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THE TRUTHS BEHIND CHRISTMAS BELLS

*'And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.'*

WHEN I was up at Oxford, I first really became aware of bellringing when on the various royal and national occasions the bells of my college, and those of various neighbouring towers, would suddenly and unexpectedly ring out. What is it today, we would wonder, the King's Accession, or Empire Day? It made us think, and it reminded us of something we might otherwise have forgotten.

Is it too much to hope that when the bells ring out on Christmas morning they will also make people think, and remind them of something they might otherwise forget?

Of course no one can forget that it is Christmas. Lots of people see to that. The local authorities spend our rates on vast illuminated Christmas trees, and other more elaborate displays. The shops, which have been looking forward to what one writer calls the Traders' Winter Festival since early in the year, leave us in no doubt what the season is. Most commercial firms make some gesture to retain their customers' goodwill with appropriate gifts or greetings. Parties, big and small, are being planned, and crates of drinks, designed to promote the "Christmas spirit," are being made ready. Presents are being bought and exchanged. And surely there is not a home in our land where at least a handful of Christmas cards is not arriving!

No! It is impossible to forget Christmas! At least it is impossible to ignore the outward trappings with which Christmas is surrounded. But unfortunately it is only too obvious that the underlying reason for all our Christmas festivity has been clean forgotten by the vast majority of people today. For Christmas is the time when Christians celebrate with delight and wonder the coming of God into the world. In many ways, of course, the moment of Our Lord's Conception or his Baptism in the River Jordan were more significant occasions. But birthdays always capture the imagination of us human beings, and so the day when the Saviour was born is the one which we take to invest with the whole glorious fabric of the doctrine of the Incarnation.

For on the first Christmas Day there actually was born a child who was God's Son, who was the eternal God taking human nature upon himself, and who was destined to be the Saviour and Lord of the whole human race. No wonder the most ancient traditions spoke of choirs of angels singing in the sight and sound of men to herald the amazing event. No wonder the devout and fertile imaginations of Christmas carollers have pictured all kinds of wonderful happenings, and all kinds of reverent homage being paid to the infant King of Kings. Had the whole world indeed known what a wondrous birth had taken place in the stable at Bethlehem, all men would have flocked to pay their respects there, and all the bells on earth would have rung!

We who are Christian believers have a great responsibility to ensure that people do have it drummed in upon them that the real essence of Christmas is the celebration of one of the turning points of history, when God's Son came out of the mists of eternity and firmly forged a link between our human nature and himself. Those of us who also man the bells have an extra note of celebration to sound, and it must be our prayer that the sound of the bells which we ring may be to many a reminder of the deep and glorious truths which underlie both the genuine fun and the trumped-up, commercialised heartiness of a present-day English Christmas.

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CANADIAN FILM ON RINGING

Last week I had the unusual experience of watching a band of change ringers at work in a space no bigger than a page of this magazine. The sound of their ringing came out clear and true.

I had been asked by a representative of Scottish Television to give some professional advice on bellringing in connection with a programme 'This Wonderful World,' presented by Dr. John Grierson. The title may be familiar to some of your readers, as the programme is not confined to Scotland, but broadcast in most regions over Independent Television.

The programme uses films on many subjects and from many countries. Amongst the material at present under consideration is a short film called 'Ringers Required' made by young Canadian, Mr. A. J. M. Collins.

In it, he describes how a newspaper advertisement called the attention of Vancouver people to the fact that the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, in New Westminster, had a ring of 8 bells, which was falling into disuse as most of the original ringers had died or fallen out.

Support was quickly forthcoming. In the film I saw the humorous incidents that so many of us must remember from our learning days, when our enthusiasm was greater than our skill.

The technique and art of bellringing was explained very clearly and simply for a non-technical public, and the band was shown at different stages from discordant jangling to a reasonable proficiency.

The film closed with some shots of the Cathedral bells ringing changes as one old year passed and a new year was ushered in, in the traditional way. It was interesting to see and hear the familiar sound of Grandsire Triples sounding out, so far away from the British countryside, where our ancient craft was born.

I thought that the film was technically quite sound. If it is shown on television, I hope it will have its effect on introducing some of the finer points of ringing to a wider public, and I am sure it will have a certain appeal in bringing back memories of their beginnings to many fellow-ringers.

F. J. H.

'Ringing World' Box In Ringing Chamber

In the ringing chamber at Carbis Bay there is a box for 'The Ringing World.' This week the committee of this journal acknowledges with gratitude a cheque for £1 12s. from the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council. To all who contributed, 'Thank you.'

A CHURCH WITH TWO NAMES

Bridge's History of Northants. The Victorian County History. Whellam's History and all old Kelly's Directories each give the name of the church at Kislisbury as that of St. Luke—none of them refer to it as ever having been changed from SS. Peter and Paul to St. Luke.

Yet since about 1911 Crockford, Pevsner and diocesan calendars as well as the Rector call it SS. Peter and Paul, and the incumbent says it has never officially been changed from SS. Peter and Paul.

The question arises, which was it first known as? If all old books by such authorities as Bridge gave it as St. Luke, it seems that the change has been from that to SS. Peter and Paul, and not vice versa, as the Rector and several others seem to think: especially if there has been no official rededication. St. Luke, I should say it is! However, it is a very confusing situation for historians and others.

Peals have been rung giving both names; there has never been a time when there were two churches at Kislisbury (a St. Luke and a SS. Peter and Paul), like there is at Cranford—a St. John and a St. Andrew. Or at Aldwincle, where there is a St. Peter and a Church of All Saints.

And to top it all, in the belfry are peal cards some giving it as St. Luke, and others as SS. Peter and Paul.

P. A.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—51



MR. ALBERT M. TYLER,
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

In these days of a predominance of even-bell ringing, it is refreshing to find someone who admits to preferring both the music and the ringing of odd-bell methods. Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Willsbridge, Bristol, finds much more to interest him with the tenor 'behind,' especially in conducting, of which he is no mean exponent, and also in composition, in which he has much success.

Albert was born in Clapton, North London, on February 17th, 1923, and is the son of the late Jesse B. Tyler, a well known ringer, who was for many years employed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and was a capable peal ringer. He learnt to handle a bell at St. John-at-Hackney, London, in 1935, and following the death of his father he moved to Bristol and joined St. Stephen's tower. There he came under the influence of the late John A. Burford and William A. Cave, and also Joseph T. Dyke, three ringers for whom Albert has always had a high regard.

Making quick progress, he had the probably unique experience of ringing three peals of Stedman Cinques for his first three peals! The first was in February, 1937, when he rang the treble at Tewkesbury Abbey, a few days before his 14th birthday. The band included the late John Thomas (his uncle by marriage), Amy R. Johnson (who later married John Thomas) and her brother, Joseph D. Johnson, the present general secretary of the Worcestershire & Districts Assoc., who conducted. Two weeks later, he rang another peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and a month after that a third peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

Albert has no complete and up-to-date record of his peals, but he believes his total to be between 150 and 200, of which he has conducted about 60, mostly from a working bell. He has rung just over 30 handbell peals, of which he has called about a dozen. His first peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, and his first peal of Surprise was Cambridge Maximus! He conducted his first peal 'in hand'—Grandsire Triples—and it was also the first peal 'in hand' for the rest of the band. He has also conducted the first peals of both Erin Triples and Cinques for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and hopes to score the Caters soon.

Albert looks back to three peals with which he was pleased to be associated: the 1,000th peal of the late John Thomas—Stedman

Caters—at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on June 18th, 1955, and a sadder occasion, when a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, in memory of the late John Thomas, conducted by Philip A. Corby; the third peal was the first handbell peal of Major rung in Wales, conducted by Wilfred Williams. He can only recall one peal that he really had any regrets about losing. That was Wraxhall, Somerset, when an attempt was made for Spiced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, with Ron Beck and Joe Dyke ringing the tenors. It was purely a novelty, and unfortunately a further attempt was never made.

He joined the A.S.C.Y. in 1939, and has always been a keen and loyal member. He regularly attends the annual dinner, and regards this function as one of the highlights of the year's ringing activities.

MONTHLY PEAL ATTEMPTS

As a civil servant in the department of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, Albert was moved to Reading in 1948, where, for over three years, he became attached to St. Laurence's, under William Hibbert. When he returned to Bristol in 1951, he took over the position of Ringing Master at St. Stephen's. He has always been very interested in encouraging young ringers to score their first peal, either in a new method or on a higher number of bells. In 1954/55 he introduced a monthly peal attempt in place of the usual practice night, to assist the advancement of many local ringers and resident members of the University Society, which is now thriving so well, and with which Albert has been very closely associated for many years. These peal attempts are still continuing, and since their inception the records show that over 100 firsts of one kind or another have been achieved. These include first peals, first in a new method, first on 8 or 10 bells, first as conductor, and first as conductor on 8 or 10 bells, and in a method. Teaching people to conduct peals has always been one of Albert's aims—a branch of the art which he feels is often ignored.

COMPOSITIONS

In the field of composition, Albert has been for some years producing peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques. In Grandsire he has introduced some new approaches to providing the best music of which the method is capable. About 50 of his compositions have so far been rung. Some of these have been a little revolutionary by generally accepted standards, but already some of his ideas are being copied. He has recently produced a type of broadsheet for both Grandsire and Cinques, and he believes this may be the first of its kind ever produced for Grandsire. The Caters sheets give 420 peals in the orthodox Tittum and Handstroke positions, with regular and simple calling, all of which are short courses, giving the best music in these positions. He is at present just completing a further Caters broadsheet for the more advanced conductor of Grandsire, to include blocks of courses with 57968s and 97568s, etc.

