J. W. C. Wand, who replied, said the Church was something they were all proud to belong to. It meant different things to different people. To some it meant square boxes with a lot of ropes coming down from the ceiling. He knew that in some churches they left the last row of seats for the ringers and they were sometimes empty.

## CHURCH—KEY TO SITUATION

The Church had a great task to face and in spite of all the criticism it had tried to face that task. He was certain that a large proportion of our population felt that they had the key to the situation and that if the Church's teaching was followed they would not have to face those terrible difficulties mentioned by their Master in his speech.

The Bishop said that apart from the material pleasure of ringing there was something eternal about it which seemed to say if the bells were silent the very stones would cry out. As they rang their changes they were doing a particular kind of work for the Church; people could not fail to hear them; they were inviting them into church and thus the bells were a witness to the eternal truths for which the Church stood and in the name of the Church he offered them the Church's sincerest thanks for all they did for them.



MR. MICHAEL P. MORETON,  
Master, 1960-61.

## TITLE A PARADOX

Proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' Mr. K. S. B. Croft said their title was one of those English paradoxes. They could hardly describe the company as youths and the connection with the college would also be very wide. History told them that the name was derived from a college on College Hill, which was founded by Dick Whittington. Ancient was also a little wide. They were founded 324 years ago; modern time began in 1492 when Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue. He felt that there was no member in that room who, when he took out his certificate and the book of rules and looked at the names of some of the officers inscribed on the certificate, could do so without a sense of pride.

Mr. Croft felt that their Society was composed of three categories of members. There were those present that evening. In the second were those who were unable to be there. About this time they would probably lift their glasses if they were at home or at the local and drink a toast to the Society. In the third category were the College Youths of 324 years—an unseen cloud who were as much members as those sitting in that room.

## UNDER THE PILLOW BOOK

He would like to mention one or two of the qualities which he thought College Youths should possess. Trollope's book on the College Youths ended with the words, 'Let us now praise famous men.' Their Master, after the Society had been founded 50 years, was Fabian Stedman, and he left behind a method they were all proud to ring and his book 'Tintinologia,' a book he treasured, and Mr. Croft admitted that he read it in bed and slept with it under his pillow.

The next year was the 325th anniversary of the Society and he felt that they should commemorate that year by reprinting Trollope's history of the Society and also bring it up to date for the benefit of new members.

The other name he would bring before them was that of Alfred B. Peck, a man who devoted his life to their Society and did not count the cost.

'Week by week in our parish churches we help to ring the bells and as the Lord Bishop said, "Heaven help anyone who cannot hear them." But our duty goes further; we have a responsibility to assist the Church in other ways.' If he was to ask for a show of hands of those who assisted as churchwardens, parochial church councillors or even as humble sidesmen he thought they would have a very fine show.

## MESSAGES FROM AFAR

Mr. John E. Chilcott, the secretary, in his reply, reported the following apologies: The Rev. J. McCulloch (Rector of Bow), Rev. N. Motley (Rector of Cornhill), Messrs. Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, James Rae, Richard W. Stannard (aged 92, joined 1890), William Shepherd (1900), Peter G. Richards (Armidale, N.S.W.), Harry J. Sanger.

A cablegram had been received from Stan Mason, who was in California, stating 'Best wishes for a successful evening.' Mr. Peter G. Richards wrote, 'At the approach of November 5th, I recall the very happy day I spent in the company of the College Youths last year and of hearing so many of the fine bells of the great City of London... Although I am separated from you by 12,000 miles of ocean, I desire to be with you all in spirit, and send best wishes for today and the future.'

Mr. Chilcott said they had had an extremely active year, and that was reflected that evening with an attendance of 211, which was a post-war record. This year they had elected 81 new members and he was certain that that was a record.

As regards peals they did not consider them as a yardstick, but they had rung 35 peals, which was nine more than last year. Some of the peals were notable performances. The peal of Stedman Cinques was the centenary of the then record length of 8,580; the memorial peal at Southwark Cathedral of Stedman Cinques, was to Alfred B. Beck; the recent peal at St. Paul's Cathedral followed the enthronement of Dr. Stopford as Bishop of London.

In connection with the new members they had one each from Canada and New Zealand, six from the London area and the remainder from 25 counties, including 10 from Oxfordshire and seven from Berkshire.

Their normal activities had been maintained and they added to them Sunday ringing once a month at Cripplegate. Attendances at practices throughout the year had been very good, but there was always room for improvement. They had a number of young people, whom they were introducing to 12 bell ringing. The country meeting was held at Oxford and their best thanks were due to the Oxford Society, who made the arrangements, and particularly to Mr. Philip Walker for getting so many towers, arranging the luncheon and for the presence of the Mayor.

## LOSSES BY DEATH

This year the Society had suffered considerable losses by death. They had lost eight members with over 50 years' membership, and

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## College Youths' Dinner—Cont.

There were three he would like to refer to. They were Alfred Peck, a man who devoted his ringing life to the College Youths, a most conscientious secretary and faithful Sunday ringer, Albert Walker, who joined in 1896 (not only a noted Birmingham ringer, but a national figure, well loved and a sad loss to all), and Horace Belcher, who taught him to ring. He did not seek office, but was best known as a supreme critic of bellringing. He taught by example and would be missed at St. Paul's.

The company stood while the following were remembered (not all College Youths): J. L. S. Glanville, John A. Freeman, Frank Sinkins (aged 96), Frederick W. Brinklow (1901), Canon A. C. Blyth, Adolphus Roberts and Sidney Romans (1889, the two senior members), Earl of Shaftesbury, Alfred B. Peck (1901, past Master and secretary), A. F. Martin Stewart, Ferris Shepherd (1900), Preb. E. V. Cox (1903), Frederick W. Burnett, Albert Walker (1896), George A. Fleming, Raymond C. Seager, Percy Clark (past Master), Preb. E. G. Benson, Charles Greedy, Herbert Barlow, Charles H. Vitter and Horace Belcher.

Regarding the coming year, Mr. Chilcott said it would be a memorable one, being the 325th of their history. There were two dates he would like members to note: June 23rd, when their country meeting would be held at Bristol, and the 325th anniversary dinner on November 3rd. The accommodation there would be extremely limited and regular attenders were asked to make an early application for tickets.

### 'ENHANCE ALL TRADITIONS'

The College Youths did not exist as a social club, but primarily as a ringing society. 'Let us make the coming year one in which we enhance all the traditions and standards of the past, so that it can serve as a stepping stone to even better performances and standards in the future.'

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cook, senior steward. In a welcome to Bishop Wand he said the Bishop confirmed him. He recalled the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund, which was started for the rebuilding of churches and raised over a million pounds. They had with them the Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry at Westminster Abbey, a post he had recently taken over and Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He congratulated Mr. Beresford on the way he had held his Society together as at the moment they could not ring at St. Martin's or St. Leonard's. In a welcome to Mr. Barnett he said that it was through the Central Council that they had obtained the unity that existed today. They had with them a visitor from Australia and also a member who lived in New Zealand.

### ST. PAUL'S PEALS—A HINT

Mr. Beresford, who replied, said he would like to congratulate the Society on their peal at St. Paul's. Peals at St. Paul's were very rare and they were all of considerable interest. He hoped that in future peal attempts at St. Paul's an indication would be given as it would give great pleasure to many people to listen.