Albert was secretary of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for about three years before joining the Army in 1942. He served in the Signals Section of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in North Africa, Egypt, Italy and Greece. More recently he has twice held the office of Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch. Another hobby of Albert's is rose growing, but as he just recently moved into a new house, he is virtually starting from scratch again.

Albert, by encouraging beginners at St. Stephen's to ring peals and learn to conduct, is doing much to maintain the high standard of ringing for which Bristol was once famous in the days of William A. Cave. The ringing in the city is now once again on the 'up and up,' and much of the credit must go to Albert. A first class striker himself, he insists on the best from everyone else. His own enthusiasm is bound to create interest from others, and in this work he has the loyal support of many of the young ringers of Bristol.

APACE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOW BELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Morris refers to the excellent striking of the bells recorded for the 'Interval Signal.' He might equally have referred to the conducting. Changes are made at every hand stroke, which means that before one 'call' is made by the ringers the next is made by the conductor. I have been told that it was the practice to call, for example, 'Four over five,' without saying which bell had to follow four nor which five had to follow. That is what is called 'Ropesight,' and to achieve such striking under such circumstances is more creditable than Mr. Morris implies. Is there a band of twelve ringers today who could emulate the recording we hear now in the 'Interval Signal'?—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

THE FIRST LOYALTY

Dear Sir.—I thoroughly agree with item (i) listed in Miss W. M. Elliott's letter ('R.W.' page 824). It is the duty of the incumbent to endeavour to find out the reasons (not only of ringers, but of his whole flock) why non-attendance at divine worship is lacking, and make efforts to convert erring ways. Item (ii). I trust and hope, is rarely resorted to.

Miss Elliott implies in the latter part of her letter that it is because the incumbent is unpopular that many do not attend church. Those who act in this way are lacking badly; we do not attend worship to please the parson, but to put into that service all we owe to God. It is therefore personal to the individual, the parson being only there to lead the worship and make his personal contribution to God, whose minister he is. The conclusion therefore is that we have an overwhelming duty to God over that to the parson, though, of course, loyalty to the incumbent is necessary.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton.

SCALDWELL'S NEW TREBLE

Dear Sir.—Of the inscription on this bell, may well it have been said that future historians will wonder what to make of it! When all the facts are taken into account, it will be seen that the inscription is not only ridiculous but I should suggest that the person who advised it is about the same!

And these are the facts: Early this year an announcement appeared in the Peterborough Diocesan Leaflet that the Church of the Holy Trinity, Northampton, had a small 13 inch diameter bell to give away, to any church in need of a bell.

Holy Trinity Church, by the way, is a modern stone building, built in 1909, with a tower abutting the south wall, containing a 39 inch bell of 10½ cwt., by Barwell, of Birmingham, of that same year. The tower is suitable for six, and certainly would take five, the above bell acting as a good tenor—it is one of the few good Barwell bells I know of. Such a scheme was shorn by a clock being put where the bells could have hung, in 1925.

Thus, it will be seen that the 13 inch bell formed no part of an intending ring. Its weight, at so small a diameter, is sufficient to suggest (after taking into account that of the Scaldwell treble of 28½ inches, weighing 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.) that little more than a fifth of the metal belongs to the original bell from Holy Trinity, Northampton.

I repeat—how ridiculous for such an inscription, and how ridiculous of the person who ever suggested it!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

SERVICE RINGING 100 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir.—With the subject of service ringing still being in the limelight, I am enclosing a few lines written over a hundred years ago (yes, it is no new problem), by the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, in his book 'Belfries and Ringers.' It makes most interesting reading.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant, Hants.

When first I went to that parish [I presume the parish of Clyst St. George, Devon], more than thirty years ago, scarcely one of the ringers attended the services of the church! I used to see them on a Sunday, waiting in the churchyard till the service was over; and then, almost before every person had left the holy place, they would strike out a merry peal. This was a state of things which could not be suffered to continue, and therefore at once I did what I could in the way of talking and reasoning with them; and at last I was obliged to make it a rule that unless they came to pray they should not be allowed to ring. For a time this gave great offence: but I remained firm, and at last the man who was most outrageous confessed to me that my view of the matter was right.

In the course of time the old ringers dropped off, and others, self-appointed, succeeded; and very soon, by their own consent and proposal, I obtained the custody of the keys of the tower. Before that, the ringers had uncontrolled admission to the belfry when they pleased, and for what purpose they pleased; but ever since, the keys have been kept at the vicarage.

It had long been the practice—and a very common one it is in country villages—to ring a peal or two on Sunday mornings, sometimes before and sometimes after breakfast; but I observed that the ringers seldom came to the church afterwards; and therefore, except on festival days, I at once prohibited all peal ringing at any time before morning service. However delightful and poetical may be the thoughts connected with the cheerful peal on a Sunday morning, I am quite sure that in most cases it will be found that peal-ringing on Sundays—morning or evening—leads to the alehouse afterwards. Much evil therefore will be prevented by stopping it altogether, until a better system of appointing and remunerating the ringers can be introduced.

He carries on by saying: 'I should like to add that, when the Sunday ringing was discontinued, it was with an understanding that they might in future practise two evenings in the week instead of one, to which the amusement or practice had long before been limited. It would sometimes happen that a young hand stood in need of a little more frequent practice; and then it has been usual for some of the company to have the keys of the belfry, and "tie" the clappers, and so raising and falling can be practised without any annoyance to the neighbourhood.'

PEALS OF MINOR AT PEWSEY

Dear Sir.—For the information of the band who rang a peal of Minor at Pewsey on November 4th last, with the footnote 'Believed to be the first of Minor ever rung on the bells,' a peal of Minor was rung there on May 28th, 1949, conducted by Frank Harris. This peal, as is usual on these occasions, was recorded for the Guild to which this tower has been affiliated for the past 50 years.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. WEST.

Honorary Secretary,
Salisbury Guild.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—The bells of St. Peter's, Woolton, will commence in rounds, run to Queens and back to rounds and into Stedman Triples for their Christmas broadcast. The band have all rung a peal and at least a quarter in Stedman Triples. Age of the whole band, 16-19 years.

For the information of the Council and the appointed committee, the view that rounds is all that is wanted is not so, however this advice is understood. Would the committee in turn accept a little advice: that, to obtain for themselves a badge of office, worn on a decorative girdle, would be very fitting and might well be copied by the Council as a whole.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

Dear Sir.—The matter of the corrupted form of the Bow Bells record used by the B.B.C. as an interval signal has been taken up with the B.B.C. by my committee, and the final results of our correspondence will be published in due course.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Convener.

Television & Broadcasting Committee, C.C.

NUTFIELD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. A. Bishop, who wrote about Nutfield T.B., we included it in a peal attempt at Penistone some time ago, but the venture came to grief. We ring touches of the method under the name of Wentworth, but I am not aware that it has been included in a peal in this district.

It is always refreshing to read in 'The Ringing World' of 'irregular' methods being rung to peals, and I always carefully check the 'quarters' to see if any are included.

I have little use for single change Minor methods, for some of the Surprise efforts are not worthy of the name although they produce 'standard' lead-ends.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

WERE RECORDS TRANSFERRED WITH COUNTY?

Dear Sir.—The footnote to the peal of Boston Surprise Royal rung at King's Norton on November 18th describes it as the first in the method in the county—presumably Worcestershire, in accordance with the heading. This is incorrect as King's Norton was transferred to Warwickshire on being taken into the city of Birmingham in 1911.—Yours truly,

HENRY H. FEARN.

King's Norton.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 22nd, 1911.—

WILLIAM PYE—The greatest ringer of today

Last Saturday's peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes' was one of singular interest to the Exercise, for it was Mr. William Pye's 1,000th peal. It did not, however, require this achievement to stamp him as the greatest ringer of today, his previous triumphs have done that, and it was but another addition to the laurels he had already won....

It is interesting to note that the band in Mr. Pye's 1,000th peal on Saturday had rung between them over 4,800 peals, made up approximately as follows: R. Sanders 116, B. Prewett 740, I. G. Shade 913, C. T. Coles 142, G. R. Pye 510, A. W. Coles 92, J. E. Davis 415, E. Pye 805, A. W. Grimes 100, W. Pye 1,000; total 4,833.

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ENGLAND'S REMARKABLE LEANING TOWER

By T. A. BEVIS

WHY on earth people hurry abroad to see the leaning tower of Pisa beats me! England has one of her own—and how it leans!

Pisa's lop-sided tower, if memory serves me right, is a little over 700 years old, it being vertically erected approximately 100 years before the appearance of Surfleet's remarkable steeple. Pisa's bells are nothing to boast about, but Surfleet's lame sentinel contains the lightest ring of 12 in the world, and they are the only 12 in Fenland.

These famous bells are suspended beneath a tapering spire, the tip of which is 6 ft. 4½ ins. out of perpendicular, and they sound over and beyond a big straggling Lincolnshire village developed on the banks of the little River Glen almost at the end of its 31-mile journey to the Welland.

Retired sailors would, I think, feel very much at home in attending this most interesting fane—dedicated to St. Laurence—and ringers might well be excused for developing a sensation akin to nausea, for the tower within seems to lurch like a ship at sea.

THE LEGEND

After the tower had been built, six hundred years ago, the foundations began to sink and in order to arrest the steeple's unexpected and very hasty movement substantial buttresses were erected round the pillars nearest the tower arch, thereby countering the runaway mass of brick and mortar. Furthermore, as a precautionary measure it was deemed wise to remove the eastern bay of the aisles, thus reducing weight and thrust. Inevitably there is a legend to the effect that an honest baker passed this way, and the tower bowed!

In 1898 when the stuffy Victorian era was drawing nigh to its close, a young clergyman, aged 29, left Stamford, for the living of Surfleet. He was the Rev. H. Law James, M.A., a dynamic, purposeful and sincere personality. His name is almost legendary among the campanological fraternity. He was a brilliant mathematician and excelled in the field of peal composition; no less to the fore were his unfathomable resources in the complexities of Surprise ringing, then largely in its embryological stage. In all he rang 340 peals.

At that time St. Laurence's Church bore the heavy, spiritless Victorian atmosphere. The interior contained ugly box-pews, and unnecessary bric-a-brac. An unusual but cumbersome and unsightly three-tier pulpit did not by any means improve the building.

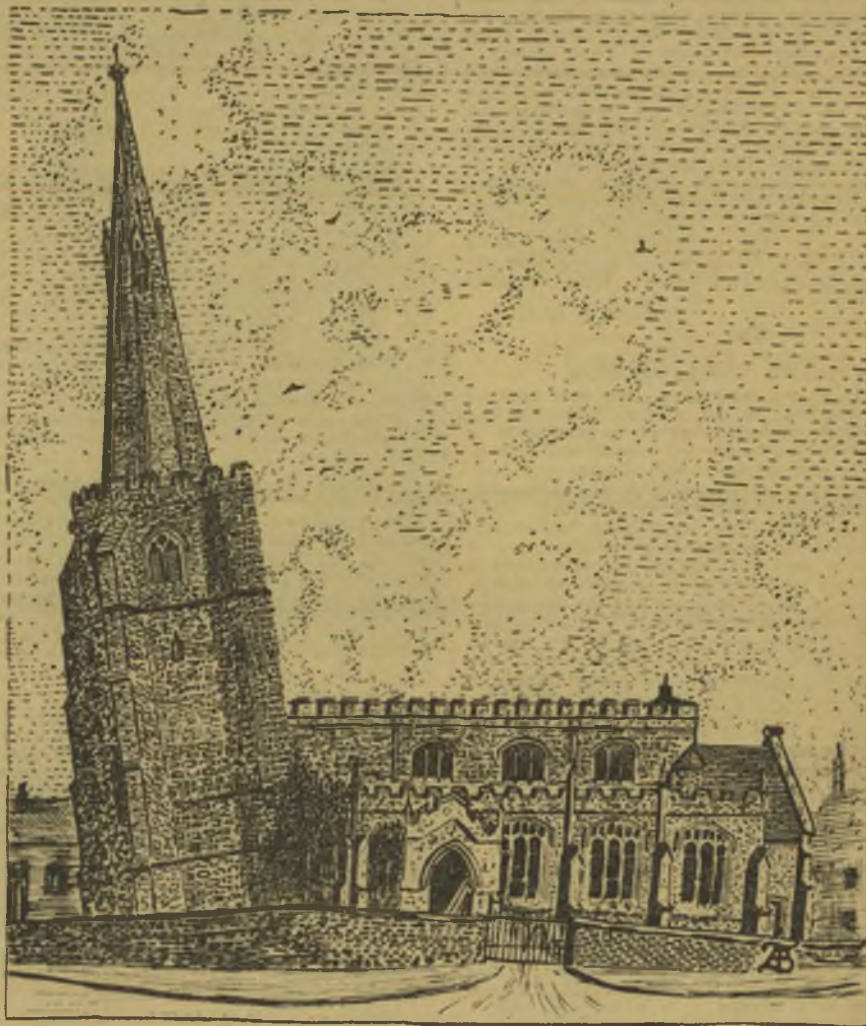
Henry Law James swept this all away! Then he turned his attention—not unnaturally—to the crippled tower. It contained only five bells (rehung in the year 1809), and it badly needed renovating.

Ringers performed from a level 10 ft. above the ground floor, a wall hiding from sight a pile of rubble with which the cavity (now the ringing chamber) had been filled. Under the Vicar's supervision this was all removed. The clergyman-bellringer was at last able to turn his unflagging interest and untiring efforts to the bells.

In 1900 an ancient bell was recast and in 1913 the ring was augmented to 10, the tenor being recast at the same time.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER

Surfleet acquired its unique position of possessing the lightest ring of 12 following the passing of its well-loved and highly respected Vicar, two trebles being added to his memory and a plaque placed beneath the steeple by 'members and friends of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in affectionate remembrance of the Rev. Henry Law James, sometime Master, and in appreciation of his work for the Guild and for the art of ringing, 1933.'



The boundless enthusiasm and deep love of bells with which he was infused happily did not entirely expire at his passing. He had imparted a generous portion of his knowledge to an apt pupil and great friend, Rupert Richardson, who bore the banner most capably and conscientiously, and whose efforts, backed by a host of friends, was largely instrumental in placing Lincolnshire well to the fore as far as peal ringing was concerned.

The writer never had the privilege of meeting this gentleman, but those who knew him well remember his friendliness and respected those extraordinary capabilities which earned him a high place among bellringers in this country, and as far away as Australia. Much of his success undoubtedly was due in no small way to his wife, herself an accomplished ringer, who lives not far from the church.

COMPLETING THE 'CIRCLE'

Mrs. Richardson and Mr. C. Rawding, a member of the team of the good old days, smilingly recall—as will others—the time when Rupert desired to ring the sixth bell to a peal, thus enabling him to 'circle' the tower.

The rope of the sixth at one time fell very close to a sharp angle of the arch, in which

is located the west door. Now Rupert was a big man, both in heart and in stature, and while ringing this particular bell his goodly proportions did not assist the ringers of the fifth and seventh bells, who were unable to see each other properly.

However, this problem was overcome: Mr. Richardson had the troublesome angle cut away in order to accommodate himself and thus allow his neighbours to observe each other! The opposite stonework underwent the same treatment, so as to correspond.

Rupert consequently successfully 'circled' the tower—and, at the same time, must surely have secured a unique place for this church, part of which was erased to fit a big man!

The electric clock was given by Mr. Richardson shortly before his death on January 13th, 1947, and was actually installed after the donor's passing. Of his 782 peals he rang his last (Double Norwich, conducted by P. A. Corby) at St. Nicholas' Church, Spalding, on September 26th, 1946. Mrs. Richardson was in many of his peals and she has rung 70.

At the time of his death Rupert Richardson was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, a position which he had held since 1933. A tablet in Surfleet tower records that

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'an extra bell (to his memory) was added to the peal at Lincoln Cathedral and this tablet placed here to record the gift by members and friends of the Guild.'

With the passing of the Rev. Henry Law James the art suffered an unforgettable blow and when his inseparable companion was called through the mists, bellringing in this part of the country naturally received a setback—particularly at Surfleet.

Understandably many peals have materialised at this Fenland tower and it is significant that not one is recorded on the walls: Henry Law James disliked peal boards, upholding that all ringing on church bells was to the glory of God—and not to the praise of man.

UNUSUAL STAIRWAY

Climbing the turret stairway is a strange experience. One appears to labour uphill and then rapidly descend, though still climbing, according to the lean of the tower, the angle of which in the illustration is possible to see after having temporarily 'removed' trees in the foreground.

The bells are suspended in two tiers from a splendid iron frame which, despite the unnatural angle, has not shifted in the least. The tiny trebles are above the tenor (12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. in F) and their respective weights are not disclosed by the foundry (Messrs. Taylor's) for obvious reasons.

St. Laurence's Church has played a major part in the development of the fine tradition embodied in the noble art of bellringing.

This notable ring—the bells revolve on plain bearings—is worthy of full mention, and accordingly inscriptions are reproduced below in full:

Treble and second:

To the Glory of God. Henry Law James, M.A. 1932.

Third:

Cum Vaca Venite. 1913.

Fourth:

Venite Exultemus Domino. 1913.

Fifth:

Sit Nomen Domini Benedictus. 1913.

Sixth:

In Multis Annis Resonit Camframa Johannis. 1913.

Seventh:

God Save The King.

Eighth:

T. Brewin. Toby Norris Cast Me. John Sharp. C.W.

Ninth:

Omnia Fiant Ad Gloriam Dei. E. Ward. P. Pedder. 1618. Recast 1913.

Tenth:

R. Curtis. Toby Norris Cast Me. William Walker. C.W. 1695. Recast as the Gift of Mr. Alfred Smith. Churchwarden, 1900.

Eleventh:

Edward Heron. Miles Balnie. Omnia Fiant Ad Gloriam Dei. J. Jackson. R. Smith. 1607.

Tenor:

Non Clamor Sed Anon Cantrat in Auri Dei. John Loures. 1608. Recast 1913. Henry Law James. M.A., Vicar. John Richardson. W. Evison Burrell. Church Wardens.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Leatherhead District**

For the nomination meeting on November 18th, Ashted's rehung bells proved a good substitute for Dorking's, which were not available. Owing to other parish activities there was no service, so ringing continued until time for tea. This was served in the School Hall by lady helpers, enrolled by Mr. J. Symonds, and was enjoyed by nearly 40 ringers.