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was drunk in silence. Mr. A. A. Hughes said unfortunately they had no records of the Masters of 1661 and 1761. George S. Shurey, who was Master in 1861, was also Master in 1862, 63 and 65. He was thought by Mr. Herbert Langdon to have come from the Marlow district.

A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung during the evening by W. T. Cook 1—2, Frank W. Perrens 3—4, Michael V. Chilcott (conductor) 5—6, J. Frank Smallwood 7—8, Alan Rogers 9—10, Michael P. Moreton 11—12.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were: Bishop J. W. C. Wand, Canon G. R. Dunstan, Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. E. T. Floyd-Ewin (Registrar of St. Paul's), C. G. J. Watts, A. A. Hughes, W. T. Cook, R. Wilson, S. Fox, P. Crook, A. and B. Tomlinson, J. Pilkington, D. Beresford, J. E. Chilcott, E. A. Barnett, K. S. B. Croft, H. N. Pitstow, F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, J. F. Smallwood, F. W. Perrens, G. H. Harding and W. H. Coles.

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W. A. Yates.

**OXENDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Perry 1, Miss L. Brown 2, C. A. Swann 3, W. C. Cropley 4, D. E. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**WHISTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Paul (first as cond.) 2, G. F. Roome 3, P. Amos 4, M. R. Harvey 5.

## 50 YEARS IN LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Mr. Harold G. Jenney, of the Leicester Cathedral Society, completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Cathedral this year. He joined the St. Martin's Society, as it was then known, in August, 1911.

At a ceremony in the belfry before Evensong on October 29th, the Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston) presented Harold with a cheque on behalf of his fellow ringers to mark the occasion, and spoke in appreciation of the great service he has given to the Church as a bellringer during the past 50 years. Harold, replying, thanked the Provost and ringers, saying a ringer's first duty was to the Church.

Harold Jenney, who is now 79, is a true servant of the Exercise and also a personality held in great respect in many parts of the country, having held the office of secretary and president of the National Police Guild of Ringers. He has rung 173 peals, many being of Maximus in several methods. His favourite method is London Surprise Major.

A bowl of white and yellow chrysanthemums was sent to Mrs. Jenney, who by her help and encouragement has played a great part in Harold's wonderful service. H. B. B.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' November 17th, 1911.—

### THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

Sir Arthur Heywood, proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths'... Turning to the future of ringing, Sir Arthur alluded to the advent of 'The Ringing World.' 'We have two ringing papers, now, instead of one. That has exercised me a good deal. "The Bell News" was a very good paper so far as it went, but a lot of us had a good deal of fault to find with it. Now we have got a new paper. The new paper is better printed, and it is cut, for one thing, which I like. I am not quite sure whether it is not taking the wind out of the sails of the old one, but at the same time I have got a sort of old affection for "Bell News." I am not at all certain what the result of the competition will be. I doubt whether there is really a sufficient amount of support amongst ringers to run two papers; if there is, well and good, and no doubt the competition will result in the improvement of both papers. But I am a little doubtful whether such a comparatively small number of people for newspaper purposes as ringers are can properly run two papers in their interests....'

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# St. Christopher's Society Tour Wales

**THIS** year's tour enabled the party to visit most of the towers in South Wales between July 29th and August 13th. The ringers were drawn from five counties, and for most of the period numbered 16.

We assembled at Chepstow, where the anticlockwise octave has recently been augmented to ten and rehung clockwise; the bells are rung from a gallery, providing a rewarding view of this impressive church. The six at Mathern were found to be of poor tone, while our first octave at Caldicot went well in a variety of methods, except Bristol; the Vicar and several local ringers made us very welcome.

We were privileged to join some of the local band to ring for Matins at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport—a most pleasant twelve, both for tone and 'go'. After the service we crossed the town for several touches at All Saints'. During the afternoon a short ring on the easy going six at Nash, prior to Sunday school, and then the party split up to join the locals at Llanfrehfa and Caerleon for Evensong ringing.

## A RING OF STEEL

The Rev. R. E. L. Jones is in charge of three parishes: St. Bride's Wentloog, Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog, all with bells. The church at St. Bride's is in a decrepit state, the tower leaning considerably out of true; Marshfield's octave is of average tone, while that at Peterstone is a pleasant Gillett ring, with a long draught of rope. After lunch we visited two quite good sixes, at Rumney and St. Mellons, and were glad to have local members standing in for a pull at both towers. Steel bells are always a novelty to ring, while once is often enough!—such can be said of Bassaleg, though they run fairly well, but are very deep set.

Tuesday, August 1st, commenced with two good Taylor octaves, Caerphilly and Llanbadach—unfortunately the latter are seldom heard, due to a lack of local ringers, but are well worth a visit. Trevechin's eight bells are of rather dismal tone, and odd-struck, and our ringing was equally dismal! However, it improved considerably on Usk's good ring, and an enjoyable course of Bristol was performed. Llangibby's octave is rung from the ground floor, like the six at the pretty village of Tredunnock, but these do not go very well. The church at Penhow lies somewhat 'off the beaten track' but its tower holds a jolly six.

An awkward cross-country route the following morning brought us to Cwmcarvan, whose six bells are very difficult to hear. The first five of the tour was Tregaer, which could do with some attention by a bellhanger. Another five after lunch at Llanover, where we were pleased to meet the Rev. Ivor Richards (Vicar of Llanarth), who rang with us here and at Abergavenny (a glorious ten from the Loughborough foundry). Yet another five ended the day, Dingestow.

## A CHARLES CARR TREBLE

Thursday's first call was at Monmouth (18½ cwt. 8, not an easy ring), and at Skenfrith the six require some effort. Grosmont Church is rather unusual as half the church is completely bare: the octagonal central tower is surmounted by a spire, containing a ring of six, whose tenor goes very badly and hangs almost

in the middle of the 'circle.' Several narrow tracks later we called at Llanbedr Ystradyw (5) and Llangattock (8, 15 cwt.), where we were joined for a day by Eric Speake. The treble at Llanelly, Breconshire, on inspection was found to be cast in 1908 by Charles Carr, the Smethwick founder. Blaenavon's light octave was appreciated by all the party, while in contrast we had the heavy bells at Ebbw Vale, though we did not do justice to this noble ring.

Next day our first ring was at Cefn Coed, where the Vicar showed us around his church: the bells are an easy going six. From here we travelled across the hills bordering on the Brecon Beacons to Defynnog, to be greeted by the Vicar: a good ring of six here, which we rang to an assortment of methods, including York. St. Mary's Church, Brecon, stands in an imposing position in the centre of the town; its tower contains a Rudhall eight, but regrettably they are difficult to hear clearly. On the outskirts of Brecon we found St. David's, Llanfaes (a very good Taylor six). Later, after some navigating problems, we arrived at Llanfeigan, with an octave not to be missed.

A 16 cwt. six of good tone hangs in the tower of Llangorse, but considerable effort is needed: there are hopes of rehanging. At Talgarth we were met by Mr. D. H. Bennett, who stood in a touch of Stedman; from here a short run to the detached tower at Bronllys.

Following the lunch-break, we visited Glasbury-on-Wye; no one liked the style of church architecture here, and judging from the ringing the same is to be said of the bells. However, we were able to give Colin Lewis a course of Double Norwich. A five bell tower was next, Clyro, where many Doubles methods were rendered. The two churches of Radnor were next on the programme; the old church has a good Rudhall ring, while the new has a fair six, which both Gilletts and Mears have worked on. We were scheduled to ring at Presteigne at 7 p.m., but on arriving at the church we were told of the passing of the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, that same morning.

## NO SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Many incumbents in Wales run several parishes, and on account of this we were unable to ring for any services on Sunday, August 6th. Our first call was to Llanfihangel Rhydieithon's fair easy going six, then to Llanbadarn Fawr, where the pleasant Mears five is rung from the porch. In the afternoon we visited Builth Wells, where John Maybrey joined us for a few days, and Nantmel (a six by Llewellyn and James). On the way to Aberystwyth, most of us visited the famous Devil's Bridge.

Our activities on Bank Holiday Monday commenced at Llanbadarn Fawr, where the ring of eight hangs in the middle of a vast tower. Probably our longest journey between towers followed, bringing us to St. David's Cathedral. We had plenty of time to walk around and admire this noble building before ringing; the bells hang in a tower forming part of the gatehouse at the entrance to the Cathedral grounds, and are a fine Mears eight, slightly spoilt by a stone-vaulted ceiling. Jo and Wilf Moreton, on holiday in the area,

joined in our ringing here. Another long run to Pembroke (an eight of most peculiar tone), and finally Tenby (8, 12½ cwt.).

Our next county to be visited was Carmarthenshire, commencing at Llanstephan (an easy going Mears eight), thence to the county town to ring at St. Peter's, with a pleasant Taylor octave, difficult to hear distinctly. After lunch Mr. Scudamore met us at Llandilo with an interesting A-frame, and a pendulum swinging in the middle of the ringing chamber. Sight-seeing occupied the afternoon, before a pull on the Warner five at Burry Port, and from there to Llanelly, where the stays on two bells had not been bolted into the stock, and soon fell out! The concluding tower was Gorseinon, an octave by Charles Carr.

## RESTORATION AT SWANSEA

Swansea suffered a great deal during the last war, but a large amount of the damage has been repaired, including the new parish church of St. Mary, which has recently received a new eight from the Loughborough foundry. Mr. Hoar made us welcome here and he has certainly a ring of which to be proud. Travelling to the outskirts, we visited Sketty, the bells of which were somewhat difficult to strike accurately, but Erin Triples and Grandsire Major were performed in creditable fashion. Mr. Gwyn Lewis met us at Cadoxton and came to Neath, both pleasant sixes. The key arrived late at Baglan (a noisy six in a church of impressive proportions), and this, coupled with a two-mile traffic jam, made us very late at Aberavon (a good old Taylor ring). Fortunately, however, the local captain expected us to be late knowing how bad the traffic can be. Retracing our steps, we called at Dyffryn Clydach, and thence across country to Llangynwyd, with a pleasant Warner six and a long draught. Mr. Trevor Roderick awaited us at Newton Noitage, where our ringing was not up to our usual standard.

Two good Taylor rings started our next day; an octave of the older style at Bridgend, and a more modern product at St. Bride's Major. A good six from the erstwhile Croyd foundry hangs in the central tower at Coity, but some of the clappers seemed to give a peculiar effect. From here we journeyed up the Rhondda Valley to Pentre, where an early Taylor octave (26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.) is contained in a slender tower; it was felt that the acoustics do not do these bells justice. A long run from here over the hills to Aberdare, where the Gillett eight is rung from a gallery, and a first touch of Oxford Bob Triples for some was performed. Continuing in a southerly direction we reached Pontypridd well on time, and rang a varied selection of methods on not an easy octave. All ringing at Radyr (8, 12½ cwt.) has to be kept to a minimum, due to complaints. Our final call was at Llantrisant, where the curate gave a most interesting talk on the many noteworthy features of this historic church.

## NO ROPES AT LLANBLETHIAN

Much has been written about Llandaff Cathedral and Epsiein's Majestas, so it was a great privilege to have the use of the bells for an hour, and also an opportunity of looking around this impressive edifice. Peters-ton-super-Ely was our next tower, and here the Vicar made us welcome. Another six after lunch at Bonvilston, a fair Rudhall product.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—I should like to comment on several compositions recently published in the 'R.W.'

It will be observed that the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major on page 55 (January 20th), by Ian Holland, if begun from the course-end 32654, will have an additional quality of the 6th its extent in 6ths place. However, in this form it will be seen to contain exactly the same changes as Peal No. 12 on page 37 of the Central Council Collection, by Mr. C. W. Roberts. In fact the structure of these compositions is exactly the same, except that in Mr. Holland's version the courses 23456, 42356 and 34256 are rung plain at the course ends, with the courses 42635, 34625 and 23645 rung with bobs at Wrong, instead of plain leads—this is necessary to join up the three blocks into which the peal is divided by omitting the homes on the —56's. A further variation, which can be omitted if desired, is the bobs at home in place of plain leads on the —46's. I am sure if my friend Ian Holland examines this he will agree with me that this composition is only a variant of the one by C. W. Roberts. I should be very interested to hear Mr. Roberts' views, too. It will be observed that a similar variation can be made in the 5,024 No. 6 on page 25 of the C.C.C. Omit the Homes on the —46's, which brings the courses up in a different order. I understand it appeared in this form under the name of Henry Dains!

Secondly, regarding the peal of Cambridge Major on page 623 (September 15th), it will be seen that the shortened version is merely a transposition of one published by myself on December 14th, 1956, which was rung at Dorchester, Oxon, on November 29th, 1956. Thus, while pointing out that it has been previously rung on at least four occasions, I would wish to withdraw my name from it since it was composed in 1928, although it has only recently seen the light of day. Another peal of 5,024 Cambridge Major has been rung on more than one occasion, ascribed to myself, which I am informed also is the property of T. B. Worsley. Will all concerned please amend their records accordingly.

Thirdly, the peal of 5,024 Cambridge Surprise Royal published on page 732 was composed by me over two years ago, and has been attempted on three or four occasions without success, hence I had not published it. It seemed that the musical courses, combined with the symmetry of the composition, far outweigh the disadvantages of having the 2nd and 3rd so many times in 6ths place.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

## A PROTEST

Dear Sir.—On opening my 'Ringing World' of November 3rd I was horrified to see the scathing attack made by Mr. K. Mason on the report of Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal tour. I very much deplore attacks of this nature made in our paper.

If this peal tour was written up as a list of peals and churches and nothing else it would be very boring to one not interested in the performances of a party of peal grabbers. I find that these sidelines add a vast amount of interest to an otherwise dreary succession of facts.

And as for calling his friends 'pub crawling companions,' words just fail me; there is nothing to suggest anything more than the natural quenching of the thirst. Carry on, Mr. Williams!

I, for one, will continue to read your reports if they are all as enjoyable as the one published this year.