The business meeting followed. Mr. Frank Oakshott was renominated Ringing Master, but the retiring secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) said that as he now had an assistant who was willing and able to take over, he would not seek nomination, but nominated Mr. C. Munday, of Ewell, as honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. A. Besant had agreed to act as honorary auditor in place of Mr. A. H. Winch, who wanted to retire.

These nominations caused two vacancies for the general executive committee to fill, for which Rev. E. Wood, Marilyn Gibbs and A. P. Cannon were nominated. Two new members, Judith Boxall and Caroline Gibbs, of Ashted, were elected.

The secretary reported on the general committee meeting, called to discuss the proposed Surrey and Guildford merger, which gave rise to quite a lengthy discussion.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all who had made such a good meeting possible, especially Mr. J. Symonds, for helping out at short notice, and the secretary was instructed to send the meeting's condolences and best wishes to Bernard Hawkins, of Leatherhead, for a speedy recovery from the injuries received in an accident.

Ringing was then resumed until about 8.30 p.m.

A DAY IN THE CHILTERN

A group of ringers from Putney, Rochester Row and Kingston had an outing into the Chilterns on December 2nd. Two towers at St. Albans were first visited—the light eight at St. Michael's, and St. Peter's, where a course of Bob Royal and touches of Stedman were brought round. We found the eight at Berkhamsted rather rough and in consequence stuck to Plain Bob and Cambridge. At Tring (8) Crayford College was attempted, but did not come round; a good touch of Stedman finished the morning's ringing.

Touches of Cambridge were rung on the very loud six at Wendover and some got lost in the wilds of Buckinghamshire and were rather late at Monks Risborough. West Wycombe bells were found to be rather bumpy, but otherwise pleasant. At High Wycombe (12. 30½ cwt.) we had a fairly good course of Bob Royal, with the tenor ably turned in by Tony Bishop (of Nutfield fame). Attempts at Bob Maximus led to frustration, but we got home on a course of Stedman Caters.

Beaconsfield's (8. 21 cwt.) was the last tower and we found that the back three needed 'power assisted take off,' being extremely deep set. When 'off' they proved to be good in tone and go. The day finished with another good touch of Stedman. D. C. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

If willingness to stand for office is any criterion of the liveliness of an Association then the Northern District of the Surrey Association can claim to be one of the liveliest in the country. For at the nomination meeting held at St. George the Martyr, in the Borough, S.E., and subsequently there were two nominations for each office except that of honorary secretary. The A.G.M. promises to be a busy and interesting one.

It is many years since the Association visited the Borough. With a keen vicar and curate and an enthusiastic young band being trained by Mr. N. Bagworth, the tower holds a lot of promise. During the afternoon ringing, under the direction of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, suited all tastes, a difficult feat to achieve when 60 ringers have to be fitted in on eight bells in an hour and a half.

The service, to the Association's form, was taken by the curate, and tea followed in the Church Hall. In addition to the nominations for officers for 1962, 13 new members were elected, an unusually high number for the time of the year. The usual votes of thanks were extended to those responsible for the meeting, and ringing on the heavier 10 at St. Giles', Camberwell, concluded a busy day. W. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD**Western District**

A quarterly meeting was held at Twerton, Bath, on December 9th. Afternoon ringing was followed by a short service, attended by the choir, and conducted by the curate. Tea followed in the Church Hall, very kindly provided by the lady ringers from Twerton, under the able direction of Mr. Alan Lee, to whom votes of thanks were passed.

At the business meeting four new members were elected: Miss D. Chapman, Mrs. J. Carey, Miss B. Dench, Miss Parsons. Two successful evening practices were reported by Mrs. Kingcott, and a further one was fixed for Friday, February 9th, 7.30 p.m. at Corston. It is hoped that the annual District meeting, March 10th, will be at Burnham-on-Sea.

It was noted that an all-ladies' quarter peal of Plain Bob Major had been rung in Bristol Cathedral on September 11th, this being the second successful attempt during the year.

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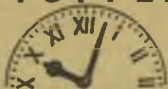
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A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

(Continued from page 843)

STOKE-ON-TRENT SURPRISE

The climax was reached at the Central Council meeting on May 23rd at Stoke-on-Trent. The whole story of the Minimus epic or fiasco which then occurred is told in 'The Ringing World' of June 9th. Some of the highlights are worth repeating as many ringers will have forgotten the details. Part of the leader of June 2nd is worth quoting.

'There were plenty of pointers to suggest that after Whit Tuesday peals of Minimus would not be recognised. Great men had written letters on the subject. Associations had passed resolutions against recognition, the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee had openly declared that he would not recognise such performances as peals and he had gone so far that in the preparation of this report to the Council he had not counted the performances as peals.Never were dice so heavily loaded against success....'

'How did it all happen? Many of the Council are still mystified at such a change of face. A rumble of the fight ahead was seen at the beginning of the Council meeting, when the accuracy of the minutes of the Folkestone meeting was challenged by the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. Dennis Beresford. It was his contention—and it was supported by Mr. Walter Ayre, a former Master of the Cumberlands and convener of the Peals Analysis Committee—that the recognition of peals of Minimus was never voted on at Folkestone. Mr. Beresford made a tactical error' as, to be effective, the challenge of accuracy should have been made before the minutes were signed, not as a matter arising from them.

'The next skirmish occurred in the presentation of the Peals Analysis Committee's report. The Standing Committee took the view that the six performances of Minimus were peals and the report should be amended accordingly.' Incidentally, the report wrongly stated two on tower- and four on handbells. This should have been one and five respectively. The convener's defiance of the Standing Committee did not go down too well in some quarters and may even have influenced a few 'Don't knows' (or 'Don't cares') in favour of Minimus peals, although many were in sympathy with his views. 'After discussion, the Standing Committee's point of view was upheld and this meant that there was an influential body of opinion with the small man....'

The real test came when Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. R. Cooper seconded (both Kent County, but putting the motion as private members) that 'the conditions required for peals' should be amended by the addition of... 'A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells.' This would have excluded any 'peal' of Minimus or less and Mr. Corby did not waste much time or energy in putting the case, feeling that all that would be needed would be a quick vote to settle the matter once and for all. He made two points. Firstly, he considered Minimus peals 'unnecessary' and that ringers in 'four-bell towers had plenty of opportunity to go elsewhere.' Come to think of it, exactly the same arguments can apply to five-bell towers... and six-bells towers. There are even quite a few ringers as well as many non-ringers who think that peals are unnecessary anyway! Secondly, he thought it extremely 'difficult to count up to sevenths and back again,' let alone count 210 extents. In these days of higher education, most of its products seem to be able to count, even if they cannot spell! Counting 42 extents of Plain Bob is considered easy—by five-bell ringers—and to hands capable of ringing 113 Doubles methods, counting 210 should be child's play. He made no mention of the real point at issue, namely, that the standard required for a peal would be lowered.

Support for the motion came from Mr. W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire)—'Minimus peals are rubbish, but plenty of rubbish is also rung on higher numbers.' True, but some who ring

this 'rubbish' apparently claim that Spliced Surprise is not the only thing worth ringing. Perhaps one's definition of 'rubbish' depends on what one is used to.

Mr. J. P. Fidler (honorary), having visited many 'four-bell towers, had found nowhere a hand capable of ringing changes.' So much for Council Decision B (Handbook page 18) that the 'primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday service and on the festivals and their eves.' The common dereliction found in a great many of our threes and fours shows that these are beyond the pale to most of our Associations through whom the interest of change ringing could be introduced. But perhaps Mr. Fidler finds things blacker than they really are, as Taylor's are more often called in for drastic restorations rather than routine maintenance in the case of threes and fours.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University): 'The more years the Council go on talking about peals of Minimus, the more people will be on ringing them.' True. There is a marked correlation between 'R.W.' correspondence and quarter peals (see Appendix) although the spate of peals was merely to score one before the expected chop.

Mr. A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) claimed that Minimus peals were merely stunts. Probably most of them rung so far have been. Should they be barred just for that? Some of our greater ringers enjoyed 'stunt' ringing in their youth. Ringing a handbell peal on a manure heap was a stunt. In almost all fields of serious effort, someone will try to perform a stunt, just for the fun of it.

Mr. J. R. Mayne (Middlesex) gave such a carefully balanced, fair presentation of the implications of accepting or rejecting the motion that when he made the important point, that we would be lowering our peal standards by allowing Minimus, it did not carry enough weight.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (Surrey) repeated that it would be a retrograde step, but then was unsure of his facts when he said that Minimus peals with a cover bell would soon follow, since one such had already been rung.

Mr. R. G. Blackman (Sussex) thought we had rules as to what should be a peal, but surely the whole point of the motion was that there was no rule excluding Minimus peals.

Opposition to the motion came from many quarters. Mr. A. E. Rushton (Beds) raised the point that if ringers in a four-bell tower wished to celebrate a local event, they would desire to do so in their own tower. 'If one desired to celebrate one's own birthday, one would not go next door.' But surely, if the house were too small for a party, one would go elsewhere.

Mr. J. Freeman (Lincoln) could see no merit in ringing a four-bell peal, but thought that 'there may be occasions when to maintain interest a peal should be rung there.' He also thought that they 'should not legislate for something that is a "flash in the pan".' The complete absence of Minimus peals since the meeting would appear to bear this out.