And, Mr. Mason, I would suggest two things: (1) go on a peal tour and see what thirsty work it really is; (2) write to 'The Ringing World' and publicly apologise to the friends of Mr. Williams you mistakenly called 'pub crawling companions.'—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. BROWN.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

## CHRISTIANITY AND TOWER GRABBING

Dear Sir.—In view of the recent correspondence about ringing in Worcestershire, I think we should do well to think deeply about our responsibility as members of the Church. The Church and the bells are dedicated to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God on earth.

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed with half a hundredweight of flour, till it was all leavened.'—Thy Kingdom come.'

At the present time the Church is fighting a desperate battle against the worship of the false gods of wealth and personal pleasure. The shadow of destruction by the 'H' bomb hangs over us. All that can save us is faith and unity. Faith in God to make us follow His way and not our own. Faith in each other, to foster mutual understanding, and to give us power to fight as a united body against the powers of evil and unbelief that surround us.

To make matters worse we are in an age of rapid change. There are conflicts between standards of familiar and orderly behaviour, and the outlook of 'modern youth.' We must be very careful to distinguish between standards which are good, and applicable to the lives that young people will have to live, and standards which we accept merely because they are familiar. Is 'politeness' the art of accommodating ourselves to the convenience of others, and not hurting their feelings, or is it just 'the way we were brought up'? The sorting out of standards is a job for young and old. There are many young ringers who are good churchmen, but whose parents never go to church. Of the much publicised ringers who don't attend the services they ring for, it is the older ringers who give the lead in far too many cases.

The ringing Associations have done a magnificent work in bringing ringers together and making belfries 'open houses.' If the Englishman's home is his castle, his church certainly is not, and nor is the church's belfry. When living far from home, I have been made welcome in belfries, in a way that far surpasses the welcomes I had from strange churches before I was a ringer. In ringing we have the 'yeast' in our hands, and it is our duty to mix it with the whole half hundredweight of flour. God forbid that we should attach the name of 'tower grabbers' derisively to our visitors. Least of all when they visit neglected towers, and awaken new interest in our art, where the church knows nothing of the joys of fellowship and skill that ringing brings.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.'—Yours, etc.,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Westhill Training College,  
Selly Oak.

## AN APOLOGY TO PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—I would like to apologise for my letter to the 'R.W.' criticising the recent Pershore Deanery outing and would like to convey these apologies to Messrs. Cattermole, Johnson, Grinnell and all concerned. It appears my misinterpretation of the report has caused quite a considerable amount of trouble, and I must apologise most abjectly.

Also, as a non-official reply to Mr. P. J. Hutchings, I would like to point out that all Putney ringers are members of the Surrey Association, and that, locally, Putney is considered as a 'Surrey tower.' as a glance at the Association report will show. Also, the Association has representatives at these towers (Putney and Southwark, at any rate), whereas Putney has no London County members, and I have not heard of any at Southwark.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

Putney.

## A RESHUFFLE IN METROPOLITAN SURREY

Dear Sir.—Mr. Hutchings, in his letter on 'Metropolitan Surrey' has at last tackled the real problem of London ringing.

There are five territorial Associations with interest in London as far as I know, and there can be few ringers in London who do not feel their loyalties divided.

When at Putney we joined the Surrey Association only because the towers with which we associated belonged to that Association.

May I humbly suggest that it is time something was done for London ringing. Many central London towers are by and large unrun on Sundays, even where there is a considerable local population, and the once famous ringing city is fast gaining a reputation for its unrun bells.

As far as I can see the only answer is to be found in the complete transformation of the existing associations into diocesan guilds. If the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild resigned the first part of its title, I suspect this would affect the Essex Association. The Southwark Diocesan Guild would receive towers from the present Surrey Association, London County Association and the Kent County Association (which would be renamed the Canterbury and Rochester Diocesan Guild). The remaining Surrey Association towers would go to the Guildford Guild, Croydon going to the Canterbury and Rochester Guild.

This would need great Christian humility on all sides, especially with regard to much cherished allegiances and traditions, but I would plead that as London ringing is in a bad way it would be worth it. Its Societies have grown up without a concerted plan and the civil boundaries have changed and may well change again.

For this reason alone, among many others, a county association for London would be impractical, but I believe that there would be a greater and basic reason for the failure of such an association. We are Christians, doing Christian work in the service of Christ's Church. Let us therefore organise ourselves on the basis of His Church, so that we work for and with that Church, in union with its clergy and laity.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO 39 SURPRISE MINOR BAND

Dear Sir.—As one of the band who rang the peal in 38 Surprise Minor methods at Frampton in 1955, I should like to congratulate Mr. Egglestone and his band, at Stisted, who rang the 39 methods.

Our band is now more or less finished, owing to the death of Arthur Young. There is no one around capable of carrying me through a peal of this standard.—Yours truly,

ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

Boston, Lincs.

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S TOUR—Continued

A very good octave may be found at Cowbridge. Mr. Robert Coles, the local Association secretary, joined us here and later helped us at Llanblethian, where it was necessary to fit ropes. One of the earliest Christian foundations in Wales was at Llantwit Major, which church contains a wealth of history, and also a pleasant Mears six.

The last full day turned out to be far from full, more unringable towers being inspected than were rung at. Nevertheless, we visited Penmark and a good five at St. Hilary. Though the kindness of the Vicar and the ringers of Penarth, we were entertained to an excellent tea before ringing on their fine octave in a saddleback tower, with methods up to Yorkshire. Whitechurch has a pleasant ring by Llewellyn and James, and here our only attempt at Original failed dismally.

The last tower of the tour was Cardiff, our party joining Fred Hannington, Jack Pryor and other local ringers to ring for Matins. Thus ended another successful tour, for which all the participants owe their grateful thanks to Clive Smith and Lucy Allen, for their work in obtaining permission at all the towers, to John Allen, for arranging accommodation.

I. H. O.



**MR. I. J. ATTWATER**

With regret, we announce the death of Mr. Isaac James Attwater on October 21st, in his 84th year.

In the last few years he had been a ringer at St. George's, Barkingside, Essex. Before coming to Barkingside he was for many years a ringer and captain at Enfield, Middlesex.

He went to America to teach ringing, but he very rarely spoke of his trip or of his peals and other ringing activities: he was far too interested in teaching youngsters than remembering his past deeds.

Although he was over 80, he was always first at the tower for Sunday ringing.

The funeral was at St. George's and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. C. Comer Stone.

**MR. W. EAGLINE**

Mr. William Eagline died in his 83rd year at East Harling in Norfolk on Monday, October 9th, after a short illness.

'Billy,' as he was known in the village, came to East Harling in 1903, when he walked from Besthorpe to East Harling to be married—a distance of 12 miles.

He learned to ring at Besthorpe and was soon established with the Harling ringers. He was one of the band who rang the first 720 on the bells when they were rehung in 1912. He served in the 1914-18 war, returned unscathed, and in this last war worked as a fire tower watcher for the Forestry Commission. In his last three years of life he was a widower and also in poor health. However, he rallied well and was fit enough in the spring of 1961 to take part in regular change-ringing on Sundays and for weddings. He rang his last 120 at a wedding in July.

Always merry, with a perpetual pipe in his mouth, he was seldom without a smile or a laugh. We shall miss this rural character. May he be found worthy of a place with the glorious company in Heaven.

P. J.

**OBITUARY****MR. G. W. JEFFS**

With deep regret we record the death on October 31st, at the age of 58, of George Wilfrid Jeffs, general secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild since 1952. Before that date he had been for several years secretary of the Thrapston Branch and had represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1945. George was a chorister at Tichmarsh for 50 years, and had been for some time chairman of the Thrapston Branch of C.E.M.S. He was a very capable ringer and enjoyed an occasional peal, particularly on the fine eight of his beloved Tichmarsh, the church to which he was devoted and had served all his life.

George came of ringing stock, his father having been a founder member of the Guild's predecessor, the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, and he himself had been a member of the Guild since its inception. His peal total is not to hand but is believed to have been in the region of 100, many of which he conducted. He and his wife celebrated their silver wedding in 1960. They resided at Tichmarsh until their house was destroyed by incendiary bombs during the last war, when they moved to Thrapston. George was employed on the Lilford Estate for many years, and latterly as a carpenter for a Thrapston firm.

During the period of his secretaryship, the Guild saw several changes and new undertakings, including the beginning of the very popular summer festival and the week-end course. He handled the affairs of this large, mainly rural Guild with characteristic competence and diplomacy and endeared himself to all.

The funeral took place at Tichmarsh on November 4th in the presence of a large congrega-

tion, which included many members of the Guild and representatives of the Ely and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds.

The service was conducted by Canon Luckock (Rector of Tichmarsh), assisted by Canon G. F. Turner (Guild president) and the Revs. J. Dakin and C. J. W. Faulkner. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around the coffin after the Blessing, and the half-muffled bells were rung as the cortege left the church for Kettering Crematorium, where several other ringing friends were able to pay their last respects.

May he rest in peace.

P. I. C.

**AN APPRECIATION**

In the Oundle Branch we regarded George Jeffs as a neighbour—one who was always near at hand and ready, willing and able to help whenever required.

He hardly ever missed one of our ringing meetings, and his quiet common sense and interesting tales will be greatly missed. We feel that we have lost a good friend and neighbour.

Many of us have been pleased to accept the hospitality of George's home and remember with pleasure the table laid for us by his wife. To Mrs. Jeffs we extend our most sincere sympathy.

R. W. S.

**MR. R. A. JENKINS**

We regret to record the death suddenly on November 4th of Mr. R. A. Jenkins, ringer and verger of Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

**MR. W. W. WEBB**

A well known Heston ringer, Mr. W. W. Webb, died on November 3rd, aged 72. A memorial service will be held in Heston church on Saturday (November 18th) at 11 a.m.

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Peals in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, were rung at Windsor Castle, Stroud (Glos), Glastonbury, Southampton, Netherseale, Newport (Salop), Stamford-le-Hope, Cawthorne, Hyde and Middleton Stoney (Oxon).

Mr. Len Stilwell is now home and well on the way to recovery.

Winchester Cathedral had special ringing for the royal birth, as they did for the enthronements this year of the two archbishops.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Buckley, will be rededicated next Wednesday by the Bishop of St. Asaph at 7 p.m. Open day, November 25th.

A faculty has been granted for the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey bells. The bells will be removed to the foundry early in the New Year.

Two schoolboys—Roger Tarbatt (Shelley) and Roger Clarke (Kirkburton)—put up a fine performance in their first peal (one of seven Minor methods) at Cawthorne, writes the conductor.

In response to an inquiry, Nutfield is College Exercise front work with Killamarsh back work. At Cawthorne, states Mr. Noel F. Moxon, it is rung as Wentworth.

In the peal rung at Middleton Stoney for the royal birthday, the band congratulated Mr. S. G. Joyce on completing 40 years as a ringer and wished Miss Hilary Knight a happy birthday.

When Odd Fellows of Exeter held their service at St. Mark's Church last September the bells were rung by a team of Odd Fellows, and at Great Berkhamsted a similar service was preceded by a quarter of Bob Major, arranged by Bro. W. Hughes and conducted by Bro. F. Kirk.

More about Cosgrove! Mr. E. R. Lambert, to whom Mr. R. G. Black intended to refer on page 724 and not his father (Mr. Ernest Charles Lambert), informs us that Cosgrove is in Northants, but as he lived only half-a-mile from Bucks the postal address is Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. We think the review of county boundaries is overdue!

## RELFRY GOSSIP

The Geoffreys have rung a peal at Kibworth, Leicestershire. In doing so they would like to associate with the peal Geoff. Hemming, Geoff. Mills and Geoff. Goodall, all of whom had taken part in two previous attempts. One of these attempts was within 200 changes from the end when a rope broke! Geoff. Green is also thanked for stepping in at short notice to make up the band.

The peal rung at Bishop's Lydeard on October 7th was the first of Major on the bells.

Mr. Nicholas W. H. Simon, of Llys Esgob, Llandaff, asks for a 720 of Grandsire Minor.

The quarter at Faringdon, Berks, for the royal birth, was the first for several years by the regular Sunday service band.

With the peal of Anstey Surprise Royal at Loughborough on October 30th, Mr. Brian G. Warwick has called a new Surprise Royal method beginning with every letter of the alphabet.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Loughborough on October 24th (see page 758) was the first of Stedman Triples for Robert B. Smith and not John A. Acres or Brian Cox.

After 35 years since it was first suggested, Aldbourne, Wilts. ringers are to have the clock room turned into a ringing chamber, reducing the length of rope from 70 feet to 24 feet.

A scarf was left in the tower of St. Barnabas', Warmley, during the Bristol ringing festival. Will the owner, believed to come from Southampton, apply to Mr. A. V. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, St. George, Bristol.

With a handbell peal of Kent T.B. Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Messrs. Jack Bray and Jack Millhouse rang their 636th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. They are the first members to achieve this total.

Organised by Mr. R. Sheppard, an enjoyable half-day outing into Bucks and Oxfordshire was held by the Western District of the Herts County Association on October 28th. Towers visited were Cuddington (6), Long Crendon (8), Thame (8) and Great Kimble (6).

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

CROYDON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C. sharp.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 9
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK .. .. 10
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
FRANK E. HAWTHORN .. 6	THOMAS SETTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.  
Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BLABY SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 9
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

**BLABY SURPRISE ROYAL**

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 50.36 x 16.90

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HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*JOHN A. SIMMONS .. Treble	DEREK FRANCIS .. .. 6
SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY HARRISON .. .. 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 8
†RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 9
‡WALTER AVERY .. .. 5	DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ANSTEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* 350th peal of Surprise. First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

**ANSTEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 50.36.78.16.90

L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 24365, 32546, 46253.

**DERBY.**

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

JAMES AYRES .. .. Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6
DEBORAH WILSON .. .. 2	PETER MARRIOT .. .. 7
JOSEPH C. WOOLEY .. .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 8
SAMPSON P. WALKLATE .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. 9
ROBERT PRESTON .. .. 5	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

NORMAN HAYES .. .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 7
DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 8
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 9
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Royal in the method.

Extension DU/E of Tipler's B 64/1 ('R.W.', February 12th, 1960, page 100).