From Essex, we had Mr. J. H. Crampion, saying that we do not want to stop four-bell peals being rung—'we can't—the point is that we should recognise them' (or did he say 'should we recognise them?')—and Mr. F. B. Lufkin, speaking with the known backing of his Association. Originally, they deplored four-bell peals, but then, as the main purpose of ringing was for Sunday service, they considered that four-bell ringing should be encouraged, in peals as well. He then moved an amendment 'that four-bell peals be permitted in four-bell towers only,' which Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon Guild) seconded. This was an attempt to recognise 'local ringers' efforts, but to exclude 'peal hogging' on handbells.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) considered 'their job was to encourage ringing,' not to discourage even part of it. Mr. C. K.

Lewis (honorary) came out strongly against the motion, as in the Chester Guild they had a very active four-bell tower that would probably soon be pressing for augmentation. Without official encouragement, many four-bell towers would be 'abandoned and become derelict.' He also claimed that ringing Minimus was not easy; in fact, 'it was darned hard work.'

Mr. P. M. J. Gray (New South Wales) made the relevant comment 'that the most important decision reached that day was to accept the Devon Association as members....' By accepting them they should also accept Minimus. It is an interesting thought that one day the Central Council may perhaps be asked to give a decision on call change ringing—that would be a very interesting meeting.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry) has surely been wrongly reported. I believe the correct version is, 'If the effect is to discourage four-bell ringers I am all against the motion.'

In answer to a query from Mr. G. Dodds (Hertford County) as to how many four-bell methods there were, Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Methods Committee) said that there were 11 plain methods and the president, Mr. F. Sharpe, claimed there were nearly 40! Well, well, this could almost make Minimus interesting.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin's 'amendment' was recorded by many members until an acceptable form was found by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild), and which was seconded by Miss M. R. Cross (Universities Association)—which illustrates perhaps that members of the Central Council are representatives of, and not delegates sent by, their Associations, and so have the constructive freedom to debate and vote as points develop. The amendment should really have been called an opposing motion, as this is the form it appeared to take. 'Peals of Minimus on tower bells may be recognised in towers that contain four bells only. Peals on four handbells or less shall not be recognised.'

This was carried by 78 votes to 57 and the original motion was defeated.

AFTER THE STORM

So now peals of Minimus will be recognised only if rung 'in a four-bell tower and any peal lengths on 4, 3 or 2 handbells will not be recognised. The loophole of '3 or 2 tower bells' will no doubt be firmly closed if anyone is fool enough to try it!

Now that peals of Minimus are recognised, presumably there will have to be decisions made as to what constitutes a peal of Minimus. The general condition required for peals would still apply, but it is hoped that no one will be silly enough to try to ring a record length of '6,720 changes and upwards,' as this would also limit them to regular methods, of which there are only three (i.e., twelve different extents), in which no more than two consecutive blows are made in one place. There is no decision yet as to how extents or 'round blocks' are to be rung, if '48's' will be barred or even if 209 extents (5,016 changes) could form a peal length. Incidentally, the peal of Kent Minimus could not be excluded due to being false in the plain course—this is only a requirement for a regular method—but may be so due to there not being 'true and complete round blocks' of 24 changes in the structure, providing that Doubles and Minor decisions were taken as applying.

What Minimus ringing has been published since? Virtually nothing! How right Mr. Freeman seems to have been. No peals on four. No quarters on four—except for a very curious, syncopated quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Margaretting, Essex, where the working bells were the only ones that worked, being the ancient ring of four, and I presume they all 'hunted' for the treble, the 'ringer' of which all the appropriate arm movements, but without a bell! One other quarter peal was the very special one on Brownsea Island reported recently. Only two other items remain. One, a tour of 'discovery' among the fours and threes near Worcester by a young group of ringers and the other a request for discussion by their Association on the Central Council Decision reported from a meeting of the Northern District of Hertford County.

A Review Of Minimus—Cont.

One side-line on four-bell towers is the question, can they be counted as 'snatches'? One answer I have heard is 'No, not until they appear in "Dove."' So, if the next edition contains these as an appendix, tower-grabbers will presumably have to keep two lists!

Of the future, let us hope that we may see greatly increased activity and interest in our lesser towers and possibly more augmentations as a result. We trust that any peals rung will be really worth calling peals, with as many different extents as possible, so as to belie the criticism of the 'monotony of 210 extents.'

(To be continued)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold Branch

The annual meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on December 9th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. A short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Heron), assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. L. W. Potter), was well attended, including visitors from Ross-on-Wye, Cheltenham and Gloucester.

The officials elected for 1962 were as follows: Branch chairman, Rev. L. W. Potter; Branch secretary, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. F. Ewins; Management Committee representative, Mr. F. Newton.

Five new members were elected and the feature of the meeting was the election of the Adlestrop tower, with a band of new ringers.

Tributes were paid to the retiring secretary, Mr. F. Newton, who had held the post for the past four years. The new secretary is an old ringer of the Claines band of the Worcestershire Association.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Mansfield District**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Farnsfield on November 25th. In spite of the bad weather, about 25 ringers, representing nine towers, arrived. In a short address at the service the Vicar extended a very warm welcome to everyone. The hymns were accompanied on the organ by Mr. J. Bradbury, a local ringer.

Tea was served in the Women's Institute by the local ladies.

At the short business meeting, with Mr. S. W. Fossey in the chair, Mansfield was fixed for the District annual meeting to be held on January 20th.

Inquiries were made as to the progress being made with Southwell bells. There was very little information available as it is understood that the new floor is now the stumbling block. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 9s. The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ladies.

Ringling again continued in a wide variety of methods. D. H. R.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Chertsey District**

The annual District social was held in the hall of St. Peter's, Hersham, on December 9th, when a good attendance of some 80 or 90 ringers spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. John King, Assistant District Ringing Master, was M.C. and introduced entertainment by the Richmond Folk Dancing Society, Mr. Cecil Firmin, a conjurer, and an admirable selection of novel party games, including the solving of some anagrams of ringing terms.

Excellent refreshments were served by the ladies of the parish, and a vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. Roy Collins, District Ringing Master.

C. B. A.

OBITUARY**MR. CHARLES R. MORSS**

The many friends of Mr. Charles R. Morss, of Woodford, Essex, will learn with regret of his death recently after a long illness. Mr. Morss was 81 years old and had served his parish church as a ringer for the very long period of 65 years. For most of that time he carried the responsibilities of tower-keeper, and very much of it he was Ringing Master also.

He did not ring many peals and, indeed, 'did not hold with it,' but he was, nevertheless, in his way a great enthusiast and was well known in south-west Essex. His main ringing interest was really the teaching of beginners and the measure of his success was that the parish bells were kept in action for the proper purposes of the church throughout the whole of the long time in which he had charge of them. That was a period during which Woodford underwent the main part of its change from a country village to a popular suburb, and it included many great national events, amongst which were three major wars. His reminiscences, both of the parish in former times and of his older fellow-ringers, were many and entertaining.

As a ringing instructor his methods were vigorous and his natural tendency towards 'plain speaking,' plus an uproarious and cheerful good humour. He will long be remembered, with gratitude and affection, by those who, as learners, passed through his hands.

J. A. W.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley District Society held its monthly meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on December 9th. Nine towers were represented. Mr. Trevor Tarbutt presided at the business meeting, when the present officers were renominated for the general meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 13th. The usual votes of thanks were offered by Mr. Eric Burton, supported by Mr. Harold Chant.

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The ringers who took part in the peal at Burmarsh, Kent, on December 9th extend their grateful thanks to the local band for providing refreshments after the ringing. Although this village is rather isolated, the band have progressed rapidly of recent months and are now practising Kent Treble Bob regularly. We look forward to their first quarter in the method.

'Ringing the Changes' was an illustrated feature article on bellringing in 'The Daily Herald' of December 14th.

A peal of special note took place at Epping on December 9th, when four members of the local company rang their first peal (Grandsire Triples).

With the exception of the honorary secretary there were two nominations for every office in the Northern District of the Surrey Association at their nomination meeting. This willingness to serve is a welcoming sign of interest.

Mr. G. W. Pipe, in his Christmas letter from Melbourne, states that the W. and G. long-playing record of Melbourne Cathedral bells may be obtained from Mr. Shestapol, Oriole Records Ltd., 104, New Bond Street, London.

Mervyn Malpass, at Stone, Glos. has taught nine pupils to handle a bell in six weeks on the six bells, in order to get a band going. Now a canon has broken on the third, and it cannot be rung until repaired. He is, however, carrying on with the remaining five.

After meeting short for Double Norwich at Bray, Donald Young stood in at a moment's notice and is to be congratulated on the way he rang his first peal of Major. The band would also like to tender their sincere thanks to the local ringers for so kindly tending to their inner needs after the peal.

While working near Sheldwich Church, Kent, on December 1st between 9.30 and 10 a.m., a reader heard a ring of eight in the distance. He knows they were not those of Faversham, Ospringe or Throwley. Can any reader help? Might they have been from Sittingbourne or Rainham?

BELFRY GOSSIP

Would it be possible to have another peal rung by a band each of whom has rung 1,000 peals? There are still with us John Worth, E. Jenkins, George E. Fearn, H. E. Audsley, Nolan Golden, C. W. Roberts, James Bennett and Ernest Morris. Our correspondent who sends us this list comments: 'We shall have to wait a year or two until the new ones come along.'

Within two years of the augmentation of Cawthorne bells to six in 1859, the Cawthorne Junior Ringers, most of whom were youths, rang a peal in seven not easy methods. The centenary of this peal was marked by a seven method peal of Treble Bob Minor on November 25th.

The band who rang the peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on Saturday, December 9th, as a twentieth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke would like to place on record their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke for so kindly entertaining them to an excellent tea after the peal. It would have been a pity to miss either.

As veteran cars passed near Immanuel Church, Streatham, on the London to Brighton run on November 5th, Reuben Sanders, a true veteran of 87, was ringing Yorkshire Surprise with seven university students. Again in the evening, when many of the 'old crows' were being towed home, a quarter from Holt's Original was being rung at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Ringing with Reuben was Jim Chapman (80).

Christmas bells will ring out on the Home Service on Christmas morning, when greetings will be heard from St. Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool; the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, Glamorgan; St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh; the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks; Worcester Cathedral; the Parish Church of St. George, Greenock, Renfrewshire, and the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

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Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.	
TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE 7
MURIEL REAY 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN McDONALD 10
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	PETER BORDER 11
GEORGE E. FEARN 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.	
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*JOHN F. BRYANT 3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
†RITA M. JOWETT 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN 10
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE 11
*PETER SCHOLFIELD 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.	
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	DEREK C. JACKSON 7
ANN M. COX 3	DAVID E. HOUSE 8
NORMAN HAYES 4	DAVID J. FORDER 9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.	
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
MRS. DOREEN HUNTING .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 8
ROBERT B. SMITH 4	PETER J. STANFORTH 9
JOHN A. ACRES 5	*JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 500th peal.

An 80th birthday compliment to Harold G. Jenney, president of the Cathedral Society of Ringers; also a birthday compliment to John A. Acres, deputy Ringing Master.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.	
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble	*JACK ROACH 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	†ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
PETER WISHART 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
THOMAS M. COX 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.	
HENRY TOOKE Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	*CLIFFORD BIRD 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clover) and Philip Stanley, of Wymondham.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5024 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.	
*C. HERVEY BAGOT .. Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in Great Britain. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 TAVISTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

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

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 5
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
*RITA M. JOWETT 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Wood, M.A.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.	
*S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. Treble	COLIN W. REED 5
*ROGER BALDWIN 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 6
BERYL N. REED 3	J. DAVID CLARKE 7
KENNETH W. PRICE 4	†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 100th peal together. † 125th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all except treble and 2. First in the method for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RADLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	*THOMAS J. LOCK 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 150th different Surprise Major method for a peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.	
*MARY ADAMSON .. Treble	ASHLEY PUGH 5
THOMAS TOCOCK 2	RICHARD DEAN 6
JAMES MULLAR 3	PHILIP TOCOCK 7
ERNEST ELDRIDGE 4	*BERTRAM LAKE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. P. H. Briggs.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	GERALD PENNEY 7
*STANLEY HUCKLE 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

LOUIS WILLDERS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL 6
JACK BRAY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON 3	DENNIS A. FRITH 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

T. B. WORSLEY'S No. 8.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
EDWARD JENKINS Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
*JOHN WORTH 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* 1,000th peal.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	DEREK OGDEN 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
ALAN G. KIRK 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
PETER DALE 4	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTHEAD.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
GEORGE J. BUTCHER Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN W. COLEMAN 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 6
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
MONTY W. GILBERT 4	JOHN W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. COLEMAN.

First peal as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LEONARD J. MINNS Treble	WILLIAM J. FLATT 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	DAVID CUBITT 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN Treble	*ROBERT S. ROBERTS 5
*ALAN C. COZENS 2	FREDERICK C. CASE 6
ERIC BILLINGS 3	JAMES LINNELL 7
*ALLAN R. JONES 4	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (C.C.C. No. 27).

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	*JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 300th peal, and first of Superlative.

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON 5
GILES B. THOMSON 2	BASIL JONES 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 3	JOHN ROBINSON 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Laflin, of St. George's Church, Stockport, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret C. Mackay, of All Saints' Church, Marple.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,280 Superlative; all the work of each method for each bell; 112 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN RYDER Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
*CYRIL VALENTINE 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
*HAROLD WORRALL 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5024 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
DAWN V. ELSON 3	DERMOT J. ROAF 7
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*DONALD T. YOUNG Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
*DOREEN HAGUE 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	RONALD F. DISERENS 7
PATRICIA HEATHER 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of T. Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

RICHARD E. DEAN Treble	E. GEORGE SWIFT 5
*GORDON W. LIMMER 2	GEORGE COUSSINS 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	HOWARD OGLESBY 7
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR 4	*NEIL BELSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal of Stedman.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

*ROHILLA M. COOKE Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY 2	*THOMAS M. COX 6
*S. BARRY SCHIFFIELD 3	FRED HODGSON 7
*JEANNE BOTTOMLEY 4	THOMAS COOKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

EDMUND E. PEARSON Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 5
BARRY J. DAVIES 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Major in the method.

EPPING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JANET McCLELLAND .. Treble	*ERIC FREEMAN 5
*BARBARA McCLELLAND .. 2	HARRY TURNER 6
JANE COOK 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
*MERVYN OSBORNE 4	CHARLES E. WILLINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal, and member of the local company.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS 6
PETER J. EVES 3	PETER BERESFORD 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the treble and fourth. First in the method on the bells, and for the Society.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

EDWARD W. ROAST .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
ANDREW S. HUDSON 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST 7
JAMES L. TOWLER 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse

Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*ROGER W. SMITH .. Treble	GRAHAM C. PAUL 3
PERCY AMOS 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 4

MICHAEL R. HARVEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in remembrance; also in memoriam George W. Jeffs. Guild secretary.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) St. Clement's College and Col-

lege Bob, (2) Childwall and Wavertree College, (3) Double Oxford and

Thelwall, (4) Double Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford

Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob: 86 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Treble *CLIFF RICHARDS 4

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2 DAVID HEIGHTON 5

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 3 PATRICK J. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* 50th peal. First in 11 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob,

Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Combined

Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*PATRICK J. BIRD .. Treble †DEREK M. SAWYER 4

*DAVID HEIGHTON 2 †S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG 5

†IAN C. MAYCOCK 3 †ANTONY R. KENCH Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* 50th peal together. † First in eight methods. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle,' and the conductor twice in that capacity.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, London Scholars, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford.

WILFRED BROADHEAD .. Treble	IRVINE CROSSLAND 4
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

Rung by Cawthorne ringers to commemorate a peal rung on November 16th, 1861, by 'The Cawthorne Junior Ringers' in the same seven methods.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of London, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHRISTINA J. DAVIES .. Treble	WILLIAM A. NEWMAN 4
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	†PETER T. HURCOMBE 5
†DOUGLAS H. BOTT 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Minor.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 4
MONICA M. MOORE 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Stedman and ten each of Grand-

sire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID PUTNAM .. Treble BERNARD F. L. GROVES 3

ALBERT J. DUNK 2 TREVOR A. CROSS 4

MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

* First peal of Doubles.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 23 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Wsetminster, Allendale and Fryerning; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) Carlisle; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble †GEORGE THODAY 4

*JOE E. G. ROAST 2 PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 5

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* 200th peal for the Association. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods yet rung on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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BURSTWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 16 methods, viz.: Two extents of Stedman, one each of Kennington, Norfolk, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Seighford and Clifford's Pleasure, and six each of April Day, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*F. CHARLES HOBSON .. Treble	†RICHARD D. GIBSON .. 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 5
ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 3	†IAN G. CAMPBELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First in 16 methods by all.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Bamfborough, Bacup, Warkworth and Norwich. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOAN GILBERT .. Treble	DONOVAN WHITE .. 4
JACK GREEN .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. 5
BRIAN HUNT .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

First peal in all methods by all the band, and in the Branch. The conductor has now rung all the C.C.C. Surprise methods in peals.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*J. BARRIE JONES .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
BERYL W. ABBOTTS .. 2	†RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods 'inside.'

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3 and 4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER W. HORN .. 4
JOHN RYDER .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. 5
HILARY L. HORN .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. Treble	DAVID F. MOORE .. 3
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 2	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. Treble	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. 5
ALAN SHEPPARD .. 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

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

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 3	*BARRIE HENDRY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Minor in the method.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT A. BENNETT .. Treble	PERCY SQUIRES .. 4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 2	WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 5
PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. G. Dennis after being inducted at this church to the united parishes of Necton and Holme Hale.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, College Exercise, Norbury, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HORACE LUBBOCK .. Treble	GILBERT LARTER .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 2	PETER ADCOCK .. 5
*THOMAS SPIGHT .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bevan Willgress; also to mark Mr. J. Bussey's 50 years as organist at the church.

PILLATON, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ODULPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM H. RIDDLE .. Treble	WILLIAM G. LIVERS .. 4
FREDERICK E. DAY .. 2	†H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
D. ROY BOULD .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

To commemorate the jubilee of the first peal of Minor in Cornwall, rung on these bells on April 29th, 1911.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 10, PLASTURTON GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor approx. size 10 in F.

PETER J. SHIPTON .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Believed to be the first peal on saucer bells.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

IN LAMCOTE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*DAVID W. FRIEND .. 1—2	S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7—8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 9—10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5—6	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11—12

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand.' First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand' as conductor. The ringers of 1—2, 9—10 and 11—12 have now joined the rest of the band in completing the Cambridge group Minor to Maximus on both tower- and handbells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Harold G. Jenney, of Leicester Cathedral, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1—2.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, NR. SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones (first quarter) 1, B. Audsley 2, F. Cullum 3, R. Constant 4, G. Butcher (cond.) 5, N. Muller 6. For N. Muller's 21st birthday.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, Mrs. D. K. Dale 4, V. J. C. Dale (first quarter in four methods) 5. For Matins.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Boucher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Dorothy Fearnough 2, Patricia J. Walker 3, P. Watson 4, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 5, G. F. Nix 6.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Griggs 1, K. Game 2, F. W. Bird 3, W. Dunn 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Confirmation service.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Martin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, Mary Black 3, Joan Beazley 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, E. Booth 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, P. Martin (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday, also as a farewell to Richard Gazzard on taking up his training for the ministry.