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5000 STROUD SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal together. First in the method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**STROUD SURPRISE ROYAL**

—56—4—56—30—14—30—16—5—18—7

10th place lead-end. 8th place bobs.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 5
GEOFFREY GREEN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The composition has 20 7-8 course-ends, and contains 22 7-8's and 142 8-6's.

**CHILHAM, KENT.**

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Treble	WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. 5
THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. 2	GEORGE E. RUCK .. .. 6
DEREK C. CHATFIELD .. .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK .. .. 7
REV. STANLEY M. EVANS .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon J. L. Lawson, M.A., and Mrs. Lawson to Chilham.

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DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.. .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 3	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

R. GEORGE MORRIS.. .. Treble	*JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 6
*ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 4	*NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\* 50th peal together.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROGER DURRANT .. .. Treble	HAROLD HOWSON .. .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 2	JACK T. Y. ROBERTS .. .. 6
DONALD E. TOWERS.. .. 3	†JAMES WEEKS .. .. 7
†JULIAN DUGGAN .. .. 4	JACK R. TOWERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK R. TOWERS.

\* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. I. J. Attwater, who died on October 21st, 1961, and who served as captain of the St. Andrew's Bellringers for 22 years.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULIETTA,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD BRAY .. .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. .. 5
SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. .. 2	GEORGE SKINNER .. .. 6
*GEORGE COLES .. .. 3	GEORGE LUXTON .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	*SIDNEY GARDENER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

\* First peal.

Rung as a farewell tribute to Mr. E. C. Cork, churchwarden and ringer, who has left the parish.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON.. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	*KEITH H. MILDRED.. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude; also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (October 27th, 1901) and the first peal on the bells, which also was Stedman (November 2nd, 1901).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ELSIE K. HART.. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ROSEMARY FLEMING.. .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7
*CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the patronal festival.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Grappenhall Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BIBBY.. .. Treble	*FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2	*OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. 6
FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 4	*WILLIAM G. BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church by John E. Bibby.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER.. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART.. .. 2	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. 6
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 3	††KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 7
*BRIAN COX.. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal together. †† 100th peal of Surprise Major.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

In three methods, comprising 2,520 Oxford Bob, 1,680 St. Clement's Bob and 840 Grandsire; with 96 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. .. 2	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 6
ROGER BALDWIN.. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. 4	THOMAS O. GREASLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN M. BUSWELL. First peal of Spliced Triples by all. First of Spliced Triples in three methods for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. C. Clarke.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*ALEC W. IVINGS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM IVINGS .. .. 6
*WILLIAM H. MINNEAR .. .. 3	EDMUND E. PEARSON.. .. 7
BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

\* First peal. First in the method for all except the seventh and tenor. Rung for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also for the wedding on October 28th of Yvonne Obbard (a ringer of this tower) to Peter Gibson.

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GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 6
DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 7
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 4	*JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

\* 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints; also for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

DONALD T. YOUNG .. Treble	REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. 5
GEORGE GIBBS .. .. 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. .. 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
JOHN BLACKWOOD .. .. 4	ARTHUR BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL C. WYCHERLEY Treble	RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 3	†JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 7
ROGER W. POWELL .. .. 4	HARRY POYNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

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

Rung to mark the birth of Viscount Linley, son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

CYNTHIA BIBBY .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method for the Society, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 5
MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6
ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 3	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 7
FRANK C. MAY .. .. 4	SIDNEY BULL .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

A compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of a son.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, STAMFORD HILL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 5
GWILYM SALMON .. .. 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. 6
MICHAEL THOMAS .. .. 3	LEWIS COBB .. .. 7
RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BURGESS .. Treble	PETER CARBUIT .. .. 4
*ARTHUR DUNN-BIRCH .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 5
†TOM CROSSLEY .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CARBUIT

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*KEITH HALFORD .. Treble	*B. C. W. JENKS .. .. 4
GILLIAN SCARTH .. .. 2	R. FERRIS .. .. 5
R. W. WINSTANLEY .. 3	K. C. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by K. C. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. M. Lloyd back to his parish after a long illness.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

ROY FOSTER .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. Hornby (for many years a ringer at this church) and Mrs. Hornby.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*GRAHAM T. RIDGWAY .. Treble	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4
*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN 2	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5
*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal.

FORD END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Norwich, Cambridge, London and Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

CHARLES S. SMITH .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4
PETER J. EVES .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Eastment, who is leaving the parish on his retirement; also as a welcome to Caroline Wendy Eves, born on October 25th.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ANNE J. BULLARD .. Treble	GERALD W. EDWARDS .. 4
*RUTH M. SIMONS .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. 3	R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

\* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD MUNROE .. Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY .. 4
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 2	DENNIS ELLISDON .. .. 5
*G. ALAN METTERS .. .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal.



**OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 12 methods. 42 extents, viz.: One each Rev. All Saints', Huntspill, New Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, two Stedman, four each Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon and St. Nicholas', eight each Plain and Canterbury.

TOM HARRIS .. .. . Treble	JOHN TICKLE .. .. . 4
*VALERIE LACEY .. .. . 2	FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. . 5
CELIA CONLEY .. .. . 3	RON CARTER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

**OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr, 3 lb. in E.

*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Treble	*JOHN C. EISEL .. .. . 4
†WALTER H. RAXTER .. . 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. . 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. . 3	PAUL CATTERMOLE .. . Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

**RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and one each of Oxford and Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 8 lb. in A.

STANLEY LEWIS .. .. . Treble	JOHN COATES .. .. . 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. . 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. . 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. . 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, of Rampton.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMFT, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Selby and District Society.)  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 600 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* First peal in ten Doubles methods. † First peal.

**WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. .. . Treble	VICTOR NEALE .. .. . 4
*JOHN RYDER .. .. . 2	†DENIS MADDOCK .. .. . 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. . 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 100th peal for Chester Guild. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

**WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	*RICHARD N. CLARK .. . 4
J. HARRY COOK .. .. . 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. . 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. W. Spreadbury for his ministry in the parish; also a special welcome to the Rev. T. R. Bonsey, whose induction took place the previous evening.

**BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. . Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. . 4
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. . 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. . 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. . 3	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in nine methods. † 50th peal.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*BERNARD A. PAYNE .. . Treble	†DOUGLAS G. BROWN .. . 4
†DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. . 2	‡GEORGE W. MASSEY .. . 5
†RAYMOND H. BAKER .. . 3	†HUGH VENNELL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

\* First peal. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Doubles. Rung for the marriage this day of Derek J. Withers and Pamela Trim, both members of the local band.

**SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Syston District.)  
*On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods, being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Grandsire and eight each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 4
JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. . 2	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. . 5
RICHARD N. CLARK .. .. . 3	*N. RODNEY ELLWAY .. . Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Child-wall, Thelwall, Plain, Double, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. DIXON .. . Treble	*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. . 4
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. . 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. . 5
BERNARD J. COGGINS .. . 3	*THOMAS W. TIMMS .. . Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Barnsley and District Society.)  
*On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Capel, London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROGER TARBATT .. .. . Treble	*ROGER CLARKE .. .. . 4
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. . 2	ERIC STAINROD .. .. . 5
TREVOR TARBATT .. .. . 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints; also for the son born to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,

**A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,248 Plain Bob, 888 Little Bob, 576 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's Bob, 432 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 288 Crayford Little Court; with 369 changes of method.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. . 1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. . 5—6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. . 3—4	STANLEY BIRDSALL .. . 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The most Major methods rung to a handbell peal by the Association.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sun., Oct. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT 24, MANOR STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. . 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 3—4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 900th peal for the Guild.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Syston District.)  
*On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 1 Hour and 22 Minutes,*  
 AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. . 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. . 3—4
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. . 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.



**Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.**

#### HALF PEAL

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 2,520 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob). 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,080 Plain Bob: 1. N. Goldthorpe 1, I. G. Campbell 2, J. R. Perrett 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John Rank. First half peal to be rung on the bells.

**BOBBING, KENT.**—On Nov. 4th, 2,160 Minor (1,440 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Single Bob): K. B. Williamson 1, J. Davy 2, Miss H. V. Dadson 3, J. Clark 4, G. A. Naylor 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Collett 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, T. Samuelson 3, E. G. Mould 4, D. A. Evans 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stockbridge 1, Miss A. Butler (first quarter) 2, Miss O. Gant 3, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 4, B. J. Luck 5, D. C. Chaffield (cond.) 6.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Morgan 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, L. L. Willis (cond.) 3, D. L. Hooper 4, E. E. Hill 5, W. C. Rhodes 6.

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: D. Slater 1, P. M. Butcher 2, B. M. Butler 3, A. W. Fuller 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. First in the method by all the band. Also rung on the Patronal Festival.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): D. Vincent 1, John Pearce (first quarter) 2, C. Graves (first Grandsire) 3, C. R. Miles 4, E. Cadle 5, J. More 6, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 7, F. Carter 8.

**FINDON, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakeham 2, J. Elliott 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Thomas 1, W. White 2, J. H. Napper 3, H. L. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, A. H. Webb 8.

**HUCKNALL, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. E. Gibson 1, H. Lewin 2, K. Marriott 3, Miss H. Butcher 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, L. Briggs 6, G. Gibson 7, N. Wiser 8.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Walsh 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, P. A. Low (first of Minor 'inside') 3, P. J. Rothena 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Elizabeth A. Miller 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. Gammon 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. Also for Evensong.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Coatsworth 1, M. Uphill 2, L. Allen 3, A. Millidge 4, D. Brookes 5, B. Bull 6, A. Bishop 7, C. Mew (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 4 and 5.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Patricia Heather 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. Manley 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, C. C. Clarke 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Audrey J. Knight 1, Susan Edwards 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, A. W. Fry 4, M. J. Pointer 5, K. Deveril 6, H. J. Page 7, M. L. Northway 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Nicola Pearce (first quarter) 1, C. M. Foster 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, Jennifer M. Bunyan 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 6.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. G. J. Hend (first quarter) 1, P. C. Plant (first of Minor) 2, R. J. Gay 3, J. L. Queen 4, P. R. Turner 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Valinder (first of Minor) 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. R. Niblett 3, J. A. Tandy 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. On the back six by the Stourbridge Grammar School Society.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, Wendy E. Rhodes 3, D. C. Oates 4, A. A. Rackham 5, E. Elton 6, H. J. Dakin 7, G. H. Peers jun. 8, G. H. Peers sen. 9, N. W. Attaway 10. First on 10 for 3 and 7.

**USK, MON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Llewellyn 1, Mrs. J. King 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, D. King 4, R. E. Coles 5, G. Drew 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8.

**WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss J. Jones 1, Miss F. I. E. Lockner (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. E. Webster 3, T. R. Humphreys 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, J. McCulloch 6.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Harding (cond.) 2, C. G. Cherrett (first of Plain Bob Doubles) 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, C. M. Heawood 6.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Fuller (first attempt) 1, G. Pullinger 2, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, D. Fuller (first attempt 'inside') 5, L. Tapp 6.

**WOODHOUSE (OLD), LEICS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Monica Patrick 1, H. O. Over 2, C. W. Hall 3, E. R. Stockwell 4, F. Chambers (cond.) 5, J. Coverdale 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. A. Rooks 1, G. Gaylard 2, V. T. Farthing 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 4, J. E. Looker 5, J. L. Glyde 6, R. F. Fox 7, C. Wyatt 8.

## Other Quarter Peals

#### HALF PEALS

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon, All Saints', Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. D. Day 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, I. H. Cook 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 2,520 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Harrison 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher 3, D. Oliver 4, J. Butler 5, S. Adams 6. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Oliver.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins. First quarter in four methods by all.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gunstone 1, R. Humphries 2, G. Gunstone 3, J. Lucas 4, G. Parsons 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, M. Wilmot 8. First of Triples for all except 4th.

**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church with St. Ewen, on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jane Tuffin 1, Christine Collett 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, J. M. Stallard 4, S. M. J. Young 5, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, A. R. Kench 7, I. C. Maycock (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 6. For Matins by the U.B.S.C.R.

**BURWELL, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,190 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Quinney 1, Miss E. Dillamore 2, Mrs. W. Earle 3, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 4, P. Bergdahl 5, H. Foster 6, T. Earle 7, H. Muncy 8. Rung after an attempt for Double Norwich.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Oct. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. R. French 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, D. A. Chapman 4, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 8, B. J. Luck 9, D. M. Holness 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon A. O. Standen, canon residentiary of Canterbury Cathedral since 1946.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quicke (cond.) 1, H. V. Young 2, C. Tarr 3, S. Smith 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Grabham 6. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the installation of the bells in this tower.

**CLENT, WORCS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): J. Valinder (first quarter) 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5. Rung by Stourbridge Grammar School Society as a birthday compliment to the other of J. A. Tandy.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): N. Avis 1, W. J. Brunt 2, J. Avis 3, F. G. Oliver 4, H. Stacey (first in three methods) 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Harry Stacey of Stratton, Cornwall.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chown 1, Bridget Cummings 2, E. J. Lambert 3, Gwen Barnes 4, K. Stubbs 5, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Feil, churchwarden, secretary/treasurer to Cosgrove P.C.C. for many years, also to Mr. George Jeffs, secretary of Petcborough Diocesan Guild.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Constant 1, Mrs. Hall 2, F. Walker 3, S. Ball 4, D. Hall 5, R. Rayfield 6, H. Audsley (cond.) 7, G. Clarke (first in method) 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. R. B. Griffin, to the living of Dartford.

**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins 1, R. Skerratt 2, M. Powell (first 'inside') 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, P. Cattermole 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 6. For Evensong.

**EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. King 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. Ivings 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, in memory of Mr. W. Eagle, a ringer in this tower, who died three weeks earlier, and in thanks to God for Church Week.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshott 1, Sally Parrott (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshot 4, W. Parrott 5, D. Herschell 6, Adrienne Gibson 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. A. Miles, churchwarden, 1956-61.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: M. Heymann 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Smith 4, J. Fray 5, J. Coombes 6. At All Saints' Church, for All Saints' Day. First in method by all.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Elizabeth Jones (first quarter) 1, P. Friend 2, J. J. Walllett 3, C. E. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival.