BROMESBORROW, GLOS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, W. E. Spiers 3, J. J. Webb 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Canon T. E. Meurig-Davies (late Rector), who died November 10th.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, T. Padbury 2, P. M. Booc 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. G. A. Bingley, and Mrs. Bingley, on their retirement.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, Mrs. M. J. Farmer (first quarter) 3, A. Leeming 4, T. Clark 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Andrews 1, L. Walters 2, J. Ward 3, P. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. Biggs (first quarter) 5, G. Gwynne 6.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Burton 1, J. Smith (first of Minor 'inside') 2, G. A. Dixon 3, T. R. Smith 4, W. S. Smith 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Percy 1, G. Pullinger 2, A. Purdom 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, Mrs. B. Percy 5, A. Baldock 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, F. Hodge 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Parrott 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, P. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of the conductor's granddaughter, Anne Kelsey Tucker, on November 28th.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross (first as cond.) 1, A. Benstead 2, D. G. Taylor 3, J. Y. Parker 4, A. R. Mann 5.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, J. E. Elliott 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. Rung for Matins, when the Bishop of Lewes preached.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Morley 1, A. M. Barber 2, J. Y. Parker 3, R. J. Palmer 4, J. E. Goodwin (first as cond.) 5, R. Heffer 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gordon 1, A. H. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Hooper 1, M. C. Faulkes 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, C. P. Rice 4, R. Hayward 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, E. H. Sowman 7, P. Hollick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hector Knights, late ringmaster at this church.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Minor (Spliced London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob): C. Froggatt and D. Bradley 1, B. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on December 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Collage Exercise and Single Oxford): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6. For Evensong.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stillman 1, D. Nibbs 2, J. Nibbs (first 'inside') 3, R. Humphries 4, D. Stillman (first as cond.) 5, K. Jones (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong, also a 13th birthday compliment to J. Stillman.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Priestley 1, Miss P. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, J. Martin 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Brock 1, P. M. Shipley (first quarter) 2, M. Utton 3, J. W. Sampson 4, M. J. Parker 5, R. C. L. Brown (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sydney Chipperfield, active church member.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Bailey 1, D. M. C. Hill (first as cond.) 2, Miss C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bentley 1, Miss C. White 2, F. Penrose 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stupetic (cond.) 5, J. Askham 6.

LYDFORD, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Boucher 1, W. Manning 2, Rev. G. Ruming 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, Kerslake Fice 6.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cannon 1, H. Turner 2, A. Robinson 3, A. Best 4, S. Turner (first as cond.) 5, S. Wills 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Powell 1, Jennifer Brake 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Brain 4, B. Goodliffe 5, T. Phillips 6. First of Grandsire 'inside' for 2 and 5. A wedding compliment to Miss F. P. Greaves and Mr. B. W. Willgress.

NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Hill (first on 5 and in two methods) 1, Miss I. E. Down (first in two methods 'inside') 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the ringmaster of the second.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: R. L. Taylor 1, Caroline Copley (first 'inside') 2, E. D. Elderkin 3, A. S. Harrison 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell 6. First in method by all the band. Rung for St. Nicholas' Day, by members of S.U.G.C.R.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. Daphne Willey 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, S. King 4, H. King 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For Matins.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Smith 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Mrs. N. Broadbridge (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Smith 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Martin 6, J. King 7, V. Smith 8. For Confirmation.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 9th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 1, D. T. Darby 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, D. J. Roaf 4, A. T. Collins 5, N. Allnatt 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, F. J. Nelson 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. White 10, W. F. Judge 11, B. R. White 12. Rung in memoriam Gordon Caudwell, for many years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

PORKERRY, GLAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Susan Bowen (first quarter) 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings 3, M. Williams 4, D. Llewellyn (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Perry 1, W. E. Watson (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, Sylvia Watson 4, G. Cornick 5, A. J. Slade 6. For St. Andrew's Day, and in memoriam Rev. R. P. Farrow.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Allen 1, M. Uphill (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, Cherry White 3, C. Emery (first on eight) 4, A. Millidge (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Caroline Carpenter 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Confirmation.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, Mrs. I. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, W. Smith (from Turramurra, N.S.W.) 4, C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung for Mr. W. Smith.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Evans 1, D. R. B. Collins 2, C. D. Vere Hodge 3, R. Ellaway 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, S. Crooks 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. First 'inside' 3 and 4. Rung for the Confirmation of Richard Ellaway. Philippa Dixon, Rosemary Andrews and Margaret Simmonds, at Abingdon the same day.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Skerritt 1, W. Whitmore 2, J. Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, S. Hodgkins 5, A. L. Priestley 6, H. Richardson 7, M. Coleman (cond.) 8. Rung for the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Croad.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Arnold (cond.) 1, J. E. Ewer 2, G. Dodds 3, M. D. Frost 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney 7, W. A. Nicholls 8. For Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nikola Pearce (first on eight) 1, Patricia Doorn 2, G. Dodds 3, W. J. Arnold 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): R. Newsum 1, Cynthia Webb 2, Mrs. W. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SCOTTERN, Lincs.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Single Court and Single Oxford Minor: J. Smith 1, H. A. Burton 2, W. S. Smith 3, T. R. Smith 4, L. Wilders 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung for a musical evening held in Scothern Church.

STANWELL, MIDDY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor, also 1,440 Cambridge Minor: on Nov. 19th, 1,320 10 Spliced Surprise Minor, also 1,296 10 Spliced Surprise Minor; on Nov. 26th, 1,272 20 Doubles; on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, also 1,272 Spliced 10 Surprise Minor methods; on Dec. 10th, 1,260 16 Doubles, also 1,260 24 Doubles. The ringers were C. Fynes, D. Pickett, Miss M. Gibson, K. Young, D. Boniface, P. Brand, M. Lane.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Wilson (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Fairbank 2, Miss J. I. Porter 3, R. Ducker 4, J. A. Broughton 5, C. Barker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, A. G. Osborne 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, H. F. Gibson 6.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. V. Hales 1, P. W. Mills 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, F. Hervey 4, A. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For morning service, and the 58th anniversary of Mr. C. Marven becoming verger of this church.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred Miller 1, Mary Meynell 2, Violet 1, E. Relf 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, P. Relf 5, P. Barnes 6, A. Corham 7, A. Stanger 8. Conducted jointly by the Misses Relf and Yeo. Rung by a local band in honour of the wedding of Miss Caroline Jane Brocklebank to Rev. Bernard Rex Davis, who were married at this church the previous day. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,251 Erin Caters: M. J. Horman 1, P. Bridle (first on ten bells) 2, F. A. K. Prime 3, V. G. Roberts 4, G. Salmon 5, J. R. Taylor 6, P. C. Wright 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8, J. Brain (150th quarter) 9, H. A. Usher and M. E. Hayton 10. For Evensong. First of Erin Caters by all except 6 and 9.

WEST CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Bailey 1, F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Dorey 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on five bells for 1 and 3.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Alison 1, W. Bennett 2, M. Maughan 3, T. Bullerwell 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. R. Patterson 6. For Confirmation service. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jean Gay (first of Stedman) 1, Audrey M. Short 2, R. Short 3, E. Ford 4, M. Stone 5, D. Kent 6. A compliment to Mr. Bevan Willgress and Miss Freda Greaves, married on December 2nd at King's Lynn.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, P. J. Gardner 2, R. Cole (first of Stedman) 3, L. Derrick 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Evered (first of Stedman) 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Evered, to celebrate his 50 years as a ringmaster at All Saints', Wraxall.

WROXTON, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, R.C.P. Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. J. Davies 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. K. Fortin 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. S. Baker 1, L. W. Pullin 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, G. Prescott 5, D. E. Vowles 6, W. H. Kingcott (first as cond. in method) 7, J. H. Baker 8. For the wedding of Rosalind M. Darby and Sheridan H. Price, son of the tower captain.

NORTHANTS RINGERS' WEDDING



Handbells held aloft by the guard of honour for two Northampton ringers after their wedding at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley-Hastings, on September 23rd. The bride, Miss Ann Fowler, learned to ring at Yardley-Hastings, with other choir girls, and made good progress. Mr. Raymond Henman is a ringer at the neighbouring village of Little Houghton. For a number of years the couple have been keen peal ringers as well as being regular Sunday service ringers in their respective parishes.

The bells were rung jointly by ringing friends from both parishes before and after the ceremony, and handbells were brought into use when the couple left for their honeymoon in Derbyshire. They are making their home at Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton.

[Photo: H. Cooper & Son, Northampton.]

Seeing Mid-Kent in November

November is not usually the best time for a ringing outing, and sure enough it was raining hard when Chelsfield ringers set out on their outing into mid-Kent.

At the first tower, Hollingbourne, we were joined by friends from Beddington and Cranbrook, but despite ringers of widely varying degrees of efficiency, nothing could be made to go really well here. Charing was the next stop, but due to a delay in finding the key we could not stay for very long. A course of London was, however, brought round.

We were met by two local ringers at Egerton, who joined with us in ringing an assortment of methods, up to and including Norwich Surprise. An adjournment was then made for lunch at a nearby hostelry—apparently well used to bands of ringers.