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LEWIS.—On Thursday, November 9th, 1961, after a road accident, David, aged 24 years, eldest son of Gladys and Gwyn I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath. Interred at St. Catwy's Churchyard, November 14th. 9256

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## MEETINGS

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.—C. K. Lewis and D. Ogden. 9197

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

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Hunts District

Meeting at Godmanchester,  
Saturday, November 18th.

Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.  
Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business  
Meeting.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.  
9261

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

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 please to J. Symonds, 'Sherborne', West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 9219

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.—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. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 9212

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. 9225

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672).—Meeting at Wollaton (6) on November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. Philip 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.—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.—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. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

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

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 9245

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Radon. 9264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9270

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Breaston on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 22nd, to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 'The Knoll', Laund Close, Belper. 9263

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Chapel-en-le-Frith. Bells (6) 2.30 till 8.45 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene', The Hordens, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9249

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, at 2.30 p.m., Adwick-le-Street (6). Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. F. Newsome, 15, Villa Road, Woodlands.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9254

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (N.E.).—Meeting at Darlington, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, November 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 9260

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Blockley (8), November 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by November 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9266

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 9269

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 22nd, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 9268

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, November 25th, 3 p.m., St. Clement Danes; 4.30, St. John the Baptist, Hackney; 5.45 p.m., St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Dinner, The Mitre, Chancery Lane. Names to D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 9253

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at Higham Ferrers (8) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Rushden (8), followed by ringing. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. A. Rivett. 9242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, St. John's, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Business follows tea. Names for tea to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth.—Thornley, Sec. 9274

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9255

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Last meeting of 1961 will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd to Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Yorks. 9325

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to the Rev. E. L. Fisher, Higham Rectory, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton. Tele.: Stoke Golding 206.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 9236

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. 9228



**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at East Harling on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo. 9246

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 21st.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompsits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9237

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Sat., November 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Stanford bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 22nd. to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9267

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BUCKLEY.**—Open Day, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday latest, to Randolph Ellis, 'Grassmere,' Tram Road, Buckley, Flintshire. 9247

**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

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 25th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9250

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at Clive (6) on November 25th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9181

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, Farnfield (5). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd to Miss I. Roe, Brickyard Lane, Farnfield, Newark.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 9271

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Practice meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9244

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Wetherden (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 6-9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 9243

**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

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Wadhurst on November 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carlers Corner Road, Hailsham. 9251

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Elstree, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Millway, Bushey, Herts. All ringers invited. 9276

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton St. Mary's, December 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bishop's Hull (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 9262

**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

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to the secretary. No names no tea.—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, at St. James', Shirley, Warwick. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. V. Hemming, 143, Welford Road, Shirley. Everyone welcome. 9265

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, December 2nd. Please note alteration of date. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore, 107, Station Road, Cogenhoe, by November 30th.—T. M. Haines. 9272

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Symondsbury and Bradpole towers open from 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by November 28th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9238

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea by November 25th to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Land, North Mimms, Herts, or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 9233

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Great Yarmouth, December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, December 6th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds and Sudbury District.—Dinner to be held near Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, January 27th, 1962. 6.45 p.m. Ringers, please reserve date. Further details later. 9257

## SOUTH WIGSTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On October 27th, 1901, the eight bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicester, were dedicated. Like the tower itself, they were the gift of Thomas Ingram, a local benefactor. Since then, the bells have been put to good use: a total of 151 peals has been rung on them, including three long lengths, viz., 10,176 Kent Treble Bob on December 26th, 1901, only two months after the dedication: this was followed on April 4th, 1904, with 11,008 Double Norwich and 17,104 Double Norwich in December 27th, 1904. The first peal on the bells was 5,040 Stedman Triples, on November 2nd, 1901.

It was thought fitting that the 60th anniversary of the dedication should not pass unnoticed. Accordingly a peal was arranged for October 28th (the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude) and the method chosen was Stedman. The first and the 151st peals were therefore Stedman.

From the records of the old Midland Counties Association it appears that the tower has never been lacking in ringers. The zenith appears to have been reached in the years immediately after the last war, for a completely local band rang a peal of Double Norwich in honour of the silver wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on April 26th, 1947. With the untimely deaths of the conductor (Charles Marshall) and the steeplekeeper (J. Leslie Willars) in 1949 a decline set in; but there are signs that with the young band at present, even greater progress will be made.

Thank you, Thomas Ingram, we are grateful to you! B. J. W.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Royal (first quarter) 1. J. Royal 2. P. Bourne (first 'inside') 3. C. Royal 4. J. Webb 5. T. Webb 6. A farewell to Michael Mathews, and to congratulate David Joyce on his marriage.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Hamlin (first quarter) 1. R. Cannon 2. P. Huggitt (first 'inside') 3. S. Turner 4. A. Best (cond.) 5. P. Hamlin 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Ponting 1, E. Cribble 2, W. Nipper 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, F. Simmonds 5, P. Smith 6.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Copley 1, E. D. Elderkin (first 'inside') 2, I. R. Goodenough 3, A. S. Harrison (first 'inside') 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell (first on tower bells) 6. For Evensong, and a compliment to Miss C. Copley and Mr. R. A. Brown, on their engagement.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. King 1, A. D. Leach 2, J. Martin 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5. For Matins.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Webb 1, A. D. Leach 2, J. King 3, Miss E. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, M. Colcombe 6. For Evensong.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Roberts (first of Minor) 1. Mrs. M. Parker 2, B. Branson (first 'inside') 3, G. Davis 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George W. Jeffs, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Talbot 1, J. Tomsett 2, K. Game 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Streeter 5, A. J. Bull 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, Joan Gainey (first quarter) 2, J. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burford, on their 40th wedding anniversary. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Bob Doubles: C. Haylings 1, Anne M. Broxton 2, Arthur Halling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, E. W. Penn 5, Albert Halling 6. For the Feast of All Saints.

**THEFTORD, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, R. Stannard 4, H. Clarke 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, H. Fuller 8. For Evensong.

**TILEHURST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Everett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Fevre 2, J. Marsh 3, H. Hunt 4, A. Haines 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Kerlake 1, R. W. Shire 2, R. G. Perry 3, E. J. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. E. J. Baker 6. For morning service, and as a welcome to the Rev. D. C. Evans, inducted October 31st.

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**ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan M. Jackson 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. W. Edwards 3, R. G. Dadds 4, J. Baxter 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, G. C. Durham 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, K. H. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson (first of Triples 'inside') 5, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Rex 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Lawrenson 3, R. Christopher 4, A. Sayer 5, R. Crook 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. For Sunday service.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Dines, a member of St. Michael's choir for over 40 years.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann M. Pratt (first quarter) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, Judith A. Harding 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. M. Heawood 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except the ringers of 3 and 5. For Evensong.

**WESTBURY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Terry 1, B. Gadd (first quarter of P.B. Minor) 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, F. Cattell 4, D. Ferguson 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Cattell's daughter.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates 1, C. D. Emery 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Simpson 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. V. Clark 6. First quarter by the St. Stephen's Society on tower bells.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Abbott (first quarter) 1, J. Rose 2, F. Symonds 3, G. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, Miss B. Dyke 6, F. Stedman 7, E. Amey 8. For the Festival of All Saints, and in memoriam Archdeacon Chute.

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