At Hothfield our party became complete on the arrival of two friends from West Wickham, but everyone found the ropes a bit of a handful. High Halden was the next place visited, and ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant six in the most unusual wooden tower.

We were very fortunate in being given permission to visit the restored ring of eight at Tennerden, but unfortunately ringing was delayed for a long time by a christening. Cambridge and Plain were brought round before hastening on to Benenden, where an advance party were already ringing. We would all have liked to have spent longer at these two places.

The last tower of the day was Cranbrook—and what a pity this beautiful sounding octave does not 'go' better. Due to the 'go' of these bells nothing more ambitious than Plain Bob was attempted. Upon finishing ringing here

we were invited to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Legg, who recently moved here from Chelsfield, to find a really sumptuous repast awaiting our attention. When hunger and thirst had been satisfied an unforgettable evening was spent with Philip Laine at the piano, playing anything he was asked, until it was regretfully realised that we still had to get home, a most enjoyable day having come to an end.

We would like to thank all incumbents and local ringers, and also Mr. and Mrs. Legg for rounding off the day in such a grand manner.

D. C. M.

'OVERTONES'

The November issue of 'Overtones,' the journal of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, is profusely illustrated with a two colour cover. It has a page of news from England a picture of the handbell ringers of Wickersley Secondary School, Rotherham, in early Victorian costumes.

It also contains the announcement that Air France is considering offering a bellringers' tour of Europe next summer. It would include change ringing in England, carillon concerts in the Low Countries and visits to famous cathedral rings!

We also read this suggestion of a Christmas gift for a favourite ringer: From Aldershot Stores, 25, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, England, you may order for 11s. 4d. a bellringers' tie in brown, green or blue. They also offer neck squares in the same materials at 28s.

'Overtones' is edited by James R. Lawson. The Riverside Church, Riverside Drive, and 122nd Street, New York 27.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

On Saturday, November 11th, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its tenth annual dinner at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock. Despite the inclement weather, visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing on the eight bells of St. Luke's church.

From 6 p.m. onwards the company began to assemble and by 6.30 p.m. the gathering was complete, with 160 present. Already there was an atmosphere of expectancy and conviviality; no one was disappointed, a really first class meal was served.

The Society's president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford, from the chair proposed the toast 'The Queen,' and followed this with a general welcome to the assembly. He said his duties as Archdeacon involved quite a lot of travelling and he was always pleased to meet ringers. He felt they had a tremendous pastoral value.

A local personality, Mr. F. Linford, who is J.P., churchwarden and a builder in Cannock, proposed the toast of 'The Church and State.' He said he was always impressed by the way Church and State combined well together. In his opinion there was no finer sight than to see the judge, sheriff and lawyers attend a full Matins service prior to the opening of the Assizes. A witty reply was forthcoming from the Vicar of Cannock (the Rev. L. H. L. Townshend), who applauded the union of Church and State, although he felt that the State had rather the better of the bargain.

HIS FIRST SOCIETY

Mr. Frank Perrins, Central Council librarian and president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Society.' The 'Stafford,' he said, was the first of about thirty Societies he had joined during his ringing career, and he was delighted to watch its progress. Attendance at meetings had increased, methods had advanced and the standard of striking improved. He made special mention of the late Herbert Knight, who did so much for the Society throughout his long ringing life.

Mr. B. G. Key, Central Council representative, replied on behalf of the Society, and thanked Mr. Perrins for his kind remarks about the Society and its progress. Mr. Perrins had, he said, spoken at previous dinners held by the Society, and he noted that it was just fifty years since he had first joined the Society.

Mr. Robert J. Warrilow, of Stafford, submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' In a hearty welcome, he said visiting bellringers were persons of importance, acting as liaison officers between towers and societies. Many friends could be made by visiting other towers as was shown by the recent Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival held at Wolverhampton.

Councillor J. M. Sunley, chairman of Cannock Urban District Council, replied on behalf of the visitors and thanked the Society for its hospitality. He was particularly proud of the Cannock bellringers, for they played an important part in the life of the town.

Following the formal proceedings the company retired to a special room for the entertainment. Here Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, members of their family and ringers from Gnosall provided songs and sketches for everyone's enjoyment. Handbell ringers from Penn gave a recital of well known tunes and led the community singing.

Finally, the Archdeacon voiced a vote of thanks to everyone who had taken part in or worked for the success of the evening.

D. J. T.

The jubilee of the first peal of Minor rung in Cornwall was commemorated by a peal on the same bells at Pillaton. Afterwards the band were entertained to supper by Mr. Lucas, churchwarden, to whom they extend their grateful thanks.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1962 to all ringing friends—Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and the B.R.S.A. Railwaymen's Guild—from J. ARTHUR HOARE, Swansea.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringing friends, from DENIS MOTTERSHEAD, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

A peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous 1962 to all our ringing friends across the seas.—GEORGE and DIANA PIPE, Melbourne, Australia. 9335

Greetings and best wishes to all ringing friends, far and near, for Christmas and the New Year, from Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 9345

That you may have much joy and much joyous ringing during Christmas and throughout 1962 is the wish of the ringers of Emmanuel, PLYMOUTH, for all old friends and new, both at home and abroad. 9335

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to ringing friends everywhere, from SHIRLEY RYMER, St. Hilda's School, Ootacamund, South India. 9337

Mr. A. E. SELLERS, of 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley, wishes all his ringing friends a very happy Christmas and New Year, especially those of the Beverley and District Society and Yorkshire (Eastern District) Association. 9330

Mr. and Mrs. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD send kindly greetings to all ringing friends, old and new. May you all have a happy Christmas and prosperity and lots of good ringing in 1962.—5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale, Matlock.

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Essex, on December 30th, Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in Memorial Hall. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford. Nearest station, Gorge Lane (Central Line) or bus to Gates Corner.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Wrockwardine (6), 6.30 to 8.30, Saturday, Dec. 30th. 9353

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly, Heanor (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 2nd—this is important.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 9317

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. All visitors welcome. 9279

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 1st to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9294

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Hersham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. 9342

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 9334

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting will be held at Hitchin, January 6th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, by January 3rd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9341

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 9326

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Hethersett (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice. Hethersett Delight. Names for tea by Wednesday, 3rd, to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42 X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9323

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodford, January 6th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please. Usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 9340

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing at St. Martin's afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 9338

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the recast tenor bell and remainder of the ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson) on Saturday, January 6th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 4.30 to 7 p.m., which will be of short touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, rounds and call changes to enable all visiting ringers to have a ring on the retuned ring by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Buffet tea will be available for those who notify by Wednesday, January 3rd. P.C.s to Claude Tarr, Belle Vue, Milverton Somerset. 9346

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guild at Ripponden on February 3rd. High tea, price 6s. 6d., at Queen Hotel. Names essential to D. Smith, 9, Bower Road, Elland. 9318

Quarter Peals

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,259 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters (28 changes of method): J. Schofield (cond.) 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, Jeanette M. Winchester 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber 7, C. A. Tester 8, F. D. Jennings 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BELBOURGH, WORCS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vallender 1, P. J. Brown 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. R. Niblett 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. By Stourbridge Grammar School Society, as a birthday compliment to M. J. Fellows and his mother.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Saxton 1, A. B. Cooper 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, K. Rutland 4, A. Keller 5, N. Phipps (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. C. Read 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 2, R. N. Marlow 3, Miss M. R. Page 4, L. A. Page 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5, and as conductor.

DUNS TEW, OXFORD.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 R.C.P., 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. W. Ivings 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. H. Minncar 3, C. C. Clarke 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. E. Honour, a ringer at this tower who died November 25th.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waterman 1, Frances Smith 2, Gillian Brown 3, Diane Carter (first quarter) 4, U. Wildney (cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. N. D. Thomas, on the occasion of his induction as Vicar.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharpe 1, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 2, D. Johnson 3, G. Pybus 4, J. Singleton 5, J. Rank 6. A welcome to Harvey Bagot, on his visit to the East Riding.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Chester, London and Wells): R. Day 1, K. Price 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, R. Baldwin 4, R. Tiffin (cond.) 5, D. Friend 6. First quarter of Surprise Minor by Nottingham University Society.

LEIGH, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda J. Rofe (first away from tenor) 1, Hilary Knight 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, R. H. Jones 4, J. E. Whittall (first as cond.) 5, F. R. Barnett 6.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Powell 1, V. Savage 2, F. Savage 3, J. Fray (first of Surprise 'inside') 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (84 singles): H. Taysom 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, D. J. Barnett 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, I. G. Smith 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian K. Lewis.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): D. Jarrold 1, J. E. Wright 2, E. Daniels 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Rev. G. E. Jarrold's ministry as Rector.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Nov. 27th, at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Robins (first quarter) 1, Clare Chambers 2, R. J. Johnston 3, David Houlst 4, J. H. Soanes 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Peter Green. By Manchester University Guild.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nicola Pearce 1, Jennifer M. Punyan 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, K. J. Darvill 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 720 St. Clements, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. V. Hales 2, E. E. Davey (cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, F. Harvey 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. D. Clarke 1, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, W. L. Exton 5. Rung for evening service. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): A. Foster 1, B. M. Buswell 2, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, W. L. Exton 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. J. R. Martin 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, Miss M. S. Taylor 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, M. P. Barton 5, N. J. Davies 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, J. Martin 8. For Evensong.

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